

Springfield. April 6-1903-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Do you know of anybody who would like a small collection of New Zealand mussels, unnamed? I have about fifty which I should be glad to give away. Mr. Eric Craig sent them to me in 1881, but I am no biologist, and I never did anything with them. They are nicely pressed and neatly put up in separate papers; on the other hand they are faded from age, although they have hardly seen the light for a minute in all these years, and many of them are unguilted. Such are their merits and

defects, and if they can do anybody any good it is a pity that they should stay in a box on the top shelf of a closet forgotten except when housecleaning brings them to memory. If you know now or ever hear of anybody who would like them, only send me the address and he (or she) shall have them by mail without your taking any farther trouble.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well - as well as we are in this house, for the spring finds us in very good condition.

With my regards to both
Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.



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