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Oct
Andover Mass. 10/3/91

Dear Cook:-

I write to let you know that perhaps I can call upon you in Syracuse on my return to Geneva.

My brother Ned has just met with a serious accident which has cost him the sight of his left eye. I am here to cheer him up as best I can but my heart is often full - is not one of the cheery ones and my brother claims he has had to cheer me up since I came. My brother is a very brave boy & I wish you might meet him. I am sure you would like him.

I went down to Washington on a flying trip last Sunday night, called there by a telegram Saturday night after I left you.

I wish I knew whether you would be in Syracuse next week early or not for I think I had best stop on my way to Geneva both to see you & the Smiths & Powells. I will telegraph you this afternoon if possible. Hoping you are well & happy I am sincerely yours
D. Fairchild.

P.S. Will mail your slips as soon as possible
just discovered them under the bed this morning.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

DIVISION OF VEGETABLE PATHOLOGY,

D. G. FAIRCHILD,

ASSISTANT PATHOLOGIST,

STATIONED AT GENEVA, N. Y.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Geneva, N. Y., 10/7/91

Dear Cook:—

Just returned from Syracuse where
I missed you terribly. The reason I
stopped was that I knew if I did not I
would not be able to see you before
you went away. My letter from Andover will
explain the rest.

I send you by mail Saccardo's
Chromotaxia which came yesterday. I
will get my payment for same out of
your mykomys at some time I am
sure + will hear to no other settlement.

I am awfully rushed to get ready
to go to Washington so must so adieu
and God bless you in the long days
+ weary nights as well as in the joyful
surprises that life before you so soon.
Sincerely yours D. G. Fairchild

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WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

August 20th 1919.

O. F. Cook, Esq.

Care of the American Consul General,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Cook,

Something has happened to Norton who is now in Foochow. He has gone all to pieces mentally and is so homesick that he is begging to come home at once. He has been ill but what the trouble is I do not know. Swingle and I had a long talk about the matter this noon and I have decided to write you and enquire if you do go south to Manila that you drop Norton a line addressing it to the American Consul in Foo Chow and arrange to meet him there.

I have in my mind two possibilities.

1st. Perhaps you can help him to get back his pep and go on with the exploration work though from the tone of his letters I judge he definitely wants to come home.

2nd. That you consider the possibility of leaving young Loomis with him to come back a little later than you do from China. Swingle is doubtful if you will even entertain this proposition for an instant because of the extreme youth of Loomis. I thought of it as a possibility however.

The thing comes out of a clear sky. I never once

thought of Norton's getting lonesome. I think he has the true nostalgia sure enough from his letters and Swingle thinks the only thing is to let him come home at once and when he knows he can come at any time, he may want to hang on a little longer and pick up some plants for this country.

I am leaving tomorrow night for California and am going to look up a man who will be able to help in the clerical work on the Journal of Heredity. I raised another \$1000. for the Guarantee fund and we are going ahead next October strong. Yours and Roberts article is just out in the June number.

Can't you pick up some good photographs for the Journal while you are there and send them in or bring them back with you?

To return to Norton, please see what you can do by getting into communication with him as soon as you can and let me know by cable what you decide to do. Perhaps it would be best to let him go to the Philippines and come back on a transport from there. Swingle thinks the Boys in Manila at the science bureau there will cheer him up.

I imagine you are as intensely interested in China as you have been in South America and I am delighted that you are there where you can see the big problems at first hand so to speak.

With the kindest regards and best wishes, I remain as always your sincere friend,

David Fairchild.

IN THE WOODS

CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

W.F.D. BOX No 82.

Dec. 21. 1914.

Dear Cook.

I meant to have sent
you one of our Monster Books
long ago but since I
forgot to then I am going
to now. It embodies some

ideas about which I think
we talked many years ago —
so long ^{ago} in fact that I have
forgotten whether their originality
was wholly yours or not; I
am inclined to think it was.

If the book seems too popular
for Robert or the other children

IN THE WOODS
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND
RED BOX 8012.

22-XII-17

To Cook

don't let them see it. Just put
it away behind the other books
when it will be discovered when
you and I have gone on
to make room for, let us hope,
a better generation.

As I grow older, my mind
reverts more often to the early
days than it used to. — They
were full ones.

A merry Christmas to you Cook
and to Mrs Cook and the children

Sincerely your friend

Daniel Fairchild.

Marian has become, thanks to you, a real
drift-wood marian - Her Christmas presents
are bits of quarled wood she picked
up on the gaspé DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 2813 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA of the St. Lawrence.

Dec. 23. '36.

Dear friend Cook

Harold Loomis tells me
you may come down in the Spring
and we can go into the matters
touching on in our exchange
of letters, then but in the
mean time I want to write
that your letter was very
favorably received and I
think some satisfactory plan
may be worked out whereby
you can spend a part of
your time among your loved palms!

23-XII-36
To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4513 DOUGLAS ROAD
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In any case don't tie yourself up on anything without letting us know here — that is, provided palms are what you would prefer to play with after you retire and provided you like this region down here where they grow.

I cannot say definitely anything yet for things are in the flux state but I do hope that you will think seriously about the proposition and not take my letter too lightly or definitely tie up to

23-XI-26
Ts. Cook

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some other hitching post with you
Jony.

Some of my dreams have
come true but not by any
means "the vast majority" of
them. This one is likely to
be one of my last dreams
and I hope luck - that
"frecklist" of all things in life -
will be with us this time

Merry Christmas to you
all at Lanham. Under
the scrub oaks and pines.

That's all! As always yours
Is it a good or a bad omen I wonder? David Fairchild

P.S. Where are you publishing your notes
on *Hurricane Palmer* and *Castilla*? I am sending
them to the Colonel DAVID FAIRCHILD to see.
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Feb. 15, 1937

Dear Cook

Pardon the delay in answering
your interesting letter but my brother-
in-law and Mrs. Grosvenor have
been here for two weeks and have
bought the place next door to us
in Coconut Grove and Marian & I
have been busy out of doors to
the neglect of my desk here in
the Kampong. They have your
note again & yesterday Colonel
Montgomery dropped in to give
me the enclosed printed matter
and I read your letter to him.

