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Mr. John W. Thompson,
Superintendent of Parks,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:-

I just received your letter dated December 31st, 1910, in regard to the deep of Lily Pool at Volunteer Park. I thoroughly agree with you that in order to grow successful lilies in these pools, it will be necessary to have them as deep as they are. There is no reason why they shouldn't be filled with soil and manure to within twelve inches of the surface, and the lilies planted in this soil rather than in tubs. This will eliminate a good deal of the danger of small children falling into the pools and drowning. Of course, the soil wouldn't be very hard and it is possible that they would sink somewhat into the wet soil in case they fell into the pool. To eliminate this possibility of danger, you could cover the mud with a wire netting, either a chicken wire netting or something stronger. This could be supported by occasional hook in the side of the basin, and

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possibility by one or two posts in the central part of the pools. In this way you would eliminate all the danger and it would be quite unnecessary to have a hand rail or small fence encircling the pool which would be decidedly objectionable in appearance.

Yours very truly,

James Fredk. Dawson