

July 10, 1942.

Mr. Jan de Graaff  
Sandy, Oregon

Dear Mr. de Graaff:

It really seems absurd to even suggest that you could send 10 Narcissus Maude Adams to Mrs. Gerrish H. Milliken (perhaps by parcel post to R. F. D. No. 1 Port Chester, New York). If the order is too trivial for you to bother with let me know and I will get the bulbs elsewhere.

You don't know with what anxiety I await the answer from the Director of the National Gallery as to the bulbs which he thinks he may need for his decoration of the courts. It of course is impossible for anybody who isn't a seedman to realize that unless the orders are placed really early they will not be available. I suppose I have written to the people concerned four or five times and am making a final try today and will let you know the result. I hope as much as you do that we shall be able to go ahead but I confess to be rather discouraged as to the outcome.

Some day before long I look forward to writing you a note telling you about the way your bulbs are used in the different universities and how much pleasure they give and not only pleasure but what refreshment to minds full of anxiety and in many cases of sorrow.

Yours very sincerely,