

Herbarium I suppose they can turn
to their aroids, and speedily answer
my question about the synonyms-

With kind regards to you
and Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Oakes

P.S. I think one of the specimens
is plainly † Virginia - M-L.O.

Springfield, Nov. 10, 1902 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

At the date of your last
letter Sept. 7 - you had nearly finished
the work on the book that was going
through the press, and expected to go
away for a well-earned vacation. I
hope you had a pleasant time. I
was away from home ten weeks, -
spent eight in Maine, and saw grow-
ing and in flower and fruit The Yellow
Rattle, Rhinanthus Crista-galli, a
pretty little thing; nothing else new.
Then I went to Nantucket, where I met
Mr. Dame and Mr. Ford, and had good
talks with both, but you have probably
seen them yourself at the meetings of
the society, and heard their botanical news,
- if any.

In a previous letter you asked
me to collect Acalypha gracilescens for

you. Now I desire to remark that I never said it grew here, but that there was this marginal note in my Manual against A. gracile as it was then named; later it was called var. gracile, and what it is now, I don't know. But the note - "Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spine is not as long as in the description." I did not see much of the plant after I came back, but I collected and pressed a few specimens that looked a little different from A. Virginica. Probably they are only some of the many forms of that species, but I should like to know what you call them -

I have an interesting anecdote that I wish I knew the name of. The person who gave me the bulb did not know the name, and I have had

to search for it myself. While I have good reason for thinking it Amorphophallus Rivieri, it may perhaps be Godwinia gigas found by Seeman in Nicaragua. But again, it may be Dr. Beccari's plant of western Sumatra which he proposed to name Conophallus Titanum. If this name and Amorphophallus above, should prove to be synonyms, I should feel pretty certain that of my plant and the only way you can help me is by inquiring about it at the Botanic Garden, some day when you are in -

My plant has not bloomed; the bulb is still too young and small, but my friend's has, and I have seen - not the flower, but a photograph of it.

Take no special pains; I am in no hurry, only if you will remember me when you are at the



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