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[1914 1918]

Mr F O Popenoe,
RFD 2,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Polks:

Just a few lines before the Ofs force comes back from dinner, and I have to get to work again to make a good showing.

Paul and I have just come back from the Cornell Girls, where we put away pea soup, fruit salad and cake. Our meal there is the best one of the day. They sure do put up fine grub.

Just before going to dinner we called on C S Vrooman, and received a cordial welcome. He was somewhat rushed and we only stopped about 10 minutes, wh was enough anyway, but he said he was going to call on Paul at his Ofs some time, and asked us to come and see him at any time if he could be of service, etc. He said if FOP ever come to Washn to be sure to call on him, and spoke of having read your letter re us. Now if we meet him at Dr Bell's or anywhere we will know him, and we are in line to get better acquainted.

Got my desk cleaned up yesterday and I feel as tho I could settle down to work. I had books piled over anything, -had no book case, and needed one badly. I asked Dorsett for one, and he said Howell would keep a lookout for one around the building. I waited two days, and Howell found none, so I asked again, and told him I needed one badly. He therefore took his books out of one in his own room, thereby considerably inconveniencing himself, and gave it to me. I did not want to take it, but he insisted, and I had to have one. I would like it a good deal better if he would buy a new one out of the Govt funds.

Read my portraits yesterday. Dont think they are anything wonderful; in fact, I shant go to Bergen again, tho I guess they are fair and as good as I can expect. I will send out a few of them in a day or two.

Finished up the locust article for Bailey this morning.

Paul went to dinner at Dr Bell's last night, same being council meeting in combination, and I went over to Chas room and studied botany with Allen. He is taking hold remarkably well and I feel that he is going to make good. Fairchild says he is very favorably impressed. Chas says he has been pretty heavily hit financially in the last yr, having had to contribute \$300 toward the interest on the mortgage at Ridgeview, wh only leaves him \$1700 a yr to live on here, and he says this is barely enough. You see, then, about how he lives. I talked to him about the importance of putting Parkinson back in school, and he said

if he got raised to \$2400 next July he thot he would be able to pay his tuition in Topeka High School, same being \$40 a yr. I am afraid Chas doesnt figure very close on his own expenses, however. His new silver saxophone must have cost him a good deal.

It is pretty cold here, I tell you, but I guess I am going to be able to stand it allright. Last night I refilled the cider jug at Rev Browdy's, and when Paul came in after I was asleep he hit it a paralyzing whack.

"e are going to take a dancing lesson with Edith tonight, and I suppose the Safford's will also be there. I called on Mr Safford a couple of days ago, and he seemed very glad to see me, and talked a lot about the dancing lessons we were going to have. He even went so far as to show me the fox trot. He and I are pretty good friends.

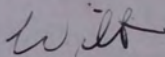
Paul seems to be considerably more concerned over Katherine Brown than most attorneys are over their clients interests. I not only suspect, but have firmly grounded convictions, that his interests are not entirely professional and impersonal. I hope to get out there for a call with him before long.

Allen and I took dinner at the Connecticut Inn last night. "e eat bkfst at Child's now, and the meals are OK. In fact our living is the best we have ever had here. It is mainly a matter of finding out the right places to go.

Recd a bill from Shellabarger yesterday for \$42, wh I will pay on Jan'y 1. One always gets hit a little harder in this world than he expects.

I have seen more of Mr Fairchild since I came back than I did in the 2 months I was here last spring. He seems to be feeling particularly amiable just now, and we have talked mangos a good deal. It looks gloomy for foreign explorations until the war is over, however.

Lovingly,



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1914.

F D Popenoe
RFD 2, Pasadena,
California.

Dear Folks:

Pauls client has just scored a coup d'etat. You see, it was like this. A week ago when we were out to Browns we asked the girls to go to the Jardin de Danse with us again, but Helen couldn't get time before she went back to school so we called it off. Katherine is now there alone, and Paul insisted that I (what does mean I?) should ask her down to the Jardin last night, so with much fear and trepidation I did, and it worked. Paul invited Gretchen and we simply had one swell time. Paul insisted on wearing a dress suit, so I did likewise; there are always a few there wearing full dress, and Paul says he prefers to be with the sheep than with the goats, in which I concur. Katherine insisted that she couldn't stay late, as she had to go to school the next day, but after we got under way she didn't think of pulling out until 11, and then after making a start for the door she decided she really couldn't leave and we stuck it out till 12. When I got to my domicile at 1 am I found I had forgotten my latch key, and debated whether to stay out on the front stoop till daylight or wake someone up. Finally I decided upon the latter course and finally roused Ma, who came down and let me in.

We are picking up a good deal on our dancing, and especially when we dance with girls we are used to we get along pretty well. I taught Katherine the hesitation last night. Gretchen is a peach of a dancer, and a peach in other ways. Not a beauty, but extremely attractive, and muy sympatica, which is the last word, of course.

Ma, it would do your heart good to see your second son sashaying along Rhode Island Avenue all togged out for a soiree, with my new stick in my hand. I tell you if a man lives with Paul he has to come to time or throw up the sponge. Paul has induced me to wear an opera hat, altho I haven't yet started in; he is going to buy a silk tile and sell me his collapsible, wh I can carry for traveling.

But DARN IT ALL, what do you think of having to pull up stakes and leave town when such doings as those just chronicled are the common thing? I wish I was going to have 3 mos more here, but there is plenty of time ahead, and I look upon this trip to so Fla as going to school; it will be exactly the

same thing for me, and I figure I ought to get in the 4 month I will be gone as much education as I would in a yr at college, and the Govt is paying me \$1800 a yr for doing it and giving me \$500 expense money besides. Verily, it is a soft snap, and if I shouldnt get a raise next July I dont think I would even peep, for as long as I am doing as little work for the Govt and getting as much education as I will be this spring I cant complain about salaries.

Well, I leave my case in my attorney's hands. However, I have about decided that my attorney is a little bit gun shy, when it comes to girls, and doesnt want to get in too deep. Probably he is wise. I dont think there is going to be anything doing, but of course you never can tell what he may start up after I leave town.

Hereafter address all correspondence to U S Plant Introduction Garden, Miami, and all bills to my attorney. I am going to fix it this time so I wont have to exist on pina frie 3 days in Havana, if I have to get a new atty. Mr Foster hears I am going, and wants to sell me a ticket, etc. Guess I will let him do it; I went into his Ofc, where his sister holds forth, and asked for literature, so of course she smelled a mice at once. I like to utilise their offices sometimes to get mail, etc, so I guess I better reciprocate by trading with them, tho they sort of soaked me on my ticket to P R, -charged me for the telegram making reservation, etc.

Paul and I are both elated over the big piece of business F O P did in San Fran. Pretty fine, I tell you. A few like that will make things look up. I am mighty glad you have the stock in hand on which to do such business, and I really believe things will go fully as well and perhaps a little mite weller with TUB out. I dont think he ever really earned much money for the Co.

I finished 2 more articles for Bailey yesterday. I am going to be in strong at the finish, and it is a fine piece of business. Only wish I could have been in this way from the start, I could have had all the trop frts. As it is, I have practically all of any importance or in which I am interested, save the commercial ones, like banana and pineapple which I dont want and couldnt handle.

Mr Fairchild came down with the la grippe the day he was to leave for Fla and is at home in bed. Dorsett went down night before last, to stay about 2 weeks. Mr F will probably go down a little later on. I will go ahead with my plans and rather expect to start from here next Wed evening. I have been measured for a tailor made outing suit, Norfolk jacket, of genuine gabardine cotton, something swell, for field use in Fla and Cuba. Costs me \$18, but ought to wear a long time. I cant afford to dress in Khaki at Miami this time of yr, or in Cuba either, and duck or linen is too easily soiled to be practical for field work. Morton P Stout and Co are my tailors.

Bisset is acting in charge now, and things are pretty quiet here. I put in a request for a lot of stuff for F O P, and only included things wh I thot you would really want. Tonight Allen is going to entertain us at the Press Club for dinner. He has moved out to Kensington so as to be near his work. Think he is going to sleep in one of the buildings at the Yarrow garden and board with Rankin, the Supt.

Loveingly,

Wilt

This is the life!

Pirapora, Minas, F 10 1914

Dear Folks:

Recd several letters from home yesterday via Rio and Lavras. Mighty glad to get them. Now it will only be a month until we reach Bahia and get more, and that is not bad at all. I have ordered mail sent to Bahia from Rio as nothing more will reach us from this end.

Both Mr D and I are feeling pretty blue today, over receiving news yesterday from the Ofs that the second trunk of material was rotten on arrival. It looks pretty bad for the Brazilian expedition. We are going to stop in Bahia long enough to duplicate nearly all the material, all the citrus wood at least. This news coupled with the tough life we are leading right now makes business a little bit dull, but we always have the consolation that it will be a fine experience to look back upon, and now with my journal to remind me of the incidents it will always be easy to keep the thing in memory.

It is raining here and we just missed a steamer by one day and have to wait about ten for the next one, living in the meantime on the rottenest grub imaginable; the beef is always spoiled and I darent eat it. The rice and beans are O K, but tiresome, so I am buying a little tinned fruit at an exorbitant price wh Unk Sam will have to stand in order to piee our my meals. Dorsett is about as tough as they make them, and could live on shoe pegs if he had to, but the last day or two he has come pretty near crying peccavi. I guess we would both feel first rate and wouldnt mind the grub if we hadnt heard that all our stuff had been lost, however. It certainly is the deuce getting plant material thru the tropics.

Never mind; I still have plenty of ginger left, and have got ahead of the skeeters in a way wh does my heart good. I brot up mosquito netting from Rio and now I can sleep in comfort. Did not get it until two days after my arrival here as the hotel boy was too lazy to bring the baggae up from the depot. It is AWFULLL the way they put things off; they are the laziest crowd at this hotel I ever saw. The meals are always one to two hours late.

Pual sent down Bakers letter re the book. I see Baker is somewhat doubtful as to getting me to collaborate. I guess his fears are groundd for I dont believe the Ofs folks will be very anxious for me to collaborate with Baker, but as far as my own feelings are concerned I am with him and if I have it my way will sign the contract as soon as I land. I think we can put it thru alright, though Mr D doesnt take much interest in the matter, thinks there isnt enough material yet to justify the publication of a book of the subject.

F O P, we sure are getting the pictures, alright. I think you will be satisfied with what we have in that line.

MBP, have you heard any reports of anyone in the neighborhood, -Amelia, for example, getting Xmas cards from me? I sent a lot from Bahia.

Mr D mentioned just recently that he thot perhaps after he had been home a few weeks or one mo he might start out to the coast and he believed perhaps he could arrange with me to go along so as to see Chico and Bellingham, and then stop in so Cal for my vacation. This looks good to me, for he had mentioned previously that I might not be able to get out to California until fall. I think probably the scheme will work out allright.

Woulant sell my Manteau Universel for a hundred milreis right now. That thing has been the handiest article on the trip. When traveling on the train I spread her out and take a nap, or use it to lie on when I have a dirty bed. In this sort of a country one needs something of the kind.

F O P, I am going to bring you a nice present to pay you for keeping my mail coming so regularly.

I am picking up the Portuguese pretty fast in here, can begin to converse without difficulty altho my range is necessarily limited. Had a long talk with the landlady last night, talking is her long suit.

Your letters recd yesterday were written shortly before and shortly after Xmas. Made me think of home. I did not get a chance to send you any Xmas presents, but will bring them when I come. Tell Doc I am going to get him a real watch when I get home this yr, if he hasnt already got one. If you send me a birthday box let it be to Washn, altho I wont get there before April 1st and possibly not until the 15th. I wanted to send Aunt Lu something but couldnt do it from here. Wait till I get home.

Fraid the Journal may be getting a little bit dry. I will try to liv n it up a bit next time. I wrote this instalment when I really didnt want to write, but felt I had to get it done in order not to drop behind too far. It is a plain chronid of events.

Wrote a letter to Father Barnhart today. Thot it would please him to get one.

Think I can pick up a few good curioes in this country. It is pretty primitive in here, not many signs of civilization except the railroad, and we will soon leave that

Will write another instalment of Journal before we leave here, covering Pirapora. I dont think the boat will come before the 15th and lave a day or two later.

I am still very much alive and still glad I came. I am hoping to take advantage of the opportunity in this interior trip to get material for an article or two, and I am sure we will get some fine photos unless something happens to them.

Lots of love from

W. H.

S S Prudente de Moraes,
nearing Joazeiro
Feb 21 1914

Dear Folks:

I can scarcely believe that this is my last chance to get a letter off to you before sailing for home, but if everything goes as planned it will be the case. This should get down to Bahia in time to catch the boat sailing about the 27 or 28th; the next one goes March 13, and there is little doubt but that we will take it.

I have a forty five page instalment of the Journal, covering the river trip, but I think I will not send it by this boat, but will keep it until I reach New York and mail it there. If I mailed it here I would have to put in in three or four envelopes, it is so bulky, and I do not quite trust the mails here in the interior.

