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Miss Anne Sweeney
3245 S Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

How nice to find your pleasant letter of the 26th of April awaiting me here. The main accomplishment is to have had the cards and the flip-flap actually in place and filled for the last Saturday afternoon even though there may have been a few doubts as to the kinds we would have chosen and their names.

The order went in for Gray's Botany and the Hortus so that you are wise not to have ordered the four dollar second hand copy you came across. It occurs to me that possibly one of the educational institutions, possibly the Georgetown University or one of the first rate High Schools might be able to give you the name of some good working botanist who would help with the nomenclature, or as I believe it is now called, the taxonomy and the identification of certain plants growing at Dumbarton Oaks which I do not dare include without scientific permission, so to speak.

Why would it not be a good idea for you to start on some follow-up cards and send me the possible list of them and try them out on cards, sending me, if you choose, some paper dummies of this tryout? After all we shall have to begin preparing for mid-May and June and those weeks usually mean the busiest and fullest of the season.

In a way I should like you to go ahead on your own rather than to wait for my suggestions and refer back to me any things about which you feel wobbly, as I do not want you to feel that I am a Gorgon waiting to pounce on a possible mistake. It seems to me tentative cards with names and arrangements would be altogether wise for you to go ahead with.

As to the journey to Williamsburg, it is altogether worth doing and whenever you can find a free weekend by all means go down, or arrange your work so that you spend the weekend in quiet at Dumbarton and go during the week to Williamsburg.

It was so nice being with you at Dumbarton and just as soon as my plans are made for Washington again you shall know of them. As I only got here a day or two ago nothing is really decided as yet.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand