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Sept. 11, 1944

Miss Anne Sweeney  
Dumbarton Oaks  
3101 R Street,  
Washington, 7, D. C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Dr. Merrill of the Arnold Arboretum has very kindly sent us a letter of advice as to a book on grasses and mosses, so here is a copy of it. I am hoping and looking forward to seeing you before so very long.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand

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Office of Administrator of Botanical Collections  
of Harvard University  
Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

September 8, 1944

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand  
Reef Point  
Bar Harbor  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Mr. Judd has just handed me your letter of September 6. For information regarding a possible book on grasses, suggest to Miss Sweeney that she telephone to Mrs. Agnes Chase, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. as Mrs. Chase is the leading authority on grasses in the United States, and is very familiar with the available literature; incidentally, she could name any specimens that Miss Sweeney might be interested in at sight.

As to mosses, the best possible book is that by A.J. Grout, "Mosses with a hand lens", and I think that this work is still available. I suggest that she write to Dr. A. J. Grout, Newfane, Vermont.

Mosses are rather difficult to identify unless one be thoroughly familiar with the group. It occurs to me that probably the best scheme to follow here would be for Miss Sweeney to prepare small packets of such mosses as she may find at Dumbarton Oaks and send these to Dr. Grout for identification, or to Dr. E. B. Bartram, Bushkill, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours

(sgd) E. D. Merrill  
Administrator