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Mr. Dawson

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California Garden,
8377 Seventh Street, San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sirs:

I have been much interested in the article in your August number suggesting a large lath house as a feature for the Panama-California Exposition. We have had the matter under contemplation but as yet have not secured an appropriation.

At present it seems unlikely that a sufficiently large appropriation can be set aside for this purpose to accomplish such a large and elaborate structure as that described in the above mentioned article. If that should prove to be the case it seems to me it would probably be better to plan a less formal or more picturesque structure. If the lath house could be located at the head of one of the ravines it would be appropriate to adopt an irregular plan with units of ^{different} ~~distinct~~ sizes and shapes

and on different levels, in part covering the ravine so as to provide opportunity for rustic stone dams, pools and picturesque rock work, and crooked paths on the side slopes of the ravine in addition to a reasonable amount of comparatively smooth, level ground nearby for the sorts of plants which can be more appropriately grown on such ground.

It would certainly be most desirable to have as large a bath house as possible, with as complete and interesting a collection of plants suitable for it as the finances of the Exposition and Park will permit.

With cordial appreciation of your suggestion and helpful attitude, I remain,

Yours truly,