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Can you send me some seed of them? They were growing wild. In San Francisco I got a variety of your wild flower seed but could not get this lupin. While I ask you to procure me this I must offer to send you what seed you would like to have from England. I am sending now to Providence R.I. to a lady friend of mine some seed of my Delphiniums. I think I have never seen such beauties! Some have grown up to eight feet. My brother sent me a collection of these plants, being (my brother) very fond of blue and they are lovely. I am sorry to say that I have not received yet from Japan any of the numerous plants I bought there.

Please present my regards to Mr. Muir, who, although I have not had the pleasure of meeting, seems I must know through knowing you. Remember me also to the young Ladies. Write friendly greetings.

Always Sincerely Yours E. Ford

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ALPHINGTON,
FRIMLEY,
SURREY.

Jan. 16. 1905

Dear Prof. Muir

Many thanks for your kind letter and good wishes. I received your book. Did you not get my letter of thanks? You should have had it long before this. I enjoyed reading it, but I wish I had read it before I met you to enjoy all the fun our friends made on the good natured Professor at the end of the table. Mr. McLeunan has sent me such a beautiful card at Christmas and with such pretty sentiments! I hope, as I do in your case, to meet my friends some time here. I think you have had the invitation.

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before I left you, but I repeat it as I have done to Mr. In Lemman. Of course as he is so near I hope to see him soon. In all probability I may go to the States next summer but I doubt if I can go so far as California for my absence must be short. I expect my son and his bride from India and I must be here. Then I will have to go to the Continent with my daughter and youngest son. If I go to America it will be on business, to settle up an estate I did not finish last year.

This winter in England is very severe for the duration of frosts. We do not have such cold weather as I have experienced in the States but it is more penetrating. Now we have such piercing east winds that cut you through. The ice is not one inch thick, but with all that I feel it more than I did in America with

ten degrees below 0. To day I have been shut up in the house with severe neuralgia in my face, especially my jaws. You cannot imagine how trying it is to me, who keep busy every minute. Lately I have been making a new road through my place and have been working like a navvy, so much so that my children and my gardener remonstrated saying I should not work so hard. But I did enjoy it. I am transplanting many trees and bushes (when the weather permits) and planting many rhododendrons, which do so well here. By the way I noticed a variety of lupin in California which we do not have. I saw plenty in the Greening valley. The flower is pink and white or purple & white. Mine are all white or all blue and have some all yellow, but none of two colours together.