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He seems much interested in the idea of getting out published data on the Palms which will clarify the mixed palm situation and interest a wider public in the Group. Your idea dovetails into a scheme I worked on last summer and have been preparing to submit to the Colonne. It is still in an embryonic stage but I think has merit in it.

You know - or perhaps you do not know - that there is no ^{SERIAL} publication aside from the Annual Report of the State Horticultural Society where observations on

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interesting tropical plants can be published for the enlightenment of the only audience in America that would take an interest in such things. I have become discouraged in trying to publish observations of the kind I make — you know their character — in Northern magazines on Botany or Horticulture. Either they do not reach an audience that cares a bang about these beautiful plants here, or they appear together with advertisements for ladies lingerie in the back

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Columns of such Magazine as
The American Home devoted to
chimneys, fire places, bird names
and laundry soap. I sent
what I thought was a good article
on Macagnus philippensis. - The
Ringaro of the Philippines + it
appeared in about as favorable
a sitting as it might in some
Laundry Journal.

Some such simple publi-
cation as let us say,

"Florida Plant Immigrants"
appeals to me as having real
possibilities. In it could be

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published as a regular chapter
let us say, "Tropical Palms in
Florida" or "Tropical Palms for Florida"
with such fascinating stories as
yours of Rosa Howe's Island &
the Kentias in the Journal of
Hereditas or this one you have just sent me.

Your long interest in Prof
Simpson and your appreciation
of his viewpoint regarding palms
and other plants as well have
me feel that we ought to be
able to work out something that
would be accurate and scientific
& yet appeal to the rather

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limited imaginations of the best:
of these people who are settling
this part of Florida.

I think the Colonel is now
at a stage in his development
of the Arboretum idea here
where he ~~is~~ wants something
of really good quality to
appear and be distributed
to the members of his group
of associates who are pushing
for an arboretum. He asked
me to write and tell you that
he believed some plan could
be worked out for the publi-

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Citation of Notes on Palms such as you are interested in and requested me to present a prospectus of a publication such as I have just named.

Now all of this is of course tentative but so are all beginnings. At least we have the interest of one who has in four years gathered in nearly 400 species of palms from all over the world and has the majority of them growing on his place.

A Captain H.A. Solustone is here who has as a hobby taken up the problem of clarifying the

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names of the cultivated palms that he has seen & photographed all over the world (in Botanic Gardens - not in the wild). I think you will like Johnstone for he has a real interest in the real character of the palms and if you get down here soon he will still be here. He wants very much to meet you. He was amazed to find what the Colonel has done & is helping identify such of the seeds as he recognizes in the seed collection.

A brilliant little fellow from Nassau who has been stationed 2 years in Trinidad, called on me yesterday & I took him to the

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Palmetum and he too was impressed by the effort that is being made to assemble an authentic collection of palms here in the Palmetum.

What I am always nervous about is the personal relations of people. I like most people more or less but I find so many of my friends form instant prejudices and are ^{so} guided in their behaviour by these prejudices that they cannot work together. Perhaps you will not understand Col. Montgomery who is not in any sense a botanist — makes no pretense to being one —

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To CookDAVID FAIRCHILD
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but who, having money, and having built an Arboretum of Conifers in Connecticut, is possessed with the idea of making a Tropical Arboretum here in South Florida.

He likes to organize such a garden as his Palmetum, and is proud of it and its effect upon the intellectual life of this community.

Think these ideas ~~are~~ dear Dad and let me hear from you when you expect to get down to Florida. I am in danger of being called at any time now to Palm Beach to

15-11-37
To Cook

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work on the illustrations for a
book I have written & for which
some friends want to publish
so I'd like to know beforehand
if I can when you intend to
come south this spring. This
town now is jammed with tourists
& will be through Feb. & March but
April warm weather drives them
North & times are easier then.

I ~~shall~~ ^{have} read your short
papers on Simpsonia and Castilla
with real interest. You don't go
into detail about the new method
of extracting rubber from Castilla. What
is it or is it yet to be discovered?
Leonin is H. for Costa Rica.

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T. R. Cook

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I think he can get some of the interesting palms + other plants that Pittier describes in his "Plantas Usuales etc." It quite made me homesick to think of his going to that interesting country which is so full of fascinating plants we might try here.

I have not yet gotten over Couillet's death. He seemed to be of the same kind of stuff L. H. Bailey is made of and I fully expected to see him in his eightieth year - hale + hearty.

The mangos are "filling" + "turning". Your Avocado seedlings that I call "Cash seedlings" are coming into bloom. It is Spring here now!

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To Cook

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With very best regards to Mrs
Cook, who is by this time in Terra
Cien I hear, + to Robert who
writes he is buried with work.

As always yours affectionately
David Fairchild.

Feb. 8. 35

Dear Cook.

Thank you for your article in
J. g. H. for January.

It brings back vividly the
days long ago when you came
back from Liberia and we studied
at Huntington B. D. the slime
moulds you had collected there.

I don't change these
the things we felt were important
then we still feel, I might say,
know are even more important now.

I'm fighting to get
Chapman Field as a large place

when more and more research
men can find material with which
to work. I sometimes lose
heart a bit for there seem to be
so few who appreciate what I'm
trying to do and I'd so much
prefer to turn to my microscope
table and stay there for the
rest of my days.

When are you coming
down here again

as always yours

David Fairchild.

Jan. 20 '36.

Dear Cook-

"No hai Ramon ni duo prai,?"

No I haven't yet a Ramon tree here
in the Kampong. Your letter in
Science reminds me that I should
have one.

I read your letter with keen
interest because it put me in
touch once more with you and
because I felt that the old
spirit of adventure was still
alive in you. Tap the Ramon
on the rocks of the Everglades and
feed its branches to the Stock-
that should be but somehow is not

then. How much cold will it
stand in the question though. Far
back from the Real Estate but
the vast plains of the Everglades are
~~little~~ cold you know.

