

tours of Greater Boston,
and when I came upon
a double entry such as
Cuscuta Gronovii, Writi Pond,
June 1862; and Cuscuta Grono-
novii, Writi Pond, June 1885,
Writi Pond became for the
while a veritable Garrows
revisited, and I would
fair have broken out
in verse, had the divine
faculty resided within
me.

Most of my time
is taken up by the duties
of the teacher, but
my vacations and a
few odd minutes
daily are given to the
preparation of a Manual
covering the Trees of New-
England. The winter-buds,
flowers, leaves and fruit

(Medford, 7-III-'94.

Dear Mr. Higginson,

I have got pleasant
glimpses through your specta-
cles of plant-life in Cam-
bridge and vicinity in your
College days: It seems
scarcely possible that some
plants you have noted
could ever have grown
where you found them -
Dear me! the march of
improvement is not an
unmixed pleasure to us
all - I have found your
books interesting and sug-
gestive in various ways,
but I owe you an apology
for keeping them such

an unconscionable time.

The fact is - I feel a natural affinity for any man or woman who has ever used an interleaved botany, and, I suppose, though I have never stopped to analyze the sensation, that I found it very difficult to dispossess myself of an interleaved Bigelow that had once been a travelling companion of I. W. Higginson.

I have an interleaved Gray and should hesitate to trust it out of my

hands - You have always looked upon men at their best, and it never occurred to you that you were endangering a precious possession.

I had the pleasure of examining at my leisure some years since an interleaved Bigelow that was the property of Wm. Boott. He was a botanist, first, last, and all the time, and knew better the secret haunts of some of our rare shy plants than any other man of his day. I followed him in his trips through the

of all the native trees
will be reproduced from
original drawings upon
one page, opposite the de-
scriptive text on the other.
That is, the plan will be
carried out provided
no one comes in before
me on substantially
the same basis. The
book will be of about
the size and type of the
tourists' edition of Gray's
Manual, with flexible
covers, designed to be a
pocket companion for
the increasing number who
are interested in trees,
nay, even like Korean,
sometimes make appoint-
ments with them.

I mention this place
of mine simply to in-
vite suggestions. The
drawings are two-thirds
completed. The rest
could be finished in the
next long vacation, but
I doubt if it will be.

I haven't the same
craving for work that
I had in ante-bellum
days; and I wonder at
the amount I can do
old or older than I
turn off without apparent
effort.

With renewed thanks
and apologies,
I am very truly yours,
L. L. Dame.