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Mrs. Rose A. Willgoose
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Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
Georgetown, Washington, 7, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Willgoose:

Your letter of the 28th of February has not been forgotten, the list was sent to Miss Shillaber, but as she has been in the hospital she has just now been able to send me the answers to your questions. I send you her comments on the various books listed in the order in which they were on your paper sent to me. I hope Miss Shillaber's opinions and research work will help Mrs. Bliss.

Yours very truly,

Isabelle M. Stover

Secretary

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Report of Miss Shillaber on list of books submitted by Dumbarton Oaks Library-
(Mrs. Willgoose).

1. Visscher - Labyrinte de Versailles, etc. at £8/10/0

A fine addition to a collection of garden books,
price probably not too high.

2. Price. Essays on the Picturesque, 3 vols. 1810 at £2/5/0

This is the original set and wise to acquire at this price.

3. Price, 2 vols. only, 1810 at £11/15/0

See no reason for getting this 2-volume set, Not so rare
as to seem worthwhile to have 2 copies.

4. Tipping. English Gardens, 1925. at £4/10/0

A fine addition, and price probably right.

5. Perelle. Vues des Belles Maisons de France-etc. circa 1700. at £42/0/0

"In the Perelle-probably a typographical error - "Vues des Belles
Maisons de France" is listed twice, but there should be only
one collection of this title. It appears to be a splendid collection
for a "garden" library and not at all high in price. There is
some slight variation of course in the exact number of plates in
these collections but between 280 and 290 comprise the following:

Paris -probably 76 engravings

Versailles probably 64 engravings

Chantilly, probably 52 engravings

Miscellaneous chateaux probably 102 engravings

Rome, probably 18 engravings.

It would be - from the description - very worthwhile as these
engravings are rather rare."

6. Suecia Antiqua et Hodierna, 3 parts in 1 vol, 1660-1716, at ~~£116~~ £63/0/0

A fine addition to a collection of garden books, price probably right.

7. Tipping. English Homes, Period 3, Vol. 1, 1929 at £6/15/0

"I see no reason for getting one part of "English Homes" by
Tipping as this is not a rare work and it could be picked
up complete without doubt, especially from an English dealer".

"It is my recommendation the whole lot, except the 2-volume Price and
Tipping's English Homes (which can be secured as a set) would be very
valueable additions to the Dumbarton collection."