


whole plant as we knew we could
not press it, and we would not be
so wicked as to wantonly destroy
a lovely thing. It grew & not in
"low ground" but in dry, rocky
woods on the Delaware Water Gap.

The rush grew amongst rocks, each
plant making a round tuft, the
leaves arching from the center. 
If not the Labrador plant, it will
console me a little if it is new
to your herbarium.

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen.

Springfield
June 24. 1885.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I got home last night,
and have not yet looked at my
collections, except the plants of which
I send a specimen; that was too
valuable to be neglected, if what
I was told should prove correct.
It is from Lake Mohawk, and Mr.
Smiley, the landlord, told me it
was a rush discovered by Mr. Peck
the state botanist about ten years
ago, and that it had not been found
anywhere else south of Labrador.
He had not seen it till now since
Mr. Peck found it, but he was con-
fident that it was the same thing.
I will send you a good specimen
whatever it is, if you want one, but
it is all in press now. These pieces

enclosed & dropped from the
plants as I was clearing them
from earth and other foreign
matter, but I saved every bit -
they are good enough to work upon.
As soon as I get time I shall attend
to my other specimens and shall
send some of all to you and Judge
Churchill, but I know they will not
be nice. How can they be? I was out
all day two days in New Jersey,
(Hammonden,) and then, although pretty
tired, worked all the evening, with
everything about as inconvenient as
possible - poor light, the floor for
my table, my trunk with everything
movable in the room piled upon it
for a press. No change of air the
next day, no examination
whatever. When packing up to leave
I just strapped the piles as tight as
I could between the boards of my

field press & put the whole into the
bottom of my trunk - There is a
Pyxidanthus in fruit amongst the
rest, and a *Liquidambar*. The
Pyxie has but little fruit I am
sorry to say; the plant was rather
scarce when I went.

Mosquitoes! No New Englander who
stays at home knows anything about
that ferocious beast. Our guide,
Mr. Bassett, told us that he and
two Philadelphia botanists had on
one occasion fled and left them the
field, and he thought he was pretty
tough.

I enclose a flower for a name.
I call it *Chamaelirium luteum*,
but as we found only this specimen -
the staminate flowers, - I should
like confirmation. The root leaves
are all signs for the description in
the Manual; we did not take the



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