Our trip down the river has been very interesting, and we have made about two hundred photos, some of which I think will look good to F O P. I have caught quite a few scenes of native life which I think should be dandies. Our photos now number about 2025, so you see we are coming right along.

I can tell you I will be glad to get back to Mrs. Velho's grub; it has been pretty tough here in the interior. I don't know what a man like Paul would do. Meat is the principal article of diet, and if he didn't eat it all he would get would be rice and beans. I think I am ready to swear off from meat for about six months, for I have had enough during the last two months to last me. If I had been making the trip alone I would have brought along more supplies and lived more comfortably, but Dorsett does not take much stock in that himself, and I did not want to run up a big bill for grub solely on my own account. He is a meat and bread eater, and doesn't care a rap for fruit and vegetables. I am just the contrary, so of course in a country of this kind I get hit harder than he does.

The trip down the river has been beautiful. It is really very fine, but the small towns along the way are nearly all dead to the world and in the most dilapidated condition imaginable. The people haven't enough gumption to walk.

Have picked up a few curios on the way down, but nothing very choice. Got a good knife for Doc to add to his collection, a few candles made of *Carnaubá* palm wax, a palm leaf broom, and I expect to get a couple of cotton hammocks in Joazeiro.

I got one palm fiber hammock in Januaria which I am going to give Mr. Fairchild. It is a pretty good one. I tried to get more of them but they weren't to be had.

Of course I will send you a night letter the day we arrive in New York. I think our steamer is the Vasari, and she ought to arrive in N Y about the 27th. I am looking fwd to the stop in Trinidad with a great deal of pleasure. To see the Botanic Gardens will be a great treat. We have given up our stop in the WI, and will come straight thru. We have a lot of plant material to bring thru alive and one of us would have to go thru with it anyway, so I guess we might just as well both go, as there wont be any mangos ripe in the W I now anyway. My appropriation has held out well and I think I will land in Washn with at least 7 or 8 hundred dollars to turn back into the treasury.

I guess it will be just as quick for me to bring my money home this time and fwd you a draft as soon as I arrive in the States, instead of sending travelers checks to Paul. Would not want to risk any in the mail from here. If you are in need of the money, you can wire me in care of Roosa, or write me in his care, and I will telegraph \$100 from N Y immediately upon arrival. I would just as soon do this as not. We will call on Roosa immediately upon arrival to have him help us pass our baggage, so you might address anything there, noting on the outside that it is to be held until called for. He knows me pretty well by this time so I guess it will be taken care of.

I think the Journal is going to total about 275 pages by the time I get home. I already have 240. Paul said if I wrote 150 I would be doing well. So there!

Must pack up now to go ashore, as we are due to arrive in an hour.

Last call!

Lovingly

L. O. S.

We came down as far as Januaria on a launch wh makes the trip regularly, laid over there 4 days & then took the regular steamer for Jaziro, - 6 days from Januaria here. There is a splendor trip thru up the Tigris but much poorer accomodations & grub.

Special to Mrs P: I am the proud possessor of a month's growth of mustache. Look just like Doc Bowman.

J. O. Roosa
J. O. Roosa



S. S. Vauban
Headed for Home
March 25 1914

Dear Folks:

Left Rio yesterday; haven't anything to do until we get to Bahia & Mr. Dorsett brings my typewriter aboard, so will put in a little of the time writing a letter to tell you of my stay in Rio.

I went down on the Royal Mail, but I'll never do it again. The English nation is played out. Try as I did, I couldn't strike up an acquaintance with but one man on the ship, and he a Brazilian. I had nothing to do, so got some books out of the library,

† read the life of Chas. Kingsley & "Histoire d'un Sous-Maitre" wh latter Herb ought to read. To add to my woes, I was the only man in the dining saloon without a Tuxedo, but I didn't worry much over it, I was too sore at the crowd to care. The grub cant touch Lamport & Holt's layout, either. My boat, the Aragon, was a beautiful big ship, however, about the finest I have been on, excepting the Kaiser.

Well I got to Rio, & having no one but my-

self to consider, went to the Hotel Beau Séjour, tenu par Arsene Cuminge. No English spoken; a unpretentious French place wh comes the nearest to approaching home. Jean Jean of anything I have seen in these waters. Arsene put me up and ate me for the modest sum of \$3.00 per day (about \$2.65) wh is very cheap for Rio. I tipped the water well and got the best the house afforded, green beans with butter on 'em, etc. I was really very comfortable; and being right

in the French quarter I
felt at home. I would
not have wanted to take
Dorrit there as there was
no English spoken, but
being alone it was simply
OK + I look back on the
stay with much pleasure.
Arsene was quite friendly;
the first day there, when
I started out as soon as
lunch with my camera, he
said "You ought to go out
in the hot sun". "I am
accustomed to it", I replied.
"I have just come from the
Rio São Francisco". "Ooh!
(very surprised) Então pode ir
(Then you can go!)"



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R. M. S. P.

I went around to the Y.M.C.A. and met all the Americans there, with the result that Sunday saw me at Church & Sunday school with them, & I spent the afternoon & took tea with Mrs. Clark & family. He is general Secy for Brazil or something of that kind. Met one Ralph McCarroll, who went to Wash. with Karl & knows him well. Also met Carlos Reetledge "statistician & journalist" & thereby hangs a tale - more later.

One day I went out 35 kms.
on the train to Mazamborah,
to look up oranges. Dropped
into a small grove owned
by Ilmo. Sr. Cezar
Augusto Enriques, native
of Portugal. Cezar insisted
on my having coffee, & we
had a half hour set to on
wh the future of Brazil
was settled for all times
to come. We parted life
long friends, I am going to
send him a couple of photos
I took in his grove.

I at last got my tooth fixed
wh I broke way back
at Lavras in Jan. There
was a hole you could
stick two fingers in, & an

exposed nerve. Went to an
American dentist. he said
he would have charged a
native 50 \$ 000 for it, but
me being an Am. and in the
employ of the Govt. he would
let me off for 20 \$ 000. He
did a first class job.

Monday I called on Ed Morgan,
American Ambassador, &
said good bye. Talked an
hour with J. Butler Wright,
Secy. of Embassy, over the
results of our trip and what
we could do to reciprocate
the favors shown us by
the Brazilian Govt. I
am getting to be quite a
politician myself. Since
Shamel left I have done
pretty nearly all the

talking + meeting people.
Dorsett avoids it. I am getting
so I enjoy it, particularly
when meeting people like
the Ambassador etc. Shamel
was pretty good on that, but
fell down when it came to
putting in hard work he left
most of that for me to do. But
enough of that. It has all
come out alright, without a
kick anywhere along the line.
+ I am glad Dorsett + I
said Boat said nothing.

I had a thunder of a
time getting my stuff on
board yesterday. Boat was
about 4 hrs late getting in,
+ I had to hang around the
dock all morning. Then
my 5 boxes of plants,

I got 58 5x7 photos in Rio,
all good.



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R. M. S. P.

weighing over a ton in all, were
so heavy the men could
hardly get them down to the
steamer's side from the opposite
side of the wharf. It was
hot & I sweat up two
shirts before night. I finally
got everything on, how-
ever, & am pretty happy
today with my responsibilities
practically ended.

Well, - to get back to brass
tacks, Carlos Rutledge, a
statistician & journalist, came
on board to see me off, set
me up to a limonade &
then refused to go home

at dinner time, so I had to
set him up to Lanport &
Holts best. Tough! He is
an Englishman, formerly in
Australia, & now writing for
the Times of London (so he
says) & trying to get foot
backing for a statistical work
on Brazil. He claimed he
found one tres sympathique,
& was loath to leave at
9 p.m., altho he must have
known there were no more
meals until morning. He
is one type.

Well, the Carban is just
about a match for the Candyah,
wh means I am fixed for
a pleasant trip & shall

from Bahia home. And to
think that within 10 days
I shall see Trinidad!

I am leaving Brazil with
the feeling that we have
had a profitable trip & made
some good friends. Don't mind
what Paul says about us
having made no "finds". I
feel satisfied with results.
You don't run across many
wonderful new plants in
any part of the world. Of course
we have lost a lot of our
material in shipment, but
that is to be expected in
the tropics. Of course, what
I am anxious to know now
is how Mr Fairchild looks
upon the results of our trip.
I am carrying back \$1100

of my money, & yet have
stayed longer than planned.
We have been economical.
I have a stack of data on
tropical fruits wh^{ch} I would not
sell for a great deal. A
few years more travel, &
Baker's & my book, ~~it~~ will
put me in the front rank
as an authority on tropical
fruits, I think & that is
what I want.

And to think that I
am headed for home! You
lect Washington with look
good & old Paul! I
wish Paul could have
been on the trip.

No more for today. More
later.



ON BOARD S.S. "VAUBAN"

April 6th 1914
In the Caribbean.

Dear Folks:

I will continue my letter this morning. We left Barbados last night, 24 hrs later than schedule. We arrived in Trinidad at sundown day before yesterday and did not get ashore until 8 p.m. as the quarantine inspection was rigid. When we finally got on land we took a carriage and went out to the Queen's Park Hotel, had a very ordinary & very English dinner at 1/6 per person without any native fruits or anything of that kind. Then had to drive back there

town to the wharf & come
back to the ship. They said she
would sail at 11 pm but she
didn't leave until the following
morning. We really did not
get to see anything of Trin-
idad, altho we got a good idea
of the general appearance of
the place as we came in
the Harbor, and it was a
great disappointment to me.
I had counted on seeing the
Botanic garden.

Then we arrived at Barbados
late the next night, and went
ashore early Sunday morning.
Of course, it being Sunday, everything
was closed, but I found one
store where I could buy clothes
and get a good hair cut

at \$4.⁰⁰ just the kind you
pay 7⁰⁰ or 8⁰⁰ for in Florida.
It will be useful on my
next trip to Florida. My
Hongkong white socks have
shrunk so I can hardly
wear them.

We took a nice drive up to
Hole Town & saw all the muggers
turning out to church. The
cane was nearly all cut, &
the island was not nearly
so green as on our last visit,
but I think the water along
the coast is the most
beautiful color I have ever seen.

I have seen just enough
of the West Indies to make
me determined to come back
again within a very few years.

I want to make a leisurely
tour of the islands.

I rec'd your letter at 'Bados',
but it was postmarked only the
day before an arrival. The
copy sent to Trinidad I did not
get, but I got a letter from
Paul there & two from him
at Bados. I was taken by
surprise, as I hadn't expected
letters here.

I hope Paul will meet me
in N. Y.

In Port of Spain I bought
12 walking sticks of natural
wood, - quava, marblewood, fitch
lake palm, lumberjack, nutmeg
& cacao, for \$2.50, with the
idea of taking them to my



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friends, as I wasn't able to get
much in Brazil. I want to
give Ralph, Knowles and
others one of them. Ezzet Paul
will want one too, they are
well made even if they were
cheap.

J.P. - In re your suggestion of
asking Densett to address the
convention at Davis, it won't do
any good to ask him for he
never makes speeches. He is
going to relegate everything of that
kind to me when we get home,
& if any talking is done in
Washn it will have to be
done by me & is very

sensible of his limitations
and in addition doesn't like
to appear in public I think
he even magnifies his own
shortcomings, - know he does, in
fact. He is absorbed in his
work & gives no thought to
anything else & asks only to be
left alone. I don't think he
ever reads anything.

I am planning to give a talk
at Dr. Bell's on how to use
tropical fruits, & demonstrate
with samples of some of my
Brazilian jams & does. It would
be an easy subject & I think
interesting.

Well, we are on the last
lap of a long journey, wh. has
been described by many papers

unces but full of hard work.
When I make a next trip I
do not much care, but think
I would prefer Peru. The
interior of Brazil is too
desert of life & the people
are not interesting and pic-
turesque enough to make it
as fine a trip as ours to
Arabia was last yr.

In re the book with Baker,
we will take it up with Fair-
child as soon as possible, &
see what can be done. I am
not surprised at the attitude he
has taken. If O.F. Cook is
going to try to run me out
of the business, however, there
will be something stirring. He
killed the avocado trip last
year, & I began to think

he would prefer to see me
kept off of tropical fruits, but
it won't go.

I have improved my Portuguese
a good deal here on the ship.
Am acquainted with all the
Brazilians, for 5 of whom am going
to the States to study. I think
when I get home I will be
ready to tackle another
language - German I think.
I fear I will never equal old
Paul on languages, however.

I can roll my r's like a
real Brazilian now.

No more for the present. Will
bring my journal up to date. tho
I won't have much to say. The
journal is about finished for
this trip.

J. O. P.



ON BOARD S.S. "VAUBAN"

April 9th 1914

Dear Folks:

Tomorrow is the day we are due to arrive in New York, but we won't get there until Saturday. The time is beginning to drag a little bit, but it will soon be over. Weather perfect since leaving Rio.

I have not been working on my official report aboard as I found that I could not handle it satisfactorily until I get to Washn & can spread out my books & material I have gathered to compile from. There is no place for it here on the ship.

