

BEATRIX FARRAND
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~~SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA~~ Bar Harbor, Maine.

November 4, 1942.

Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
Hot Springs Road
Santa Barbara, California

My very dearest:

The days go on and before long I shall be heading Dumbarton Oaksward and shall be with you in heart during all the few hours there. As far as now seems likely I shall go ahead and finish up the "odds and ends" suggested to you in the supplementary estimates: Supports for the terrior roof; Melissande Allee wall; Legs for the Terrior seat; Slimming of the Forsythia gate monogram; Revision of the D-terrace gate.

You will I know be glad to hear that the Museum tablet is nearly finished and you will lament poor Coles's accident to the historic tablet which all but cost him his life. Mercifully good Coles is uninjured except for a few bruises and hurt feelings, but it seems that the two side tablets got away from him on their trolleys and as he expressed it, "both of them fell on him". Sturdy little figure as he is I can't imagine anyone surviving such a crash. Bryce reports that he fears one of the tablets is too much broken to be possible to repair, but I am going into this with Mr. Coles and will definitely report to you when we happily meet in early December.

You will like to know that such a happy letter has just come from Miss Sweeney announcing the arrival of the Eucalyptus tree picture by Mr. Parshall. She seems so pleased, far beyond what her somewhat inexpressive countenance can express: just another one of the many understanding and enriching gifts you give to those near you.

There is more than a possibility of being able to revise the central historic tablet and before long I hope to have definite information about this which will at once be transmitted to you.

Miss Havey says she fears the cost of making the drawing for the sundial is going to seem to you rather over high as she thinks it may run to nearly \$200., but I am suggesting to her a method of having some of her calculations done which should reduce her own time and the consequent cost.

The master of the house leaves for Boston tomorrow to have a check-up made by his medicos. I truly think he is having this done as much to pacify me as to assure himself that all is as right as I believe it to be. He is definitely better and while no one at his age recovers from any intestinal ~~infection~~ with speed and light-heartedness, still he is really more like himself both as to spirits and digestion. So I have no fear for the verdict which I look forward to with a quiet mind.

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As you will see the itinerary is sent to you and will show you that a very tired and tattered Clementine and your Trix will arrive late at night and will roll into bed in Cottage No. 2 toward midnight on the First of December. The next morning I shall hope to telephone you, and if there is any elastic left in this old thing I shall hope to see you at least for a minute when I pull my head out of the unpacking truck, as Clemmy and I are doing the unpacking in advance of the arrival of Max who probably will not reach our abode until toward the end of the week.

This is but a dull and dry letter. I wish it could show you in colors the olive green of the heather patch between the morning room window and a tumbled, tossed, blue sea bordered by spruce trees, rocking in the first really cold autumnal wind of the season. It has beauty in its austerity and the structure of the oaks and the maples is to me ^{even} more beautiful than the summer leafy cloud.

Less than a month now, Oh Joy and what it will be to be with you again.

Your always devoted,

Trix

Max really does seem better —
His elder brother — Hilson — has
had a serious stroke — & cannot
ever be valid — so Max is expecting
news of the end — & with the knowledge
that it is the best thing for him — I can
know what it is to be the last —

Mrs. Bliss

MRS. FAREAND'S ITINERARY November 1942.

Nov. 15th	Sunday	Leave Reef Point on night train for Boston
Nov. 16th	Monday	New Haven, New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue,
Nov. 17th	Tuesday	New Haven
Nov. 18th	Wednesday	New Haven
Nov. 19th	Thursday	to Washington, Dumbarton Oaks, 3101 R Street, Washington, D. C.
Nov. 20th	Friday	Washington
Nov. 21st	Saturday	Washington
Nov. 22nd	Sunday	Washington
Nov. 23rd	Monday	Leave Washington at noon for New York Hotel Roosevelt, Madison Ave & W 45th
Nov. 24th	Tuesday	New York
Nov. 25th	Wednesday	New York
Nov. 26th	Thursday	New York, leave for Chicago
Nov. 27th	Friday	Chicago, Hotel Windermere East,
Nov. 28th	Saturday	Chicago
Nov. 29th	Sunday	Leave Chicago on The Chief for Calif.
Nov. 30th	Monday	Train
Dec. 1st	Tuesday	Arrive Pasadena at 11:18 A.M. go straight through to Santa Barbara that evening.