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Miss Anne Sweeney
Dumbarton Oaks
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

We are doing our best to stop the Macmillan set of Bailey's Cyclopedia of Horticulture so if it comes you may return it as I am writing Macmillan to say that this in all likelihood will be done. The only reason it was ordered was because I understood Mrs. Clarke did not wish any of her copies removed from the Dumbarton Oaks Library.

The Rehder is your best and most trustworthy reference for all trees, shrubs and shrubby creepers; and next is Bailey, as the Standardized Plant Names is not too trustworthy as to nomenclature and their Latin names have to be taken with a grain of salt. Neither are their common names too accurate.

Why don't you start doing the pasting of a few cards of those Mrs. Clarke has planned to do? And if you can send me one or two of your pasted cards with perhaps a good-looking line in green or brown ink drawn around as a "frame" we might get ahead faster than if we have to depend upon the busy bindery.

I am glad to know that you have finally found at least a perch on which to rest between working hours and congratulate you on having found a place where at least you can get breakfast and dinner as I agree with you that restaurant food does get mighty tiresome.

The colored illustrated catalogues, the names of which you can learn from Bryce, will help you on your annual display. Without boring you with a long list of annuals, how does it strike you to make me up a group of as many as you think will go nicely on a card of the early-flowering material like petunias, snapdragons, China asters, marigolds and so on, for a possible garland or bouquet? The early-flowering bedding plants (sometimes perennials used as annuals) would include the English Daisy (*Bellis perennis*), forgetmenot, pansy, sweet alyssum and the like. These might be used to make another garland.

If I can be of any use in the criticism of your pasting program and you think well of sending me even a half-sheet pasted I shall be only too glad to give you any suggestions which may be helpful.

A letter from the Ambassador says that they are off for a two weeks

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jaunt to Worcester, Buffalo and New York, so it does not look as though you were likely to have much of Mrs. Bliss's attention.

It now seems that I shall be leaving here in the early days of April, and whether or not Mrs. Bliss is likely to be at home at Dumbarton, I think I shall probably stop in Washington for at least two or three days on my way to the northern work and perhaps we can then actually start the display work.

Again more torrential rain. We have now had more than 22" and that is too much even for California, don't you think?

With best wishes and many thanks for your most welcome letters I
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Yours very sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand
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Mrs Farrand is away this afternoon and
again her letter comes with a
second-hand signature
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