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Dear Sir:

We have just had a very strenuous week, and this is my first opportunity to write at any length. Mr. Allen has laid out a new time keeping and segregating ^{system} for me, and ~~in~~ following it, I had to fire Householder, on account of the many mistakes he was making, but principally because he was making a political canvas among the men, and caused some little disorder. He made quite a rumpus, but he is fired to stay. In the nursery we have made a good showing. We have a fine block of Phoenix Canariensis, just north of the entrance road. On each side of the road there is a line of Cocco Phumose and they are looking fine. We have had lots of rain since you left and have been unable to get teams on the Park roads. I have a good outfit of teams and plows all ready to start however when the ground is ready, which should be this week. Mr. Blosson is working on a plan for the new even span roof lath house you suggested and also on the frame location south of the greenhouse. When it is finished we will hustle its construction along. In the greenhouse, the propagation is getting all the attention I can spare. We have built a small frame on one of the benches and we are going to try grafting Bougainvillea latifolia on to Gabra. I got a dozen B. Gabra in 3" pots, just the right size to work on, and if it proves a success we can root Gabra by the wholesale and then work on the B. latifolia, when the Gabra is the proper size.

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all the Acacia that were sown in boxes when you were here are coming up nicely. William found that soaking the seed for six days in water heated to 70° , softened the seed so that after they were in boxes about three days, they would start sprouting. Mr. Walter is not highly elated over the fact either. As for the *Romneya* roots that were cut up and potted, have not shown any root growth, and it is possible that we will have to cut off the young shoots with a good heel and root them that way, if possible. We have just started potting up roses, jasmines, etc. from the propagating bench, all the cuttings look better since the heater has been installed. William and myself are going to Coronado this afternoon and we are going to get all the wood we can get of *Lantana*, *Pink Campsidium*, *Tecoma*, *Bougainvillea* etc. and have a batch of good stuff for the men to work on Monday morning. I believe we can get the plant of *Bougainvillea* lat. at Coronado and use it as you directed in your letter to Mr. Blossom. I am sending after the stock at Bernard's tomorrow. The stock bought from Coronado Nursery will be all planted out this coming week. As soon as the ground warms up I will get after the *Washingtonia* at Normal Heights. Mr. Blossom has the planting list and plans of Part. boundary plantations ready and we are impatiently waiting to get after the wood. I asked Mr. Allen to get me a good pipe laying outfit of tools and we will carry the whole job along at one time. As far as I know everything is moving forward satisfactorily to all concerned, with best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours

James Summing