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Dearest

Your note and the forsythia gate suggestions and Mr. Laughlin's letter all came yesterday, and perhaps it is well to have something constructive instead of destructive to think about. These are bad days, are they not?

My first instinct in looking at the monogram and its extraordinarily ingenious make-up was that it was a little too big for the top of the gate and would be perhaps overwhelming, but I would trust you and Mr. Laughlin in this matter and if you think it is all right, go ahead, and I merely want to tell you of my first instinctive and unreasonable sensation. By all means let us have the gate all iron. I am not quite certain whether we won't have to modify the heaviness of the upright and cross bars. Shall I go ahead on this design or whose is the next move?

I am keeping the two designs here and can have them copied if you would like records of them. Naturally if you would like me to have the further drawing made, Mr. Laughlin should have a view of it as he is the executor, so to speak.

My very best to you both

Ever yours affectionately,