

was tightly curled and would not be true. So the
steeps are far from being as neat as they should
be. But at least the specimen will show that we
had a plan for you even if the execution fell below
what we wished. You must feel under no sort of
obligation to keep them if they fall, as I'm sure they
do, below the high standard for your herbarium.

I am at present planning to go to Cambridge
again on Wednesday, January 5th

I am indeed very glad to hear that your sister's
condition still causes you anxiety. But,
every day that she holds on is so much to the
good; and I hope she may be spared to your
wonderfully unbroken family circle.

Thank you for the program of the Christmas
music. We had a Christmas concert too,
including The French "Noel"; but it was on
the Victrola.

With love from all of us to you, and to
Miss Brown and with my best wishes for the
New Year Sincerely, as always.

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Dear Mr. Deane:

The mystery was duly kept a
mystery until Christmas Eve - the time at
which we always open our presents - and then
my happily revealed. The three pictures make
a mighty interesting piece of work and so far
as the eclipse I saw is concerned, a very accurate
one. The shape of the corona, the color, even the
light clouds appearing just about enough to let
the sun show clear, are just as I saw them
from my bedroom window that cold January
morning. It is a record which I am very
glad to have, as you know I should be - and
I thank you very much.

The holidays have been busy days for us
and rather a chapter of accidents. In the
first place, our friend Miss Corning, at whose

Instead of the usual present from my mother's
sister-in-law, we got a telegram saying that
she and my newest cousin - married in October -
were recovering from the effects of an auto accident
- not very serious, we judge, but enough to prevent
Christmas shopping. - And I somehow "barked
my shin" and somehow got the place infected.
It made so little local trouble that I did not
realize anything was wrong until the lymph
gland that lies at the top of one's thigh began
to get sore and swell up. I wasn't really
disabled but I did feel considerably under
up and my activities were considerably
limited for some ten days. I am nearly
all right again now - but one consequence is
that I feel distinctly apologetic for the
specimen sent you. I was in bed most of the
day on which Lena mounted them and she
had to work with rather inadequate supplies -
particularly with our old coat-plaster which

hence we usually have Christmas dinner, full down
stairs on the 21st, and broke ~~an~~ arm, and had to go
to the hospital. She insisted on our having the
dinner all the same, with the friend who lives
with her as hostess. We all made calls on Miss
Conroy at different times during the day and
I was kept pretty busy taking people back and
forth in the car. The day after Christmas
we had my college room-mate and his wife
here for dinner - very pleasant, and a few
Christmas snow-storms a day late to go
with it. Yesterday we spent all day on the
Farm Journal index, and it is only now that
we have been able to settle down to the Thank-
you letters that are part of the pleasure of
Christmas. We found only, as usual, Lena
taking the prize for size, sound and fury with
a Victrola from her Washington friend - really
an excellent instrument.

Miss Conroy's accident was only one in a
chapter of them more or less concerning us.



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