

You just tell me what it is on a  
postal ~~name~~ card? The name will  
be enough without another word -  
Then answer the letter at your  
leisure - Our address for the  
next week will be Rice's Inn  
Hoosac Tunnel  
Mass.

Hoosac Tunnel is a very prosaic  
name for a lovely place - I spent a  
week there once with my sister-in-law  
Mrs. Fallant, and now that my  
daughter is with me I want her  
to see it before we go home -

If you carry out your plan you  
will soon be at Trello, but wherever  
you are you and your wife have my  
best wishes for a pleasant time -  
Your sincere friend  
Wm. L. Allen



Dear Mr. Deane,  
I should guess that you were  
in Jaffrey now, if it were not for  
the meeting of the Am. Ass. which  
is beginning about this time - If  
you are attending that, shall you  
have time to give to the enclosed  
leaves and berries for which I want  
a name? You will know right  
off; I have a guess, myself, but  
am unfortunately here without my  
Manual; it shall never happen

again - I enclose the letter that  
came with the leaves - Mr. Whiting  
is one of the editors of the Republican,  
something of a botanist, and a true flower  
lover. Once in a while he writes an ar-  
ticle for the paper, in the style of Brad-  
ford Torrey, or John Burroughs, or Frank  
Wolles, - I mean he writes on the things  
that they love so well, and his style is  
fully equal to that of any of them -

It is pleasant up here, but un-  
doubtedly hot for the last three days,  
though we are 1550 ft. above the  
sea. At the base of the mountain  
and for some distance up the  
Rhododendron grows; then that leaves  
off and the vegetation is that of our  
N. Eng. wood - quite luxuriant too.

I have seen one little tuft of Arenaria

Croenlandica, rigor in a rocky and  
much-trodden path; I didn't expect  
that subalpine plant here, the first  
thing that comes down from the moun-  
tain <sup>to give me a welcome</sup> tops in all my past experienced  
has been Potentilla tridentata, but I  
have not seen that here - I have looked for  
Linnaea too in vain - About the com-  
monest golden-rod is S. odora, a species  
very rare in the neighborhood of Spring-  
field -

I am much obliged for your passing  
my letter along to Miss Cummings of  
Wellesley College, and I suppose after  
vacation I shall get a list of works  
or lichens from her. When I am settled  
for the fall + winter, I will send you  
a Pentstemon grandiflorus - two if I  
find I have enough - [Lyssa sylvatica]  
<sup>you can name</sup>  
If the specimen enclosed at once  
as I think you will be able to, will



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