

Stee Pond, Maryland.
Oct. 20, 1890.

My Dear Deane:

This peach yellows is a singular disease. Thousands of acres all over this old and beautiful country are desolate; and the dead and dying trees indicate a decimated industry. All sorts of notions are current concerning it, but everyone has been overthrown and yet no solution and no very probable hypothesis have been advanced. It is much

more obscure than pear
blight, which for over a
hundred years eluded all
attempts of investigators.
There is no disease of
plants known so serious
in its financial results
as this yellows. It has
been known over a
hundred years, and only in
America! The most ex-
tensive and important
attempts and experiments are
made upon any plant
disease are in progress from
Delaware to Georgia under the
auspices of the Department
of Agriculture, and yet
no clue has been ob-
tained as to the cause of the
disease. I have been hav-
ing a beautiful ride on the
Chesapeake! Yours as ever,
F. H. Bailey



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