Mr D has been working on his part of the time but is not half thru. He is making his a general account of the trip only & leaving me to write up all the specific information re the fruits & plants. It will be quite a job. Besides this I will have to amplify a lot of our inventory notes & get them in shape for publication, add data to our photo notes so they can be filed. I think I will have enough work to keep me in Washn 6 weeks or so. Mr D thinks

Bisset is going west & he

will not go until fall, in which case I will have to make my Western trip alone. My own desire would be to finish up the Brazilian work, then come to Calif for a month & then to Fla. Of course the discussion re Baker's book will affect the thing, - we will see what happens. Been talking lots of Portuguese on the ship & have broadened up my vocabulary a bit. I now consider that I have a good working knowledge of the language, and am ready to tackle another one.

Dorsett is a fine character. I think he is one of the most unselfish men I ever knew. I sometimes wish

he did not take life so seriously, but that is his nature. I have really become very much attached to him, & our 6 months of travel together has naturally allowed us to get pretty well acquainted with each other. He values very highly a word of appreciation; I wish A.P. would drop him a few lines to tell him he is glad to know he is safely back to the States again, & tell him how glad you are that you could have the opportunity to travel with him, etc. I know it would please him greatly. He takes an almost fatherly interest in my progress.

F.W.S.



ON BOARD S.S. "VANDYCK"

Bahia Brazil

March 9th 1914

My dearest mother.

I intended to write you a letter for your birthday, but in the struggle for existence on the interior trip I failed to do so. Now the day has arrived when "fago annos" - "I make years", as we say, and I made up my mind I would write you a short letter if I had to sit up until 11 p.m. to do it. I have just completed the 260th page of my journal, bringing it up to our arrival in Bahia. I am sending pages 200 to 260 in this mail in two envelopes, thinking you may prefer to have them now rather than to wait until I come home on the next boat.

I found a basket of mail here on my arrival, and wont try to answer any of the letters as I havent time and am coming home so soon anyway. We took a whole day off to read our mail and even then didnt get through.

I am passing the 22nd mile stone today (dont know how many kilometers that would be) but I dont feel a bit older than before. I begin to realize, however, that it will not be long until I have been in the Govt service a year. Wont it be fine if I get a raise July 1st? When I begin to draw \$2000 I will feel as though I am doing pretty well. That looks like a big salary for a 22 yr. old, doesnt it? But when anyone has been trained by a man who is as smart as

salary, nice job?

My, but how busy I have been on the trip! I have scarcely had time to think about home or girls or any other important subject. Now of course with Paul it is different. He is settled down and will stay in one place.

I sent Paul \$100 in the mail. I hope you can use it. I cant. As long as I am traveling the way I havent any use for my money, and besides, it makes me feel just awful proud to be able to tick a \$100 check in an envelop and send it home to my pa and ma.

Am sending off a few post cards in the mail - last call. Had a letter from Cam, one from Ralph, one from Deak, etc. Tell Knowlan I am sorry I cant write him in this mail. It is 6.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day, & I simply must finish the journal, now I have brought it thru for.

Tell ~~Mr~~ I am bringing her a nice
lot of dozes, - cashew and imbu
jelly, guava cheese, dried jackfruit
etc. Also a good hammock. Have
a fine palm fiber $\frac{1}{2}$ hammock for
Mr Fairchild. Haven't found any-
thing for Mrs F yet. ~~Civics~~ are
scarcer than they were in Baghdad.
Lots more I would like to say but
I am going to turn in. You will
soon be getting letters from me in 4
days. Tell pa he can wear the
silk say Mrs Kerr gave me, tho
I suppose he already is wearing them.

Your devoted son
Wilt



ON BOARD S.S. "VAUBAN"

N.Y. Harbor

April 17th

1914

6:30 a.m.

Here we are at last, in sight of the Statue of Liberty. She looks mighty good to me, tho not as good, perhaps, as she did last May.

Down to 36° this morning. Have called my woolen underwear & my overcoat into requisition. It is the first cool weather I have seen in a long time.

We are waiting at Quarantine now. Expect to be ashore at 10. We want Rosa to meet us to help clear our Govt stuff. I will send a night letter to you after I get my mail.

Pretty cold for our plants. We
put them down below yes-
terday, as it was too cold
on deck. I hope we will get
them thru alright.

Well, another big trip is
over. How soon they are gone!

Guess I wont try to write
~~about~~ anything more as I
want to go on deck and
look at the scenery.

Lovingly

Will

The Journal is in a separate
envelope. There isnt much of it. I
got lazy on the boat, & there was
nothing new to write anyway.

Washington, Friday April 17 1914.

Dear Folks:

Here I am down at the Ofs at 7.50 to write you a letter. I always get down early, anyway, as Paul has to be at work by 8 and I like to come down and eat breakfast with him. This gets me to the Ofs at 8 or 8.15, giving me a little time to tend to personal matters before the crowd arrives.

I havent got the hang of this typewriter yet. I still find that that question mark is in the place the period ought to be, but I guess I will become accustomed to it in time.

Well, last night was the swell affair, -banquet given by the office of F S P I in honor of the two returning explorers from Brazil. It was held at Freund's, a caterers on 10th St. Every member of the force was there, several with families or relatives. Paul and I arrived at 7 sharp, and found nearly every one else already on hand. Five minutes later we marched into the banquet hall, Mr Fairchild, Dorsett and myself leading the way. We three occupied the seats of honor. I guess there must have been about 50 at the table. Miss Hubbard, one of our stenogs, sicked Charley Meering (Dorsett's cousin) on to Paul and Paul had to take in to dinner. She is harmless but somewhat talkative; comes from the F F V (first families of Virginia). After the show Paul inveigled me in to assisting him in taking her home. I suppose she will blow about it to every girl in the Ofs today.

Well, we had a pretty fair layout, but I did not find my appetite above par and did not make much of a meal. Most of the food was fish or meat so Paul did not fare well well either, but we did not go for the grub, anyway; as soon as the eating was finished Mr F got up and read an original poem on our trip, and

then various members of the force read off a list of divers and sundry crimes which we were charged with having committed while away on the trip, and were now called upon to answer. Dorsett was accused of trying to put 14 photos on 12 films, writing his letters on both sides of thin paper, etc. I was accused of trying to attach myself to Col Roosevelt, etc, etc. Dorsett was called on first and answered a few of the charges and then gave a short talk expressive of his appreciation of the Ofs force and his pleasure at being among them again. Mr F asked him to tell them something of the trip, but he neglected to do this, so Mr F called on me to do so. I talked about 10 mins on our trip thru the interior, and got thru allright. though I dont think my discourse was particularly surpassing. They asked Paul for a few remarks, and he gave a cracking good little speech, just a few remarks, but as witty as they make em. That boy is going to be a wonderful after dinner speaker, in fact he is right now. One thing we were accused of was getting mixed up with too many fancy fruit drinks while in Brazil; Paul remarked that he had traveled with me for a year and in that time had never seen me drunk, altho we often stopped at the cafes together. If I had been drunk while with Mr D it must have been because Mr D left more in the bottle than he, Paul, did. And more along the same line. It brought down the house? After this Bisset and some of the others gave short talks, mostly joshing, and then Mr F ended the program with about 15 minutes on the work of the office and the results of the expedition? We received several compliments on our work, and on the whole every one seems to be well satisfied with our trip. We broke up at 10 and after seeing Miss H home Paul and I beat it for Scott circle and bed.

Night before last I attended Dr Bell's last Wednesday evening

for this season, but was not called on for a speech as Mr D was there and being the senior naturally took preference over me. He gave a short talk on our trip. I met several good men, including Franklin P Adams of the Pan American Union, etc? Grosvenor asked me to come around and talk over the possibility of giving him some material from our trip, but after hearing what Paul has to say I am not in any great rush to do it. I think I can work an article in the Pan American Bulletin without any trouble. Grosvenor says he is getting up a Brazilian number, in which case I suppose we will contribute some photos at least.

Had a talk with Mr F yesterday. The Ofs has just acquired 25 acres of land at Miami and is going to move the present garden and expand the work. He thinks I ought to take up the mango work next. Cook may go over to south China this fall, in which case F says I might go along with him and drop off at Hong Kong, work down thru French Cochin China and then around to India. This would be a pretty good proposition, but I fear if I have to wait for Cook I will be gray before I get there. Cook left two days ago for Guatemala, with two or three assistants, to bring order out of chaos in the avocado business. Nous allons voir. I really feel that I ought to have been included on an avocado trip like that, as I am the only man in the Ofs who has had any experience with avocados whatever, but of course I can't do everything and it has seemed to me all along that Cook wanted the avocado for himself.

There is a big International Congress of Tropical Agriculture in London the last of June, and F said it was possible I might be sent over to it, but I don't think there is the least likelihood of it; the time is too near. They can't get the matter arranged in so short a time.

I told Mr F of Shamel's offer to me to come in with him

on the bud selection work, if Scott left him. He says " I picked you out as a boy who could appreciate the value of this foreign travel, and I would not expect you to want to settle down on work of that kind as long as you can be kept in the foreign field". I told him that I thought I fully appreciated the opportunities of the exploration work, and as long as I could continue in it and produce satisfactory results I should not think of giving it up. I was glad to have an opportunity to bring the matter up; I think everything of this kind is apt to have a beneficial influence on my salary.

I have a letter from Bailey saying anything from the letter F on will still be in time for the Cyclopaedia. The first vol, A-B, is out, and my avocado and Annona articles are in it? I am going to jump in and write up a lot of stuff for him. He says any notes from me on any of the tropical fruits will be appreciated, so that gives me a free hand to send him whatever I want, and then he can use it or not as he sees fit. I don't believe, with the scarcity of tropical pomological material, he will turn down much of my stuff. I am going to send him a long mango article.

You may be somewhat surprised to know that I am starting in at the Berlitz school tonight on German, three times a week, course of 15 weeks \$15. Mr F said I ought to get busy on it at once. In a few yrs more I hope to be the best man in the Ofs on languages. I now have two, one per yr for the last twy yrs. If I can keep it up about 3 yrs more I will be healed.

Paul and I called on Mrs Hunt last afternoon? She was staying with a Mrs Sweet, who lives in the swell neighborhood and seems to be of the haut monde. Mrs S assured us she was going to ask us out to dine some evening, to meet Mr Sweet? She knows Mr Fairchild.

The first of the week we are going to call on Miss Kelleman, and I expect we will call on Mr Safford Sunday. Safford is surely O.K., and no mistake.

Met Mrs R A Young, wife of our R A Young, last night? She spoke of a very pleasant day with you in Calif last fall.

Going to have separates of my mango paper in the American Pomological journal fore long? They are awfully slow. I see I am still on the tropical fruit committee.

I expect to move in to Mr Young's room in a day or two. I will be nearer Mr Dorsett there, and it is not so noisy. Mr F says he doesnt feel at all badly over me not having a room for myself, as he is affriad if I had a chance to settle down and get established in a room by myself I would not want to break loose and go off again right away. I guess I am going to be keep on the road for the next year or two, but I really dont see how I can afford to turn down the opportunity? Nothing will give me half the training nor make me half as valuable here as a wide foreign experience. The languages along are worth a great deal. I can stand the foregin travel, I am sure; here I have just gone thru six mos in Brazil without a sick day? I am positive there are no greater perils abroad than there are right here at home, and with the typhoid vaccination I will not be afriad to tackle India or any thing else. In re India, however, dont begin to worry about that yet, for things move slowly here and I would mot be surprised if it was next November before I left here. In this case I will put in some time in Fla and Calif this summer. F says thetre is a big crop of mangos in Fla this yr. I havent had a chance to talk over the book with Baker to Mr F but am going to do so at the first opportunity.

I thot I wouldnt start this 6th page, but guess I will have to.

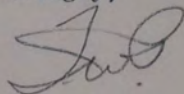
One thing the Brazil trip has done for me, if nothing else; it has brought Mr D and myself very close together, and I am now in a position to work with him as long as I live in the greatest harmony and with a perfect understanding. We know each other thoroly.

Mr F is somewhat worried about his wife. Says isf she does not imporve in a few days he will have to take her away for a week or two? Nervous breakdown, I guess. Says she hasnt any strent.

Well, I am pretty happy here with old Paul and all my friends, and pretty busy too. I have plenty to do to keep me right here three meaths, but if I go to Fla I will probably want to be there by July 1st. I have turned in my accounts, and straightened out the last one, on which \$252. were suspended for explanation? I explained it, and guess in two months or so I will get the money? I am going to get put back on the pay list as soon as possible, and in the meantime if you want \$75 or \$100 dont hesitate to say so. I am holding my travelers checks and will draw on them, settling it up later in the account? I think there is more than \$100 coming to me, by a good deal, anyway.

No more for today? Am ex-cting a letter from you otoday? My mail is going to Chas now; I will have to raise a fog over in the main building with the mail clerks.

Lovingly,



Washn, Saturday June 5th [1914?]

