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"And add to these retired Leisure  
That in trim gardens takes his pleasure."

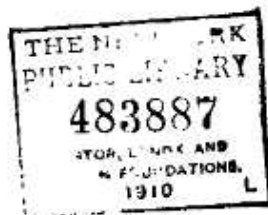
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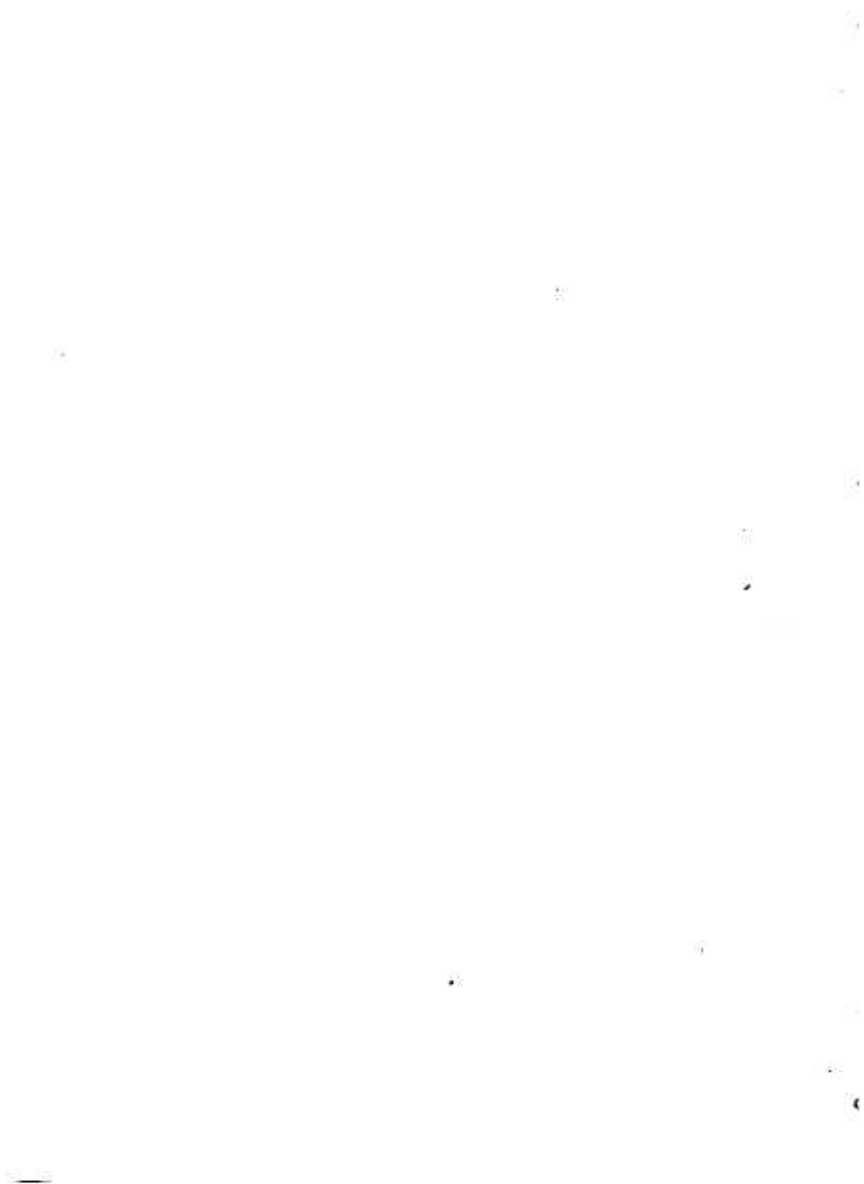
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## TO MY MOTHER, A TRUE GARDENER

To you who've lived your life elate  
In Marvell's happy garden state,  
And doubtless see, with Milton's eyes,  
Eden a flow'ry Paradise,  
While every walk that you have trod,  
Was Enoch's walk, a walk with God —  
— To you this little book I bring  
Wherein our English poets sing  
Of all the pleasures they have found  
In gardens grayly walled around,  
Of tranquil toil and studious ease,  
Mid flowers, shrubberies and trees,  
Because you Cowley's wish have known  
To have a garden of your own,  
And having it, have plied that art  
Which Temple calls the ladies' part,  
So well, your skill might seem to be  
A kind of gentle wizardry,  
As still your flowers statelier grow  
And with a richer color glow