



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Charles City, Iowa June 15-16

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis,

My Dear Sir and friend,

I was much pleased to receive your letter, was good of you to let me hear from you again, you have so much writing to do that I am sure that it is quite a tax at times, on your time and strength to write letters.

I seem to find it more difficult each year to write any thing. Cares increase, and strength decreases.

Though I am happy to say to you, that of late I seem to be gaining both in health and strength. A little more

knowledge of self, and how to live and eat aright is I think the secret of increasing health.

Through some mistake or blunder I either lost or mislaid your letter

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So that I do not find it, however,
I remember its contents,

Mr. Keallogg made me a good visit
and I believe was much interested in
what he saw here, and I am obliged
to him for writing you as it gives
me more hope that you will come
and see me some time during the sum-
mer. I'm sure you will note quite
a change here, and it will do both you
and me good if ^{you} come. It is so easy
to get here from your City.

Leaving there in the morning and
reaching here at 3-4 P.M. by the Ill.
Central, and going north at 11-33 A.M.
So if you must hurry back you will
only be out one night. And I have
a good room for you, and will give
you as good care as we know how.
So, I don't see how you can find

any excuse for not coming, at any rate I shall be looking for you.

You can also leave here at 2-10 on the Charles City Western and get the Rock Island at Marble Rock which gets to your City early in the evening.

But we will want you to stay two nights and so take it easy, and get better acquainted and see more of our beautiful little City.

Here we have all sorts of weather even in our day. Rain, sun, snow and hail, the latter more frequent than usual this Spring.

Very truly yours
Chas. G. Patten

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NEW ULM, MINN.,

April 24, 1917

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We have received 1000 Strawberry plants and 1000 Raspberry plants and notice from Mr. Haralson that they are No. 4 Strawberry and No. 4 Raspberry.

Your offer was for No. 3 Strawberries and we suppose we got No. 3 but in order to be sure what we have, we wish you would kindly ascertain and let us know whether we have No. 3 or No. 4 Strawberry.

Yours very truly,

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LA CROSSE, WIS.,

4/4-17

Mr A. W. Latham;

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Mr Latham;

Wish to thank you for sending out also for your kind letter to mother.

Am enclosing clipping from local paper and have asked Mr Frank B. Gessler of Bangor Wis and Wisconsin agriculturist of Racine Wis to forward cuts which they have of father to you thinking you no doubt will want to use them.

Mother likes both of these cuts better than any of the others, one being ^{from} the last photo he had taken and the other from one about 20 years earlier.

If you do not receive these cuts in due time please let me know also if there is any other information you wish will be pleased to furnish same -

Yours very truly,
G. C. Philips

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Charles City, Iowa, *Mich, 3d-17*

Friend Latham.

Thanks for
your much appreciated letter of
Feb. 22d. In looking over my paper
on the Pear, presented to your
Society I noticed a correction or
two, if not too much trouble, would
well to make.

On first page 2d. paragraph and
4th line, strike out, "for a long
period of years."

Next line 3d. and 4th. words, read,
"these trees." It would make the
paper more clear and stronger had
I here stated that the Sangworth

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trees are still standing on the open prairie where the grove was planted, and though severely racked by a Cyclone in June 1908 are now in fairly good bearing condition."

I am likely to date not to interfere with your arrangements, but thought best to write you.

That Cyclone, and the great-hail storm which came the next June practically put me out of business, and only that I had sons who could help settle up, and some good friends who helped me

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Charles City, Iowa,

Secure the aid which I have had
I would have been unable to carry
on the work that ^{is} dear to me, and
useful to a multitude.

These last-years have been
a struggle, and as yet I see nothing
else in sight.

Am hoping and
trying to get stronger for
next seasons work, but - can't
tell. Will be glad when I can
walk again on dry ground.

Very truly yours
Chas. G. Patten

A. J. PHILIPS

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WEST SALEM, WIS.,

3/25

1917

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Mr Latham:

We had intended writing you before of father's death but owing to the fact that he was in the hospital at La Crosse when the end came, there was much to do and we neglected writing.

