

Has this not been a disagreeable
day - I think we have had a very
unpleasant winter thus far -

Yet I believe you are fond of Snow
and cold weather too - Yet you
ought not to be you are such
a lover of flowers - And I am
sure, they and cold snowy weather
are just the opposite and are never
friends - Not even the ice plant.

I must leave that subject, I am
afraid of you there - I never studied
Botany a day in my life - I have
read a little on the subject, but
that was so little and so inattentive
that I can safely say I know
nothing about flowers - their nature
or origin - Are you not surprised
to hear me make such a confession
yet it is the truth -