

and if that did not convince him, the
fact would be clinched by the lack of
salt in the cooking and by the typical
English bread - sweet and wholesome
enough apparently, but close-grained, heavy
and without any airiness in the crumb. However,
I have no great protest coming against bread
as distinct as that. The worst bread in the
world - or rather in my experience of the
world - is made in Sicily. It is rained
with leaven and in addition to possessing
all the other qualities which bread should
not have, is usually sour.

I succeeded in getting to the New England
Club meeting at Greenfield and had a very
good time there, as, I think, every one else
did except perhaps Mr. Ware, who got into
a friend-over country where nothing at
all grew, and seemed somewhat cast
down over his experience. I was very
sorry to hear that Dr. Robinson had been
ill again. I hope he is all right by

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May 19th 1912



Dear Mr. Dean:-

As usual, I am writing
you much later than I meant to; but I fear
that can be said of almost all my letters,
except that those which business compels
to be on time. Nevertheless, I do sometimes
think of my friends, and I have often thought
of my pleasant little visits with you in
March; and wondered how the Astor were
getting on; and regretted that I couldn't
have gone over with you all of your
interesting collection. No doubt you have it
all in order - all the plates I mean, - are
now - and enjoyed the job.

As for me, I have managed to keep

Then, the Connecticut Botanical Society
has started an herbarium and I have been
at New Haven several times working at that.
Then there is the auto - and the preparations
for the trip and so on - I have found
enough to do.

Now we are fairly started - and very
pleasantly - beautiful weather, no strong
breeze blowing, a little too cool for perfect
comfort but not enough to raise the waves.

Everything has settled down into the regular
steamer routine - five meals a day,
morning bouillon in the morning and
tea in the afternoon - and novels, letters,
naps in the stateroom, and walks about
the decks and chats with our fellow-passengers
in between. Except that the dining tables
are still gay with farewell flowers, we
might have been out a month. It is perfectly
obvious that this is an English ship. One
could tell that as soon as he heard the
voice of the steward and stewardess.

pretty busy when I saw you. Mr. Bissell
and I have been looking over and arranging
the herbarium at Wesleyan University which
has been long neglected, nobody, I think,
having paid much attention to it since
John Hendley Barnhart was in college there:
and he didn't do very much. There is
some interesting stuff there: the entire
collection of that eccentric old Dr. Barrett,
who used to wander about the Middlesex
hills and meadows about 1830 to 1840.
He was strong on willows and sedges and got
hold of several good things. He had, for
instance, Mr. Fernald's *Carex vesicaria*, var.
figura duly named, but some people
have published the name improperly. He
corresponded, too, with many botanists of
his time: and has a fine set of Dr. Bray's
American Gramineae and Cyperaceae, and
a good many specimens from Darlington,
Dr. Candolle, and S. B. Buckley and others.



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now. Who have they got as assistant at the
Herbarium this summer? I had little chance
to talk with Mr. Fernald and did not find
out.

My mother joins me in cordial regards
and best wishes to Mr. Deane and yourself.
I shall be more than glad to hear from
you if, sometimes, you feel like writing.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. C. C. C.



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