Do you remember my Elephant lunch?
Do you recall Galloway's queries as
to where the Elephants were to eat
my Speck Boon? Something of
this "where is the stock to eat it"
riddle in the Ramon proposition
I fear. Where Glenn Curtiss
started his farm in 1916 or thereabouts
Jai Alai (scamspeak) take money from the
gamblers. Jai Weidner's racket takes
the credit of those who lost at
Jai Alai. and Dr. J. Harvey Kellogg
takes the starch out of the high
livers by stopping them from

20-1-34
To Cook

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Smoking, chewing, swearing, drinking
eating meat, eggs, or flesh of any kind.
and living on soy bean acidophilous
milk and Coconut milk and Papayas.

I see Jimmie Bright once or twice
a winter at the Committee of a Hundred
but he wears a black-silk-ribbon-
buckled pair of eye glasses and
poses as a large land owner. He
still talks alfalfa growing to
the people there and has I
fear forgotten the days when
he was interested in cattle raising
at Hiaboh. If there were
any way to tide over the long period

of experimentation required in the establishment of a tree crop. Things would be quite different here.

I think of growing Sycamore Fig trees for ~~the mummy~~ ~~wood~~ timber. The ancient Egyptians made their mummy cases out of its timber and since my 17 yr old tree was blown down I have had to turn (3 feet through) sawn up into 3 in planks & propose to go into the business of making mummy cases for my friends. The wood is fine! Suitable for table tops as well as mummy cases and statues of Shicks. Some of the New Deal Shicks may like to be immortalized in Sycamore's wood. Here comes Dr. Parkland to call. Must stop - listen him.

22-J-36
To Cook

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THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
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Take care of your health dear Cook.
Nothing that you can do now
will have greater value than
the care of your health.

My Fairchild joins me in
sincere regards to Mrs Cook
and yourself.

As always yours

David Fairchild.

ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY
DIRECTOR

THE COCONUT GROVE PALMETUM
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

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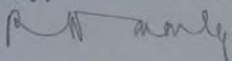
Dr. O. F. Cook,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Cook:

I have just read Dr. Bailey's
papers on Erythea and Brahea. They seem to
have quite a number in California which we
do not have in our collection. I would be
grateful for any suggestions regarding the
acquisition of the varieties we do not have.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,



(Robert H. Montgomery)



DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Dear Cook,

April 23^d 37

Hurray! Your letter gives
me a real thrill of pleasure. I
have telephoned to Col. Montgomery
and he is pleased too.

Don't get down too late
to see him! He is leaving
for Cos Cob Conn. on May 4th.
he says and when he says
he is leaving I guess he
is for he has many business
engagements.

Write us when you are
coming. We have plenty of room

now and the Kampong is looking
fine after a good rain. The
mangoes are ripening on the
trees and I feel as if I
were in a kind of heaven of
green leaves & blossoms.

I am delighted that
Robert can come & am
sorry he cannot stay
to enjoy the plants here.

Haste but most
affectionately. Marion joins
in her greetings

Yours as always
David Fairchild

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 2013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

May 21st 1937.

Dear Cook;

Well? What's the next step? Hurray for the
Palm program here in South Florida!

I have a long and enthousiastic letter from
Colonel Montgomery in which he guarantees you three years
of support for your palm work and by that time we should
get so far along with the Arboretum that more support
ought to be forthcoming. Anyway, at our ages we cannot
expect to look ahead longer than that period—I mean
as a single stretch you know.

I shall soon have something to submit to
Robert about the Occassional Papers so you might talk
with him in a preliminary way about it and when we pass
through Washington early in July I can have a seance

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T.S. Cook

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with him about the "Florida Plant Immigrants".

I think we can work out something mutually helpful which will not tie us down too tightly to any monthly schedule.

Give me a line as to what you can do now and let me know when you plan to come south again and begin your palm studies. I think much is to be learned during these summer months about the adaptation of many palms to this region.

Thanks for the tip regarding the Pitangas at Estero. Andrews and his assistant the Sweede Nasealius came to see us and brought seeds and sent plants which are now in the slat house. The fruits hardly could be called black as they appear in the box here before me though they are a deep red color.

With affectionate regards to you all there from Marian and myself and with great expectations, I remain

* As always yours David Fairchild.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
INCORPORATED
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

June 10th,
1937.

Dr. O. F. Cook,
Lanham, Maryland.

My dear Dr. Cook:

Yesterday I had a very pleasant visit with my old friend, Dr. David Fairchild, who told me something of the plans that are under way for the establishment of a palm museum in connection with the Fairchild Arboretum.

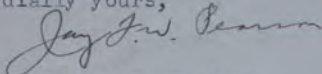
After looking over the space that we have available here in our present University Building, Dr. Fairchild feels that the museum could well be placed in our building, at least for the time being, so that it could be open sometime this year. I understand that he is writing to you and to Colonel Montgomery, and I have also written to Colonel Montgomery assuring him that we at The University of Miami will be delighted to co-operate in any way possible to make space available for this museum.

Dr. Fairchild tells me that you expect to be in Miami in the near future, and no matter what the outcome of our correspondence with Colonel Montgomery may be I sincerely hope that you will come out to the University very soon after your arrival and give us all the opportunity of becoming better acquainted. As you perhaps know, Mr. Walter Buswell has been with us for three years and has all of his herbarium and materials here at the University. I know that he will be delighted if arrangements are worked out whereby you are located in our building.

Dr. Fairchild has also told me that you would perhaps be willing to offer a course in palms which could become part of our botany sequence. I sincerely hope that this also is a feasible project, and look forward to discussing it with you on your arrival. I expect to be at the University at least through July, and if this construction work is to be undertaken in the building we should be ready to begin it early in August in order that it might be completed before the opening of school after the middle of September.

Looking forward to becoming acquainted with you in the near future, I am

Cordially yours,



Jay F. W. Pearson
Secretary

and
Professor of Zoology

h

HIDDEN RIVER FARM
CHESTER
NEW JERSEY

June 13. 37

Dear Cook.