He was taken sick very suddenly three weeks from last Monday and suffered a good deal until we got him to go to the hospital where they immediately relieved him so that he spent the greater part of his illness in comparative ease. He grew weaker day by day in spite of all that could be done and passed away very peacefully at 1.30 P.M. Thursday March

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reads.

Mother was constantly with him until the end and it was very hard for her to see him go after spending so much of their lives so agreeably together.

We would be very thankful to you if you could let his many Minn. friends know of his death.

Also would like to know if you still have the large cut of him which you used some time ago in the Minn. Horticulturist if so will you please send it to us by return mail as the local paper would like very much to use it this week. We will see that same is returned to you if you so wish and will also send you copies of papers from here and La Crosse containing notices of his death.

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We all wish to thank you at this time for the many kindnesses shown father and assure you that we shall always remember you as one of his closest friends.

Yours very truly
A. J. Philips

P.S. Please address cut to Mrs A. J. Philips
West Salem, Wis.

Holt, Minn.,

March 8, 1917.

Dear Mr. Lantham,

May I have the following books as a loan from the library?

- 1- Making Gardening pay Case 47 No. 34
Gardening Month by Month - Sedgwick

If the second book is not available you may substitute, -

Productive Vegetable Gardening Case 11 No. 29

Could I possibly have a copy of "Trees fruits and flowers" for 1915? That volume is lacking in my collection.

Yours respectfully,

Emil Prushek,

Prin of Schools

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Charles City, Iowa, Jan. 17-17

Friend, A. W. Latham, your letter
of the 14th is at hand. First I will
reply that if I received a later number
of the magazine than ^{the} January No. I
cannot find it. I of course knew
Capt Reed, but never felt acquaintan-
ted with him as with some others.

It seems sad that the really good and
useful have to die, and sometimes
and some times, just at the height
of their usefulness. Such has been
the result in the case of one of our
close friends, tho, not by blood related,

I broke down, so that I was not
able to attend our Iowa meeting.
For some reasons I felt badly
about it. I had prepared two papers
for it. I felt considerable interest-

Feb. 20, I supposed that had mailed this letter. Yesterday forenoon
brought us about 8 inches of snow, mild, bright and pleasant to day

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in showing to some of our membership that, though counted by years and strength I am getting old, yet by thought and purpose I am about as young as any of them.

For seven years I have been much interested in the Park work of our City. One year before our Park Commissioners were elected, and my six year term closing the last of next month. The first four years I was Chairman of the Board.

Always have been active, and in the closing days quite as much so as at any former time.

Am pleased to say that with care I am much better than all the latter part of summer and even up to the first of December.

As with your winter has been long and cold, mostly moderate winds.

As to pears, I have a few only of my Seckel Seedling No. (1) ^{top worked} on three year trees. And the same of three or four sorts of good pears suited to plant here and south of me.

Think my No. one would do for your latitude on these hardy trees.

I should have multiplied two or three of my Chinese-Communion crosses for distribution into your State, but have not. Since aid came from the Department, and rather spasmodically from the State, I have no doubt been too hopeful, along that line, and have not studied the commercial side and pushed several things that I have. Have not felt at liberty to do. And now am awaiting action by State to know how to act. Does not look hopeful for me now in my declining years and finances as well. Have quite a lot of two year cross bred Pear on these extra hardy trees, but yet do not know how to act.

Thanks for your letter. Sincerely yours, Chas. G. Patten

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St. Paul, Minn., *Feb'y 14th 1917*

Mr. A. W. Latham

*Dear Sir, I am returning herewith notes on
L & A discussion at the late meeting and have
made some corrections which I think will make
the paper read better.*

*As regards Mr. Baldwin's remarks
on the storage of celery around Chicago - I
think you had better send that to him for
correction. Personally I believe I comprehend
what he means, but the notes are so confused
as to be altogether unintelligible and I would
not like to presume to cut them up to the
extent I consider necessary. There ~~are~~ ^{were} two
systems of storage referred to - one in the house
cellar and the other one outside storage but the
notes do not indicate this -*

Yours very truly

Alfred Perkins

Nov. 3 - '16

My dear Mr Latham, -

Your of recent date came to-day, and will say in reply that I will be very pleased to be with you this year, on Dec. 7th and I will remember to select my members with a view to shortness.

