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proven, which would allow you to wear nine bars, to say nothing of the extra two, which doubtless could be established.

In regard to the flower garden, I really feel lost. I think you might write to W. E. Frowe, 1924 Louisiana Street, in regard to the planting which might be desirable. Two or three years ago Portulaca filled the little square at the south door to our porch and it was not only pretty but durable, lasting the entire season and some plants coming up later from the seed. I think generally speaking, we had better try to maintain the formal garden which would require some new planting, but being away for a couple of months during the summer really makes it seem useless to have flowering plants that are simply going to waste. We shall want gladiolus and perhaps some attention should be given now to irises and hyacinth, and probably also to the tulips. I did not cut back the Paul's Scarlets because I find that where you let them grow on a trellis they bloom much more profusely than when they are trimmed back.

I am glad your boys are real boys and like worthwhile things.

Lots of love,