

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
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Georgetown
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Mildred:

A couple of days ago a mysterious envelope arrived from your house containing a catalog of photographs in volumes you so angelically gave me in happy memory of all the months and years we have spent together at Dumbarton. Some of the lists are in Spanish and as this is not too easy for me to understand the Spanish list is returned. I am also returning the four carbon copies of the photograph index as I already have a copy of this and think you will want these restored to your files. Therefore, the only material being kept here is the little list in your pencilled handwriting of eleven pages and this will go back to you as soon as I have checked them with the list and can tell whether or not I hold the duplicate list.

Such a nice letter came from Maunsell Van Rensselaer a few days ago enclosing a notice that the Art Museum was making a drive for funds and saying rather pathetically that he thought the Garden was quite as well worth an effort to raise funds as the Art Museum, and that he was continuing to do his best and hoped you and I had had a really good talk.

Max wickedly lost a pound last week so we are putting him back on the cream and cereal diet to which he has so nobly clung for the last successful months. We are having what we call hot weather as we feel when the thermometer gets up in the 80s that we are really much injured and require commiseration.

We had a meeting of the Garden Club here last week and Girl Scouts met yesterday, and I believe we have another group sometime later this week, so Reef Point is trying to do its little duty. How much I have learned from you and your unselfish wisdom as to the future of Dumbarton Oaks.

Your ever fonder

Trix

Please don't forget that some day some one is going to send me the Greek inscription on the cortile loggia.