I am glad to be remembered this year, as I have had a very hard blow, this summer, and finances are low, so am anxious to

git all the workd can.

My mother fell on July 4th
and is still on crutches, so
with all the expense that
brought, my summer was
a very hard one.

Could I have a supper ticket
for myself and escort?

Thanking you again
I remain

Very Sincerely,
B. Maude Pratt.

P.S. - If you wish the names
of my numbers for programs,
let me know and I will
give them to you.

Holt, Minn.
Nov. 29, 1916.

Dear Mr. Satham:

Enclosed find a draft for \$10
for life membership in the Minn Horticultural
Society.

If the plant premiums for the
coming year are the same as last I
should prefer # 2-6 Chrysanthemum and # 12-3
Hybrid plums.

Kindly send plants in season
to my address at Cuyuna Minn. Reports
and other literature kindly address
Holt Minn.

Yours very truly

Emil Prushek.

Prin of Consolidated School

Nov. 28 '16

My dear Mr Latham, -

The banquet tickets
came this morning,
thank you very much,
I am enclosing the names
of my selections.

The two poems "Advice"
and "The Tail of a Trail"
are real short & hit are
very good; that is, they
have a good helpful
thought, to love, and I
like those things but,
so I hope they will please
you. Miss Pratt,

Dec. 23-16

My dear Mr Latham, -

I received the
check for 5-00 and am enclosing
the receipt. If you will
look the matter up you will
find that I was paid 700
the last time, and 600 the
1st time, I appeared for your con-
vention. You asked me this
time if the same you paid
the last time would be alright,
and as I had to have accompan-
iment, especially for the rebustering,
I was surprised to receive the 5-00
only. You no doubt, did not have
time to look it up, but you will see
that I am right. Sincerely,
Bertha Maude Pratt

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NEW ULM, MINN.,

Jan. 10, 1917

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We can use to a good advantage folders of the Minn. State Hort. Soc. with fruit list for 1917, 2 thousand copies.

We are willint to have you put us on the list of Nurserymen that are to send 50¢ worth of Nursery stock to those securing new members as per yours of December 18th.

You may send on the folders any time you have them ready.

Yours truly,

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Charles City, Iowa, Feb. 1st-16

A. W. Satham

Dear Friend,

I have been thinking of you and wanting to write for some time past; but until recently have had no gimp in me. On the whole this winter I have been pretty tender, not seeming to have any strength to impel me to act, so for a good many weeks I have only written an occasional letter. But with much care of myself, and the help of a good Osteopath I am, for the last two weeks picking up a good degree of strength again, and think that I shall be able to go on again as usual. Had I not been blessed with remarkable vitality I could not have successfully battled against my physical ills so long.

I believe that when I was there we were talking of breakfast foods and that I told you of "Cream Alaska," common now in

Friend Latham, I did not intend to
write at such length. But did
intend to write you of the death of my
long, long time friend, Captain C. S.
Watrous of Des. Maine. He passed away
on Feb. 9th. after a brief illness of bron-
chial pneumonia. He had been in
feeble health since about a year ago.

I am greatly saddened by his death
and that of Col. Brackett. We had been
a trio of men who at the beginning
of our acquaintance about forty
years ago who saw the future of
horticulture alike and worked
zealously for its development.

Also since I saw you my Brother's
wife has died. All in all the many
separations during the last year make
me feel as though I am walking
more and more alone.

Of course we know these are but natural
changes, and so we should go forward
in hope.

C. G. P.

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Charles City, Iowa

groceries, manufactured at Lemars, Iowa, for me it is one of the best that I have ever found. But recently, I have mixed about one fourth part of "Uncle Sam" with it, cooking it together and find that the flavor is improved, and I believe the oily blast, and Celery that is in it make it a better food than when used separate.

I guess I need not make any apologies for writing this to you, for we old veterans have to be tinkered up occasionally if we can't time to do good service. And while I am no medical man, I am a sort of foodologist, and always glad to help a friend.

There is a point in our Experiment work to which I wish to call your attention, and perhaps you can use it. I would like to talk to some others of your men, but feel some what delicate about doing so.

