

February 5, 1944.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Valley Club of Montecito
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Thank you for your nice letter of January 29th, also for the tantalizing post-card views of Maine and the alluring possibility of perhaps another visit to that lovely spot. I can never forget it and especially the warm friendliness of all the people at Reef Point.

You have probably ceased to wonder at my silence, it is such a habit of mine, but really there has been so little to write about. Visitors have boycotted us this Winter, with just a few stragglers on Saturday afternoons; hardly anyone ventures on Wednesday mornings, but the gate hangs open all the time and people wander in at will and seem to think they can come at any time regardless of signs.

I have added some books to the Catalogue House Library and enclose a list for you to attach to the list I sent you sometime ago. Mrs. Clark keeps on telling me of books and seemingly Mrs. Bliss is giving Mrs. Clark carte blanche to purchase books but please don't make any mention of it as evidently Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Bliss both feel that Mrs. Clark is the only book-buyer.

No doubt the reason you have not heard from Mrs. Bliss is because she has been quite ill again; in fact I think she had had two relapses. She was here yesterday conferring with Mrs. Clark but of course I didn't see her. Mrs. Clark reports that Mrs. Bliss looks very much "worn out". She will not rest so there's nothing anyone can do about it.

Bryce and Mrs. Bryce left for Florida on Wednesday. As usual he was in a dither of preparations before his departure and said he had had a letter from you which he would answer from Florida. I had a note from him this morning from Fayetteville, N.C. I am keeping house at 3203 S Street and looking after the two doggies.

I had a note from Mrs. Stover sometime ago saying she had not been able to locate the book on crabapples but would mention it to you when she was writing; however, there's no rush on it.

I have added six prints to the collection and am having them mounted and lettered. One of the stationers had some lovely prints for sale but most of them were \$5.00 each, so we had to pass them up. There was also a set in three volumes on "Botanicum Historium" by Nicolai Joseph Jaquin in Latin.

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Mrs. Clark seemed to think it might be something to have in case the Library of Garden literature was increased, as she seems to think it will be, by Mrs. Bliss, for the benefit of the future of Dumbarton Oaks garden-minded students. So, when Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Clark went up to New York a few weeks ago to a sale of books at the Grolier Society, they saw this set and some others which were quite expensive, but Mrs. Clark told me that Mrs. Bliss was very much interested in the collection and quite eager in talking about the additions which could be made to the Garden Library. Of course, I am only repeating one side of this talk-- what Mrs. Clark retales to me.

I am so glad you are luxuriating in the warm sunshine of California and that Mr. Farrand is gaining, though slowly. I am sure he must find it hard to slacken his pace but we all have to come to it some time. You say you feel like a hundred years old but you would never guess it from the tone of your letter.

We have had two meetings of the AWVS/ garden-minded ladies with the NAG. Bryce said the men of his branch would welcome the ladies to their monthly meetings and discuss practical matters with them before starting to work on this year's Victory Gardens. Last month the meeting was held at Belgianos which was too far for many of the women to get to, but last night the meeting was held at the quarters at Dumbarton Oaks and ten women attended and much discussion was held about plans for the coming spring and summer. The Vigoro man was there with colored slides advertising his product. Of course next month will make more people conscious of the need to get ready for spring planning and perhaps we shall have more of a crowd and more interest.

The first snowdrops have been up for over a week, due to a spell of quite warm weather - so far I've spied only one winter aconite, but the spiraeas were about ready to leaf out when another cold blast descended on us. The wall seems to be finished, as far as I can judge from my roving observations.

I'm feeling fine - have had no neuralgia and no colds this Winter, in spite of the prevalence of flu in the East. I was home for Christmas week and have had one trip since to see my brother who was ill, but don't expect to go again until Easter.

Mr. Fessenden and Mr. Ricker of the Wild Flower Preservation Society are coming some day this week to take kodachrome pictures of the orchids.

I've tried to do a lot of reading up but my mind doesn't seem able to hold much botanical lore. My forgetter is forgetting too much.

Kindest personal greetings to you and Mr. Farrand and the hope that the lovely Santa Barbara climate will work wonders and bring you back to us with the utmost in health and good spirits. Please extend my best wishes to Miss Walther.

Very sincerely,

LIST OF BOOKS IN OFFICE OF GARDEN GUIDE.

Gray's New Manual of Botany
Rehder's Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs
Standardized Plant Names

Hottes' Book of Perennials
" " " Annuals

Beauty from Bulbs - Scheepers
The Green Leaf - McDougall
American Rose Annual for 1935 - 1938 - 1939 - 1940 - 1941 - 1942 - 1943
What Every Rose Grower Should Know

Hand List of Coniferae (Kew Gardens)
" " " Herbaceous Plants (Third edition)
" " " Trees and Shrubs (R.H.S. &c)
A Guide to the Wild Flowers - Taylor
A Primer of Forestry - Gifford Pinchot - Vols I and II
Native Wild Flowers - 2 volumes - Thomas Meehan
Field Book of American Wild Flowers - Mathews
Name This Flower - Gaston Bonnier
Southern Wild Flowers and Trees - Lounsberry
Flora of the Southern United States - Chapman - Third edition
How to Know the Wild Flowers - Dana
Flowers of Field - Hill and Swamp --- Creevey
Mountain Wild Flowers of Canada - Henshaw
Magic Herbs - DeSoulín
The Herbalist - Joseph Meyer
Pocket Book of Vegetable Gardening - Nissley
A Manual of Weeds - Georgia
Wildflowers - Homer House
Hortus Second - L.H. Bailey
Cyclopedia of American Horticulture - L.H. Bailey - 4 vols.
Handbook of the Trees of Northern States and Canada - Hough
Manual of the Trees of North America - Sargent
The Identification of Trees and Shrubs - Makins
Illustrated Flora of the Northern States and Canada - 3 vols - Britton & Brown
Trees and Flowers of the Countryside - 2 volumes - Hutchinson
Nature's Garden - Blanchan
Pleasures and Problems of a Rock Garden - Wilder
The Nature Library - Trees - Rogers (cut)
Old Garden Roses - Bunyard
Old Roses - Keays
The Garden Month by Month - Sedgwick
Garden Flowers in Color - Stevenson
Old Time Gardens - Earle
Down the Garden Path - Nichols
The English Garden - Dutton
British Grasses and Sedges - Anne Pratt
America's Greatest Garden - Wilson
Aristocrats of the Garden "
More Aristocrats of the "arden "
Illustrated Manual of California Shrubs - McMinn
Trees of Santa Barbara - Van Rensselaer
Big Trees - Fry and White
Our National Parks - John Muir

Birds of America - Audubon - 2 volumes
Birds of New York - 2 volumes - John M. Clarke Director N.Y. State Museum
Birds of America - Garden City Pub. Co. (Gilbert Pearson Editor-in-Chief)

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO CATALOGUE HOUSE LIBRARY IN MISS SWEENEY'S OFFICE

The Green Earth - Rickett
This Green World - Rutherford Platt

Handbook of Frogs and Toads
The Grasshopper Book

First the Flower - Then the Fruit - Lucas
Fruits of the Earth do

Butterflies - by Macy and Shepard