I have come up here
to attend to some matters
connected with the book
I have written & the maps
are going to publish.

Don't wait for
me to come down to Washington
for I don't know just
when I can get away.

Go ahead with your plans
as usual. Roonis will
be in our house in
Coconut Grove and
be prepared to help

you and you will be
glad to know that at
last Opsiandra is in
bloom on our terrace. I
took some photos of
its strange little blooms.

Before I left I saw
Dr. Pierson of the Miami
University about your
Palm Museum idea and
he was most enthus-
iastic about it. ^{He also wants some pictures!} I
~~have~~ telephoned too to
Colonel Montgomery
from Passaic all about
this arrangement. &
I asked Pierson to write

to the Colonel and to you. I assume
that he has.

So far as I can see things this
stage then in Florida is set for
your activities and my only regret
is that this shift in affairs makes
it impossible for me to be there
to greet you myself. Mr. Poole
and his charming wife will
be in charge of The Kampouf &
will be able to put at your disposal
the Guest House should you
want it. Samuel Pierson
will meet you half way on the
Museum idea. The Colonel will
~~foot~~ foot the bill for its equipment
— don't make anything too elaborate
however. Judge H. A. Godard of Coconino
County ~~will~~ is the treasurer of the Arboretum
will be back in C. G. in 2 weeks & can
see to your financial needs. He is authorized
to pay your "salary" from Jan 1st. 1915.
Should you need to telephone me Chester 27 is my

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One East 44th St.,
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June 14, 1937.

Professor Jay F. W. Pearson,
University of Miami,
Coral Gables, Florida.

Dear Professor Pearson:

I have your letter of June 10th. I think the arrangement you suggest can be worked out, assuming of course that the changes outlined by you can be put through at a reasonable cost. Generally speaking I think our arrangement should be that we will pay the cost of structural changes and the University will furnish the space, light, heat and janitor service. We, of course, would reserve the right to remove the material when, as and if we have our own quarters elsewhere. I like to think of the time when the Fairchild Garden will have a building of its own, but if it comes through in ten years that will be about as much as we can hope for.

I think Dr. Cook will be going to Florida in the near future and will talk details with you.

Sincerely yours, _____

E. F. Montgomery

RHM:FCN

cc to Dr. O. F. Cook ✓

*In envelope addressed to
Cook, Chapman, Field*

"WILD ACRES"
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

June 20. 37.

Dear Cook.

How do you find things
in C. G. ? I am so sorry that
the Book kept me too long in
Chute N. B. to see you before
you left. I spent the day
of Thursday with Robert and
spent at your house. Alas
Richners (senior) visited my
Uncle Arthur White. Family
- drew me into a Doctors Confer-
ence from which I have not yet
emerged sitting.

I've not seen Ben Morrison
yet but will tomorrow. I hear
with great satisfaction that
you have joined with you +
that you have made a tie
up with the Department that will
enable you to get copies of your
Palm photographs etc.

I hope you can tie up now
with Buswell + Pearson and
get a museum going down at
the University and arrange for
a lecturer ^{or} two. Mrs Kay
of Palm Beach has frequently
asked for a lantern slide talk
on Palms. Have you ever had
made any slides that would
be enthusiastically received I
wonder.

I had a conference with Colonel Montgomery and he was much pleased to know you are going at the problem enthusiastically and that you could tie up with the Department. Of course, as I have told you the Colonel is more interested just now in getting in more palms species than anything else and so and so for I cannot help thinking that while we live we ought to reach out for such forms as you know about and get them in. So if Joiner can help us we ought to start what enquiries we can about palms and perhaps outline some areas rich in palms that you think would be likely to succeed in Florida. How about the *Paraya* palms in quantity?

Did you see the *Ophiandra* Maya in bloom in our terrace? Do you think the slow maturity of the flowers is a normal thing in that species?

Mrs Fairchild will be in this morning & will have perhaps more news of you so do hold this letter open until she arrives.

She says you had not come when you left so I will send this along for both every hope of success for our new venture I am assured Yours David Fairchild

Jacksonville, Florida
June 28, 1937

Professor Jay P. W. Pearson,
Secretary and Professor of Zoology,
The University of Miami,
Coral Gables, Florida.

My Dear Professor Pearson:

Your letter of June 10 reached me just before leaving Washington, and I was very glad to know of your interest in developing a palm museum. The suggestion was made only recently, and all that I had thought of doing this summer was to obtain a series from the local palms that would enable Colonel Montgomery to judge next winter the extent of interest that he would take in assembling such material. Only a tentative approval was expected at present, but your interest and offer of cooperation may greatly facilitate the development of the plan.

Having known Mr. Buswell for several years, I have no doubt that he will be interested. Even if the general plan were not followed, I am sure that material from the local palms would afford a very interesting series for educational use. The suggestion of a course on palms being offered at the University is much appreciated, and it would give me much pleasure if any educational contacts proved feasible. Certainly there is great need of developing at Miami facilities of education in tropical botany and agriculture, since these are not to be furnished at first hand elsewhere in the United States.

From present indications, we should reach Miami in three or four days, and shall call at once to consider what may be done. You doubtless have had a reply from Colonel Montgomery, stating his interest in the museum plan.

Very truly yours,

OFC:JFJ.

O. F. Cook.

Medina N.Y.

July 4, 37.

Dear Cook

I heard from Robert
just as we were leaving
Washington that you had
been held up in Savannah
en route to Florida.

This never disturbs
me for I had thought of
no such intrusion as poor
health into your new
program. I cannot but
imagine this as a result of
your trying "last days" at
the Department. Having
been in & out of the
Department Building several
times lately I feel that the
life there, surrounded by so
many dynamic personalities

9-VII-37
to Cook
has been a greater strain on
your energy than you
have been willing to admit.

If I am correct then the
free life in Florida where
you will be closer to the
palms you love can not
fail to bring back your
full strength + energy.

Do let me know how
you are now and if
things are moving along
in a satisfactory way.