It is in the matter of the pollen used in crossing our fruits. Mr. Harison

said to me a year ago when I was at his
place that they had top worked a large
number of the best apples of the East.
And naturally, I suppose for purposes
of cross-breeding. Recalling my expe-
rience in top working such varieties
as Mine Say, Jonathan, Black Jelliflow,
New Town Pippin, Roman Stem, Flushing
Spitzenburg, Sweet Bough and Grimes
Golden. It is as much as the best of
them can do to get through our winters ^{even}
tolerably. They do not ripen, as in their
native home. They are small and scrubby,
and very shy, and mostly slow in bearing.
Their juices are not perfected and hence
are so low in quality that compared with
the perfect specimens where they originated
one would not know them. Grimes and
Roman Stem bear best, but even they when
grown here are ^{not} fit to furnish pollen for
use here, because they are 25 per cent lower
in quality when at their best here, than they
are when grown in the latitude of Des. Moines.
Therefore, when grown out of their natural
or original conditions their pollen must partake
of their degenerate character. I sincerely hope
that this will find you in health, Your obedient
servant
C. G. Patten

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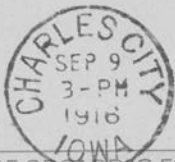
Our fruit was terribly whipped, and
down every where

Charles City, Iowa

Sep. 11-16

Dear Mr. Latham,

I am enclosing
you a box of plums, not
up to their usual standard,
the most serious drought
seen here in many years, fol-
lowed on last Thursday evening
by a sixty mile wind, and
heavily hail makes it almost
impossible to select perfect
fruit. But I thought I would
send you some plums even
though they were not two aver-
age years. If you see any
thing unusual in fruit some
time you may return the package
Very truly
Charles G. Patten



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis
Minn.

not 32 ✓

Chas. City, Iowa

Sep. 9-16

Dear Sir,

I send to day a little
box of my Sichel Seedling No. 1
there may be another sort of Pear,
I guess the No. 1 will be eatable
next week. Put up in great herry
tree very full high winds blow most of our
fruit down.

Cordially Chas. G. Totten

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Charles City, Iowa Aug. 16-19

A. W. Latham,

Dear friend,

I have been thinking of writing to you for a long time. I hope that you have come through the extreme heat of the season with strength and health unimpaired.

I am really quite well now, but heat came nearer being too much for me. Am not as strong as in former years, but in better general health.

I should like very much to attend both the Iowa and Minnesota State fairs, but scarcely know if I dare trust myself to do either.

We are suffering here with the drought. Fruit is small as a result

Fruit-drops for lack of moisture
considerably

Your July number
of the Horticulturist is very
interesting. I must read it more,
and again. I have enough in
the Dear alone, I feel certain
to interest your people.

Please remember me to the
horticultural friends whom you
may meet.

Sincerely yours,
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Charles City, Iowa

Comparatively few new apples this year and only about 30 per cent of plums. Have quite a number of Pears, tho like all other things they are sure to be somewhat undersized, it is so dry here. Late potatoes bid fair to be a total failure for lack of rain.

I have very much wished that you could come and spend a day with me. Bringing with you if possible Dean Wood of your College. Can you not do it? Get here at 3:17 P.M. on Ill. Central. The day train returning is at 11:25 A.M. If the Dean of your College could not come, likely Prof. Leady, or Wellington, or Mr. Dutch might come with you. I surely hope that you may be able to do so. I would meet you at the train. Our trees are the whole look fine, but

Aug. 24, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham
Sec. Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir;-

I wish to thank you for
the check for \$1.⁰⁰ in payment of
a premium on flowers which
you sent to me two weeks ago.
Please excuse my tardiness
in acknowledgement of the same
which was due to my absence
from town.

Sincerely yours,
Marion Prest.

1713 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

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Charles City, Iowa Sep. 23-16

Dear Mr. Latham,

Your letter of the 20th, is received. Very glad to hear from you, but it seems quite too bad that you should have experienced unfavorable weather conditions, when you journeyed so far to visit a brother, I have one in California, who is now seventy six years old, whom I should highly pleased to see again, but it is not at all probable that I will. I feel that I am getting old, and cannot take the chances of long travel as I have done. Am still active and laboriously thoughtful as one has to be in this particular. Special

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work to which I am really tied up to. Only that apples have been a good price this year. The fruit-man would have a most unsatisfactory year. But to the specialist like myself, to have a large part of his first fruiting nearly all destroyed by storms it is quite discouraging. At this season, a year ago needs four hands instead of two, the really interesting experience this year has been with Pears.

