

El Mirasol Hotel  
Santa Barbara, California  
August 26th, 1947

What a dear you were to write Robert for news of me! I was much touched. As he has told you, the worst is over, and we get off the 3rd certainly, but the 1st I hope, and sail the 11th definitely.

Will you be a lamb and send me a line - just a line - to Washington, to tell me what sort of yearly contribution I should make to the Garden Club of America? I see it is no particular type of membership, but contributions they are asking, and I also see that they have been receiving from me fifty dollars. Should I do more? A suggestion from you would be appreciated. Thank you, my dear.

I have now seen the director's house and a very happy Van Rensselaer wife and daughter in it. It seems to me quite perfect for their purpose, and I have the feeling that they will be extremely sorry if a new house is built and they have to move out. They are genuinely attached to it.

Things are moving well at the Botanic Garden, and the new County road is surfaced, and everyone seems pleased, and Mr. Van Rensselaer more reconciled to the loss of some of his trees.

I do hope the lumbago is going straight down and out! It has lasted too long. Can't the doctor cope with it?

Best love, dearest Trix, from

Your devoted

My grateful appreciation of yr. gift to D. Oaks must be written by the hand. The machine couldn't express how touched & pleased Robert & I both are. It is a characteristically charming & constructive gesture which all members of the Garden's Board will welcome for the time as well as for the gift.

Mrs. Max Farrand  
Reef Point  
Bar Harbor  
Mount Desert, Maine

Replying to yr. Aug. 22 letter. I am ever yours  
Sincerely  
Garden Board President  
D. Oaks

\*What a curious life! Reminded  
of my subconscious thoughts  
during D.O.'s undulations with  
heart & heart.