Dear Folks:

Nothing exciting this time, but I will take one last shot before we embark for Boston this afternoon. Last night we went to an informal dance chez the Saffords, and I had a good time, tho Paul professes not to have found it very thrilling. The trouble was, I presume, that the only girl there was Edith, the rest being married ladies, some of them not too good dancers. I got acquainted with T Wayland Vaughn, a geologist of note who has spent a lot of time in S Florida, and we talked Miami a bit.

Previous to Saffords, we went out to Cooper's, 4 p m, and took some photos of the baby wh I can predict with confidence will be rotten. They should have invited us to supper, but didnt, a/c pursuance of their policy of freezing Paul out. He is in about the same fix as I found myself at Miami, -must ~~use~~ fish or cut bait, and he doesnt want to do either. He cant go ahead, because they wont stand for it, and he hates to drop out, so he has adopted the policy I have always adopted in similar circumstances, -letting things slide along until he can get out of town, or Anna goes off to school.

Dr Harris has written, urging us to spend a night with him at Cold Spring Harbor, so we plan to do it.

Pa Cooper admired my new brown summer suit immensely, and wanted to know ehre I got it and how much it cost.

I had on a brown shirt and tie to match, making a pretty

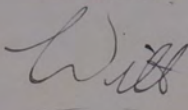
swell elegant outfit.

Oh! I almost forgot to give a report on Lydia, who dined chez nous, with her father, night before last. She is allright, only Paul ~~does~~nt think very domestic in her tastes, wh is probably true. I dont think he is interested in her, except in a platonic way, -which as you know, means he is not interested at all. She has great big blue eyes, -stunners, -and the prettiest teeth and mouth I have seen, but a nose not quite so good. On the whole, she is rather pretty and very attractive. She is more reserved and dignified than any other girl I have known Paul to cultivate, and certainly not a bit like sister Anna, who is just a overgrown kid. Lydia is not the kind that comes out in the kitchen as soon as she enters the house, and takes hold of the preparations for supper; she is too proper for that. I was afraid, being artists, the Bush~~h~~Browns might be Bohemians, and if there is anything I hate, it is that. But they arent at all, and while the old man isnt very interesting, he is substantial and sound.

The girls seem to be getting an idea, -not without reason, perhaps, -that Paul is a hopeless case. Both Edith and Anna have expressed such an opinion privately to me. I agree with them, of course. Edith says she thinks he just talks to amuse himself, and she thinks it isnt nice, because he ought to amuse her.

Enuf.

Lovingly,





R.M.S.P. "ALCALA"

1527 Rhode Island Ave

June 8 1914

Dearest Mother:

This is the first time in 2 months in which I have had a few spare moments; Paul has gone to a business meeting at the Press Club, so I came up to the room to read & write. It was too warm to go causing this evening. I am sitting here by the window with the sweat (not perspiration) streaming down my face, just as happy as if I was in Hong-kong or Calcutta.

Oh, but what a busy life we have here in Wash. D. C. Something going on all

the time. I sometimes feel
as tho I would like to call
a halt. In many ways I
like it here very much,
but I am not as contented
as I am when I am "on
the road". Office work is
rather tiring at times, and
there is an awful lot of
red tape. I try to look
at it philosophically, tho,
and remember where my
bread is buttered. Paul
says I cant stay in the
B.P.P. more than 5 yrs, but
it will all depend on
Mr. Fairchild; if I can be
with him I think I
would be willing to stay
indefinitely. Mr. Dorech

is allright, but is awfully
narrow minded along some
lines, and not the big man
that D. F. is by any means.

I took the negative of
that photo showing us by
an orange tree in Bahia
down to have it enlarged,
& will get the finished pro-
duct 8x10, Wednesday, &
send it to you.

I am really glad you
heard about Karl's soiree
with "Ruthie" in N. Y. Neither
Paul nor I liked to tell
you about it, altho we
got all the details from
Karl. I call it a down-
right scandal, but it is
no more than I would

expect of either one of them.
My personal opinion of Ruth
is that she is N.G. & I
hope we won't have to enter-
tain any more relatives of
similar caliber. I'm glad we
didn't have to introduce her
to any of our friends.

I think Alice Hunt would
come down here if Paul
would intimate that he
would be glad to show
her around; I have been
trying to get him to do so,
but he refuses.

I am planning now to leave
for P.R. on the 27th, unless
something goes wrong. I made
an estimate of my expenses



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today, & they amount to \$700.⁰⁰
It probably won't take much
more than \$500 but I wanted
to be on the safe side. In
making out my itinerary I
included Isla of Pines. Mr.
F. mentioned that I ought to
go there, & Mr. D. doesn't know
where it is so I don't think
he will object. I am antic-
ipating a great trip and
expect to learn a lot of
Spanish. I will have to get
back by the end of August.
It looks more & more as
tho Mr. F. wouldn't be

make Chief. For my own sake
I hope he stays where he is.
The other faction has a can-
didate whom they are pushing
pretty hard.

Yes, I think you are exactly
right about Knowles. I have
always felt that I ought
to encourage & assist him
all I could, & still do, but
he is quite inclined to over-
reach himself. I have most
of my unpublished data here
now, and as for the books,
of course they are public prop-
erty, only I don't want him
to take any of them away
with him.

Mr. F got a letter from a
woman in Porto Rico who

has a mango nursery in Porto
Rico wanting him to publicly
endorse her scheme for planting
the island to mangos. He didn't
want to do it, but didn't
want to hurt her feelings with
a refusal, & asked me to get
up a reply dodging the issue
as much as possible. I wrote
a letter, which he signed with-
out any corrections. Young said
it was a masterly piece of
work. Generally he makes
some changes in them & has
them rewritten. I don't write
many letters for his signature
now, - a few for Mr. Dorsett's
but usually sign my own. They
give me more liberty along
other lines than last year.

The first of July is the time
promotions are made. I don't
know whether I am in for one
or not, havent heard anything
about it except the document
concerning my past history wh
Paul filed out last winter.
I shouldn't be surprised if
I didnt get one this year.

For my age & the time I
have been in service I am
really getting too much now.

I suspect the other fellows
say it is favoritism on the
part of D. F.

Yesterday Chas took us &
Ernie down the river in
his launch. We went 16
miles, & landed at a



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place where wild straw-
berries were thick. I
haven't had such a treat in a
long time, - ate at least a
quint. Chas asked me to bring
the grub & pay the car-
fare: he is the biggest
chump you ever saw on such
matters. Will sacrifice his
self respect any time to save
5¢. When it comes to spending
on himself, tho, he is very
liberal. We had a very pleas-
ant afternoon & got back at
8.30

Ernie is a good fellow
but has associated with

the hoi polloi too long. His
tastes are rather low, so to
speak, & we don't feel that
we can introduce him to
our "set" with good grace. He
wouldn't care to know any
of our friends, & wouldn't
make a very good impression.
He may brace up here in
Washn, & we will do all
we can to help him. I
imagine Everett Pringle would
be a different sort of fellow.

D.F. says Everett better take
a year in an Agr College before
he tries to come into the
B.G.

I can for him in the stamp
collecting line. I don't want
to see my collection but will
let him have my duplicates
when I come out there this
Summer.

Tell J.O. Paul & I don't
think it would pay to get
the Busck grapes. They are
probably no better, if as good,
than the numerous kinds
already in Cal. I think you
had just as well get your
Zaharanper mangoes from here
as from there, too; you will
get exactly the same varie-
ties & they won't run you
into a lot of money without
a sure prospect of return. The
mango business is a pretty

expensive affair, & somewhat
doubtful of success in Calif
with the Saharanian oars.
as yet. Unless you want a
very large number I don't
see why you can't get them
from Kisset.

I can't brag on my weight, -
only about 125. Hot weather
keeps me from laying it on, - &
also lack of steamer diet &
life.

Well, good night mother
dear. I do enjoy your letters
awfully much, & I think you
are the most sensible mother
there ever was.

Your devoted son
Wilson

Washington, Wed June 10 1944

[1914?]

Dear Folgs: Washington, D. C.

I am working under tremendous head of steam these days and hope to finish the first draft of the mango chapter tomorrow. I have 68 pp done.

Paul N.E.: How shall I refer in my book to publications of my own? Shall I say "I have published, in so and so, and account of so and so" or shall I say "Wilson Popenoe has published etc"? I believe you said I ought to be consistent in avoiding the personal pronoun, but it looks to me as though it would be awkward to do so in this case. Please advise.

Dreftful sorry you are not coming down over Sunday Pablo.

I want to see you. We wish to publish

Safford is publishing his new dahlia, D. Popenovii.

This, my dear Paul, is the wild Dahlia (or rather one of them) which I obtained in Guatemala in response to your suggestion that I look out for the wild ancestor of the cactus dahlia. Safford thinks I have found it.

There is a restaurant on N Y Ave which has a big sign on the front "Food Real and Nice". Sounds like the Fashion de Orient, doesn't it?

Paul I fear Dunn isn't coming across at all. He is talking about going back to Texas to hunt for a girl. I don't believe he really wants to play, anyway. Just spoofing.

The Rose girls maintain that I am in love; Martha has gone back to the garden to ingest Vermees.

Sic transit gloria mundi.

Paul, I recd foto of Rito yesterday. It is a good one, altho he looks a trifle serious. Martha says he looks very severe. She doesnt like him. Natcherally not. He's a friend of mine.

First part of my paper "Avocados Particularly Guatemalans" has appeared in the Florida Grower. I havent seen it yet. Will try to get a copy for F O P.

2 prs white duck trowsers recd from Altadena. They are the mates to my two Guatemalan coats, and I rise to inquire why H didnt send em along with the coats, before I had gone to work and bought 2 new prs of cheap dux. That's Herb all over. I suppose he thought he might need em. You can send on anything else of mine which you are tired of saving because it might come in handy some day.

I went down to Willard Courts last night to see about our stuff. Mrs York is down state somewhere, and a man about 30 is occupying her room. At least he said she was down state; she may have been in the next room for all I know.

I looked over the books and am going for them with a truck in a day or so, perhaps today,--as soon as I can get our Yarrow truck. I will put them in my Ofis where they will be fairly safe. I told the man I would come for the other things in a day or two, and he said he would get Mrs Paigs to put everything out for me. I didnt see a thing of our furniture in the room, and it may be they are going to claim it is stolen, but we will see. However, Paul, we had best expect to get very little of our stuff. Those folks are capable of

anything. The man didnt know where the fonograph was. It may be in the closet, and it may not, pero mas probable, quien sabe! He said they had stored some dishes of ours on one of the kitchen shelves and he would get them out. When I consider how Deak Fox worked two yrs in the war on \$30 a mo, however, I feel that I can afford to lose \$200 worth of goods at Willard Court if necessary, just so long as our books are fairly safe, and I guess they are. It doesnt look as tho many are missing in Paul's bookcase. I looked last night for Womens' Eyes and the Positive Background of Hindu Sociology, but couldnt find either. Paul, do you know where the latter is? I want to quote him on the am.

Havent heard anything from P Browne since the women folks left. I must hunt him up and get him to show me the house so I can put in the garden. Mrs B left me quite a few seeds to plant, tambien 2-1/2 quarts of good canned fruit which I am now consuming poco a poco (by my standards; literally 1 pint at a sitting).

Dr Fairchild may want me to move into 1331 with him on July 1st, as the family is thinking of going to Baddeck. If he actually makes me a proposition I will accept, as Mr Browne isnt dead sure of moving into his house on August 1, and I would have July free anyway.

Paul, did you feed the adorable some blintzes? I told her you must.

The atmosphere around this Ofs of mine is surcharged with work these days. I'm off. So long.

Ever thine

Washn, Tuesday June 16 1914.

Dear Folks:

I take my pen in hand this morning exactly at 8 o'clock, to do the needful and acknowledge rec^d of two^c letters from home wh arrived yesterday.

Well, I have breathed a long sigh of relief and taken a hitch in my trousers, in celebration of finishing the MS for the bulletin, which same act was accomplished last night. I have yet the photographs to put captions on, wh will take today, and by that time I will have the last few pages wh I wrote copied by a ^Wsteeg and ready for Mr Fairchild and Shamel. I have about 130 pages of copy. It has been a big job, bigger than I expected, but it is not a very lengthy document even at that. These long jobs drag towards the end, however, and one gets sort of stale and in a rut. Now the thing will hang over until I come back from P R, and then I will revise it and make the corrections suggested, and it will probably look better.

I am quite certain to get off on the 27th, leaving here on the 25, I think, and arriving in N Y that afternoon, going out to Cos Cob for the night, and spending the next day, Friday, in N Y seeing some of the scientists, including Stuard Gager at the Brooklyn Bot Gdn. In the evening I plan on seeing Karl, and sail from pier 35, Brooklyn, at noon, ^{Sat} per SS Carolina, N Y and P R SS CO. I havent made a reservation yet, as my authorization hasnt been signed by the Chief.

