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Dear Kan,

I don't know how long I'll get along with this letter as I was out with Jim Crombie last evening until Midnight. He has decided to open up again and sell roses exclusively. Asked to be remembered to you.

Will retrace what has been happening so that it will be easier to go back to the last letter.

Pa is cheirier and maybe fatter than ever. He, Mas and Watanabe with Herman helping have been grafting peonies like no bodies business. They are now down to the 2xs. and have used up all of the tree peony roots and most of the herbaceous roots from the patch up near the deodoras.

Weather conditions have been too ideal for work. Ground is dry and very hard for heavy digging, but has been fine for transplanting. Had about a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on Friday, but it was just a dust settler.

We had a Stanford Alumni meeting in S. F. on Saturday night to honor Mr. Fukukita, a 1904 graduate from Stanford who is counselor for the Oji paper Co, and also Alumni President of Japan. Most of the Old bunch were there. Togo and Uji especially asked about you. Mas said to say hello to you in my next letter.

Franks Giving Day Wak and I drove down to Santa Maria, and while I visited the Ishiis and was introduced to a young lady what they wished me to meet, Wak went on down to see Son and the family. Yuri came home the night before so that it made it possible for Wak to go. Left at 6 in the morning and came home about 3 A. M. next morning.

My trip to Los Angeles was quite interesting and fruitful from the standpoint of seeing what was being grown. Armstrong has a big quantity of Camellias and also practically all the nurseries seem to be going in for it, as well as azaleas. Had hoped to buy some C. M. Hovey or Purple Emperor I believe they call it in the East, but Armstrong would not sell any as they oversold the last year. Sunset Magazine is going to feature the Hovey on their cover for January so have been trying to get some locally without much luck. Did any of the Nurseries in the South have

any stock of this variety that could be bought at a price? What are some of the name that it might be known as in the Southeast.

Peterson took me around the two days and also had me stay there overnight. The Crombies came down and then Pete had to take them around so that I was able to get some of the others to take me around. Saw Bordiers, McCaskill, Diegaard, but did not get up to Carters or Hearn's altho I would like to have. Jannoch has about 400 Sodekakushi in 3 inch pots. which he is holding at around 1.25 but am afraid that if things get tough he will sell them for much less. He sold some to McCaskill the last spring for 25 cents (before he knew the value of them). Believe that I will make him an offer to see if I can't tie up the stock so that he won't dump.

Met Mike Hori and Tepo Ishimaru while in LA. I hadn't seen them for over 6 years and were they surprised.

Took a Santa Fe Sleeper Bus from Hayward and made the trip in 10 hours. came up the coast to Goleta by bus and then by train at night from Santa Barbara. Would have drove down, but decided that I would lose two days of time by going during the day so decided to travel by Bus and train. the latter is O. K. but the bus is sure tough for long trips.

Ioki has bought a place down South and intends to go in for cut flowers Gardenias, camellias and etc. Is going to give up or rather sell his place here. Wants me to take it over, but I feel that if any developing is done to do it right on this place. Too many places would not be the thing under present setup I believe. We are having a dock strike in S. F. again, and altho I had intended getting some new irises and peonies from Japan, believe that I will wait before spending my money on something that may not get landed.

Jack McDonald of California Nursery and Jack MacDonald of MacDonald Nursery are the new President and Secretary of the Nursery Association.

I have not corresponded with the Furleys yet as we do not have the junipers in yet, and will be impossible for me to get out to her place, at present. Will probably phone her as soon as the Junipers come in.

Will start digging the yews over at Pimnetals in a few days now. All the seedling tree peonies from the patch by the apricots and the patch you planted up above the lath are now all planted out. Boy did they take up room.

Wak tells me that you are planning to come home for the holidays. Are you planning to come by train or drive out. If the latter is the old Model A. in such condition that it would be safe to come thru during the cold winter months, The reason I ask is because if you are planning to drive and would not feel too bad about leaving your "A" in storage or otherwise, I thought we might turn in the Ford here and have you pick one up at Detroit. Talked with Kenny Kilgore and find that for about 400.00 and our car we can get a new Standard 4 door Job in Detroit. 85 horsepower not the 65s. Ours is in need of new tires and a ring job which would come close to 100.00 so it would be the logical time to turn in. I am not committed to the Ford so that if Plymouth for instance should give a better offer believe that it would be about as good. Please let me know in either case. Will send you some money as soon as you let me know what you need for fare etc if you are coming by train.

Kan, how you getting along on the technical side of architecure. Do you get enought time and criticism from Mr. Wright or his assistants so that it isn't just a work job apprenticeship. I can't help but feel that, not knowing the exact set up at Taliesen, that your time in Kitchen, laundry and tree moving, altho educational is not exactly putting your time to the best advantage. If it is a matter of funds, then by all means say so as I have stated in the past you have money coming to you, God knows, for the years that you put in at the Nursery, and altho it will be impossible to pay you all at once, it can be sent so that you can put your time to academic work ~~witheut~~ having to work out part time.

What you study or what you do is entirely up to yourself, but don't feel that you have to make it any tougher for yourself than necessary.

Pa has not mentioned a word, but believe that he is alittle worried about you. If you get a chance please drop him a line.

Enclosed is clipping from the Japanese American. The other paper also had a revised bit from this one, but miss Emma put ~~it~~ into the fire place before I had a chance to cut it out.

Now that Franksgiving is past, heres hoping you enjoy a good Thanksgiving. Go get a good Turkey Dinner Kan.

Affectionately,

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Nisei Goes to Ohio State for Complete Course in Floriculture

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 24 (Special)—To hear a Californian tell it, California has everything. But a young man at Ohio State University is inclined to disagree with that statement. He came to Ohio State to get what he couldn't get in California. . . . a complete course in Floriculture.

Yoshimi Shibata, an American-born Japanese from San Francisco and a transfer from the University of California, is convinced that he has come to one of the best in the country to learn about the culture of roses.

"In California, they are still in the pioneer stage in floricultural way," Shibata pointed out. "In this part of the country, the study of

floriculture is well ordered, well established," he added.

In his native San Francisco, Shibata's father is a commercial cut flower dealer, with more than three acres of flower mostly roses under glass.

Shibata made up his mind to come to the university when he heard Gustav H. Poesch of the department of floriculture at Ohio State, speak at a meeting.

"I decided that a man who knew so much about floriculture must come from a good university. That is why I am here today," is the way Shibata expressed it. Shibata also met Prof. Alex Lurie, department of floriculture, in California this past summer.

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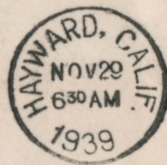
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