This I had sent you a box, which I hurriedly put up, as so few of them were left free from hail damage. But I wanted you to see and know some thing that I am doing with this fruit. When I go around my grounds and see the number and variety of effort

which I have with them, I am surprised that I am so far along with this fruit.

My Seckel seedling is very valuable. It will be in use some three or four weeks. Hardy, free of blight and prolific. I have another Seckel seedling fruiting a little this year which I believe will stand your winter climate, red cheeked, and good, which I prize very highly, in this breeding work, as it has this extremely hardy Chinese blood in it.

In the box you will find a little writing on the wrappers

Wish Dean Wood might see them and Mr. Underwood or some other of your leading men.

I could not send to as many as I wished to as I have not the strength, and fruit so injured, you will see some of the hail marks on them, without wrapping are 3 winter Vels, that grow on Orleans

Hope they will reach you in good shape
Very truly yours
Chas G. Patten

been. The apples heretofore have been very large.

I have no good place in which to keep the apples. If you think this seedling is worth considering and would like to see the fruit, please let me know immediately, how and when to send a sample of the fruit to you.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Mary G. Price.

Oct. 9, 1916

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Mr. Latham;

On Sept, 23 you wrote me a letter asking if I would lead a discussion on "The Vegetable Garden". You do not say wether this talk should be along commercial or home gardening lines. I wish you would write me which phase you wish discussed.

I am sorry I was unable to answer you before but I have been to Chicago attending the convention of the Vegetable Groewrs Association of America and have been too busy since I returned.

Saturday My father received a letter from you in feference to this matter, now I wish to know wether it is my father or myself that you wish to lead the discussion.

Yours truly

Alfred G. Perkins
1780 Wakefield Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

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STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MADISON, WIS., Oct. 3, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

My Dear Mr. Latham:-

According to my promise of earlier date I offer the following suggestions for your program or rather offer you the following people: N. A. Rasmussen, R. D. 5, Oshkosh is the most successful market gardener we have in Wisconsin and can also talk. You will make no mistake in securing him for your program even if you did have him last year. If you don't care to repeat call on Herman Christensen, 1625 Ninth St., Oshkosh who is also a successful market gardener.

Our delegate to your Convention is D. E. Bingham of Sturgeon Bay who has done nothing but grow fruit for market all his life. He can give you a paper or talk on any branch of commercial fruit growing. He has been an Institute lecturer for several years.

I want to recommend also W. J. Moyle of Union Grove who has a decided impediment in his speech but in spite of this will talk enough and to the point. He is a peculiar individual but I am sure you will be pleased with him. Ask him to talk on roses or some subject in connection with the improvement of farm homes. His particular hobby is the Hybrid Rugosa roses. He is a nurseryman but his specialty is ornamental horticulture.

One of the clearest and most concise talks we have had on spraying was given at our convention last year by Geo. F. Potter

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct 10th 1916 -

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of Sep. 23rd in regard to leading a discussion on "the Vegetable Garden" - You may put me down for this -

I will take up the matter referred to in yours of 29th Sep. (program) with parties mentioned, at our meeting next Saturday and write you first opportunity - I think we can depend upon the parties named.

Yours truly

A. Perkins

A. J. PHILIPS
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
WISCONSIN HUMANE AGENT

WILLS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS EXECUTED

WEST SALEM, WIS.,

Oct 6

1916

Mr A. W. Satham
Minneapolis Minn

I wrote a long letter to Geo Kellogg some 4 weeks ago and told him to allow you to read it and thought it would bring tidings from your backward - but interesting pen - but alas he told me in his recent visit that he did not see you after he received it. so I will scratch a few lines. The man who has exhibited those fine seedlings wants me to show them again this year - but tho I am well and hearty I begin to think your Society has paid out about all it can afford to for me and those seedlings for all they can get out of us. they dont seem to attract the love

