

Springfield, Jan 6. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You wrote to me immediately after Christmas and said all that ~~that~~ could be desired even by one far more exacting than I am - Next your wife wrote a very pleasant letter, so you can set your mind at rest. But I am the sinner! Not a wilful one however, so I am sure you will excuse me. I send my thanks at this late day for that pretty little card of pansies and violets and its plea in French for remembrance; I will indeed remember you. My husband laughed over his bowl and the message that came with it, and has it now on his office mantel piece. He sends his thanks and wants me to mention that the rules of the house are kept up as strictly

as ever.

I was glad to learn from your postal card that Mr. Danne was getting along well.

I enclose something about postage of botanical specimens; they don't let mine go through the P.O. at any such rate, and I don't believe the statement is true. Yet I cut it out of "The Observer" a magazine devoted to botany and other branches of natural history, and I supposed at the time that I could depend upon it.

The Christmas holidays and even a few days over are the busiest of the year with me, and ^{from} those that are just over two whole days were taken out by calls upon my time entirely unexpected. I am sadly behindhand still in my letter writing but hope to work through this week.

With kind regards to you and your wife,
Yours very truly
Maurice L. Owen



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