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Miss Anne Sweeney
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

Thank you for your nice letter and for the invaluable help and boost you gave me in Washington. You may be amused to hear that the travelling out in this direction is a good deal like the traditional camel trying to get through the eye of a needle, but we are here after vicissitudes, and delighted to be at rest again.

Thank you for your little note to the Garden Page Editors. I do not know whether this has already gone out or whether it is submitted to me for suggestions. If it has already gone on its way, it goes with my blessing; if submitted for changes on my part, there are only one or two words which would seem to me possible to alter. The letter is returned to you, but don't fuss if it has already gone out.

Mrs. Bliss was immensely touched to hear that you had so appreciated the Parshall picture which she sent you and when I told her it was along side of you in your working room she was really moved and touched. While she is over working herself in her usual fashion, she is not ill and I think the breaking of the ties here is a far harder wrench than she thought it would be. She is even now speaking of driving across the continent, which may be right as regards rest for her own body, but I should think it would be a rather trying performance.

More will come to you later when we get straightened out and settled into our regular routine.

Yours ever,
with many, many thanks for all your considerate niceness and invaluable help whenever I am at Dumbarton,

Beatrice Farrand
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To Garden Page Editors:

Dear Mr.-----

It has occurred to Lt. John S. Thacher, U.S.N., the Executive Director of the Dumbarton Oaks Library and Gardens, that you might like a short monthly paragraph which could be inserted in your garden page regarding certain interesting or attractive plants in the Dumbarton Oaks grounds which are particularly ^{attractive} ~~noticeable~~ at certain times.

Will you let me know if the idea appeals to you and if so, how many words you would like to have submitted, and at ^{what} ~~that~~ time of the month you think the little ~~publicity~~ notice would be of the most use to you?

We should naturally be grateful if you felt you could include our little horticultural news ~~items~~ ^{as to the} as a good many visitors are not informed sufficiently to know at ~~exactly what~~ time of the year certain garden effects are at their best.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience, I am

Very truly yours,