With best regards to
Joan as well as to your-
self I am as always
Sincerely yours

David Fairchild
We leave here tomorrow for Boston +
thence to Baddeck Dr. Thomas Barbour Agassiz

For text and address see our telegraphic address Cambridge

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN SHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

July 15th 1937.

Dear Cook;

I cannot help being worried about you after what Mrs. Cook told me in Lunham. She said that you were laid up in Savannah and had several days of illness there.

How are you now and are you down in Florida still where the temperatures are much cooler than in Washington. Do let me hear from you.

I have the names of several promising collectors from whom we can get palm seeds I think if we put up to them intelligent directions as to the whereabouts of the species we want and directions as to the packing and shipping of the seeds. Here they are;

C.X. Furtado of Singapore Botanic Gardens.
George Currie of ~~Sixxxxxix~~ Barrine via Cairns Queensland Australia.

J. Dunselman R.C. Missionary, Pontianak Borneo.

C.N.A. de Vögd, Head Forester Singardja, Bali Dutch East Indies.

J.A. Loerzing care Deli Proefstation Medan Sumatra.

An old acquaintance by the name of D.T. Fleming of Baldwin Packers Ltd. Lahina Maui Hawaii is going in January to Cochin China on a collecting trip and I think would collect something for us and himself at the same time.

M. Poilane's name has been given me as that of the best collector in Annam and I am getting his address.

Since the getting of seeds depends so much

Copy given to J. Dunselman
July 24, 1937

15-VII-37
To Cecil

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

upon the show of intelligence in the letters sent asking for seeds I am wondering if you could not give some idea of the species which we want from these regions in such a way that the men at the other end of the line would feel that we were not merely asking for anything but for certain species not common in collections.

Swingle's memoranda for his Citrus relatives were generally effective because they gave in detail the localities and some account of the species he wanted and I think the same procedure will be effective in the case of the palms and other things that we want.

If you are in Florida do see if these names are already on the Colonel's list and if letters have already been sent to them. If you have returned to Washington do look up these regions and outline something of the species we might with propriety ask for of collectors in the regions covered by my list.

We must recognize that to the Colonel the steady increase in his collection of palms is one of the signs of its growth. He can boast a bit about this feature and I feel inclined to do all I can to get more forms in as long as the strength and time holds out.

How about a note in Science regarding your attachment to the Arboretum? Shall I prepare a note covering it and submit it to the Colonel? Would you suggest something that you would like and which would inform your friends of your shift from the Cotton work to Palms?

With old time regards as always
yours very sincerely,

David Fairchild

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Aug. 8. 37.

Dear曹

I was delighted with your letter and see from it that you are better and able to go ahead with the palms. I trust Joiney is our air crew too so he can help you.

I am particularly glad you have made a definite tie-up with Pearson and trust the trees will not seem too large for the Colonel. I appreciate that we can't equip a museum for nothing - even put up the walls of one for a song. I've written the Colonel about it but have not heard yet from him.

The one thing that I think we have to look out for is that the campaign for new palms goes on. It is an activity that the Colonel can see and appreciate as he cannot of course the nomenclatorial matters. I hope that we can get out for him to see a list with annotations of yours giving the palms we should go after, their exact location, their native names, their desirable characteristics and everything we can find that will help us get seeds of them such as the date when they have been seen in fruit (the time of year) with such a list we will be able to entreat the Buitenzorg authorities for example to exert special effort to secure them. A long list of desiderata always inhibits a collector I find. Particularly if it is not annotated with

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To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BENNY BHRAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

the data available in the books.

But you know all of this better
of course than I do.

About the Bonad Fruit tree and the
other *Artocarpus* species. Until we
are willing to prepare to protect the
Bonad Fruit tree during severe winters
we will not fruit it in the Miami
region I maintain. There was a
tree in the Rose Pit at Chapman Field
but it was not at all in a
congenial place & was never
adequately protected by hawks or
anything during the winter and of
course it was killed. Attention to
the cold protection is essential in
this case. I came near losing
my *A. integrifolia* in the 1934 winter.
Mrs. Archibald helped me save it.
There are some promising other

Species we should have such as
A. falcatus A. Blumei A. elastica,
A. pubescens A. goudotiana A. coloratissima
A. polyphemia and A. superba.

I had a fine A. falcatus in my place
3 in through but Sanders lost it in
trying to move it. It came from
Victoria, Kameroun in 1927. The
broad fruit could I survive. I have
been grafting high enough on it to
escape the cold.

Has Opuntia fruited yet?
Did its flowers all about 2 weeks?
I have good photos - (fair at least)
of the specimen on the Terrace
in the hampson. Do you want
them for your collection?

The few Northland is all right
Okan but the people are rather
of the cracker type and as for fruits
there are none but gooseberry Rasp-
berries, Currants & the like - and a
few blueberries, Strawberries.

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To Cook

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BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

My beloved old ears find
him but I think a century will
pass before the Peck here will
have to plant & blanch it.
They have potatoes & turnips -
what more do they need?

And so I'll close this note.
I've been hard at work on the
Annonaceae we have brought
in mostly lost through fungus
etc. It's an amazing lot.

Couldnt someone in the S.D.
office give us a list of palms
introduced? The numbers would
give information of value for
later writing sometimes.

Always yours
affectionately. David Fairchild.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN SHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Aug. 8th 1937.

Dear Cook;

I don't know what to say about Woodbury. I have written to the Colonel but in the same mail bringing your letter came one saying that Judge Godard was very ill indeed and suggesting that we would have to elect a new treasurer.

You do not say anything about Joiner so I suspect that he is not going to be available for the work of collecting material for the Museum which is a surprise to me. I thought he would be at your service for that work.

I see your point about a super-herbarium with large sized sheets and all that that would mean but I don't yet know how far we should go along the museum line in the way of employing assistants etc.

It is so hard at long range to understand letters. If the Colonel would put Woodbury on his force as a laborer until we can get a new treasurer and decide how far we want to go in this expenditure for assistants it would be all right.

