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Miss Anne Sweeney
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

The book sent on approval at your suggestion entitled "How Plants Get Their Names" appears to be really interesting and will I think be helpful to you. Therefore, as soon as I have "sucked its juice" so to speak it shall be sent on to you for your shelves.

Let me know whether there are other books you covet. I am ordering for you today "Ornamental American Shrubs" by William B. Van Dersal, in the catalog you gave me from Mrs. Clark I am ordering from Gregory, Robinson's "The Wild Garden" no. 371; price \$3.00; and Miss Gertrude Jekyll's "Home and Garden" and "Wood and Garden" nos. 190 and 192 from Dulau-Blackwell in England. These Jekyll books are good for you to read. They may not be of much practical use in identifying plants but they will give you the manner of one of the greatest of English professional gardeners of the present day. Miss Gertrude Jekyll and Mr. William Robinson are responsible for the use of the old-fashioned and lovely perennials as it was their recognition of the beauty of these old plants that made English gardeners go back to the lovely flowers of cottage gardens rather than the expensive displays of the so-called "carpet bedding era". The Jekyll books were advertised in the American catalog but were so much higher in price that it seemed worth while waiting for them to come from England in order to save expense.

Some of these days I think probably you would like to have "The Book of the Tulip" which is one of the great monographs and will help you as to the different species, but at present I see no copy that seems to me worth adding to your collection. Let me know whether or not you think it might be well to add Mr. Sitwell's "Old Fashioned Flowers". Personally I don't think the book is worth the 15 shillings asked for it in Dulau's catalog although it is attractive. I think that there are books which are of more practical value to you for your talks.

You will I know like to hear that Mrs. Bliss heard one of your little introductory talks and thought that you handled the subject and your hearers with admirable good taste and clarity. Mrs. Bliss said that the whole manner of presentation was very charming and that you answered questions with patience and a very nice smile.

Let me know if there are any other books that you think should be added to your own particular group. I don't know whether Eleanor Rohde's "Garden of Herbs" at \$3.00 from Gregory would seem to you worthwhile or not. Let me know about this.

With best regards, I am,
Yours ever sincerely

Beatrix Farrand

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I should like to be reminded of any uncompleted work between us. I have come across certain notes recently which seem to me had not been attended to and I should like to be told when I am slacking on anything as it will help me to keep up with a rather busy schedule, and let me know also when the check comes from Mrs. Bliss of the \$25. gift.