I dont believe I will get to see Jamaica, but I am not sure about it yet. I havent anything definite on the

connections between P R and C^uba, but I believe the Spanish line calls at a port or two in Santo Domingo. It will be just as well to leave Jamaica until an other time, anyway, when I can stay longer. I know I will enjoy Cuba and I have several friends there who will, I think, treat me right. I am to have \$4.50 per diem while in P R and Cuba, and \$3.50 while in Fla, wh I figure will enable me to live pretty comfortably, and take a friend out to dinner now and then. If any of the boys in Cuba treat me white I shall try to reciprocate.

I am going down to the bank this noon to see what I can do about that draft. I sent it on May 15 or 16, along with a letter inquiring if you had recd the separates of the R HS article yet. I think we will be able to get a new drft issued in the cours^e of time. How about those separates, anyway? Havent they shown up yet? I dont see why in thunder those folks in N Y sent 'em by freight anyway.

I have sent you the best of our Brazilian photos wth me in them. I dont show up very prominently in the rest. Later on I am going to get about a hundred of the best ones struck off for yourselves and myself, but wont do it until I come back from Fla and have more money. I have to hold back now in order to finance my trip.

Barnhart thinks he is doing a man a great honor by letting him read proof of the Pac Garden. I dont doubt he left an elephant on your hands.

Now, Maw, dont begin to think there is anything serious in the Gretchen Schmidt business, for I fear there isnt. I dont think D F would approve of her, -she hasnt high enough social standing (and incidentally no dinero). Then too,

Paul is awfully all fired hard to suit. Just the same she is a nice girl, but I dont think Paul is making a mistake in passing her by. However, when Paul will cross the street just to size up a female passerby, or slow down at the corner to wait for one to come up so he can take a look at her, why I say it is time to call a halt. He is absolutely insane on the anthropological business (so HE calls it).

I had a talk with Mr F the other day about my work, and another one afterward with Mr D. Mr F said very plainly that he hoped I would not want to settle down to systematic work here at home, such as the avocado or feijoa work, for 4 or 5 years yet. That he felt my opportunities lay in the foreign field, where I could make acquaintances that would be valuable all through life, and get a broad grasp of tropical agriculture as a whole. I asked him if ~~he~~ that the presence of the W I G in Calif was going to interfere with my working or writing on avocados or other fruits much longer, and he said he that in a year more there ought to be no difficulty on this score. That we must take time for me to become established in peoples minds as a B P I man and dissociated with the W I G. From what Dorsett said, however, I believe their idea is to keep me in the field pretty continually for the next 4 or 5 yrs, for two reasons: first, they think Meyer has about reached his limit and is getting in a rut, and they need to keep another man in the field to hold up the foreign end of the work, and secondly, D intimated strongly that they wanted to train me to take over D F's job a few years later on, and that the best training for this would be the foreign travel. I told him that it was very hard for me to give up the avocado, feijoa and other tropical fruits,

and that I hoped they would allow me to do all the work possible on them at such times as I was in this country and could do so without interfering with other work. He said they would. I think I can keep my touch with these subjects, and while traveling abroad I am not missing an opportunity to familiarize myself with all the tropical fruits, so that I will be fixed, when I get thru traveling, to write a book on the whole subject, and have about the widest experience along these lines of any man. I believe if I just lay low and say nothing, I can keep my hand in on the tropical fruits, write a little from time to time, and be accumulating a wealth of information. Eventually if I want to become Chief here and am qualified to do it maybe it would be a good opening and suit me, if not it wouldnt do any harm to have the opportunity.

It has just occurred to me that when I go to India I will want to hire an assistant, and I am wondering if I might not be able to get Hartless' boy. He ought to know the people and the language, and might be glad of an opportunity to travel with me in order to learn what he could of the work. When I get over there and can size the boy up I will know whether he will do or not.

Last week everybody thought Corbett was going to be made Chief of the Bureau, but yesterday the tide seems to have changed and Fairchild seems to stand a better chance. We will know very soon, I think.

Lovingly,

Wilt

Later: Morning mail in, and F O P's good letter of 11th rod, wh was very much enjoyed. Also bunch of literature wh Knowles fwd, and wh I am glad to have.

You bet I am going to travel right in the future, and dpt you forget it. I have had that hammered into me by Paul for the last two months until I almost begin to feel that I originated the idea myself. I have a mosquito net I bot in Brazil, wh is a good one but very light and cost about \$4, wh I will carry along in case of emergencies (wh often occur in Florida). Taft avocado photos are good. The avocado situation out there looks interesting. I am sorry I cant be on the ground with you to help carry the good work along, but the more I think about it the more I feel confident that everything is going to work out allright here and that I will get all I can handle or want to handle. My work now is sort of an education, and a mighty good one, and I am pretty young and can afford to spend a few years in seeing thw world and learnign all about it. In fact I cant afford to do anything else, and the opportunity is most unusual.

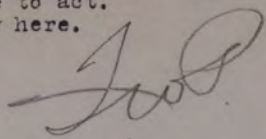
FOP, dont lay it on to Dorsett or F too thick about my being put on the tropical fruit work; I begin to feel that a fellow can do more here by just going ahead in a quiet way that by raising a question and trying to get a decision on it. I am perfectly willing for you to talk the matter with them, however, and state our views plainly. However, we will probably be able to talk the matter over together, you and I before you see either of them.

I am not at all certain that there is going to be a fortune in that grape ingroduction business. The field has already been worked more fully than I believe you realize. Dont let me discourage you, but I dont want to see you put too much cold cash into it until you see something better in sight than they have at Busreh.

Yes, I shall work the outside publication just as hard as my time will allow. I dont think there will be much trouble in getting things OKed by Mr F, as long as they are going into good channels and dont infringe on the field of some other member of the BPI. The latter is an awful nuisance, - you have to be awfully careful what you do or you find some one raising a howl that you are trying to steal his "project"

Editor of Garderon writes that they expect to use my HghdBahgdad Fruit article shortly. You have to give the British johnnies time to act.

Everything lovely here.



HOTEL ALGONQUIN
59 WEST 44TH ST.
MANHATTAN

Sat June 27 1914

Dear Folks:

8.30 and I will spend half an hour writing to you before I go down to the boat. She doesn't sail until noon but I have a couple of errands to do before she leaves.

I got here Thursday at 2 and spent a couple of hours shopping, then went out home with Hugh. He seemed to be feeling rather tired, and his knee seems to bother him some, but they

are all going to Maine the first of next week. John has grown considerably and is a very nice child, except that he has his own way too much. When it is time for him to go to bed he refuses to go; they all argue with him and try to cajole him into going with Miss Burchall or the nurse girl, but it ends up by the whole family going with him and staying by the bed until he is asleep. He has learned that he can

get what he wants if he only stands pat. However, he is on the whole a very unusual child, and no doubt will be a credit to the family.

It was hot when I arrived here but cool at Cos Cob that night and very comfortable yesterday. I stopped at the N.Y. Botanical Garden for a couple of hours yesterday, and then came in town to do some more shopping. You see I couldn't buy anything especially until I left Washin so I left quite a number of things to be bought here. Got Oless guide to the

West Indies, 1914 edition
It is O. K.

Yesterday evening I went
out to see Karl. He seems
to be taking things pretty
easy, as one would expect,
and satisfied with his job. I
asked him what he thought
of our cousin Ruth, and
he said he thought she
was a very nice girl.

Yesterday afternoon I went
down to the wharf to make
sure my trunk had arrived.
The ship is neat but looks
rather old & the cabins

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are small. Mine is on the
boat deck, starboard bow,
opening into the deck. If I don't
get a room mate it will be
fine, but if I do it will be
rather close quarters. I think
it is going to be a very
pleasant voyage, wind and
weather favorable, & I have
plenty to keep me busy. It
is only 4 days to San Juan.

Karl thinks he will try
to get into the Army when
his year is up at Seton.

They say \$2000 to begin with.
He didn't say anything about
his folks.

Charles was going to give
me \$5 to buy him curios in
P.R. & Cuba but as usual
forgot to come across with
the coin. He won't get any
curios, as my terms are
cash in advance.

I suppose Paul told you
we rode out home (In The
Woods) with the Fairchild's
the evening before I left, in
Daddy's auto.

only stopped a few minutes and
then Jules brought us back
to town. We certainly have
no better friends than the
Fs, and none that I enjoy
half so much.

D.F. looked over my bulletin
hastily and announced the next
morning that it was a "corking
good bulletin - corking good",
which of course was very gratify-
ing to me. However when he
goes thru the text more
carefully he may change his
mind. I think he only

read the introductions and
the legends under the photos.

I hate to trust Paul alone
for 2 mos, but don't see
any other way out of it.

Tell Knoules Fred his letter
just as I was leaving. He asked
for my Macadama & Loganiat
notes. Tell him I hadn't
time to mark them to him.

I may have time to drop a
line from the boat, if not

Hasta luego

Wilt

Miami, Tuesday June 28th 1914.

Dear Folks:

I arose at 5.30, took my bkfst, went across to the garden and hunted up a big box, came home and packed up my little Victrola along with Pass the Pickles et id omne genus, put in my overcoat and sweater to act as padding, and also ^{car} put it makes me hot to look at them these days, and then went in town, hired a Nassau boy for one and sevenpence to drive out and get the box, and take me with it into the Xpres office, and then I had to plunk down \$2.36 to get the bloody thing up to my atty. I enclose rect herewith, atty, so dont you pay anything more at that end.

Well, yesterday noon as I was just starting in on my cold Tomato bouillon chez Douglas, in walks Effie, as big as life, so of course I invites her to sit down and have some lunch, wh she did. The Rolfs keep pretty close tab of me nowadays. Effie expressed great and I am inclined to believe sincere regret at my approaching departure, and also asked me how old I was, a fact wh I thot she already knew, and after informing her I took occasion to inquire the same regarding herself, with the result that she is 19.

Atty, you will please to have the kindness, when you pull down my \$75 on June 30, to send \$50 of it to MBP, and salt down the \$25 in the bank, where said MBP can have it any time on demand. Then when you get my July 15th \$75 please send me a NY Draft for the amt at once, care Foster, La Habana. What I have on hand will carry me until July 15th but not much longer. Unnerstan?

Mother, I really dont know when I will come to Calif, but I rather suspect that it will be early, -maybe by Oct 1st. It will depend upon our plans for next winter. I think if, I find I am going to stay in Washn all winter I would rather wat and come home for the holidays, sine you will have Paul there in Sept and I suppose you would just as soon have me wait two or three months so as not to have all the fun at one time. How about that? I can, of course, ask for my leave as soon as I return to Washn, Sept 1st, if you prefer it that way, and come home at once. I guess I will leave it to you, just as I do everything else, except my matrimonial affairs, in which I allow my attorney to render an opinion, but do not bind myself to stand by it.

Nay, Nay, I have not lost my interest in Alta Altadena any more than I have in Baja Altadena. Got a letter from Sandy Monica yesterday, in fact.

Tomorrow I am going up to see Prof Simpson at Little River, and Thursday I will spend in packing up and getting off. I will write a farewell poem for The Girls, if the spirit moves me, and drop around there about 7.30, then go down to the depot at 9.30 and board the Key West Sleeper, then

Whats the news from Lunnon, lads?
We're goin there today!

Toujours a vous

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Aug 1 1914.

My dearest little mother:

I arrived here at 3 p.m., went out to the gardens and got my mail, put down one of those famous Green Tree suppers, and now I am going to sit down and write to you, not because I want to kill time but just because I love you so much and like to talk to you.

I got F. O. P.'s letter in Havana just before leaving. It was just 6 days in reaching me, which is only 24 hrs better than we can do from here. I had a very pleasant voyage over and arrived at Key West last night at 6. I immediately hunted up a man there who has a remarkable grape vine, saw

the vine, and talked it over. Then this morning at 5.30 I went up and photographed it. Taking the train at 6 I don't know how the photo will turn out, but - nous allons voir. It was a nice ride up here + Mr. Krome, one of our ardent cooperators, got on at one of the Keys and we had about 3 hrs interesting talk.

I found a lot of mail here and also quite a few maps at the station, tho' the main crop of most vars. is over. There is fruit left on nearly all the varieties, however, and I don't think I have missed anything important by staying so long in Cuba. I have a letter from Reasner urging me to come over there + I think I may go in for 5 days; Bessie is coming down here in about a week, + I want to be here then, but I think I will run

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over to Reasoner's for a couple of days to see how his mangoes are & then come back here.

I think I have a nice arrangement here: I bought a 3.50 canvas cot this evening and am going to keep quarters out in our Laboratory of which I sent you a photo last yr. I will blfist on avocados & mangoes and something light & then come in here for my other meals. I will probably get invited to Simmonds' for most of my lunches.

Our Lab is right on the seashore. I invested \$1.80 in a nice gray bathing suit & .35 in a Turkish towel & am

going to have at least one dip
in the surf every day. Don't
worry - there are no breakers
here and the water is very
shallow on these beaches, & I
shan't go out beyond 4 ft. There
is no undertow or anything of
that kind here. The bathing
suit I got was originally \$3⁰⁰,
but it had one very small moth
hole in it & consequently I got
it cheap. It is grey, & should
be useful occasionally in the
future.