How about the photographic material in Washington? Is that going to be available for the museum do you think? Hadn't you best work that up and make a showing in the museum before putting on a paid man for the purpose of making specimens of the things we already have in living shape there?

Dont forget that we are all anxious to get ahead in the foreign collecting of species that we

haven't yet got the seeds of and the sooner we come along with plans for the securing of that material the better the Colonel will like it. I do not think we can interest him as quickly in the herbarium plans for to him a herbarium means cases of dried plants. Showy full sized museum pieces are in a different category of course.

Anyway I have written him about your plans and he may act. In the meantime perhaps Woodbury can find something to get along with. Perhaps he could get something temporary with ^Wines Wilson who has a nursery in his cemetery there in Miami and is much interested in plants. I do not recall the boy although I think I have seen him.

The weather is hot here now. Last night it went up to somewhere in the seventies and it is now 79 at 11 A.M. in the shade of this room.

As always with affectionate regards
sincerely yours,

David Fairchild.

Thank Robert for the letter I wrote
the Java in 1898 & sent to you to
publish.
it now!

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN SHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Aug. 14th 37

Dear Cook

It is always a pleasure to
get a letter from you and I am
you are all right.

I have worried some over
the Museum matters and especially
the Palaeoherbarium. For herbaria
have, as you know, never been quite
in my line. They take up a lot
of time and cost a lot of money
and only experts can use them.
They are the tools of specialists
and while I recognize that they
are essential things to have
if one is to keep the nomenclature
of our plants straight then I have
always been inhibiting factors in
my own case and like any

child. I suppose I have chosen
to spend all the time I have
on twiny problems. I recognize
the fact of course that I have
wasted a lot of time with my
misidentifications but I would
have spent a greater share of my
working hours pressing and
mounting plants both of which
performances I have never loved.

In short dear Cook I am not
& never pretended to be a systematic
Botanist. I realize as Morton White
once quoted to me the German saying
"Aber jedes Kind muss eine Name haben"

Having a poor memory for names and
no Greek or Latin to my credit could
you really expect anything else of
me Cook?

What I am driving at is this!
Lils put the other fact forward
with the Colonel - "the getting in
of more of these hundreds of species

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BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
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which we keep talking about as waiting impatiently in their jungles to be dragged out and introduced to the Florida Public.

I am aware of the fact that we must make a Museum show in the University and am not at all sure but that you have in young Woodbury the fellow who is to help us make it but I think we should press forward with the other end of the problem or ~~rather~~ dampen the enthusiasm of the Colonel who is proud of what he has done in the way of getting new palms and eager to go ahead along that line. Who knows but what he would be ready to organize an expedition after palms. Would Woodbury make a first

rather assistant in the field? Has
he any liking for languages? Let him
pick up Portuguese so he could go
into Paragui after the palms waiting
for us there. He's play up that side
of his employment & training if he
is really a liking boy. As yet, the
Colonel has shied on sending out
an expedition, contending that
we haven't yet exhausted the
palms obtainable through correspond-
ence.

It maybe that your plan for a
"Super Herbarium" 3x4 feet sheets
can be worked up in such a way
that the Colonel will see in it
something entirely new and
original. Get up some sheets to
show him, I would suggest.

The summer here has been full
of work. I have a lot of stuff to
show for it along the Florida Plant
Immigrant line - especially Annonaceae
which I find is a perfectly fascinating

To Cook
14-III-37

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
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file for study. Of all these fine
specimens that you & Dupont brought
in we have little to show
They must be gathered in
again & really grown.

I must stop now

Kind regards to you both

I have a lot of palm photos
in my collection that I
am getting together. Those
of you & the Chapman Field
Palms are O.K.

Hearty

David Fairchild

DAVID FAIRCHILD
BIOLOGICAL NUCLEUS
BEINN BHREAGH
BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Aug. 25-37.

Dear Cook

Col. Montgomery says he has not heard from you since May + does not know where you are or where to send your cheque.

You ought to keep in touch with him you know for without his continued interest we can do nothing. Write

Write at once a friendly, enthusiastic letter and give your permanent address for the mailing of your check. Do not depend too much on me for your contact with the Colonel for I am far off

This matter is important I can
assure you. We must build
up the authoritativeness of the Council
and keep him informed of our
doings. He is a high + free born
man and leads to this Adventure
business for relief and entertain-
ment. To write him a good
long letter about what you
have been doing + give him
your address.

As always yours
D. L.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, #513 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Jan 8. 38.

Dear Carl.

I gave the wire you sent
me regarding the enlargements
of Palm photos. used by the
Nat Geog. Soc. to Mr. Grosvenor
before he left here for Washington
He said he would see what
could be done to expedite
their production. I do
not know what size you
have in mind but after
a look at the rooms again
Marian & I think 3x4 ft

would be about right. If
the Society objects to such
a size we can mount
smaller ones with a margin
& use them.

I doubt if we can do
anything with the colored
plates further than to mount
a set of them on one of
these swinging affairs used
commonly by museums.

Upon the element of
expediency looms here so
large that the delays
in doing anything about
the museum appears as
a very glaring thing indeed.

8-J-38
To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

#-Woodbury is now on the University staff at the Grant garden.

I am trying all I can to
push the making of specimens
— large sized ones — for the
Museum so that there can
at least give the semblance
of a museum atmosphere.

We have enlisted now the
help of Dahlberg who has
a fair botanical knowledge
& long experience here
with the local flora and
Buswell & his assistant
Woodbury* have promised
to help us too. They came

to see me a few days ago
and I showed ~~them~~ the
attempts I am making
to dry some large material
for large-size shirts. These
attempts are not spectacular
I must say.

I wish I could find
out how to get some of the
plastic which Sandow used
for imbedding the palm
inflorescence. Can't you
ask him to write me
about it?

I have been upset
a great deal over your
failure to show up here

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To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4813 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

and I fear that you have
so "queered" yourself with
the Colonel that I cannot
patch matters up. Your
letter to him will get a
reply I presume which
will settle things at least
for the present.

