

Touisset, Aug 29, 1910

My dear Deane,

Night before-last, or
to speak more accurately, the eve-
before last, Meg and I went out to
corral a "giant puff" she had seen
from the car-window coming down from
Peru. Just before we came to the
pretty little bridge and stream (the
one that flows from Bidens swamp
under the rail-way) - I exclaimed of
a sudden "What ~~is~~ that delicious
odour?" After a moment Meg replied
"It must be that vine there," and
sure enough it was Mikania scen-
dona with a perfume as powerful,
and grateful as that of Linnaea.
I never knew before that it had any
chry. I've tried with it whole sum-
mers at Lescouret. Did you know it?

It is just in perfection of bloom
and I never saw it so pretty - really
most lovely. Perhaps one must catch
it at a crucial moment. Tell me
what you know. The puff that led
us to it was a Custer, but alas!
just a wee bit too old to eat.
Mr Bailey brought down Gibson's book

from Peru, last ere, and she and May
revelled in fungoid literature all the
ere, Certainly the whole subject is
fascinating. There is a little grass
of spicate habit, suggesting a Poa
in full bloom on the salt shores. I
don't recall it at all & have made
specimens for you. I think the orchid
that you from Dr Leonard must have
been a *Listera*. I had forgotten the
genus when trying to recall what the
thing could be. *Vernonia* continues
splendid here & *Sol*, *sempervirens*, is
just opening. Speaking of *Sol*, re-

minds me that May has rec'd
a splendid and gentle macaw
whom, from his splendor of plumage
and wisdom of visage, she has
named Solomon. There is a story
anent which ask her to tell later.

I have quite recovered from
my "shock" of last week, but suffer
abnormally from my neck and
back, I did wisely to refrain from
travel even to my ever-beloved
and my Home.

The Deep Water way
Cunautun meets in Peru this week,
great drive, but just promised to
come & then backed down - which
seems to be a way of his.

Yours ever W. W. Bailey



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