

September 24, 1947

Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover,  
Reef Point,  
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I have your letters of September 12th and 15th, both containing copies of letters ordering books from the Argosy Book Shop, Dulau's Dept of Blackwell's Ltd., and Ernest Lundberg's, together with lists of books ordered sent to me here. Since then I have received the first consignment, seven books, from Blackwell's in London which I have checked off against your list and list below for your information:

Garden Craft Old and New -	John D. Sedding
My Rock Garden -	Reginald Farrer
The Ivy - A Monograph -	Shirley Hibberd
Days and Hours in a Garden -	E.V.B.
Alpine Plants -	A. J. Macself
Seven Gardens and a Palace -	E.V.B.
Alpine Flowers for Gardens -	W. Robinson

Thank you for returning to me the lists which I made at Reef Point from Mrs. Farrand's bookshelves. I suppose the XXX ones are difficult but I think I'll have to find more space to accommodate the additions.

When I returned from my vacation I found my office a veritable pile of mould; all the books were covered with a grey mist and my portable typewriter cover was peppered with measly mold spots. I have gone over every one and wiped them dry and have been hving heat on ever since trying to dry the place out and this week I have given them all a coat of rejuvenating oil to limber their backs - there doesn't seem to be any serious damage and I never had any trouble of that kind before, but it seems to have been prevalent this summer.

Mr. Patterson will perhaps have returned to Reef Point by this time - he was kept very busy while here but I did manage to have a talk with him the day he left. He said he would try to return next month when the chrysanthemums are at their peak and I hope we can show him a better brand of weather then. Just now we are drenched in a long awaited rain but it's better than the humidity we suffered before that.

My very best wishes to you and many thanks for your helpful lists and letters. My greetings to all at Reef Point and I hope you are going to get that much needed rest.

Sincerely yours,