

March 17, 1950

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

Dear Mrs. Stover:

Your letter of the 15th came this morning in the midst of our first snowstorm this winter, just when things were beginning to pop out and now everything is covered with white but melting underfoot. It's a good thing the covers were not taken off the boxwood as it would have caused much breakage.

With regard to Dyke's IRIS, Mrs. Farrand wrote me in November, before she went to California (November 11th to be exact) saying that she had been fortunate in securing from Quaritch for D.O. Lambert's Pinus, Elwes Monograph on the Genus Lillium, and Dykes' Iris. As you know, we have received both the PINUS and the LILLIUM, and have been expecting the IRIS to come along in its time, but it would be a good idea to see if it really was ordered from Quaritch, so as not to duplicate such an item.

It has been stressed to me that I was not to bother Mrs. Farrand at all while she was in California, so you can imagine I have lost out in many ways. The Blissess left for Jamaica by air on Wednesday to be gone two weeks, so Mrs. Willgoose will not have an opportunity to tell Mrs. Bliss about Miss Shillaber's comments until she returns on April 3d.

Certainly I appreciate how much there is for you to see to, and I sympathize with you heartily trying to do 26 hours work in 24 hours, but someday when things ever calm down, I would like to hear from you, with any comments on things which concern us here. Later on too, I will tell you about the plan files..... I'm off to New York for the week end and to see the

Flower Show, returning here on Wednesday to see the show which Washington
is putting on. Mrs. Bliss has given me plenty of things to do while I am
in New York, she just can't seem to hear of anyone's going anywhere unless
she can find them a job to do on the way. By the way, did you ever hear
any more about the Stockbridge episode? Also, have you heard any rumors
that all was not going smoothly as regards the S.B. Botanic Garden? It was
just a whisper and I have no details. These asides are of course for yourself.
Don't wear yourself out, there are not enough people
with your energies, so take it easy.

Yours sincerely,