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Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Stover:

You see I am limping right at the start, but not because of my back injury; evidently the typewriter had a jolt while I was away and try as I will I can't seem to get the proper line on the capitals. My letter to Mrs. Farrand looks awfully messy too.

My month's vacation was a nightmare of anxiety and dread over my sister's illness; she has been very ill and I could think of little but try to contribute something to her creature comfort and try to keep her from worrying. I did, fortunately, have a week at Ocean Grove and a few days in New Jersey at the beginning of August, and it is a good thing I did as it helped me over many difficult places.

I am sending to you the expense account for my trip, over and above the \$100.00 which you gave me in July. It looks like a huge amount but I assure you I didn't go in for high and fancy dining. I assume Mrs. Farrand would turn the account over to you anyway, so I am not bothering her with the details.

I have been busy cleaning up the office and getting all the paper wrappings off the books and put on the book shelves and in proper order and already I am looking for more shelving. I repeat to you the list of books received, which I have included in Mrs. Farrand's letter also.-----

Gravetye Manor - Robinson- 1 large volume
Nash's Mansions of English in Olden Times - 4 vols
The Praise of Gardens - Sieveking
Hillies for English Gardens - Jekyll - 1 volume
Gilpin on Landscape Gardening
A Manual of the Coniferare- by James Veitch & Sons

Also - from Reef Point - Volume 1 of Mrs. Loudon's Perennials -- I have never had volume II and this is the one I forwarded to Reef Point in July and now returned to me.

From Chronica Botanica of Waltham Mass has come a wooden box of books but as yet I haven't been able to corral anyone to open it - as soon as I have examined them I will send you a list.

Please give my greetings to Miss Paulding, Miss Walters, etc.

Very sincerely yours,