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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,
207 KASOTA BLOCK, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Office of WYMAN ELLIOT, Chairman of Executive Board,
815 E. 18th Street,

Minneapolis, Minn. 189

AW Latham Secretary.

Dear Sir. I have ^{had} some correspondence with Prof N E Hansen on several horticultural queries which might be of some value to our members if published in the Horticulturist. Last March I wrote the Professor concerning propagation of hardy stock for use in the West and suggested that when he had found the tree that would stand ^{all the seasons} the climatic conditions ^{advancing} necessary this idea of striking roots from the cions by some feasible plan thereby securing roots & top alike, and a gain in weight and the letter of similar import about seedlings being grown from seedling ^{Hybrid} crabs. Following is his answer -

(Note you can change the above to suit your purpose if you wish)



Victor Nursery and Fruit Farm.

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Howard Lake, Minn., Aug 6-1900

W H Latham Secy
Mpls Minn

Can you inform me whether either North or South Dakota have an inspection law on nursery stock & what are the regulations, & oblige,

Traternally yours
W H Eddy

P.S. Mr B J Ahlgren told me the other day that he had not received the last years report yet W.H.E.

Sub 7. 24



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Howard Lake, Minn., July 23rd / 1900

A W Latham Deery
Mpls. Minn

Dear sir,
Enclose please find P. O. Money order
of 1.00 for the payment of membership
fee for the year 1900, for
Mr. C. J. Ahlgren Howard Lake Minn.
Kindly remember him with the
back No. & last ^{year's} report with premiums,
May I ask you of what kind of
soil would you consider best for
a strawberry bed, & the best time to do
budling,

Fraternally Yours
W H Eddy

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

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Committee on the Territories,

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., _____, 190
May 14/00

Mr. A. W. Lathan,

Minneapolis,

Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th. inst. at hand, and contents
carefully noted.

I am heartily in favor of the Brosius Bill, and when
it comes before the House, will support it, and will do all that is
possible to secure its enactment into a law.

It is a meritorious bill, and should be passed
without unnecessary delay.

Yours truly,

L. Fletcher,



Send to the Secretary for folder describing the Society and its work and copy of its Magazine.

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLOCK.

Minneapolis, Minn., 5, 14, 1900. 189

Friend Elliot:--Will you please look over and criticise the enclosed outline of the proposed program for the coming annual meeting?

I am sure it is too long and should be much changed.

This being the anniversary of Col. Stevens golden wedding, I sent him the congratulations of the society and a \$2.00 ^{on him} palmas a souvenir, of which I hope you will approve. I shall call in a day or two.

*Have been sick & out of the office
for some days. Did you call?*

Cordially,

A. W. Latham, Secy

May 19th

I have just returned from a ten days trip
into North Dakota among the stock ranges.
Will try to see you in a few days - and talk
over program re -

Sincerely
Wymon Elliott



State Farmers' Institute.

This season's Institute Corps of Instructors is equal, if not superior, to any heretofore sent out by the State in practical effect, for the improvement of the actual work on the farm and care of stock, so much needed in many localities. It is all FREE! No Charges! No Collections!

Mankato, Minn., 190

MINNESOTA FARMER'S INSTITUTES FOR SOUTHERN CORPS FOR THE SUMMER 1900.

Courtland,	Nicollet	County	Tuesday	May	22	
Walnut Grove,	Redwood	"	Wednesday	"	25	
Tyler,	Lincoln	"	Thursday	"	24	
Eagle Lake,	Blue Earth	"	Saturday	"	26	- Sent 5.24
Arboy,	"	"	Monday,	"	28	
Butterfield,	Watonwan	"	Tuesday	"	29	
Heron Lake,	Jackson	"	Thursday	"	31	- Sent 5.29
Avoca,	Murray	"	Friday	June	1	" "
Woodstock,	Pipestone	"	Saturday	"	2	" "
Sherburne,	Martin	"	Tuesday	"	5	" "
Granada,	"	"	Wednesday	"	6	} 12.6.5 - 9 a.m.
Easton,	Faribault	"	Thursday	"	7	
Alden,	Freeborn	"	Friday	"	8	
Grand Meadow,	Mower	"	Saturday	"	9	} Sent 6.9 a.m.
LeRoy,	"	"	Tuesday	"	12	
Fountain,	Fillmore	"	Thursday	"	14	} Sent 6.16
Hayfield,	Dodge	"	Saturday	"	16	
West Concord,	"	"	Monday	"	18	
Kenyon,	Goodhue	"	Tuesday	"	19	
Lewiston,	Winona	"	Thursday	"	21	
Eyota,	Olmstead	"	Friday	"	22	

Others may be provided for after this last date, in which case you will be notified as soon as arranged for.

Yours for SUCCESS,

J. C. Curryer.

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Mankato, Minn., April, 20--1900, 190

MINNESOTA FARMER'S INSTITUTES FOR NORTHERN CORPS FOR SUMMER OF 1900.

