

August 18, 1937

Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy
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Dear Mrs. Cudahy:

I wrote you a rather lengthy letter while in Washington, but I was under the impression that you were intending to be home from California August 10, so I sent the letter to your Lake Forest home. This morning I received your letter and the beautiful Redwood pictures and thought it best to write you a few lines so that you would not wonder why I had not written more about my eastern trip. I do not have my report ready covering the trip, but will give that to you when you return.

We arrived home Sunday night. Mrs. Godshalk is staying in Michigan this week with the children, as they spent the two weeks while we were gone in Upsilanti with Mrs. Godshalk's mother, and would have been disappointed to have to come home without having a week at the lake with my parents.

In Philadelphia we saw some very fine specimen trees at the Morris Arboretum. There were two trees that made a distinct impression on me. One was the twenty-five year old specimen of the Siberian Elm, and the other was a tree of the same age but was the true Chinese Elm. They had trunks nearly two feet in diameter and the general impression was that of old oaks which had been growing in pastures for a number of years.

The John Bartram garden, which was really the first Arboretum in the United States, started in 1728, was impressive. There were many old specimens of the original planting, and the old house which Mr. Bartram built himself has been preserved in good condition.

At Swarthmore we saw some very fine old specimens, especially of several types of Sycamores, Lindens and various Oaks. Our visit to Washington was very delightful. I was particularly impressed with the trees of Mt. Vernon. The rose collection of Mrs. Keays at College Park was rather a disappointment as the greater number of the roses are not labeled varieties. The old Van Fleet rose collection was interesting for the number of

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crosses which Dr. Van Fleet had made, but there were very few old fashioned roses of named varieties. We visited eight different rose gardens on this trip, and found twenty varieties which we do not have. I think our collection is more complete than any I saw.

When I returned I learned that Dr. Donald Wyman of the Arnold Arboretum had been here and was decidedly impressed with our Arboretum, especially the hedge collection. I understand that he is responsible for laying out the hedge collection they have at the Arnold Arboretum. I wish you could have seen it. I believe it is the worst attempt along that line I could ever imagine. I will tell you more about it when you return. Both Dr. and Mrs. Wyman had a trip through the Arboretum on our bus, and were so enthusiastic about it that they are going to recommend a vehicle of the same type for the Arnold Arboretum.

Last evening about five o'clock Mr. Ames also of the Arnold Arboretum was here. He has been here quite a number of times and called in on his way through.

I was sorry to learn from your letter that Mr. Cudahys sister's operation was not the success you had hoped it would be. I trust that there will be a change for the better, and that things will soon look brighter for you and Mr. Cudahy and that you will be able to return shortly for a little relaxation.

Both Mrs. Godshalk and I are truly very grateful to you for a most enjoyable two weeks' vacation in the east. I am sure the Bales had a delightful time, and I feel certain you will have an expression from them of their gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

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