

Specimen too.

If you know the grass enclosed
please tell me the name; if not, take
no trouble about it. The friend who gave
it to me thought it was Aira Caryophyl-
lea, but I don't; it seems of a differ-
ent genus entirely. The donor has for-
gotten its history; - it dropped out of
a book where she laid it years ago,
and she has forgotten whether it is na-
tive or foreign - ^{you may throw it away - I don't}
^{value it}

Prof. Chas. R. Barnes
Is that the
address of the editor

of the Bot. Gazette? I ought

to have put it into my address book, but I
didn't think then of contributing
again.

We can truly call our weather
and lights gorgeous - we think
our world will never more
be brilliant -
Yours very truly
Wm. L. Allen

383 Union Street.

Springfield, Oct. 22. 1894

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for the
named photographs, and I was very
glad to find that Prof. Bailey was well
enough to travel again & look at pic-
tures and write as nicely as ever.

I find your names agreeing with
mine for the most part, and where
differing, generally in the species, where
you with your Herbarium & refer to
one more likely to be right than I -
Prof. Bailey's opinion about the sedges,
even if only a guess, is valuable.

The plant that you call Leucarium
Canadense doesn't look like that to
me; I can't, for myself, go beyond
Prof. Bailey's dictum of "Labiale", and
that is near enough for a picture on
so small a scale.

It is queer about that S. dichotoma;
it was so rare when Mr. Hine
came across it first, only about a
year ago, and now growing common.
And the Alyssum to be so far inland
as Springfield! I see that it was
in the list of N.Y. and Phila.-ballan
plants as long ago as April, 1885.

I haven't seen Dr. Chapin lately;
he is a pretty busy young doctor
and seldom comes to the Society. I
suppose he got the Notice, but per-
haps he grows careless about acknow-
ledging such things from having so
many sample copies and such
things which need no acknowledgement.

I believe Mr. Batchelder gives up
about his grass, though he thinks
there is something rather uncommon
in the form; - this goose of his is no
goose but a swan. Mr. Avery J. Smith,

The Alyssum collector, told him as
well as I, that it was Muhlenbergia
Mexicana; we ^{are} not quite so
sure as not to know that common
grass, but some way Mr. B. took a
queer view of his find. He is a valued
member of our Society and the best
collector we ever had. He loves to bring
in all the species of a genus that
can be found at the same time. One
day he brought sixteen panic grasses,
amongst them P. panthophysum which
the Manual says is rare, and P. verru-
Cosum which we could not have
expected here, from its range, "E. New
England to Virginia & Southward, near
the Coast."

If you want the exact date of the
Alyssum I will get it & write you
another label; it was very late in Septem-
ber.

Mrs. Robinson has sent me another
Lillaea and a bud one this time - nice



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