Marietta,	Lac-qui-parle	County	Tuesday	May	22	
Clarkfield,	Yellow Medicine	"	Wednesday	"	23	
Montgomery,	Scott	"	Saturday	"	26	
Amundale,	Wright	"	Tuesday	"	29	
Watkins,	Meeker	"	Wednesday	"	30	Sent 100 of 5.24.
Belgrange,	Stearns	"	Thursday	"	31	
Glenwood,	Pope	"	Saturday	June	2	Sent 100 - 5.31.
Hoffman,	Grant	"	Tuesday	"	5	100 each 24 for 6.2.1900 to J.C. Curryer
Wheaton,	Traverse	"	Thursday	"	7	
Ortonville,	Big Stone	"	Saturday	"	9	
Appleton,	Swift	"	Tuesday	"	12	
Sacred Heart,	Renville	"	Thursday	"	14	
Olivia,	"	"	Saturday	"	16	
Stewart,	McLeod	"	Tuesday	"	19	

Others may be provided for after this last date, in which case ample notice will be given all those interested.

Yours for SUCCESS,

J. C. Curryer,

Ass't Supt.

LIST OF PLACES AND DATES FOR STATE FARMERS INSTITUTES FOR DEC. 1899.

Monday, Dec. 4-

Leave Minneapolis at 9:00 A.M. Arrive at Park Rapids at 4:50 P.M.

INSTITUTE AT PARK RAPIDS, Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 5 & 6

Leave Park Rapids, at 8:35 A.M. Arrive at Long Prairie, at 11:00 A.M.

INSTITUTE AT LONG PRAIRIE, Thursday & Friday, Dec. 7 & 8

Leave Long Prairie, at 11:00 A.M. Arrive at Sauk center, at 11:50 A.M.
Sunday at Sauk Center.

INSTITUTE AT SAUK CENTER, Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 11 & 12

Leave Sauk Center at 1:05 P.M. Arrive at Alexandria, at 2:02 P.M.

INSTITUTE AT ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 13 & 14

Leave Alexandria, at 2:02 P.M. Arrive at Fergus Falls at 2:42 P.M.

INSTITUTE AT FERGUS FALLS, Friday & Saturday, Dec. 15 & 16
Sunday at Fergus Falls.

Leave Fergus Falls, at 9:50 A.M. Arrive at Elk River at 3:26 P.M.

INSTITUTE AT ELK RIVER, Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 19 & 20
on Northern Pacific P.M.

Leave Elk River at 9:48 Arrive at Royalton at 11:33 P.M.

INSTITUTE AT ROYALTON, Thursday & Friday Dec. 21 & 22

Leave Royalton, 1:37 P.M. Arrive at Minneapolis 4:55 P.M.

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FEB -5 1900

A. W. Satham

Minneapolis

Dear sir

Yours at hand announcing
that the letter I sent did
not contain \$1.00 in P. O. stamps
which I intended to send.
It is a surprise to me, because
the money was enclosed by
myself. I sent another letter
at the same time and am
positive that the stamps were
enclosed in one of the two letters
I wrote to Roberts regarding
the money misssent. Enclosed
you will find the reply I
received. Please search my
letter further if it does not
contain \$1.00 in sets P. O. stamps

If the money is lost
we will let it go until
next annual meeting I may
be present when I will pay
for a life membership
I do not feel like sending
another dollar neither have
have I received a copy of
the magazine since my
subscription expired.

If you have last years
report ready I wish you
would send it to me

Yours very truly
John Ekblott
Stockholm
Quinn

Preston Minn

Feb 6 - 1900

Mr A. W. Latham Sec
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir

I supposed I had written you but find I was mistaken. I do not wish to relinquish membership in the Society. If I renew promptly on receipt of your reply to this will I yet receive the bound volume of 1899 also Jan No ¹⁹⁰⁰ and as to premiums I would like to try a couple of Mr Gideons seedlings also could I get Premiums No 11 or any of those Premiums yet yours truly
M. V. Jacey

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Minneapolis, Minn.
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CLINTON MORRISON, President.

Newark, Ohio., Dec. 8, 1899.

A. W. Latham.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Ohio society returns Greeting from best meeting in our history.

W.W. Farnsworth, Secy.

8:21 a.m.

WE WILL SEND FOR YOUR MESSAGES.

CALL US ON TELEPHONE, MAIN 524 OR 1737.

THE NORTH AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO.

Office of

Frank B. Metcalf.

Register of Deeds.

