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My dear Mr. Marsh.

I wrote in receipt of your letter to Mrs. Wyllys Lyman about the Persian insect powder, but told her that it would not be of much account in the woods as its effect could not be sufficiently concentrated. Its great efficiency is against bed bugs and roaches. We also find it useful in keeping flies off the table at dinner by setting it around in small plates.

I have picked out the books you wrote for with the exception of some 6 or 8 which after repeated examination I could not find. The others go probably today by express. I found Bosworth in our library whether it had strayed by mistake.

You may imagine how glad Mary and I are to hear of Mrs. Marsh's improved health and hope