

May 12, 1937.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,  
Reef Point, Barbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I've been a long time acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 3d but it seems I grow worse and worse as regards correspondence. I have been so busy tracking down material for the catalog house that all else has gone by the boards.

This morning, at Mrs. Bliss' suggestion, I called on Mr. Collingwood of the American Forestry Association regarding plates of trees in color which Mrs. Bliss had been assured were to be had for the asking. Having previously been in communication with the Forestry Association, I had been unable to obtain any material, but I went down again and learned that all their pictures are glossy prints, such as I have from the Dept. of Agriculture. I brought back with me two negatives which I am going to have reproduced on dull mat finish paper to see if they can be given a semblance of color to make them look real. I am also writing to Prof. Rogers at Appleton, Wisconsin, who has brought out a lovely book on trees, to see if he may have some extra plates. So far I have not received the plates on trees and birds ordered from the N.Y. State Museum. I have the Gray's Botany but haven't done any checking yet.

I have ready for the next change of scene four panels of ferns, four to a panel, one each of Breeder, Cottage and Darwintulips, and one of Iris. Some of the panels already in the flip-flap can be used again, being now in bloom, i.e. the azaleas, Deutzia, Wiegelia, &c. There will be some changes to be made also in the wall panels and I will send you a dummy sheet as soon as I have it made up.

Thank you for the Narcissus information. I have not finished my classification but will get it ready for future use, the narcissus having nearly finished blooming now.

This afternoon I am to see the famous Mr. Morrison at Takoma Park. He has located a man who can help us out in the naming of species of violets &c and we shall talk it over this afternoon when I see him. Mrs. Bliss saw me for a few minutes yesterday and told me she had some plans in mind for the Catalog House but would not have a free minute to discuss them with me for two weeks. She is going to New York on Friday afternoon, returning Monday night.

Will be most happy to see you down this way when you can make it convenient. With kindest greetings,

Very sincerely,