Hennepin County.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb 15 1890

Friend Latham

I find that the administrator has been appointed
and the appraisers have inventoried the apple tree seedlings -
1100 seedlings as belonging to the Estate charged to the State
Horticultural Society - at \$22.00, So I should infer from
this that the amount due that would be due Ansel Gibson.
You had better correspond with Mr Clarence G Webster the administrator
and have his sanction the payment of the part due Ansel. ^{Everett} Respectfully Wm. Elliott

Oustitutus

Corona	Jan 9 + 10	} 1.59
Primitivo	11 - 12	
Modestin	16 - 17	} 1.15.00
Morton	18 - 19	
Anoka	23 - 24	} 1.22.00
Pruciton	25 - 26	
Blucor -	30 - 31	} 1.29.00
Montevideo -	July 2 - 3	

OFFICE OF
 RAILROAD EATING HOUSE
 AND
 Commercial Hotel.
 GEO. WELSH, Prop.

Dorton, Minn.

1900.

July, Meeting Institutes.

Montevideo	2 ∇ 3
Wilmor	6 ∇ 7
Litchfield	8 ∇ 9
Fairbault	13 ∇ 14
Shackopee	16 ∇ 17
H. Peter ^{22.00}	22 ∇ 23
Red Wood Falls ^{22.00}	26 ∇ 27

2,12.00 26.00

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON.

Feb. 24/00.

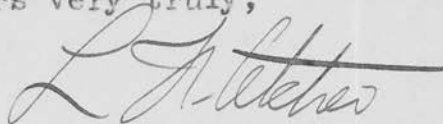
Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st. inst. at hand, and contents carefully noted. I have requested the proper department to furnish you with the information you desire, and trust that it will be received in due time.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. A. Fletcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very truly,".

2/26, 1900

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy

scarpis; can you give me the
pedigree of the miniatura apple? a
description of it, and your opinion as to
its value, & would oblige
me to know are there any new seedling
in apples or pears, with in your judgment
worth enough to be trying,

So kindly name them &
the source of supply. How does the New
York Standard stand in the society?

His now a resident of Mass?
Your reply will be confidential.

Yrs truly
J. C. Murray
Director

Red Wood Falls -

July - 26 & 27

LIST OF MINNESOTA FARMER'S INSTITUTES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1900.

MARSHALL,	Lyon	County	Thursday & Friday,	March 1 & 2
LUVERNE,	Rock	"	Monday & Tuesday	" 5 & 6
WORTHINGTON,	Nobles	"	Wednesday & Thursday	" 7 & 8
ST JAMES,	Watonwan	"	Friday & Saturday	" 9 & 10
JANESVILLE,	Waseca	"	Wednesday & Thursday	" 14 & 15
ROCHESTER,	Olmstead	"	Friday & Saturday	" 16 & 17

The winter round-up will be held at the last named place, where a grand good time is expected.

227.00
12.30.00
158.00
14.00



OFFICE OF

Register of Deeds

Hennepin County

FRANK C. METCALF,
REGISTER OF DEEDS.

FRANK J. PETERSON,
DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Minneapolis, Minn. July 31 1890

Friend Guthrie. This is a sample of a type written letter I have sent to the Ex Com & Pres Rembergast.

Dear Sir. I have secured the Order book in which are recorded all the orders of State Seedling trees that Mr Gidion secured on the State farm and sent out to two hundred and fifty different parties into twenty seven States in 1887-88 & 89.

The object of this is to put a trace on all these trees and learn if there are any of value from all that Experiment and further to secure due credit for Mr Gidion and the Experiment work in the past.

I wish you to make such comments as you deem fit, and if you favour the plan, criticize the circular letter and Question Circular, revising where needed. This is sent to all the Executive Committee and the President for their approval or rejection of the scheme and I hope you will write just what you think about it.

Respectfully
Yours,

I should have sent you a ^{type written} similar letter, but did not have enough
background - WE

I called at your office 1230 today found door locked.

Will try and call in a day or two -

THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

3-12-1900

Friend Latham -

My relatives are all greatly pleased with the books you sent & now have pictures of Uncle and Aunt in same volume, as I had suggested.

The niece in Kansas says she keeps all my poetry in same volume & Bro Orville of Cherokee Lawax says he has the book in place where they see it daily.

Have you any more copies to spare of the one containing Mr. T's picture? A brother of Mrs Carman is anxious to have one as his sister and husband have sold their property in Kansas & will leave that state soon.

Let me know soon please & also if you get the "Fruitman" of Iowa, that will have something from you.

L. M. Ford

MY WINTER PETS.

Oxalis Variabilis—White, Pink and
Lavender.

Oft I wonder where they found them,
If on hill or barren plains,
Or what mysteries surround them,
In the clime where Flora reigns;
And has strewn with lavish hand,
Forms so prized in every land!

Well I know they bloom in places
Where the genial sunlight shines;
Since they strive to hide their faces
When the God of day declines;
And my precious beauties sleep
While the stars soft vigils keep.

Purest gold from Ophir's mountains—
Callas from the sacred Nile,
Lilies found by Natal's fountains,
Never can this heart beguile
Like these pets of modest form,
That defy the wind and storm.