the attention of Groovers - as
new seedlings once died, they are
better in quality than they are in
looks - I see your list are about
the same as last year - well I
am working some with my
weak pen, to help Elect a staunch
Prohibitionist Governor of Wis
but of course it will fail - but I
will have satisfaction of knowing
I have voted right - I have raised
about 3 Bu of Plums + 8 Bu
of apples on my home lot here,
in the village, much against my
wishes + desires, I have advertised
my home containing nearly an acre
of Garden, Lawn, Flower beds +
for sale. We spent nearly 4 months
in La Crosse last winter + enjoyed it
city heat, water, gas for cooking
wife has a Bro, there and we have
2 sons in Business, so the attractions
are drawing us - 83 in 10 days
warns me that we must take it
Easy - We are both well and
enjoy our family and friends
very much and guess you do

Dear Latham -

the same. - did you see the
Horse story I wrote in Farm
stock & Home if not I will
send you one. When I start
writing I write plain enough
for anyone to read but when
I have progressed a while, it
will trouble a good reader
to decipher it. Kellogg made
quite a tramp last summer
he seems to enjoy it - I showed
a few apples at the La Crosse
Fair, had one tree that had nearly
2 Bbls of N W Greenings on it, we
have a short cake each week
from our Ever bears, and
are enjoying life as well as
old people can. If you have
a chance show this to Wedge
Patten seems to be busy as ever
but I am getting lazier every
day and trying to do less.
cut my own wood for (over)

Exercise sleep and eat
well, I think of my old friends
and have been thinking of
writing an article telling about
the different men and some
women I have known but
then the thought comes it would
be so long no one would care
to read it - so I quit thinking
about it, I think of it - I have
slept with, Gideon, Gaylord, Goff
and Grimes - that is only in the
letter G - and when I take up
the rest of the alphabet, it occurs
me, I then I've known, Latham, Lord,
Loring, and Little - and then I
add to G. Green, who it is -
a happy thought that I once knew
but I must close -
With my best wishes for
you and yours by saying we have a
daughter with us just out of the
Hospital & we are caring for her ^{yours} a Philip

West Salem Oct 13-1916

Friend Latham

Will say in reply to you last, that I could not well refuse the invitation you sent me to attend the 50th anniversary and will say that barring sickness I expect to accept it providing I can have a room at the West Hotel providing I can have a room with a toilet in it as I usually have to get up once or twice in the night and it is much pleasanter to have such a room than to go meandering about the Halls. I can always get such a room at the Vendome. Still I enjoy being with the Crowd, and I will try and get up something appropriate that will please the Crowd regarding Horticultural Pioneers of the Northwest, 50 years takes it back to 1866. I think I began about 72 or 74. I want you give me a few back pointers my first meeting was at Umina but I would like the exact ^{date} of that meeting and I want the date when you commenced holding them in Minneapolis. We held a meeting there at the old college when Gideon, ^{over}

was born again and became reunited
with the society and that Lake City man was -
see. I have forgotten his name, you can -
give it - give me the place the soc met
prior of going to Minneapolis and I can handle
the rest, as my paper will call out no
discussion I ought to have 20 minutes
as it will necessarily be somewhat lengthy
and I will try and make it interesting
to hurry it & will try & get it typed
written. Either send it to you or have it
done here I will read it carefully and
endeavor to come within my time limit
I am 83 next Tuesday, - and I may
not inflict any more papers on
your society. so I shall expect
the 20 minutes if it is not asking
too much. If my memory serves me
right this will make some 40 meetings
of your soc I have attended who has
attended more well, hoping for a
successful meeting. I am yours
truly
A J Phillips

I expect to show the seedlings not from Paraboo
but from La Crosse Co, & will bring some
crosses of the best - to use in your breeding farm^{ad P.}

A. J. PHILIPS
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
WISCONSIN HUMANE AGENT

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WEST SALEM, WIS.,

Oct 15

1916

Dear Friend Lathau,

Yours of yesterday rec^d. this a.m. and I will hasten to reply. Your idea of my paper coincides with what I had in mind, not so much what your older members had done to advance the cause of Horticulture or to give the success of your society, which can be done by a man familiar with the work in your own state, "yourself perhaps." But for me to give from memory. Many of the names of prominent pioneers of the north west in Horticulture which might include your state and perhaps 2 or 3 from Iowa & the same from Wisconsin, and give a short description of each it would needs be short as it would include so many. It would include some humor and much valuable good sense over