I recognize ~~your~~ the
justice of your claims that
the plans ~~has~~ you have
proposed have not had
what you call a fair trial

and whatever happens (all)
I shall always hold for
you a most affectionate
regard and ^{my} respect for your
knowledge has not been
altered. This problem
we have tried to tackle
has a lot of emotional
factors in it and I guess
we are getting too old
to handle them as we
once used to do. I

recognize in my own case
these inhibiting things that
you struggle with; perhaps
not so keenly but still

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To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4813 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

I do feel them. I found to be
easy for me to decide where
to go & what next to do but
it is not any more. I
putter and stumble over things
and find myself distracted
by all sorts of interesting possibilities.

In short dear Cook whether
you are with us financially
or not depends upon the
Colonies but since palms
are a deep seated interest of
yours I know I can still

Count upon your good
will and assistance from
time to time. I have written

Dr. Grosvenor about the
enlargements saying that
3 ft & 4 ft would make
suitable wall decorations.

I trust you can get in touch
with him so that his photo-
grapher will have the
numbers of the negatives
& be able to go ahead with
them. He can put them
up with temporary labels
first and then with give
time to perfect captions that
will be correct & informative

8-I-38
To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4513 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

This is a rambling letter but
it is the best I can manage
now. I am frankly concerned
about this Museum business
and shall do all I can to
bring it along to a point
where we have something
besides bare walls + bounded-
spaces. The University year
is slipping along and it
is too late of course to arrange
for any Palm lectures as we
had hoped, but I intend to
have some palm leaves etc at
least to show. As always - yours
David Fairchild.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4212 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Sunday, Feb. 13-38

Dear Gov.

I have been swamped with work
— letters, museum, photos, planting, illness
of relatives and calls. I should

have answered your various notes
but simply could not get time.

I wish I were ordering a
hundred of your excellent papers
on Heathia Bella. which I
will keep and give out to
those interested. It will not be
possible to include it in the
occasional papers. It
will interest a wider public than
your papers can reach however.

Have you published any semi popular
account of Opsiantha Maya yet
I wonder. That palm will fit
into the dooryard as soon as a supply of plants is
available. I am saving all
the seeds from my palm.

I am very sorry indeed to hear
of Guy's return of his illness. I
hoped he could get down and
before it came on. Give
him my best regards please.

With best regards to Alice
and Robert and the family
I am as always

Yours sincerely

David Fairchild.

PS

Where can

Neanthella plants be had now? Has anyone
a stock of them?

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O
P
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DAVID FAIRCHILD
The Kampong, 4013 Douglas Road
Coconut Grove, Fla.

Nov. 8, 1936.

"TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OUTLANDERS AND THIRD THURSDAY NIGHTERS"

Your most generous message of congratulations came at a critical time and cheered me and warmed the cockles of my heart more than have the host of individual letters asking for autographs for it comes from a gang of fellows who are not only explorers themselves but critical of such efforts at book making as "The World Was My Garden" represents.

If I am warranted in believing that the book will attract favorable attention to the men of science who have found the romance of their lives in exploring, I shall feel very happy indeed. If it leads in even a small way to a bettering of their conditions for research, I shall be delighted. For by what other way than that of exploring in the vast unknown world of things can man ever rise above the lower instinctive prejudices which have characterized him since the stone age and before?

I look upon your little "gang" in Washington as a group of men who are interested in the behaviour of other organisms than mere man and who see in the arts of oratory the hangings of verbal symbols which have no concrete existence back of them but are merely fictions of our imaginations to which we have given names which delude us into the belief that they represent things.

It is because you are students of things that I cherish your approval of my very fragmentary narrative full of ambiguities and "misstatements" (from someone's point of view) as it necessarily must be.

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) DAVID FAIRCHILD.

Dec. 18. 44

Dear Ralph.

Your fascinating letter just
got before me some a month later.

We ran into a revolution &
gabam our son came up from
Panama to search for Simulium
(Black Flies) in the rivers of Guatemala
and we stayed to have a glimpse
of the bay. He is a born research
man now & will contribute real
facts to the study of the life of
Onchocerca volvulus - a filaria
that causes blindness in the
Yopacarpa valley of Guatemala.

I am glad you approved
the Atlantic article. I come back
from Guatemala more convinced

than even that habits in foods
control what man grows more
than or as much as does the
climate.

My pet Chaya I found in
the poor peasants yards in Yucatan
side by side with perennial
lime trees, nerraya, corn, Papaya
and the sweet lemon. These people
eat it and have 2 quers for
centuries.

I saw the Ramon
of Yucatan used as an Avenue tree
and its branches sold to stock raisers
in large quantities. *Brasium*
alicatrum - its green branches -
forms the most important fodder
in the dry season around Merida.

The Aray *Hufelandia aray* is
sprouting in the hot ~~bad~~ propagator
box at Chapman Field but my
shipment of the 'Corys' *Persea veludiana*
failed. I have a correspondent who

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18-XII-44
To Ralph

will get me a lot of seed next
summer however. I found
the U. Fruit Co. raised 32 Tons of
Mangosteen last year at Lavertilla
Honduras. At a profit of 1 cent a
fruit we figured out \$800 per
acre net profits. It is an amazing
orchard of 700 trees. That U.F.C.
with its 80000 acres of bananas in
Guatemala & Honduras I guess
^{at least} represents the most extensive
orcharding in the world. How
many acres of Citrus are there in
California? I claim the banana
is an orchard crop - not like the
sugar cane - nor comparable to
Coffee. It's the fruit we eat.

I am obliged for your reference
to Polkowsky's book. It's always
interesting to speculate on what
happened. I spent several days
with Morley & saw the Maya ruins
& wondered how such a
right and a civilization so large
and with such ruins could have
failed for lack of the vision
necessary to try other crops than
maize. Maybe he is right
but he has not eliminated
an invasion and as I see
things the mad murderous mind
of man is the most terrible
factor in the destruction of people.

I wish you lived nearer to
we could combine our strengths
on the new crops.

Swingle left for Washington
again. I saw little of him.
As can be seen from his letter D.P.