With the stately blue plumbago,
And the gems from Afric's Cape,
Some one brought to San Diego
These rare flowers of comely shape.
Now, in homes of other lands,
They are trained by jeweled hands.

In the realm where oft in battle
England's sons and Boers meet,
And like bands of frenzied cattle
Tread the dying 'neath their feet,
Reigns a queen we all must own,
Sitting on her flowery throne.

But of all the forms so glorious,
None are half so dear to me
As the pets that reign victorious
O'er fair homes about the bay,
Where Cabrillo long ago
Saw our golden poppies grow!

—L. M. Ford.

Jan. 22, 1900, on my 76th birthday.

THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

3-12-1900

P.S. - My old friend O. F. Brand stopped awhile with us 2 weeks ago, but I did not know him, & T. M. Swindle had to give his name. It seems he has brothers & sisters at Pomona, near a wide place your old neighbor Sheldon settled just before our San Diego Colony came to San Diego.

Brand says his wife is on the other side, where my wife, Brimhall, Iruin, Gideon, and now Mrs Mendenhall & a host of others. Dartt writes me that he is second time a widow. I think I wrote you about death of my bro Samuel in July last near Sacramento, and formerly of Cottonwood Co. He did not recover from La Grippe.

I am about the same and am overwhelmed with business & cannot get much good help nor part with. Am now testing over 100 sorts fl. seeds from leading houses East.

This week begin to plant Mina Sabata. & will have to dig up some beams of vines of tomatoes - Fr

MINA LOBATA.

[From the "Silver Gate."]

I.

Near my chamber window climbing,
There's a vine that sets me rhyming,
As I list to humming birds;
Ere the sun shines o'er the mountains,
Or his beams have kissed the foun-
tains,
Where repose the sleeping herds;
And the merry little creatures,
Come to me like angel teachers,
Better far than certain preachers,
Who beguile with honeyed words.

II.

Visions strange come o'er me nightly,
And gay forms seem tripping lightly,
Mid ten thousand sprays of flow-
ers.
And I hear the fairies singing,
As Queen Flora's train is bringing
Gold and rubies from her bowers.
Come now, tell me—O, ye sages,
Poring o'er your musty pages,
Where 'twas hid so many ages,
And who found this pet of ours?

III.

Peering down from triple stories,
Mina taunts the morning glories—
Scorning rose and jessamine:
Here it blooms into November,
And till rains of chill December,
Clothe the hills with verdure
green;
And it spreads in gorgeous masses,
Pleasing everyone that passes,
Stolid men and winsome lasses,
For its like they ne'er have seen!

IV.

'Tis at home in San Diego,
Overtops the blue plumbago,
But prefers the summer time:
Like the many-hued lantana,
And the monster-leaved banana,
Then alone 'tis in its prime.
Once we had a bonnie girlie,
Crowned with ringlets soft and curlie,
And she came each morning earlie,
"Just to see Lobata climb."

L. M. FORD.

San Diego, Nov., 1899.

Bozeman, Mont., Mar. 25, 1900.

Mr. A. W. ~~Latham~~, *Latham*

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22d to hand. I have purchased for setting six (6) of these trees, at (\$13.00 (per dozen. I believe if you would send the ^{right} party to see him, ostensibly to purchase, but really to ascertain the pedigree of the tree, on whose farm etc the tree was grown, he would give you what you want. In the meantime I will write him and see if he will give me any further information.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

A. W. Emery

Battle Lake, Minn.

March 28 - 1900.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,

207 Kasota Block.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: -

Have received 3 copies
of "The Minnesota Horticulturist,"
also a book Trees, Fruits & Flowers,
and have already found so many
useful things in it, that I would
not be without it.

In that book on Page 356 I read
about a kind of Fruit called The
Melon Peach, which is unknown
to me, and in this neighborhood.

Will you please tell me where I

can get Seed of the Melon Peach
and at what price.

I cannot find it in the Catalogues.

I generally dont like to try to
raise anything "new," which I see
so much Advertisements of in
the Papers, but this is no Advertise-
ment, and as I see, the Melon
Peach is a very nice Vegetable and
nice for the Table, I wish to try
it if I can get it to grow here.

I have thought to plant some
Strawberries & Tame Grapes this
Spring, what kind would you
advise me to plant here in the far
Northwest? (Otter Tail Co.)

Could you tell me where I can
get complete book on how to

raise Flowers, Roses etc. etc.

Do you have Garden & Flower Seeds for sale? if so, and you furnish any Catalogue, would you please be kind and send me one.

Will you please be kind and answer this letter as soon as possible, as I wish to get some Seed of The Melon Peach to plant this spring.

Inclosed please find Stamp for returning letter. Please answer.

Yours Very Truly

P. J. Franze
Box 83.

P.S. Please excuse me for making so many questions.

Battle Lake,
Minn.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON.

