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Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover Box 386, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Stover:

Several days ago I received from Miss Shillaber a large volume which seemingly is German and French collections of old gardens, mostly by Kleiner or Pfeffel. The top cover was broken away from the spine and in acknowledging its receipt to Miss S., I have asked if this was broken when it left her, or if the damage was sustained by the P.O. Dept between Cambridge and Washington. I have also asked her for the correct title of this volume. Did she send you the collation?

This morning I received from Quaritch a small volume entitled Meager, The English Gardener, published in London in 1670. On the fly leaf it says in pencil "first edition", evidently written in by Quaritch..

How are things going with you these days?

I had a card from Miss Walters from Santa Barbara and oh, how I would love to have a chat with you, there is so much I could whisper in your ear.

All good wishes for Christmas and for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,