

April 25th 1893,

My Dear Deane,

Your abounding youth
and vim is my envy! When
you speak of riding your wheel
from Land's End to Cape Cod,
and of working on your her-
barium by night and day - "I
smile and say - (this is no flat-
tery," How the devil does he
do it. "Horatio, how knowest not
how red all is about my heart".
To think that I am practically de-
barred from excursions, and that
I can no longer, without extreme
pain, do herbarium work or any
writing, I feel very downy. Still, I
keep up a measure of hope,

Last week I was miserably
sick with influenza, and lost
taste, hearing, smell. I was sore
everything. I am better - but by
no means gay. Today - I intro -

duced the subject of grasses
to my classes (pardon my
decline and fall off, as Mr
Noy would say), and will they
not sigh when they reach the
div Reality, with glumes, paleas,
Lolium etc. By the by, what does
the Nation mean by so high
praise of such a book as the
Cote au of Davis? It seemed to
me poor stuff. Tell me, A Beloved,
don't thou arrange thy Herbal
by the new system of Britton and
the rest, — all honorable men?
Must I, too, come to it?

The stamp craze still pervades
my blood — all my loves and
cherish dear, Many thanks for
your kindly contributions.

My Assistant — Oslertout, is to
assist Prof Sechell at Wood's
Hall this summer. Brown is
pretty strong down there, with Bun-
man, Oslertout, Gray, Walmsley,
Dexter, Strauss etc.

I have not seen out as yet, ¹⁸⁹
but I do hope I may yet see
my loved *Hepatica*. I know a
bank where it grows, and
near by the *Camplosorus*, and
in the swampy ground just there,
the *Botrych Virg.* Do you love the
red-mistle? The smell of its flowers
is as the salt to the
bar horse with me. It is the
earthy and quite different odor
of some mosses.

But I feel wonderfully
rich tonight & most full up.
I am always

Your charming

W. W. Bailey



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