Mar 26/00

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd. inst. at hand. Owing to the pressure of public business, I was unable to look into the provisions of the Lous Bill, very carefully.

I have sent you under separate cover a copy of the bill, which will give you all the information you call for in your letter.

The bill has been recommitted to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, where it will die a silent death. Accept my thanks kind
for your expressions on my vote on the Porto Rican Bill.

Yours truly,

L. Fletcher

Preston, Tallmore Co, Minn
Mar 28-1900

Mr A. W. Latham Sec
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir

I will send the \$1.00
in a week or so as I desire to
retain my membership in the
Society. Kindly send premiums
in their season as follows

first the two seedling apple
trees from stock of late Peter M
Gideon also two of the following
premiums (Rearranged according
to desirability to me)

~~No~~ premium No 10

" " 11

" " 9

Premium	No	7
"	"	8
"	"	3
"	"	2
"	"	4
"	"	1

Kindly book me for the seedlings
and ~~and~~ the first two premiums
as given above commencing
at the top and running
downwards.

Kindly take a note of the
above then I need not
select when I remit the
money (\$1⁰⁰) besides I
realize your stock will be
more nearly exhausted with
each passing day

Yours truly

M. V. Facey



THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

1-6-1900
Friend Latham

I send you 80[¢] in
Stamps and names
of 2 more relatives
to whom please send
Volume with Mrs Ford
picture.

Orville C. Ford
Cherokee Iowa

Susie M. Ford
No 1714-16th Street
Sacramento
Calif

The first is our baby
Bro. of long ago and an
old settler of N.W. Iowa.

Had paralysis 9 years
ago, but nearly recovered.

Says he is now called
"old man Ford", is a
well to do merchant, but
like myself + niece
you you sent books to
has no children.

Susie is daughter
of younger Bro. Samuel who
came from Cottonwood
Co. + died in July last
from La grippe that

carries off so many
old people, here as well
as elsewhere.

FAREWELL TO THYRA.

Farewell! Farewell!
Are welcome words brave sailors
hear.
As the huge ship starts for Orient
seas;
A myriad voices now lustily cheer,
Till the sturdy Norsemen disappear,
And Thyra's sails catch the even-
ing breeze
From Del Coronado just over the
bay,
And Loma's Heights at close of day;
O many a watcher is heard to say
Farewell! Farewell!

Farewell! Farewell!
Croaks the ominous bird on snow-
white wing,
That welcomed gladly that proud
pioneer;
And oft may we greet our Belgian
King
With treasures the nations entreat
them to bring,
And join in asking a prosperous
career.
Now Thyra begins her journeyings
long,
For ports of Japan and far Hong
Kong,
And still we hear from rapturous
throng
Farewell! Farewell!

Farewell! Farewell!
Seems to come from forms of the
briny deep,
As we wave to the vessel a last
farewell:
Stars overhead nightly vigils will
keep.
And guardian angels protect when
asleep,
While Neptune goes forth dread
storms to quell;
Ah! many a prayer will go upward
I ween,
For the notable craft our people
have seen;
Like ours may harbors be safe and
serene!

Farewell! Farewell!

—L. M. Ford in Silver Gate on the de-
parture of Norwegian steamer, Aug.
22, 1899 amid the plaudits of many on
shore.

THE FORD TROPICAL MUSEUM,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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1-6-1900
I would suggest that you preserve the poems I send you as they may be needed some day in the future. They might all be laid in a volume that has my picture and sketch, or I will send you our new Magazine in which they may be kept as you think best.

You did not say if the poem on Gideon would answer your purpose; or how I can get 500 slips, such as I get here for 1¢ after type is set for the paper or Silver Gate.

I use these slips largely in many ways.

The poem was printed here but in such shape typographically that I did not have 500 slips made.

Besides, it made it too late for you as I waited for a printed copy to be in place of Manuscript.

Sincerely

L. M. Ford

WEDDED FOR LIFE.

In the State Where Divorces Are Not
Popular.

[From The Silver Gate.]

On the sixty-fourth anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smith's married
life.

San Diego, Calif., July 7, 1899.

I.

In old Vermont, where maples grow,
To mammoth size in spite of snow,
A youthful pair long, long ago
Joined hands and wed for life.

II.

O may the tribe of Smith increase!
These end their pilgrimage in peace,
Our prayers for whom will never cease
Since they were wed for life.

III.

God bless the fair Green Mountain
state!
The home of stalwart men and great,
And modest maids ne'er hesitate
To wed their choice for life!

IV.

Where Allen put our foes to flight,
And young George Dewey learned
to fight;
My angel wife first saw the light,
And wed her choice for life.

V.

No other land rears truer girls,
Such as we prize far more than
pearls,
Though Time may silver o'er the curls
That won our love for life.

L. M. FORD.

San Diego, July 10, 1899.