I might make a failure of
it but I flatter myself that I
could interest your audience no
matter how large it might be -
Some times I think - I might re-
spond to the Loast, The Pioneers
of Horticulture in the north west
and please a different audience
than a purely horticultural meeting.
What do you think - I am com-
ing if my health is spared so I
can come for the Express purpose
of pleasing you and let the effect
on the audience be what it will
The things I care to know is the
date of the meeting on the old Cal-
lege grounds when Eideon & wife
were present and ^{re} united to the
society - and the date of the first
meeting I attended at urivona when
Prof Porter or Truman Smith was presant
& Lacy was secretary and refresh
my memory as to the name of the secy
who lived at Lake City. Let me know
about the west Hotel then I will not write
the vendome - and arrangement about the
talk - will be satisfactory yours as ever as Philips

Jan 18. 1853

1876

9. 4. 1876

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct 25th 1916

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis

Dear Sir,

In further reply to yours of a recent date respecting the program for the forthcoming meeting.

I regret to say I have not seen either of the parties referred to, but as I have no doubt that they will prepare the papers they promised last year, I would suggest that you write them direct.

Yours truly

A. Perkins.

Frank Gleason, West St. Paul, Minn.

Rt Box 31
"Growing Celery"

Charles Hoffman
White Bear Minn, Rt
"Growing Radishes"

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Northeastern Iowa Horticultural Society

29th Annual Meeting to be held in Waverly, Iowa
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Charles City, Iowa,

Nov. 1st - 16

Mr. A. W. Satham

Dear Sir & Friend,

Kindly give me the date of your State meeting. Will you send and the Iowa meeting calendar?

Am trying ^{to} and hoping to be at your meeting and give you a paper. "On the Origin and Development

of Hardy Blight-Resisting Peas." That is big enough, is it not?

Should the Prof. of Botany have a paper I should be pleased to hear him first. Hoping you are well I am, Very truly yours,
Chas. G. Patten

Dr W Latham Secretary

Please send me

500 of the Societies Papers
for year 18914.

with names of persons in
the society.

R. W. Chapman Secretary
Patent Office

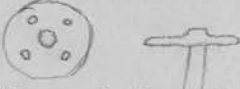
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3/27/16

Dear Mr. Latham:

Yours of recent date received. No, I wasn't feeling "ugly", though naturally considerably hurt. You may remember that your last letter was mostly occupied in disapproving of me because you thought I did not do justice to my father-- in a communication which I didn't write; and I assumed that your not publishing the tree article was because you disapproved too highly of my attitude in not wishing it to appear in the same issue with the article concerning father. There is not much to say in that regard-- except perhaps the ancient one: "Judge not", etc. There are many things in life that don't appear on the surface.

Concerning the lost description,- I don't recall a word of it now, but enclose the best that comes to me just now, as a substitute. At the point where I inserted the (?), I had in mind that there may be some technical term for the small, round piece of iron, with four holes in it, that would be more explicit than the word I have used. If there is, please insert it. The top which I used looks something like this  and the center hole is cut in thread, to screw on a threaded end of gas pipe.

If this does not seem what you want, let me know and I will try again. If convenient, I would like to have a few copies of the magazine which has the article in.

Love to all,

Nellie B. Pendergast

OFFICE OF

O. J. Peterson,

REGISTER OF DEEDS

WRIGHT COUNTY.

BUFFALO, MINN., March 16th, 1916.

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

Dear sir:-

When you send me plant premium for the year of 1916, would you include in the same order 50. No. 4, Raspberry Plants.

I herewith enclose \$2.00 in payment for the same. My membership ticket is No. 1243.

Yours truly,

O. J. Peterson

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Returned
3.21.16

C. G. SCHULZ
SUPERINTENDENT

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February 21, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the
19th inst., addressed to this department,
let me direct you to Prof. A. V. Storm,
University Farm, St. Paul, Minnesota,
for a complete list of instructors in
agriculture now located in Minnesota
high schools.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Phillips

State High School Inspector.

