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Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy
135 Grace Trail
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Cudahy:

We started this week putting in grass seed, rolling the lawns and digging plant material. The frost seems to be pretty well out of the ground except in shaded places and is generally in good working condition except for field work. We graded the roads on the west side yesterday, but will be unable to do anything with the east side for several weeks, as the ditches are too wet.

Friday I helped to judge several of the exhibits at the Garden Show and in the evening Mr. Kammerer, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Godshalk came in as we were all invited to a dinner given by Mrs. Jaques at the tearoom of the Pier, and to remain for the Pre-View of the Garden Show. It was very enjoyable and it was the general feeling of all of us that the Show was better this year than ever before. While I was waiting for the rest of our party Mrs. Dynes came up to me beaming, and exclaimed that she had just received a nice telegram from you and a lovely bouquet of gardenias. It would have done you good to see her telling her friends, Mrs. Plamondon and others, about this word from you.

Our exhibit is more or less in a dormant stage as we were rather unsuccessful in forcing many of the things that we tried, due to the lack of heat in the greenhouse which we made use of in Downers Grove. We are just as well pleased that the forced material did not come, for the Forest Preserve exhibit was entirely of forced material and had ours come successfully we would have duplicated their exhibit. As it now is, we have many large trees and shrubs in the dormant stage and some of the Amelanchiers forced to a point where they fit in with the dormant material. They are all labelled, with identifying features listed on the labels. From expressions of Mrs. Dynes, Mrs. Plamondon and others, I believe our exhibit is very much worth while, and judging from the extent that it is used by the

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Flower Show visitors, they too, consider it worth studying.

As the lenses of our camera are not short enough in focus we are hiring Mr. Streater of Berwyn who is the official photographer of the American Forests magazine, to take pictures of our exhibit on Saturday, and as soon as they are developed we shall send them to you.

We used our new sprayer for the first time the day before yesterday, and it does a very fine job. We did more spraying in one day with it than we did with our old barrel sprayer in a week in times past. We have the sprayer mounted on the second-hand Ford chassis which we bought and the whole outfit painted green. It looks quite like a professional tree surgeons outfit. Our new dump truck and the tractor are a pleasure to work with too. They certainly make short work of jobs which ordinarily took several days to do.

I trust that work on your new Florida home is progressing satisfactorily. I feel quite sure we will have things looking satisfactory when you return North.

Sincerely,

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