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Dear Mother

I send by a pasteboard box a couple of California plants, known here as "rock roses" - whether they have found their way to New York or not, I dont know. The peculiarity of the plant is this, that you may develop it and again let it dry up, as often as you please - It is only necessary to immerse the roots in water & at the end of two or three days the leaves will develop themselves - A hyacinth glass is perhaps as good as any, but it should be kept well filled & the water changed every few days - I have never seen it in flower.