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ANDREW E. FRITZ
PUBLIC EXAMINER

JOHN O. DAVIS
CORPORATION EXAMINER

Office of the Public Examiner

St. Paul

June 21, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
Minnesota Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of report of the examination
of the Minnesota Horticultural Society for the year ending
December 1, 1915.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew E. Fritz".

Public Examiner.

<p> <u>ST. LOUIS</u> 1914-1915 1914-Dec. 1, Balance " 14, Interest on Certs. of Deposit 1915-Mar. 1, From State Treasurer June 21, Receipts Nov. 25, 1914 to June 21, 1915 Sept. 4, From State Treasurer Dec. 1, Receipts June 21, to Dec. 1, 1915 Total Receipts Disbursements Balance Dec. 1, 1915 Balance made up of First and Security Natl. Bk. open account Farmers and Mechanics Bk. <u>Receipts</u> 1915- Dec. 1, Balance Interest on Farmers & Mechanics Bank Bal. 1916- Feb. 23, From State Treasurer <u>Disbursements</u> 1915-Dec. 17, Premiums annual meeting Acct. of A.W. Latham Secy. Balance June 1, 1916 Balance June 1, 1916 Savings Account First and Security Natl. Bk. open account <u>Treasurer's Account</u> Savings Account Farmers & Mechanics Bk. First and Security Bk. x - Check out number not known x- An old matter of some 3 years standing. </p>	<p> 4,948.35 126.15 1,500.00 3,290.74 1,500.00 1,064.30 7,481.19 12,429.54 1,800.00 4,355.04 600.00 596.50 172.00 7,523.54 4,906.00 12,429.54 629.85 4,276.15 4,906.00 4,906.00 85.94 1,500.00 1,585.94 6,491.94 604.00 1,335.94 1,939.94 4,552.00 6,491.94 3,876.15 677.23 4,553.38 3,876.15 675.85 1.38 4,553.38 </p>
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Treasurer's Account.

Receipts

1914-Dec. 1, Balance		\$ 4,948.35
" 14, Interest on Certs. of Deposit	\$ 126.15	
1915-Mar. 1, From State Treasurer	1,500.00	
June 21, Receipts Nov. 25, 1914 to June 21, 1915	3,290.74	
Sept. 4, From State Treasurer	1,500.00	
Dec. 1, Receipts June 21, to Dec. 1, 1915	1,064.30	7,481.19
		<u>\$ 12,429.54</u>

Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Salaries:		
A.W. Latham Secretary, 1 Year	\$ 1,800.00	
Expense Secretary's office	4,355.04	
A.W. Latham, Revolving Fund	600.00	
Premiums annual meeting 1914	596.50	
" Summer "	172.00	7,523.54
Balance Dec. 1, 1915		<u>4,906.00</u>
		<u>\$ 12,429.54</u>

Balance made up of	
First and Security Natl. Bk. open account	\$629.85
Farmers and Mechanics Bk.	<u>4,276.15</u>
	<u>\$ 4,906.00</u>

Receipts

1915- Dec. 1, Balance		\$ 4,906.00
Interest on Farmers & Mechanics Bank Bal.	\$ 85.94	
1916- Feb. 23, From State Treasurer	1,500.00	1,585.94
		<u>\$ 6,491.94</u>

Disbursements

1915-Dec. 17, Premiums annual meeting	\$ 604.00	
Acct. of A.W. Latham Secy.	1,335.94	1,939.94
Balance June 1, 1916		<u>4,552.00</u>
		<u>\$ 6,491.94</u>

Balance June 1, 1916 Savings Account	\$ 3,876.15
First and Security Natl. Bk. open account	<u>677.23</u>
	<u>\$ 4,553.38</u>

Treasurer's Account

Savings Account Farmers & Mechanics Bk.	\$3,876.15
First and Security Bk.	675.85
x - Check out number not known	1.38
	<u>\$4,553.38</u>

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Remarks

The treasurer is bonded in the sum of \$5,000.00, and the Secretary in the sum of \$1,000.00 .

Books of both officers are very well kept.

Respectfully submitted,

June 10, 1916.

John Timbome
Assistant Public Examiner.

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