

April 30, 1948

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand  
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

How nice to get a letter over your own signature; it is so good to know you are back home and I am sure you are finding plenty to do every minute, but it is especially nice to know you still have time to think of Dumbarton Oaks and me and the book question.

When I got Miss Manks' letter, with the list of books you had approved of, I assumed that you wanted to know if we had them; which we didn't, so was glad to say we would welcome the additions; but Mrs. Stover writes that the Gerarde Herball has been sold and that you do not think too highly of the Repton; of course you must be the one to decide; I know absolutely nothing of their worth or desirability for use here.

We have all of your list except one item, i.e. No. 919 in your letter of April 28th, Fouquier, M. De l'art des Jardins du XV au XX siecle, published in Paris in 1911 and priced at \$75.00

We have all the other numbers 912(Dami); 924 (Gromort) 925 (Gromort) 937 (Jellicoe) 940 (Latham) 961 (Triggs) Both England and Scotland folios as well as Garden Design in Italy, both numbered 961 in your letter.

We also have Reginald Farrer's "My Rock Garden" recently received from Blackwell's in one of your recent orders. , but we do NOT have the Millais Rhododendrons No. 347 which you mention as being a fine book of its kind.

Mrs. Bliss is still interested as I know from recent inquiries she has made regarding recent sales and what they brought at auction, i.e. Redoute' and Audubon &c. At long last the garden books in Mrs. Clark's room are destined for the Garden Information Room and will eventually come downstairs to the Underworld and I hope to be able to get some new shelving to hold them.

We do not have the book from the Harvard Catalogue No. 207 on Evelyn(J.) Sylva put out by Tiranti of England. I return to you the card you sent me on this.

You ask if I have any suggestions for possible book purchases and I wonder if you would look up a book on evergreens? Bailey has one but I do not know what you think of it and we have nothing of the kind here. There is a book called Sagas of the Evergreens by a man named Burbidge - published in Boston, but I have no details on it - perhaps you know it.



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Mrs. Bliss has sent me a letter she received from Country Life (English) and the enclosed wrapper from the magazine Gardening, as well as the newspaper article on English Roses. She made no comment about getting them, but if you think they would make good reading for our garden visitors, I should be glad to have your opinion.

There is a book listed in the catalogue published by Eris Lundgren of Walpole, N.H. on The Trees of North America, Native and Foreign, pictorially and botanically delineated, first edition published in N.Y. in 1846 by D. J. Browne. It is No. 64 in the catalogue No. 53 on Botany and Natural History. Also in the same catalogue a book on the Violets of North America - Item No. 54 - Ezra Brainard - published in Burlington Vt 1921

I think this should hold me for a while and will give you plenty to do too. May I also remind you that I should like to have the petty cash fund replenished whenever it is convenient. I have exhausted the last sum you gave me when I was in Bar Harbor in July.

We are rather expecting to see Mr. Patterson soon as he said when he was here last that he would try to get back in early May.

I hope I have not given you too much to ponder over. It is nice to think of you being at Reef Point. Please remember me very kindly to all my friends there and special greetings to Mrs. Stover, Miss Walters and your very good self.

Very sincerely,