I had quite a feast of letters
here. Outside of the news that
everything is well at home the
best thing I heard was that
Farquhar wishes to know if I
will write an article for next
year's Yearbook on "The East-
Indian Mango & Its Cultivation
in America". I consider this

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rather complimentary, as they don't take any 3rd rate stuff in the Yearbook. Also had a nice letter from Shamel, in wh he said the Brazilian bulletin was bully.

Mrs Simmonds says my Shantung suit is O.K.

I expect Paul is enjoying his vacation up at Badduck riding around in the Jalisco, but he can't be having any better time than I am in the Tierra Caliente. Plenty of skeeters around here but we don't mind a little thing like that. All the fruits are ripe.

I want to assure you folks that there is absolutely no danger of my falling prey to the wiles

of any member of the gentler sex
at present; I replied from F O P's
last letter that he didn't consider
the time ripe for me to con-
jugate myself. I appreciate this
fact and you can feel sure that
I will not disgrace the family &
blight my own future by doing
anything rash. F O P thinks that
when an hombre appears to like
the girls he must be in grave
danger, but I don't think this
is the case. I don't think my
own tendencies along this line
are a lot more pronounced
than those of the average American
youth; - certainly I am not half
the fanatic that P P has been
the last few months. Don't
make up your mind that Paul
is likely to get married right
away. However, for I think he
is likely to take a long time.

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to make up his mind about it.

They are burning a smudge on the
Lobby to drive out the sand flies.
See what it is.

Never again do I advance my funds
for a foreign trip. It cost a square
deal in the first place. If I had
stood fast I could probably had
the money advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ but it
would have been a little more
trouble for the Ofs.

I think I may get back to
Washn by the 20th. Would
like to see with Paul as long
as I can. You can address me
here, Ofs. Simmons, until the
12th however - that is letters you
mail by that date & I will

let you know later of any change.

Well, it seems sort of good to be back on American soil again, even after so short an absence.

I'm sorry Knowles hasn't fanned out. I guess I will sort of have to let him fight it out for himself after this; he has most of our photos + a good lot of my data, + it ought to be enough for a start. Let him see what he can do on his own hook for a while.

I still think Cuba is a pretty fine country.

Well, I am sleepy and must turn in to make up for lost time. You'll hear from me again before long.

Your devoted son
Wilt.

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August 3, 1914.

Dear Folks:

I have met the enemy, and no fatalities reported as yet. - the afternoon Simmonds and I went out to see Cillon and his mangos. Cillon has it in for some of the Govt men and Simmonds warned me that he might jump on me pretty hard. Cillon knew my work in Calif. pretty well and knew I was not a regular scientist, however, and we got along famously. - regular love feast. He criticised one or two things I have said in my recent publications but did it all good naturedly and I took it in the same way. I told

him, when he showed us a lot
of Mulgobae he was lacking to
ship north, that I wished I could
send F.S. some of those, and
he said he had put his name
down to send him a small box
by parcel post. I told him he
might get in trouble with
the quarantine laws, but he
said he thought he would risk
it. Cellon is sort of queer in
some ways, but not a bad fellow
on the whole, and I am glad
to have established friendly
relations with him.

Just rec'd telegram from Dorsett
saying Besset & B. Eagles will
be here day after tomorrow
morning, so I will wait and
not go to Reasoner until a
few days later, I guess I
told you Reasoner wrote me

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to wire what train I would
come on, and whenever I could
come he would be glad to see me,
and wanted me to come right
out to the house. You remember
I thought he was a tuffe in
hospitable last yr. Maybe he
is going to make up for it. He
is a good fellow all right.

I'm getting full particulars
re the faults of all the B.P.I
men (except Young) from Mrs. Sim-
mons. She certainly hands it to
Em. It worries Ed a good
deal but he can't stop her. Last
yr she spared Fairchild, but
this time she hands him a
few. It seems he made Ed

walk in town from the station
last spring to call a carriage for
him and Cook. Mrs. S. did stand
it to see anybody but herself
order Ed around.

Slept well at the station last
night. When I went into the yard
at 8:30 p.m. about 250 land
crabs scouted for cover and made
quite a commotion.

Just put down broiled sea trout.
Potatoes au gratin, stewed tomatoes,
lemon sponge, gingerbread, buttermilk,
lemon sherbet & cantaloupe. Best
50¢ meal in the U.S.A.

Nothing exciting tonight. More
anon.

Lovingly
Wilt

Miami, Fla., Aug 6 1914.

Dear Folks:

Mr Bisset and party arrived last night, - Mr Beagles of Chico and David Bisset, son, who will stay here at the garden for several months.

Mr Bisset's arrival has changed my plans considerably, and I will not go on from Miami for about 10 days, or at least a week, yet. Mr B thinks I wouldnt find much in mangos at Reasoner's and says I better stay and make the rounds with himself and Beagles. We will probably go from here to Tampa via Key West and boat, or possibly thru the Everglades as I did last year, stop at Reasoner's a day, go to Fort Myers for a day, then to Brooksville for 3 days, then to Gainesville and Glen St. Mary for a day each and then home, arriving in Washn by the 1st of Sept. Mr B says it is planned for him to start West, me accompanying him, on the 6th of Sept, going thru N Dakota to Bellingham, then down to Chico, where he will stay quite a while and I will stay a few days, coming on down home before he leaves Chico. My only objection to this arrangement is that it only gives me 1 week in Washn after I get back, but I leave most of the things I have to do until I get back from California.

By the way, if this European war pans out it seems very probable to me that it will knock out my Indian trip for this yr, as the communication with Indian ports may not be regular, and if there is any danger of having shipments held up on the way it would not pay me to go. So you see after all I may have to call that trip off, wh I suppose wouldnt cause you to grieve very much.

We went out swimming for about an hour last evening; water isnt more than 4 feet deep, however, and mud a foot deep on the bottom, wh makes it rather disagreeable, but it is wet.

Dont suppose I will get much work done from now on, but I will see the country and pick up what I can en passant. I like to be alone and independent, then I can accumulate data and photos at a good rate.

Mosquitos still pretty abundant here. I am writing this before bkfst, while the crowd is dressing. They are all stopping here in the Lab, but there is plenty of room. I have a room to myself, with a desk and table to work on.

Nothing worth writing about, so will quit. Havent had anything from Paul for a week, guess he is too busy scoring up those girls at Baddeck.

Lovingly,

Will

Bisset says Farchild stays in our office. Taylor remains Chief of BFL & an intruder has been put in Jellway's place.

Miami, August 8th 1914.

Dear Folks, and also Paul:

I will stop a few minutes in my mad rush to get some mangos photographed and write a short letter before taking my films in town.

I am taking this afternoon to get my photos and notes made up from fruits I have collected in the last three days. We kill a good deal of time but manage to get in a visit or two every day, and I collect some material and notes. We find a good many mangos left on the trees. Went out to see Cellon yesterday and he gave us a good feed of Mulgobas and got into a hot argument with Bisset over the Mulgobas bearing habits. If I had been Bisset I wouldnt have argued with him, -you cant convince him, and it just makes him sore.

Our itinerary for the rest of this trip is:

Leave Miami, Aug 15th

Arrive Tampa, Aug 18th

Stop at Brocksville, Aug 20-23, address mail care Plant Introduction Station.

Stop at Tallahassee, Aug 27

Stop at Jacksonville, Aug 29-30, mail care of Hotel Seminole.

You will see by this where you can catch me, -either Brocksville or Jacksonville. We will get back to Washn about Sept 2nd and leave for the West on the 6th or 8th a/c Bisset, but it may be a little later than that.

We go out swimming every day. Have borrowed a row boat from our neighbor, and row out about 1/2 mile where the water is almost 6 feet deep, and then take a bit of a dip. Trying to make my bathing suit earn its money. We get two meals a day here at the lab, and I cant say the grub is very choice, as I let the crowd do the buying and take whatever comes my way. I manage to make two square meals, however, and then we take supper at the Green Tree.

I still think I get more done when I travel alone. Bisset considers himself a good deal of a mango man, and likes to tell the boys where to head in. He always makes very positive statements and rarely admits that he doesnt know.

Yesterday the Pres, of the Bay Biscayne Canning Co gave us each a box of crystallised Florida fruits, -papaya, pineapple, kumquats, rose apples, and I am sending mine on to MBP today. That FOP might enjoy a taysy dat.

Went out rowing last evening, and nearly got eaten up by the mosquitos when the land breeze began to blow. They are bad here.

Lovingly,

Will

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION.

~~Washington~~ D.C.,

Miami, Florida, August 10. [1914]

Dear Folks:

Went down to Homestead today. We are taking in the country at a pretty good rate, and sbeing a good deal wh I missed last year. The best thing of all, however, is the sea bathing in wh Mr Bisset and I indulge once or twice each day. We borrowed a boat from a neighbor, maybe I wrote about that before. Out where the water is 8 ft deep it is O K, and the muddy bottom doesnt bother you. For Paul's benefit I will say that I am practicing on the dive, and am getting so I can go under without swallowing any salt water at all. Today I was floating on my back, and Mr Bisset was swimming, when we happened to look up and saw that our boat had slipped anchor and was about 100 yds away, and going fast on the current. We had to hustle to catch her. Beagles and David Bisset dont go in, I guess they dont care for the water.

Enc pl find program for supper at Green Tree. Just like that every night.

Got my Brazillian accounts today, and they have knocked off \$28 for explanation. Think maybe I can get about \$12 of it allowed, but the rest I will have to lose.

Copy of Dorsett's letter to FOP and reply arrived today. Looks like I was booked for a little work in Calif. I guess D is going to put it thru if he can. I think he tries to do all he can to give me the work I want. Bisset asked me today how much time I was going to want on vacation at home, and I told him all I could get without interfering with the work, wh means I am going to ask for the full month due me. Itb looks very much as tho the Indian trip would be knocked out, however, and I hardly know where I will be sent if it is. The war may make communication too uncertain in the Orient to allow of exploration there. We will see.

Had a lovely letter from Mrs Cantine today, wh I will forward after answering it. They are just going over to India for vacation, and may come home next yr.

FOP, you and I will certainly see everything there is to be seen in subtropicals around So Cal this fall. I am going to try to bring my information on all of them up to date. Maybe I will be able to get that avocado bulletin thru which we talked about, even if I have to write it jointly with Bisset. I would do most anything to get it in print. It is pretty hard to be tied down by our policies, but there is no way out.

Guess I will be in Pasadena for the Flower Show this yr. I will miss Ralph, but maybe Cam will be there, if his wife will let him come,

Had a letter from F S Earle today. He says come to Cuba often the latch string is always out.

Mighty sorry to hear that D F got swindled out of the Chiefship, and Paul writes that Mrs F intimated that he may withdraw from the Dept after a few yrs more. Dont know what will become of our Ofs if he does. I will stay in as long as I can do the kind of work I want to do and am fitted to do, but I am determined to take at least 1 yr off, or perhaps two, after another exploration or two, and study in Yunnan, if the war is over by that time. Bisset says it is a great thing for a man to have a college degree, he hasn't.

Paul: Pls attend to enc letter from Van Hermann, and do it up right.

I think Charley Anson, Chinese washerman, held back one shirt on me last week, but as it was one I bot when hard up in Cuba and 6 ins too short in the sleeves I didnt go back for it. Next time, however, I am going to patronise George Cheong.

Think I am saving enough on my per diem here to equalise about \$6 excess laundry which I incurred in Cuba and will have to pay out of my own pocket, account they only allow \$1.25 a week, at home or abroad. Bisset says we are going to travel on actual expenses hereafter. MBP will have to charge me pretty high for my board while I am in Altadena.

My films now number 178 for this trip. Doing well.

Mrs Simmonds thot Paul was Dr Bell's private Secy. Says she often sees his name in the Washn Star as a guest of one of the Bell's functions.

Eating lots of mangos, and an occasional avocado just for good measure. Also I am murdering a good many innocent mosquitos who insist on frequenting my habitation.

More later.

Lovingly

Wilt

In the past Stuntz has had things his own way in the editorial line here, and corrected mMyer's and others writings at liberty, I presume, and it worries him when I question his corrections and then carry my point. I should worry.

Dorsett gave me a warm welcome when I blew in Tuesday. I guess I have a warm friend in D, and as long as I have him and Mr F on my side I dont have anything to fear from the other members of the Ofs, except what little harm they can do me in advising that I shall not be given a raise of salary, and I think it is only Bisset that has that privilege.

I am feeling pretty good nowadays, and enjoying my stay here and my work. I found my scrap books and separates here OK, and there has been nothing further said about the franking business. Bisset thought it was perfectly OK to frank them, but D does not and I am doubtful about if myself.

I turned in my accounts last night, but it will probably be 6 weeks before the money comes thru.

