

Springfield, May 21. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Although my preface is in print,  
I am going to insert, if they will let me,  
a passage that I think important;  
it shows the raison d'être of the  
Catalogue, and hints at the richness  
of the list. Now please stop here  
and read the other sheets that I en-  
close, putting in the new part in its  
place; then you may turn this  
leaf over & read what else I have  
to say -



How does it strike you? Would you  
or would not you put in that about  
Dr. Gray? I want to put it in, but  
perhaps it may not seem to others in  
good taste. I have so much personal  
feeling about it that I may not be  
myself an impartial judge. As I  
can never show him my book I  
want to put this in, in memory of  
the interest that he always showed in  
what I carried him, - the cordial way  
in which he made me feel that I had  
really given him pleasure. If you are  
not decided please ask your wife to read  
it, and if she says it is all right, it  
shall remain as it is. <sup>These few lines can be</sup> ~~left out without injury to~~  
~~the rest, which I shall insert~~

I am very busy just now, but when my <sup>am</sup> ~~my~~  
Catalogue work is done I am going to  
write you a long letter - a kind of gossipy  
review of various things -

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen





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