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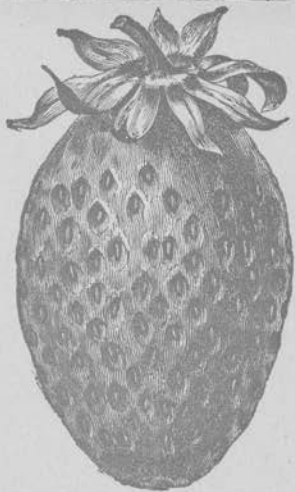
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Our dear secy
Are you short on fruit lists
or has it passed your memory
in sending same to me.

We received a nice covering of
3 in snow last night Fruit
looks well with us than far
Yours fraternally W. H. Edley



Root River Nursery.



H. C. Ellergott, - Proprietor.

Plants, Melons, and all kinds of Fruit in season.

STRAWBERRIES A SPECIALTY.

Lanesboro, Minn., Jan 5th, 1880

A W Leatham,
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir your circular is received
I wish you will continue sending me the
monthly Magazine, as I will renew my subscription
at the annual meeting of the Southern Minn
Horticultural Society at Albert Lea, if I can get away
to be present, if not I will send it in soon

Yours truly

H C Ellergott

HARDEST VARIETIES OF
FRUIT TREES,
EVERGREENS,
ORNAMENTALS,
SMALL FRUIT PLANTS

...FRUIT AND HONEY IN SEASON...

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DODGE COUNTY NURSERY,

W. E. FRYER, Proprietor.

LOCATED ON THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE,
BETWEEN KASSON AND MANTORVILLE.

Mantorville, Minn.

1900
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A. W. Latham

Mpls Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I send you by mail three pictures one of the strawberry field one of Mad. Plantin roses (this was only 2 yrs after they were planted) and one of Paeony.

If you have occasion to use the one where they are packing I will try and furnish a short article.

In closed find receipt.

What effect do you think the present conditions will have on the roots of young apple trees?

Yours Respectfully,

W. E. Fryer

THE FORD TROPICAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Feb 27th 99

Friend Latham

I notice in last Horticulturist that a good appropriation has been obtained for carrying the Society's work, and I conclude you are feeling pretty good over the matter with others who are interested.

You have not forgotten of course the promise made more than a year ago to bind a few volumes with my picture and Mrs. Ford's together. You suggested also that poem about our baby. He also bound with the same and 30 slips were sent you for that purpose.

After due reflection I am inclined to think it would be more appropriate not to bind in the slips, but merely place them in those extra bound volumes. I would be very much pleased to have copies of the poem placed in the volume with my picture. To a number of old members, such as Col. Stevens, J. M. Gideon, Grimes Mendenhall, and some others, who no doubt would take an interest in it for "the sake of an old Lang Syne" - I would be glad to pay you for any extra work the plan might require.

Kindly inform me about the the matter and what you think of this suggestion of mine. and, Not having
- G. W. D.

read a bound volume for last year I concluded they were not ready to send out.

I have a few relatives who are writing me about the promised book with see pictures. but I am unable to answer satisfactorily not knowing the exact status of the matter at your office.

It maybe possible for you to work in some pictures we are supplying certain magazines of late and for which they are paying me a good price. I have supplied one or two live publications and they are clamorous for more.

You see therefore how in my dotage, with a growing business, on my hand, what lots of work my hands and head have to do, in spite of the fact that a large part of my time is spent in bed, where my paralyzed leg. is so comfortable, especially if a warm brick is put in to get feet thoroughly warm.

I do all my writing in bed, by an east window, during cool mornings. Often on Sunday I remain nearly all day in bed, if cloudy, and temperature is low, merely going out to water a few things or look after a little greenhouse, built for orchids &c. Sometimes I write verses, one of which I send you, and which was printed in three papers.

Let me hear from you soon, and also about those rare oxalis that is now creating a sensation East & West. I shall have a picture taken in April. Sincerely yours
L. M. Ford

THE FORD TROPICAL MUSEUM
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

12-22-99

Friend Latham -

Please send for trial
the bound volume
with photo of Mrs. F
to Mrs Aurelia E. Carman

Rock-Kansas

Also to

Mrs Annie E. Gidney
Hillsdale
Mich

231 Hillsdale Street

I have a lot of Mag.
you sent with my photo
that I can send to the
above Nieces, who can
cut out photo & sketch
Enclose in volume being
picture of their Aunt
for a trial - It will
same postage and in
the year to come, one
volume might be
lost if they have
the two - as you have
suggested - I wish to
see how they like
this arrangement, if they
prefer the two volumes, we
can order later -

✓ mailed ✓
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MINA LOBATA.

[From the "Silver Gate."]

I.

Near my chamber window climbing,
There's a vine that sets me rhyming,
As I list to humming birds;
Ere the sun shines o'er the mountains,
Or his beams have kissed the foun-
tains,

Where repose the sleeping herds;
And the merry little creatures,
Come to me like angel teachers,
Better far than certain preachers,
Who beguile with honeyed words.

