



THE HOME OF DISTINCTIVE PLANTS

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Dear Kan,

Started to write you a letter night before last, but postponed it as we decided to go down to Toks, and I wanted to be able to tell you how the baby looked.

We went down yesterday afternoon and came home quite early as we did not wish to put them to too much work. Missed seeing Min as he was not at the shed but had taken a trip into Modesto.

Baby san (Kiyoka) was sound asleep when we arrived there and slept all the time we were there. Tok said she sleeps four hours at a stretch. Quite healthy from all appearances, also from Pa's verdict that the color of the baby indicates health(Being quite red yet). Do you know that the first rip that Pa and the rest went to see Tok at the Hospital they were unable to see the baby as Pa dallied too long talking before he left that visiting hours interfered. Hok bei Ojisan went down by himself and you should have heard him crow over Pa that he saw the baby even if it wasn't the zero hour for seeing babies.

We have just gotten over the most hottest spell in over thirty some say 50 years that we have ever had. The temperature kept around the 90 to 110 mark for 8 days. It was the first time that I slept even without a sheet. Now it has cooled off and am seriously thinking about starting the digging of yews from Pimentals. Transplant them into our field.

The Crombies and myself went to see the Calvacade of the Golden West for the first time last Saturday night. The evening was ideal and we had a very entertaining time. Jim has definitely decided to give up the Nursery and devote his time to the ranch and its kindred problems. We will miss him in the Nursery meetings.

Doty is now back in town from his southern jaunt and is nursing a very bum cold. I feel terribly sorry for him as it is hell trying to see people with such a condition. He left this afternoon for Ceres to see if he could bake the cold out at Jims.

The war is putting the crimp on the peat business and as a result I am experimenting with some peat from Stock-

ton. We just finished mixing the peat with the rubbish pile compost soil yesterday, and have put some under cover for a rainy day, as it looks like an early winter. The robins are already started on the holly berries. Bought a new model soil shredder made by Wichita Co from Carters last month. It is hooked up to a 1 horse power electric motor and operates fairly well considering the size of the machine. It has its faults tho that too wet or moist soil has a tendency to clogg up inside the housing, (same as on kemp). Was going to get about the same model as Seminary's that you and I looked at, but decided that this smaller model was mor suitable for the mixing of ~~little~~ amounts such as for small potting. The rototiller takes care of large scale work pretty well.

Tino and Herman have been hauling mushroom house manure from a local mushroom grower near hear for the last three days. 2 loads a day on the big truck about 10 yds per load. (rather heavy, but short haul)

The magnolias in the lower lath house (*Rustica rubra* etc) sure put on the growth this year. 5- 6 ft. now. Last year cuttings which we potted up and had over at Wilsons were very good this spring and in fact so good that we decided to can up the greater portion of them into galons for fall sales, but something happened to them soon after as mostly everyone dropped leaves and even the tips have died down. I am hoping that the roots are undamaged and that they will come out this spring.

Did you read the article in the last Better Homes and Garden, on Vitamin B 1. I am trying some now on camellias and azaleas, but it is still too early to get results yet. The phosphoric acid aoutfit is being used to distribute the Vitamins.

Have applied some of it to the magnolia cuttings too, as they have been contrarily poor in taking as they were good in taking last year. Pa is disgusted with it this year. just tonight he was mentioning that three time he tried this year without good luck.

Met Pete Valinga at he last Hort meeting and he asked to be remembere to you. He is worried about dutch bulbs for next year with the Euro-
pean condition as it is.

Thanks a lot for the sketches on the balling, I had seen the finished products, but had never had the opportunity to see them doing the actual tying up so took it for granted that it was done after taking out of the hole for the saverage plant. Will have to try some on the trees this season. I have decided to chop out some more of the large trees that are unsalable and give room for a few good specimens so that in case of a sale we won't have to give any alibis with it.

The hillieri crab apples which we boxed last year, and the *Cedrus atlantica glaucas* have been moved over toward the house by the duck pond. They take the bareness away from that spot.

Enclosed is a "Big" check from American Toll Bridge. You better cash it right away before the Ham and Eggs take over the State. The coming election is going to decide this issue, I hope once and for all as it has not helped the money situation any.

I almost forgot to tell you that Tok appreciated your letter to her.

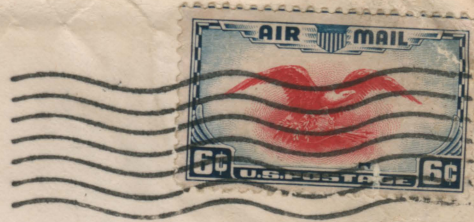
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