Paul says he has decided to butt into high sassiety (that means the crowd that dances every night) next winter, and is going to enjoy himself for the next 4 or possibly 5 years before he conjugates himself and settles down. That is the way D F worked it, and it is the way to make a good catch, so he says. I tell Paul that just about that time I will be settling down here in Washn, having finished with my travels, and I will expect him to give me a start along the same lines. See what it is.

We have found a dandy new place to eat, on Conn avenue, about a block below Dr Bell's, where the dinners at night are 50 and certainly mighty nice. We are going over there often, as we have both decided we cant afford to spend our lives in front of the quick lunch counter, both for the sake of our stomachs and our social standing.

If it clears off today as the paper says we are going out canoeing tonight? Nearly everybody in the Ofs is away on vacation and there is very little doing here, things awfully quiet.

I expect we will leave on the 6th for the west. I will give you an address in Washn or Oregon a little later on, and then it will be Chico. I am going tonget down to So Cal just as soon as I can, consistent with the public interests and welfare.

Much love from

Web

Please turn over

Later: I have just been having a long talk with Dorsett. He says Gould of Pomology has been in lately talking over the possibility of transferring the mango and avocado work to Pomology. That is where it really belongs, of course. Gould, he says, is very anxious to get a man to take up the subtropical fruits in general and the avocado and mango in particular, and wants me very badly. D says the avocado and mango projects will not be transferred from this of ice for another year or perhaps two, and when that time comes if I want to be transferred with them so I can stay on the work I am now doing I can do so. Of course D F may take a different view of this, but I suspect he will be off of the thing by that time. So you see I am going to be able to choose between staying with the tropical fruits or with seed and plant introduction, but I am not giving the matter any consideration as yet as too many things which will influence the case are sure to happen within the next two yrs.

MBP, I am afraid there is no hope that Paul found his soul mate at Baddeck. It doesnt look that way to me at all.

Mailing out my jaboticabab separates today.

JGP

Every time I land here I get a different typewriter - hence the
can work



New Tremont Hotel

Lakeland, Florida, Aug 21 1914

Dear folks:

Just have time to write a few lines before we start for Brooksville. We have been making one night stands all this week and I haven't had much time to write. Bessie is very anxious to get back to Washn by the 31st and I guess we are going to do it, but we are making some pretty brief stops at some joints. We have been in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Bradentown (Reasons), Fort Myers and here. Now it is Brooksville, Gainesville, Tallahassee, Jay and then home.

Nothing new to chronicle.
Hope to find letters from you



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Lakeland, Florida,

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at Brooksville this noon, and
will write again from there.

Reasoner is a fishing dub.
He knew we were coming, but
when we had been there about
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs he said he guessed
there was nothing more to see, &
he would send us back to
Bradentown in his auto - so
we went. Yet he is very
pleasant and in most ways a
fine fellow.

Not a great deal of interest
on the coast, but I am enjoy-
ing the trip. You know I
like to travel. Beagle
is O.K. He and I usually



New Tremont Hotel

Lakeland, Florida, _____ 191__

room together, while Bisco
has a room to himself.

Not so warm or so many
sketches here as on the East
coast.

Hasta luego
Walt



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BROOKSVILLE FLORIDA

THE PLACE WHERE THE TRAVELER FINDS A HOME

August 21 1914

Dear Folks:

I found good bunch of letters awaiting me here. Also found that I cannot go to Tallahassee as I didnt get it put on my authorization, so I am going to leave the party at Gainesville on Monday & scort for home, getting to Washn on Wednesday. I suggested this as I really want a little more time in Washn before going West. So you can think you are back in Washn when this gets to you.

Shocking news from Paul - all about the dancing, which I never thought he would come to, and no faith. He didnt seem to worry at having to wait as



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extra week or so to see Fairchild,
& in fact I think he is having
the time of his life. Dagne hints
about midnight tête-à-têtes with
Nora Bell sound suspicious - you
know Paul is very secretive and will
try to throw you off the scent by
talking a bit about the other girls.

M.B.P. Had the surprise of my life
today. Got on the scales, in my
crash suit, & found I weighed 130.
But ever. Now stop worrying.

Mosquitos biting my ankles, so I'm a
good quit.

Lovingly
Wilt

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Sunday evening
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. August 23 1914

Dear Folks:

I have about an hour to kill before I take the Seaboard Fast Mail for Washington, so I will try to kill time by writing, as everything in town is closed up and I don't care to walk the streets.

Tomorrow night in Washington! NBB. I think it would be well for Doc to continue his lecture, if he gets along well in it. I very much wish I had taken more of it. He can easily pick up Spanish outside, but unless he gets a lecture now he never will get it. I think he ought to have Ochs tho I don't know what Paul thinks about it. But if Doc is going to be a big scientist,

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as of course he is. Hope of Latin
won't come amiss. I will learn him
Spanish & Portuguese later on, - with
later & French they would both be a
snap for him. He ought to be getting
started on German while he is in High
School, however. What's the matter with
making it Latin, German, English, and
Science this yr. with perhaps French
Conversation as an extra or leave out
the German until next yr and take
solid French. How many credits has
Doc?

Nothing to write about tonight, in
so far as my trip is concerned. It
has been uneventful but very pleasant
throughout. I have about decided
to try to work it so I can spend

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not mention in Miami if the war
knocks out my foreign trip and there is
nothing of that kind in sight.

It is a good thing to have a
little while with each of the men from
the Op. You get an insight into
their character that you wouldn't
get in Washington in 5 yrs. I know
more about Brent now than I did
before by 500%. In most ways
he is O.K. but he has a greatly
exaggerated idea of his own knowledge
and importance and seems averse to
giving any body else credit for anything.
He is not quite as loyal to Mr. F.
as I would like to see him, either.

As soon as I get to Washn I will
put Paul thru the 3rd degree

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and see if I can find out anything re
Vera Bell. I smell a rat, but it
may be a false alarm. Old Paul
is a deceptive cuss, as you know,
particularly in that which concerns the
girls, in the French word just it.

I shall certainly see Aunt Jane when
I get to Seattle, and I think I will
take her one of my Cuban fans, I
have several, you know.

Paul hasn't forwarded MRS's letter yet
re your plans for moving to Pine
Lodge, but I take it that I may
find you there when I arrive. I
think I will get \$3.50 per diem,
in wh case I can pay good
board during the time I am engaged
on official business in S. Calif.

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I wrote Knowles today, and mentioned
incidentally, in a way that he could
not take offense, that in case he
published any of the photos he got
from us, he would of course give credit.
I think it is a necessary precaution.
If I should see me any of them
myself I don't want anyone to think
I borrowed them from him. O, I shall
treat Knowles all right, you know, only
I am not going to let him sponge
off of me any more the way he did
on those avocado articles - a pure
steal. You give Knowles an inch, and
he'll take a mile.

All aboard for Washington
Looneyly
Wilt

September 2, 1914. Wednesday evening.

Dear Folks:

Almost time to knock off, but I will write a few lines before I go down to drag Paul out of his office. I have been out to gur Yarrow garden today with Messrs Bisset and Beagles, and had a look at out Brazilian material, which is growing well. When we got back to town at 2.30 I went home and changed my clothes and then came down to the Ofs to see if I had any mail, but I had nothing but a card from Knowles.

I have just learned that they can put my account thru on a Rush order, and I will probably get the \$330 which is coming to me from the last trip by the 10of this month, and Paul will be able to fwd it to you if desired. Such are the benefits to be derived from a Power of Attorney.

The rains stopped Sunday night, and it has been gradually warming up until today it is hot, and my Shantung suit has been comfortable. I had to take it off today, as it was too dirty to wear longer, and now I am waiting for the laundress to bring back my Barbados crash, which I lost in Porto Rico. When I got back here I found my long lost laundry waiting for me at the Ofs, so I am about \$8 to the good.

Monday evening the Dorsetts took Paul and I to the theatre, along with the Beagles, as Paul has probably written you. He had a very pleasant time. I think we will call on Dorsetts once more before we leave. Went around Sunday afternoon but found only Mrs Dorsett (mere)

at home.

I called on Safford yesterday afternoon to tell him about the Annonas I saw in Cuba and P R, and got a warm welcome as usual. He is certainly O K.

Still remains mighty quiet in the Of's here, and guess it will be so until Mr F. gets back.

Dorsett is going to speak on Oct 6 before the botanic al society on our trip to Brazil. I guess I said that in my last letter.

Chas is thinking of moving on Oct 1st when his lease expires, and we are trying to steer him into a good part of town, but doubtless Pratt or O'Leary will have a stronger influence on him and he will make a change for the worse instead of the better. It is hard to move Chas, and the worst of it is that he seems to take more interest in some of his other friends than he does in us.

I guess we wont get away from here before next Tuesday evening, as Monday is Labor Day and we could not think of leaving on a holiday, of course. I am getting pretty well caught up with my work, and will begin tomorrow on the mango article to submit to the Yearbook committee. I will be able to get a rough draft done before I leave and can polish it off as I go along and then send it back.

Guess we will go out to Chevy Chase Lake to hear the band concert tonight. Nothing, absolutely nothing, to write about so I will quit.

More anon.

Lovingly,

Wilt



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AT

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Chicago,

Wed. evening
Sept 9 1914

Dear Folds:

At last I am on the way home, tho I can hardly believe it possible. I tried to get time to write you yesterday before I left Washn, but simply couldnt get a minutes time to do it. I had my hands full. MBP's letter arrived at noon, just in time, & I was mighty glad to get it.

Dorsett, the Rankins from our yarrow garden, & 3 Bissetts were down at the train, not to mention Paul. We left at 7:45 pm.

I send herewith a schedule of our stops and you can address me



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at any of them.

I was going to send you my baggage check and ask you to get my trunk out from Los Angeles, wh. is as far as I could check it. I put the check in a ~~old~~ leather wallet wh. contained a few postage stamps and membership cards in the D. C. M. A. + R. + S. & left it in my coat last night. During the night the wallet disappeared. There was nothing of value in it ~~but~~ but I suppose someone thought there was.

I guess you will have to try to get the trunk without the check. I am enclosing a memo wh. will enable you to prove



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*the property. If possible get
it before much storage has run
up on it.*

*Cant write more now but
later.*

*Sincerely
W.*



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1 small green trunk, with
"Istituto Agricola" on one end,
my name on 7 or 2 labels pasted
on top.

Sent from Wash DC Sept 5, will
arrive in Los Angeles on 5 P.

In top of trunk (tray) will be
found 1 pair khaki trousers,
3 large paper wallets containing
stationery & documents, on some
of which you will find my name,
1 copy Gould & Pyles Pocket Encyclo-
pedia of Medicine & Surgery.
Below Corona typewriter &
clothes, etc.

Key herewith.



North Coast Limited



near St Paul,

Fr. Sept. 11, 1917

Dear Talks:

I tried to write from Chicago yesterday but only had time for the hasty note which I sent along with my trunk key. I hope you got the key all right, and I hope you can get the trunk. If you don't get it, there will be a good deal of storage on it by the time I come, and I don't think Uncle Sam will pay it.

I wrote you that I was sending an itinerary, but I later found that my copy had vanished with my leather wallet which someone

evidently removed from my coat
on the train to Chicago. However
if you write me at Bellingham
Wash. in care of Mr. Jernemann.
at U. S. Bulb Garden I will be
there about the 20th. Then
write me at Chic, in care of Nat.
Plant Introduction Station, after
the 25th of the month. I will probably
be there 3 or 4 days.

I had to leave Wash. in such
a terrible rush that I didn't get
to send to this itinerary, but
I am on the way home and you
needn't bother to write me very often
until I get there. I dreamt last
night that I was home again.

Thacher in Bellingham. Don't think
we will stop at Roseburg so I
probably won't see Alonzo Cole.
I will spend a night at
Berkeley with Knowles & may stop
in San Jose for a day, but
I don't think I will have any
excuse for stopping in Palo Alto. I
will probably spend a day at
Reed's nursery in Fresno.

Spent the afternoon yesterday
at the Field Museum in Chicago
where I hunted up a young fellow -
one of those collectors whom I met
in Brazil. It was very interesting;
They occupy one of the old World's
Fair Buildings and there are a lot

of fine exhibits left over from the
World's Fair, especially stuff from Japan.
I like Chicago much better than
N.Y. The night we arrived we all
went to see Botash & Serlemittre.
It was great. F.H. would have enjoyed
it.

I will drop you a line as often as
I can along the way. It is too
lame to write more now, how-
ever, with the train in motion.

Enc clipping from Chicago paper,
just happened to see it yesterday.

Loveingly
Walter

HOTEL NIGEY

F. L. NIGEY, Proprietor

Mandan, N. D., Sept 12th, 1914

Dear Tels:

This is the first time I have had leisure to write, so I guess I will scribble a few lines. It is drizzling outside, and we have just returned from a 10 mile drive down to the Missouri River. After supper we will take in the movies to kill time and leave at 11.30 for Seattle. This morning we spent at the Experiment Station, and had dinner out there. There has been a stiff wind blowing all day, making the dust very disagreeable. I don't think I want to live in this country.

