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36 Dunster Hill St.,
Lancaster, Coos Co. N. H.
23rd April, 1930.

Dear Dr. Sargent

I am somewhat anxious about the package of plants, which have not yet arrived, as all of the other packages of ~~the~~ books etc. that I sent north have come. I think I addressed it as above, but if I gave our summer address it may be lying at Randolph, which would be a misfortune, as we may not be over there for two or even three weeks yet. You might kindly drop me a card regarding it.

I am sending now by parcel post a few twigs of *Dicra* gathered two days ago. If placed in water for a couple of days the blooms will all unfold, as two have already. The locality label would be:—
"Rich Woods, Mount Prospect,
Lancaster, Coos Co. N. Hamp^{ts}."

I am sending Miss Briggs a copy
of my work on "Evol." as a small token of
my gratitude for her efforts. I think I
gave you a copy a few years ago, but
I not kindly let me know, and I will
gladly send you one.

I enclose also a "pre-marriage"
cheque, which please spend on any object
that may materialize my cordial
good wishes for the health and happi-
ness of your good lady and self thro'
many future years.

With many thanks for your
kindness

Very Sincerely Yours
John M. MacFarlane

from Fogg

April 25, 1930.

Dr. John H. Macfarlane,
86 Bunker Hill St.,
Lancaster, N.H.

Dear Dr. Macfarlane:

First let me set your mind at rest concerning the package of plants. I was forced to open the box which you had so carefully wrapped up in order to insert an additional lot of specimens, which had not been completely mounted until after your departure. This would not go comfortably into the box, so I decided to re-pack the entire shipment. The package has gone forward to you by prepaid express, and should have reached you several days ago.

In returning these plants you will I hope designate those which you wish to go to Dr. Mackenzie at Temple University. Also, let me beg of you to return the package by express collect, as there is not a single reason why you should pay transportation charges on a collection which you are so generous as to spend your time determining and labelling, not to mention its value as an addition to our Herbarium.

I do not know how to thank you for your very kind remembrance. It has touched me deeply and I know of no way adequately to express my appreciation of your kind act and the generous thought that prompted it. You may rest assured that I shall fondly cherish your good wishes.

Many thanks, too, for your offer of the "Causes and Courses". One of the most treasured volumes in my little library is a copy of this work presented by you some years ago and bearing an inscription by your own hand. I likewise cherish proof-copies of the "Fish" and "Betroleum" volumes which I have had nicely bound. Above all these possessions, however, I prize your friendship and good will, and I wish, as I said before, that I might have more frequent opportunities of profiting by the richness and variety of the knowledge and experience which you know how to impart in so stimulating a manner.

Most sincerely yours,

DR. JOHN M. MACFARLANE
PORCUPINE LODGE
RANDOLPH
COOS CO., NEW HAMPSHIRE

18th May, 1930

Dear Dr. Fogg

I ask abundant pardon from you for my long delay in answering your note, and in acknowledging receipt of your beautifully packed case of our Alpines. In the latter you taught me, a lesson.

The main cause for my delay is due to our "flitting". We had already begun the process before the case arrived, and since then we have completed the process. So for the past three weeks we have been somewhat upset. Now however we are fairly well settled, and that amid fair surroundings. For we have the range of the White Mountains spread out in front of us, President M^ts and the Cabot range behind us, while all round my wife's home is an expanse that would warm the eyeballs of a botanist's heart. Great patches of axe

species of *Lycopodium* alone are a sight, while the abundant white spruces of every size contrast well with the three species of spruce. At present the red and pointed *Grillium*, *Clintonia*, *Streptopus*, and *Erythronium* cover the woodland floor around, with ferns, orchids, ginseng, and other late spring comers peeping through.

My wife and I, are steadily progressing with the herbarium labels, and in due time I hope to return all in finished condition, packed in as nearly perfect a condition as when received.

I am sure you will have "a great time" during the entire period of your wanderings and lingerings on the other side. Cordial good wishes for you and your future partner in life through all the days and hours of your travels.

Give my kind remembrances to all former colleagues and associates

Very Sincerely Yours
John M. Macfarlane

From Fogg

March 7, 1931.

Dr. John M. Macfarlane,
Danhi,
Penna.

My dear Dr. Macfarlane:

A short time ago, in a conversation which I had with the Dean of our Graduate School, Dr. H. Lamar Crosby, the question of the relation of the blooming-time of plants to light rays and temperature came up and the Dean expressed himself as very greatly interested in this whole subject. I asked him whether he had seen any of your publications on this matter, and he answered that unfortunately he had not.

I am naturally wondering, therefore, if you happen to have an extra copy of your interesting paper on "Floral Calendars and Floral Clinks", and, if so, whether you would be so good as to send it either to Dr. Crosby direct or to me, who could then hand it to him. I am ~~sure~~ he will find it absorbing.

I am on my way now to the woods to look for Skunk Cabbage in flower as well as other harbingers of spring.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Macfarlane,
I am,

Most sincerely yours,

427 WEST HANSBERRY STREET
GERMANTOWN, PA.

29th March 1934

My dear Dr. Fogg

Please accept my cordial thanks for your very interesting lot of botanical Miscellanea, which have all more or less interested me. For example your finding such a growth of the Hart Cross fronting Lool's Hall, where I never once had noticed it, though an old weedy pest in the Old Country; the occasional finding of *Cardamine*; and your reviews of local *Plomas* are all of great value.

Very many thanks for each and all of them from

Cordially Yours

John Mc. Macfarlane

PORCUPINE LODGE
RANDOLPH, COOS CO.
NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 23, 1934.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

Many thanks for your kind note of May 1st. which in transfer of my masses of correspondence to this place shared just the fate of Popov's letter to you and has just come to light. I have written to Dr. Woodson of the Herbarium, Shaw Garden, St. Louis who has been very fully and thoroughly treating the taxonomy of the Apocynaceae and specially of Apocynum. I have enclosed to him an exact copy of your letter as I am sure he will be pleased to get this.

You are now free I suppose, from all class work for a week or two and I trust that you will have a thoroughly enthusiastic set of students when your summer labors begin.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Bradferlane