

Springfield, Oct. 1. 1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I enclose another *Picris* for a specific name - I see they have three species amongst the bulleat plants of New-York + Philadelphia, and this may prove one of them - There is *P. hieracioides* which ~~not~~ we have in our Park, and *P. echinoides*, L. and *P. hispida*, All-

I was going to send you Horn-Specimens of the first this afternoon and the various labels that you want, but I found this not three hours ago, so I will wait ~~it~~ till I can add the new one to the package - The most marked difference of the two species that we have is in the involucre - ^{in this latest one} double, and the five outer scales large and foliaceous, but the whole aspect

of the two species is quite different. This new one is furnished pretty liberally with fine sharp spines in addition to the shorter barbed bristles. You will have to send me the name before I can make out the label, for I have no means of identifying it myself. It grew three miles or more from the other Pteris and looked quite at home on the grassy bank in private ground where I detected it.

I am pleased to find that our little Aquatic is a native of the U.S. It is not quite at home with us as it shows by not fruiting and by being "slender" as ~~Dr~~ Underwood says, but it is a beauty with its neat, clean, little green rosettes all over the pond.

I received your notice of Dr. Morong and read it with pleasure and sadness both. It is very good, - so good and appreciative that I wished there was more of it. I am very much obliged for the little book.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Dr. Morong.

Dr. Walter H. Chapin
675 State St.
Springfield

Mr. F. W. Batchelder
107 Thompson St.
Springfield.

Then if you can

spare another as well as now you
might send one to Mrs. Starbuck who
entertained invited Dr. Morong to stop
with her in Wautuckus for my sake
and from her interest in the Catalogue,
but who liked him for his own sake,
as soon as she had got acquainted
with him.

Mrs. Matthew Starbuck
Wautuckus Mass.
All three would be pleased
with this attention from you, but don't
send to Mrs. Starbuck unless you can
well spare the copy, for I can send
her mine.

Now the Pieris again, - the
new one. I wonder if you noticed
the appendages to the inner inv-
lucral scales - awns, I should call
them perhaps. You could not see their

383 Union Street.

Springfield, Oct. 8 - 1894 -

My dear Mr. Deane,

I shall send with this or a
little later a package of a few
plants, and I will enclose labels for
the herbarium specimens - As you thought
you might deposit a duplicate ^{of Pieris} in
the Gray Herb. I send two labels for
each species, though I dare say they
use their own labels there. The best
specimen of P. schioides you can
keep yourself, and the pieces in the
envelope will make up another
for the Bot. Garden, good enough to
swear by as Dr. Gray used to say - I
have not much of P. schioides, but a plenty
of the other species.

After all the pains that we took



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