

Mailet 2-16-23
with 2-Calif Nursery Cuts
1-Morse
1-Hallowell
1-Anemone
February 12, 1923.

Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
137 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

AK
Certain plants do very well indeed on the Hill and I mention a few as suggestion for use in the bank plantings as helping the tropical effect. One is the dwarf palm like a long House C circular steps. It hugs the ground, so is not broken by the wind, covers ground area as its new growth branches out at the ground, and can be planted in a pocket of good soil without digging out a whole acre first. It stays low and broadens. The six to ten foot Phoenix palms (with compact tops) do very well. *All the hardy palms.* OK

OK
Then the various Yuccas planted in with other greener planting do not give any suggestion of desert and thrive. More varieties could be had for the road banks, and the long flowering stalks are most decorative. You may have noticed some of them indicated in the roadside planting. *Yes.*

OK
The blue cedars seem to like us better than any of the other "specimen" trees. *All conifers ought to do well - Fir spruce cedar pine of various kinds marked*

The veronikas, imperial purple and blue, thrive excessively. They could be used for color in mass effects with yuccas, etc. to give interest - as they are not particularly interesting plants in themselves. *Philadelphus mexicanus*

Cestrum, Choisya, Crataegus and Genista Racemosa
Erica
Nandina
domestica
Quercus
suber
Euphorbia
Rumex crispus
The bushy genista (brooms) and acacias thrive. The "Red Wild Silene" hot poker" also thrives. The "berry" plants like the crataegus white and barberry seem to have a tendency to grow very stalky -- *Anemone spotted* not making good foliage, but good berries. The toyons, manzanitas, etc. can only transplant when small and grow so slowly. *rock rose* *lucalypte, Grevillea robusta (silk oak) -* *citronella* *Argon grapes*

All the bougainvilleas are breeding into leaf under their winter covering, but will probably need to be covered each winter on account of the suddenness of the cold spells, and wind storms. All the pretty lantanas, ivy geraniums, pelargoniums, etc. are cut down with one real frost and will need renewal and care each year. *Should always be covered* *May have to cover other things*

For road planting, it might be a good plan instead of *Hydrangea* *Maybe even oranges etc.*
Acacia neriifolia (ornamental blooming)
Magnolia grandiflora

Leptospermum laurifolium
Ceratonia siliqua
Grevillea robusta
Eucalypte

all
lowly
evergreens
Don't like deciduous trees

All right this
doesn't take too long

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How wide shall we
make the road
50% wide

putting in a whole bank at a time, to, for instance this year, get all the yucca available (not many at that) and plant them here and there as they appear in the roadside "pictures" -- they would have all the water and soil food available -- to start on -- then in the fall add other plants -- spring others, etc., gradually building up the fertility of the banks as well as the planting. It would be a comparatively inexpensive way and would begin to produce an effect at once.

The pomegranates like water. Those along the little inlets of the Venetian lagoons have their fruit laden branches borne down by sheer richness into the blue waters -- thrilling in color. Our California product is mostly bushy, but I have in mind 8 - 10 - 15 foot trees in old gardens at Petaluma, Colusa, etc., that I think could be secured.

Yours very truly,

JM-dm

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