Dec 23 -

Dear Father - We are glad to hear
that you are back in
circulation once more - much
improved. I suppose it too much to
hope that you would come to Fla.
Just now it is very wintering though
storms & frosts have played havoc
with crops and hopes of the growers.
We suffered very little, the big jacaranda
tree in front of the house lost a few large
branches but will soon replace them.

I enclose a recent letter from Funchal
which will interest you, I assure. I
suppose you saw the Sat. Ev. Post article
recently about the stone towns in New Mexico -
many hundreds! He is hoping for
a better New Year - we can hardly expect a
very happy one! Love from Ralph

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4213 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

July 13, 1944

Dear Cook

This morning as I walked
up at your *Ocotea* Maya +
saw a cluster of new fruits ripen-
ing in the early morning sunlight
I was reminded of you up
there - discouraged about your-
self - unable to do what you
want to do.

These later years of our
lives are not what we think
they might be or ought to
be, are they? I find I cheer
up and seem to be savor when
I am out of doors under my trees

here and I let my duck pile up
with letters in order to handle
with my own hands the mango
fruit that are gathered every day
from my twenty odd trees. There
is something about Touch that brings
sanity and stops the philosophiz-
ing that worries me. What
have I to do with the ultimate
fate of civilization? I'd like to know.

I hate the great cities almost as
much as you do and view them
as evidences of deterioration but
just now and in order to get
into safer waters I am think-
ing about a species of *Vitis* or
Cissus which threatens to completely
drown with its slender aerial roots
my whole Hammock which I
keep as shade for the palms from
the Dutch East Indians. Did you

13-VII-44
To Cook

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

I've observed a vine which could
send down roots 30 feet long
clear to the ground even long after
all the trunks have been cut?

The leaves are fleshy & hold moisture
sufficient to supply these roots
even though isolated far up in the
tops of the trees. Swingle said he
had sectioned their root tips and
found they grew amazingly fast
nearest the tips - then the cells lengthen
out enormously.

It is with these fascinating
& often annoying phenomena of
my immediate surroundings that
I baroque - shut out, the warring
human beings who have gone
insane or been driven insane by

other mad banders of rage & horrible symbols of death and torture and destruction.

Sometimes, often these days, my memories of those earlier days come back when the twisting moving, spirally sculptured threads of the slime molds threw thin pretty purple spores about and we had time to watch them and name some of them and pore over the pretty lithographic plate that we had bought.

How has it come that we have left that world and gotten enmeshed in the complicated human problems of behaviour which seem so far from being solved?

Let's go back into the woods then at your old home in New York State.

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and collect slime molds on the rotting logs. But as I wrote these words I seem to hear you talking about that novel of South Africa (I forgot the author's name) which you got me to read.

You would love the tropical mornings here - the early sunlight is as beautiful as it was in Java and the palm leaves cast flickering shadows over my microscope table (even if the microscopes are in their boxes & locked up).

When you get well again why don't you consider trekking to Florida where you can get away from the accumulated love of the past & live in the out of doors?

Of course I don't know what
chains bind you there - doubtless
there are many, but at Terra Cica
haven't you a house & some
land?

Perhaps I am spoiling my
letter, meant to be just a friendly
one of encouragement, by in-
jecting the idea of moving into
it, but the other day when I
was thinking of Yucatan and of
going there to see how the people
use the "Chaya" (*Jatropha urens*;
now it has another name I hear)
The words of your Moso then came
back "No hai Ramon n'el sus pais?"
Because of these words & the beauty
of the *Brasiliense* tree I planted a
tree of it on the Kampang. It is grow-
ing splendidly. But I must
not tell you out des. Cook. With all
true affectionate regards. David Fairchild

P.S. Marian says, All yours if you have seeds
of the Macarthur. She has friends, Adeline Van Pelt
+ Mrs Van P. FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN
who want to grow COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA it commercially.
They have large orchid P. O. BOX 407
backers down in Honduras.

Feb. 1, 1949.

Dear Old Friend

address The Kampong
4013 Douglas
Road
Coconut
Grove

Robert has written that
the A.B.A. elected you Honorary
Vice President at the Annual Meeting
to fill the vacancy made by Dr. Cole's
death. I am delighted by the action.

How time rolls back as I write and
come back!!
These great Panham Days - ~~when~~ When
Guy + Jim had their Corn hybrids
on the hillside, and the Kudzu vine
climbed the Windmill Tower, and
the Origin of Maize took up a
great part of our discussions,
and little Robert knew there were
Edible mushrooms in the woods but
didn't think there were any Fairies!

No greater period than that
ever came into our lives and as I

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To Cook

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P. O. BOX 407

review the years I have a great regret. It is that we for a time drifted apart and I lost contact with your most stimulating & inspiring environment. Other and far less original and penetrating personalities - intellectually, came into my life and more practical, immediate things filled the days. And now, alas, dear Guy has gone, never to come back, and Jim is settled in Caracas and even Robert doesn't live at Danham. Carl Seefield still is with you then and the woods surround you as they used to do but we are getting along and beginning to count the years ahead.

I am just out of the doctor's hands now and have four inches of slender belt, nuts & all, holding my knee caps together. I can walk some already and soon will be well, I hope. I am writing on

1-II-47
To Cook

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P. O. BOX 407

On my well know so please excuse my scribbling penmanship. But I cannot wait to congratulate you and the A.C.A. on getting you at last to figure as a "high official" in the ranks. As I wrote Robert I wonder why we didn't think of this before. Was it because your own son was the Editor in Chief - "the whole thing" so to say?

The whole magazine world is changing; spinning about so fast; I hardly know what is happening. I have warned Robert not to get into the world of polemics where what is written is not to prove anything much but to contradict the other fellow.

So dear Cook, here we are on a new footing close to the old one. May it prove a better one and one which will interest a wider circle of readers.

I shall try and see you this summer on our trek North. Maryann joins me in affectionate regards. Near the ~~cella~~ plants along the patio now. As ever yrs David Fairchild.