

BEATRIX FARRAND  
LANDSCAPE GARDENER  
REEF POINT  
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Miss Anne Sweeney  
1475 Grand Concourse  
New York N.Y.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

While Mr. Farrand is getting on surgically and physically quite well in the hospital here his nerves have had so severe a shock from the operation itself and from the disappointment at the set-back that I am a little bit doubtful whether I shall be ready to see you here during this month. I spoke of this with Mr. Thatcher the last time he was here and explained the situation to him and he very kindly said that if it did not seem possible to see you here during your holiday month that he would make it convenient to have you come here as soon in September as I could talk with you without disturbing my very despondent husband. It seemed to me a kindness to write you as the news from me might affect the plans for the balance of your holiday. If I see a likelihood of your being here before the end of the month I will at once telegraph, but there is obviously no prospect of it in the coming week, and in the week after if Mr. Farrand is well enough I may possibly go away for two or three days rest and change myself.

Do forgive me for bothering you with all our family difficulties but you have always been so considerate and helpful that I thought you might like to know just what the circumstances are which may make it impossible to see you here in the immediate future.

I hope you are having a lovely holiday and that you are really profiting from your rest and relief from the Catalogue House. I think you will be interested to know that a letter came in from Mrs. Bliss yesterday saying that the dummies you sent of the Catalogue House material were of such extreme interest and usefulness that the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden has copied them and is taking patterns from them for exhibitions they mean to have in the future. All of this I think is heartening to one who has worked as hard as you have on the whole Catalogue House situation.

Yours ever,

*Beatrix Farrand*

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