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My dear Rebecca

We received on the same day, with your note announcing them, the carnations from Montreal. They were very fresh and in a fine state for planting. I immediately set them all out with my own hand, calling the fourth in the catalogue ("a large deep purple") Rebecca, in honor of the Queen of the Jews in our country. A great florist who lives near me says, The new varieties sent by Mr Joseph will be a great acquisition to the collection here. They are easily propagated and I therefore hope to see my Rebecca flourishing in all the suburban & private gardens about Washington. May I not sometime hope to see you sampling in my garden and give me the pleasure of having you to enjoy the sweets I have planted. I shall have a word of persons of spirit, what me soon at a fine healthy and cheerful. All about five miles from the city which I call Silver Spring "from the columns of silver looking sand

Which the fountain keeps in motion at its bottom
in its war busy, boiling haste to pour out its
cool waters. How I should like to have ^{you} stroll
a whole summer away amidst the fragrance
of my rose & carnations. Of the cool pine
forest with couple of terraces a half a mile
in extent. Of the grape vines festooning the
brook which washes the foot of the Chestnut
hills. That shut us very remote from
the rest of the world and only discloses it
from their summits like a distant fairy land.
I look forward only a few years when I
shall be done with politics and in this
place of rest shall have the enjoyment of
the friends and books and woodland tastes,
so much better suited to a kind & simple life
than which adversity forced into a strange
shape.

I have not heard a syllable from
our Travellers since the day after they re-
turned from Caenward to Jersey town. I an-
gue from it that they are now on the way
and that this fine weather will bring
them to us in a day or two. When

F. P. Blair with me
for Andrew Jackson

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