II.

Visions strange come o'er me nightly,
And gay forms seem tripping lightly,
Mid ten thousand sprays of flow-
ers.

And I hear the fairies singing,
As Queen Flora's train is bringing
Gold and rubies from her bowers.

Come now, tell me—O, ye sages,
Poring o'er your musty pages,
Where 'twas hid so many ages,
And who found this pet of ours?

III.

Peering down from triple stories,
Mina taunts the morning glories—
Scorning rose and jessamine:
Here it blooms into November,
And till rains of chill December,
Clothe the hills with verdure
green;

And it spreads in gorgeous masses,
Pleasing everyone that passes,
Stolid men and winsome lasses,
For its like they ne'er have seen!

IV.

'Tis at home in San Diego,
Overtops the blue plumbago,
But prefers the summer time:
Like the many-huedlantana,
And the monster-leaved banana;
Then alone 'tis in its prime.
Once we had a bonnie girlie,
Crowned with ringlets soft and curlie,
And she came each morning earlie,
"Just to see Lobata climb."

L. M. FORD.

San Diego, Nov., 1899.

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THE FORD TROPICAL HERBARIUM,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

12-22-99

The nieces whose names I send you to day have taken great interest in me since their aunts death and we have been writing about the volumes during the past year. Mrs. Carman thinks we ought to have several volumes since you have kindly offered to send them on payment of postage as they may be much prized by some relations hereafter. Though but few seem to take much interest in the matter just now.

Let me know on receipt of this how much postage will be on each & I will permit as money is sent me for this purpose. I wish to know also what you think of the combination I have proposed above or if you can name a better

OUR NORMAL SCHOOL

(For the Tribune.)

On the dedication of a building for training teachers at San Diego, Dec. 10, 1898.

I.

On these heights so fair and sigh'ly,
Let us raise the structure rightly,
Trusting in our fathers' God,
His right hand will safely lead us,
And with heavenly manna feed us.
If we keep the paths they trod;
Oft alas from others schools,
Send they forth some learned fools,
Who become of knaves the tools,
And obey their every nod.

II.

Marble palaces may perish,
With the fondest hopes we cherish,
Where men toil alone for gold,
If this plant we truly nourish,
Learning here will greatly flourish,
With her stores of wealth untold.
Here in time will graduate,
Men and women good and great,
Teachers for our noble state,
Who will wisdom's ways unfold.

III.

Some may hear a voice from Chico,
Others haste to Puerto Rico,
There to train a lordly Don,
Steamers from this bay will carry,
Maidens strong who will not tarry,
Till they reach the rich Luzon.
Some may find the Orient,
Wed a future president,
Or a rancher quite content,
With his herds at San Simon.

IV.

China's millions loudly calling,
Though mid dangers quite appalling,
Some may heed within these walls,
'Tis a noble consecration,
For the work in many a nation,
Where perchance stern duty calls:
It may be in torrid zones,
Cold Alaska, hot Ladrones,
Some may lay at length their bones,
Or abide in gilded halls.

L. M. FORD.

San Diego, Dec. 10, 1898.

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THE FORD BOTANICAL HERBARIUM,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,
12-22-99

Kindly inform me if
the poem on Gideon
was rec'd and if you think
it will answer your
purpose, when it will
be printed &c.

It appeared in one of our
papers here but all our
care and a type written
copy prepared by the
office girl, it appeared in
such bad shape I would
not send you printed
copy, nor have 500
slips struck off as I do
generally for free use
as you see, in care of
this and others.

I regret the blunder
as I need these slips, in
my correspondence.

Perhaps you can have
500 printed for me, if not
too long to wait.

I should use the Gideon
slips to to friends in Minn.
especially + to fruit growers
in this country and Europe
as I have an immense
correspondence, + it is
greatly increasing. Let me
hear soon + oblige. Yours sincerely
Ford

SONG OF A GOLD HUNTER.

On the departure of a vessel with passengers
for the San Roque placers, May 29th, 1899.

[Written for the Tribune.]

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O carry me quick,
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And nuggets in sand-banks abound.

II.

If Mexicans tax us,
We'll run for a cactus,
For there they grow into huge trees;
'Tis a desolate spot,
And at noonday it's hot,
But there's always a cooling sea breeze.

III.

The Sierras' great poet
Will be delighted to know it,
Since there he would not lose an ear;
It never grows cold
In the new land of gold,
And burros displace the reindeer.

IV.

We will live on tamales,
When chased by Rurales,
And defy them with poisonous thorns.
In that wonderful clime,
There are canyons sublime,
And toads are protected with horns.

V.

Now farewell, Seniorita,
I'm bound for the Anita,
That will sail for the rich southern mines:
And the land I'll explore,
For a treasure in store,
In spite of those treacherous spines.

VI.

