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My Dear Deane:
What an age it has been since
I have written you! But you are
not the only one. My table has lots
of letters which ought to have
been answered long ago, but I don't
like to dictate letters of friend-
ship to my stenographer, and
so they accumulate. Pray for-
give me, and give me a chance
to redeem myself. The fact is that
I have not been well for some
time, and I am gradually letting
things "slide". I have had tre-
mendous responsibilities and
duties. Now they are slipping
off my shoulders and the

Reaction seems quite to upset me.
When term is done, I am going
off for a long rest.

Here is your letter of March
21 unanswered! That curious lemon
- like fruit - must be the true lime,
Citrus Medica var. Limetta, - not the
sour lime of our markets.

Yes, I will send our publica-
tions to Mr. Darne, and shall hope
that they will not give him the
nightmare.

My man Miller was taken with
your herbarium. Even so much
obliged for your courtesy to him.

I should prefer not to speak
of the maple flowers as male and
female, because they may be
both. It might do to call
them sterile and fertile flowers,

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for such they usually are.

Glad you are going into Brewster's Museum, but you must not become so grossly absorbed in ornithological heresies that you lose yourself to botany.

I have not seen any *Vitis* from north of Maine, and am quite sure that it does not grow in Labrador.

Now, if you will forgive me all my misdeeds, I will try to turn over a new leaf.

Yours ever,

L. H. Bailey



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