And when I return,
Poor relations we'll spurn,
For then I'll be called "Millionaire";
But I'll never forget
My dearest Annette,
And my fortune and fame you will share.

L. M. FORD.

San Diego, California.

P.S.

12-22-99

In your last letter
you asked if I did not
often wish to see my
old home Minnesota
and old time friends.

I enclose copy
of my poem

"Dying Dream"
the last 3 verses of

which express my
feelings on that
subject. In my
poem about Mrs. D.

"In Memoriam"
I often allude to my
old home in the
"North Star State"
when so much our
lives were spent.

After his death, should
have gone back but
know I could not stand
the cold of winter or
heat of summer so
have they Hewitt labors
and dear - H. -

GOLD GALORE.

(From the Tribune.)

A man from Todos Santos Bay,
To San Diego came one day,
And some one heard him softly say,
"Gold Galore."

Concealed beneath a miner's pack,
He showed betimes a well-filled sack,
And said, when poised upon his back,
"Gold Galore."

His pace was slow and body bent,
While in his face was merriment,
As forth on wires the message went,
"Gold Galore."

They asked him where the dust was
found;
He answered not, but strode around,
And uttered oft the mystic sound,
"Gold Galore."

Some said the stranger was a crank,
Or had too much old mescal drank,
Though now he lugged to nearest bank
"Gold Galore."

He pointed to the sunny South,
Dilated on the season's drouth;
Still that same sound came from his
mouth,
"Gold Galore."

We saw him rush in haste away,
Nor would he stop another day,
Since they had found near Sau Roque
"Gold Galore."

Staid men went wild adown the street.
And if a friend they chanced to meet,
This strange man's words they oft
repeat,
"Gold Galore."

—L. M. FORD.

San Diego, Cal., June 10, 1899.

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Secy. C. W. Latham
Mpls. Minn.

Our dear Secy,
Will you kindly let me know what you can furnish me 2 or 3 hundred of those Premium Fruit-lists for. I believe they are a good list to hand out to any one interested in any way in Horticulture & may be the means of adding to our number in the society.

Yours fraternally
W. H. Eddy

(P.S.) "E" I have reference to the 1900 Lists

Sec'y A. W. LATHAM:

A. W. Latham

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Enclosed find \$ 100 in payment of annual dues to the Minnesota

State Horticultural Society for the year 1900 and

Name

James E. Ender

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P. O. 55 - Godahl

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Tear off at this line and send to Secretary with remittance.

I inclose herewith \$1.00 for
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Mr. A. W. Latham Secy.
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Austin Dec. 2. 199.

Dear Sir I regret to inform ^{you} that
owing to unforeseen existing cir-
-cumstances, I shall be unable
to leave home next week, and there-
-fore cannot attend the meeting
of the State Hort. Society. I have
turned over my credentials to my
alternate, Pres. J. C. Hawkins who I
hope can attend. Yours Sincerely
Jonathan Freeman.

G. A. F.

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THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

I have 2 nieces that
are very anxious to have
the book with my photo
and sketch of Ford family

Kindly let me know if
you have copies on
hand for them and if
so I will send money
to make them members
of the Society, as you require
to secure the volumes

This matter should
have been attended to
long ago, and must
not be longer put off.

Many things are put off
until too late. For some
time I thought to write
to my old friend Gideon
which I have not not
done since coming here &
now it's too late.

Kindly let me know
about the volumes &
much oblige your
old invalid friend

L. M. Ford

P.S. These poems I send
after I write on Sunday
in bed - for recreation
& variety in labor, as well
as for brain work.

J

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L. M. FORD.

San Diego, California.

Austin, Nov. 13 - 1899

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.

Dear Sir:

If you are not intending to publish in the Dec. No. of "The Horticulturist", the papers given at last winter's meeting of the S. W. Hort. Society entitled, "The Horticulturist, a Public Benefactor" and "Nature, God's picture-book", will you kindly return the manuscripts to me at your earliest convenience, as I wish to use them in other directions.

As an appointed delegate from our Society to the State Hort. Society, I hope to meet you at the December session.

Sincerely yours

Jonathan Freeman

Vice Pres't. Southern Wm. Hort. Society
Box 6. Austin, Wm.

D.A.F.

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Minneapolis,

Minn.

Dear Sir-

Your letter notifying me that I was chosen delegate to the Iowa meeting at Cresco, duly recd. I hardly think I can fulfill the position in the proper way but will try and do the best I can. I hope they will not ask me to prepare a paper for it in view of a task for me than some other.

Respectfully yours,
W. E. Fryer.

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PROPRIETOR OF
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and Fruit Farm.
HOWARD LAKE, - MINN.

Oct 17-1889
Dear Secy.
Yours of the 10th
to hand. My
subject is "Care of the Blackberry
plantations the second year
till after harvest." Has this any
thing to do with the disposing of
the fruit? Kindly let me know
Respectfully W. H. Eddy