By the way, if you get my trunk please open it and take out my clothes so they can hang in the closet until I come and get the wrinkles out. That

HOTEL NIGEY

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Mandan, N. D., _____, 191

new suit I have only had on once, it is the one I paid 12.95 for, with \$ extra for alterations, just before I left Washington.

Well I suppose old Paie is enjoying himself of nights now, with one day so he can stay out until 12 every night. It may work all night, with him, but I like a little sleep now and then.

I don't believe we will stay in Bellingham as long as indicated in that schedule I sent you yesterday. Bossert has allowed a good deal of time there.

I suspect we will leave there by the 21st or 22nd so don't send mail to me there too late. Better wait and catch me at Chico.

We came thru Fargo and stopped

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Mandan, N. D., _____, 191

there about 10 minutes yesterday
afternoon. I guess some of the Bur-
lesons are there, aren't they? I would
like to have seen them.

Am putting ⁱⁿ quite a little time on
the train studying Hindustani,
tho I don't expect to be able to
use it for some time. I want to
get a start on one Oriental lang-
uage however, and that is as good
as any.

My next will be from the
Pacific Coast.

Lovingly
Will



HENRY SCHUPP
MANAGER.

Hotel Seepold

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

Sept 17, 1914

Dear Folks:

all quiet along the Potomac, and decidedly rawsty weather to boot. I sent down a note to Geo. D McLean to see if they are at home, but have had no answer as yet. Maybe D will hear tomorrow, or maybe they are out of town. If they are there I will go down and spend Saturday with them. I am expecting to go out to Foot Lawton, near Seattle, on Sunday to see if Aunt Jane is there. I sent her a line to let her know I was on the way.

We have been looking at land here, and going over the bulb garden



HENRY SCHUPP
MANAGER.

Hotel Seepold

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

Today. It is cloudy all the time
and drizzles about half the day.
Cold too, so that I had to invest
\$1.50 in a thick woolen undershirt
to keep my teeth from chattering.

Bessie may be delayed here a
day or two but is sure to get away
by the 22nd. We will spend a
day in Seattle and one in Portland,
so you can figure on my arrival
in Chico about the 26th. I begin
to feel that I am getting pretty
close to the Promised Land. I
shall stay at Chico 4 or 5 days and
then stop at Sacramento, Berkeley,
Fresno and Fresno in route home, but
I won't be any longer on the



HENRY SCHUPP
MANAGER

Hotel Seepold

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

way than necessary.

I sent Dr. Branner, Pres. of Stanford Univ. a copy of my jaboticaba paper, as he has been in Brazil a great deal and is much interested in the fruit. Recd today, via Paul, a very nice letter from him in reply. I want to meet him some day.

Where had I better stop in Frisco? I am thinking of going to the St Francis. I ought to get a room there for \$2.00 oughtn't I?

I want to make a trip down into the Coachella as soon after I get home as possible so as to see the dates ripe. Hope God can make



HENRY SCHUPP
MANAGER.

Hotel Seepold

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

it with me I may have to delay it
until Bisset comes down about
Oct 18th.

Got a letter from Paul today, en-
closing one from M.B.P. Hope to hear
from you direct by the end of the
week, but I was tardy in sending
you my itinerary.

I like this country immensely, aside
from the present sample of the climate,
& they can beat the world on
Dahlias & Astors.

Lovingly
Wilt

Fort Lawton, Sept. 21, 1914.

Dear Folks:

I have half an hour before lunch in which I will tell you of my doings for the last few days, and then the Major and I are going for a horseback ride across the city.

I am certainly enjoying my visit here. I got out here yesterday, Sunday, morning in time for church, and will stay until early tomorrow morning, wh gives me practically two days. I have always wanted to spend a time at an army post, and altho this stay will be short it is a whole lot better than none at all. Tootie and I have just come in from witnessing guard mount, and there is to be a dress parade this p.m., at which I will be present. I have met the Colonel, who has a very attractive daughter, and several other officers. Allen is here, but had to go over to the University today, as he has signed up for some courses this year to kill time. This morning Aunt Jane, Tootie and I went down town to the market and laid in some supplies, and I got a chance to see what there was on sale. There is certainly a fine display of fruits, the prices being considerably lower than I have seen elsewhere.

To go back: I went down to Mt Vernon Friday morning, found Mr McLean sitting on a high stool behind the wicket in the Skagit County Savings Bank looking rather discololate and taking in water rents. He chucked his job at once, and we went out to the house for dinner, afterwards spending the afternoon in an auto drive thru the Skagit valley, over to La Conner and down thru the Delta country, as they call it. It was rather poor weather, and rained the last half of the trip, but we had a good time just the same. The next morning Mr McLean and I drove out around the other side of town, and then called on a few of the neighbors who were horticulturally inclined. Mrs M put up several good meals and enjoyed the whole thing very much. I left at 4 pm for Seattle Sat.

It seemsto me that Mr M is feeling pretty blue. He talks a good deal about haing outlived his usefulness and such rot, and Mrs M xays if he doesnt cheer up pretty soon she is going to send him down to/southern California for the winter, altho he says he wont go. The agreement was that he should have every alternate winter to/ be away from Mt Vernon and this is his winter to stay. I couldnt see any signs of his being particularly busy, however. I really think it would be lots better for him to come to so Calif and build a/ home and keep himself busy about it. They say, however, that they dont believe they will ever build on the lot back of us, as they feel that the neighborhood is too swell for them; that they couldnt build a good enough house for the location and couldnt keep up the appearances the place requires. If they come they think they will buy a small house down town.

Mrs M's sister Harriet is with them, which does not add anything to Mr M's peace of mind, as far as I can see.

Allen is here now, but Dick left about 10 days ago for Boston. Allen and I had a good ime chewing the rag yeterday, and they talk about a Charade party at one of the neighbors this evening. There are only a few young folks here at the post, as there are not a great number of officers just now, much of the regiment being station- ed elsewhere. Major Groves preached to a small but select audience yesterday, composed of Allen and I, two sargeants and four privates, of something of that kind. Aunt Jane played the piano, while Sgt Kinney and onelady played violins, making pretty good music. The band here is strictly o k. They had a fine concert yesterday after- noon, which we heard from the house as the parade ground is right in front of us.

Allen hasnt found anything to do yet, so is going to take some work in the Univ until something else shows up. He would like to get a job traveling with me for 3 or 4 yrs but I dont suppose it

panion, however, and way above the ordinary Govt assistant in ability and usefulness, except as a plantsman. I would rather have him than any of our Office men, however, as he would be more help in most ways. He would go in for \$900 a year.

Tootie has developed into a very sensible and well behaved girl. I understand Willie Griffith has done likewise, except in the opposite sex.

I havent heard from Bisset or Beagles yet. I tried to get Beagles on the phone last night but he was out. I dont think Bisset has come down from Bellingham yet. Beagles and I will probably go down to Portland tomorrow, tho if he wants to stay here another day I shant object, provided Aunt Jane can stand my company that long. Allen wants me to stay a week, and he and Leftenant Gregory had made numerous plans for tennis games etc.

Aunt Jane sends love to you all.

Expect to be in Chico by the 24th of this month, so address me there after that date. I will probably be there 4 days.

Traveling for the govt is certainly a soft snap. Aint it now?

Lovingly

Wilt

Just heard from Beagles and we are going to Portland tomorrow morning as planned

Rio de Janeiro,
Domingo, 4 de Janeiro de 1914.

Dear Folks:

My cup of joy overflowed yesterday on finding at the Consulate a letter, and a good long one, too, from FOP dated Nov 30th, and of wh he had the foresight to fwd the carbon to Rio. If he had not done that, I probably wouldnt have read the letter until I arrived in Bahia again about March 1st. I have secretly rejoiced right along at the way my mail has come thru; you know FOP is pretty good on following the movements of either of us boys when traveling, and my mail has been coming direct to me most of the time, while that of the other members of the party has usually gone to some wrong address first and been re-forwarded, etc. Shame! didnt keep his wife informed of his whereabouts and his mail was extremely irregular and slow in reaching him. There is still mailing coming here for him, and he left Rio in Nov. It is great to have a pa like mine, aint it, now what?

And say, FOP, that was a great letter you wrote me, and it did me a lot of good. You know the weather is hot down here, and the work is rather hard at times, and once in a while things get to looking kind of blue to a feller. On the whole, I have absolutely nothing to be blue about, and am not, as a matter of fact, but I wasnt feeling very frisky when I got that letter and it bucked me up a whole lot.

Dorsett went down for the count last week, when he got a telegram that the second trunk we sent in, or rather the second large shipment, arrived in rotten condition and was a "failure," as the telegram expressed it. I dont think he has really felt cheerful since. Of course it was something of a blow to me, too, as I had my share in the packing, but the deed was did and could not be remedied now, so I did not let the thing weigh on my mind. It really is, of course, a pretty serious matter when all the stuff you send in, and which represents a large part of your work, rots on the road. Fortunately, however, we will be able to duplicate practically everything and I dont think we will miss out in the end.

Well, we struck it hot down here, and this coupled with the fact that we have been as busy as bees every minute of the day has made it tiresome, and I will be glad to get away into the interior. This morning we went out to collect herbarium material, and when I got home at noon I drank four glasses of water and put down a two pound pineapple, and still live to tell the tale. I expect to keep on living, too.

Dont worry about neglecting me in correspondence; I am so busy I dont notice how the time goes by, altho I of course look forward to "mail day" as keenly as ever. It is all over now until we get back to Bahia, anyway; two months without any letters from home will seem like a pretty long time, but I stood it once last yr, and can do it again. The time will go by pretty fast, while we are traveling in the interior.

I am more than glad that the Journal suits you. I will keep it up. Am a little shy on this instalment, but hope to turn out more when I get inland and am seeing new sights. I feel myself that it will supplement my official journal pretty advantageously, and what isn't covered in the Official will be covered in it. I will put the photos with it when I get home, have it copied and bound as you suggest. Maybe I better have a carbon made and bind one copy in full morocco, gilt, for you to put on the library shelf.

Speaking about photos: your remarks noted, and O K. Of course you know long before this that I will not stay down here alone, but I do believe I will be able to get just as many interesting photos with Dorsett along as I would alone. He does most of the photographing, tho we really do it together, one or the other focusing the picture, and the other looking at it and making any suggestions before it is taken. In this way we get the combined opinions of both of us, and I believe some of the photos we have already made are first class. In addition, Dorsett will always meet me half way, and anything I want to take is usually taken, if it is worth taking. We will get as many general views in the interior as it is possible to get, and I am planning on a set down the Sao Francisco that will go with Grosvenor. Dr Hale of the Pan American Union will also take an article for their Bulletin, and I can work in some more there.

In re writing the Journal again: I think one of the greatest uses it has is in giving me good practice in composition, and it is worth while for that alone, as FOP says. I will not cut it down, if it possible to write it without writing anything else. I can say frankly, and to the satisfaction of all concerned, no doubt, that I have practically cut out all my miscellaneous correspondence, as Knowles, Baxter and others will probably testify. I really couldn't handle it. Something had to drop so I dropped that first, and altho I will write a note occasionally to some of my best friends, all of them will have to wait until I get back to the States for detailed information. Jessie Ward not excepted.

I have bought a dozen 8x10 photos of Rio, wh gives me all the general views of the city I want.

Now as regards our work here: everything is going on excellently, and I am well satisfied that I did not stay alone to finish up the job. Dorsett and I can work together without any friction and divide the work to suit our own tastes. ~~Nxxxx~~ Naturally the work has gradually divided itself, and each has taken that which he could best do. Dorsett handles the developing and recording of all the photographs, wh is a big job. As noted, we make them together, in nearly all cases, Both having a hand in the composing. Then he handles the packing of the seeds and other plant material, and we divide the work of cleaning seeds and preparing them for packing. While he is packing material I write up the inventory notes and write labels for the stuff. Then I make all the notes, -or rather, most of the notes, regarding fruits and plants which we obtain or observe, and work out the names of all those we can locate, etc, -that is, I handle practically the whole botanical side of the business. This division

from my standpoint is just about as good as I could desire. As for Dorsett getting all the credit for work done while he is here, -dont you believe it. Dorsett is the most unselfish, generous-and reasonable chap you ever saw, and has absolutely no personal ambitions or aspirations of his own, -that is, in regard to notoriety, etc. Whatever we do here will, I feel confident, be accredited just as much to me as to him, we will each get our share, if there is any credit to be given.

However, I will say this much: I dont believe I will undertake another trip with an expedition, unless it is forced upon me. That is, I will try to avoid coming out again with a party. No matter how well the men may work together, there are certain disadvantages that I can now see which I would like to avoid next time. One of the greatest drawbacks is that when you travel in a party you dont get one half the opportunity to learn the language that you do when you travel alone. You talk English among yourselves all the time, some of the party may not learn the language of the country and hire a guide who speaks English, etc etc. I learned more French in my three weeks in Biskpa last yr, when I had to talk the language or bust, than I did ~~in my entire~~ Portuguese in my entire two months in Bahia, for the simple reason that we were always in English speaking company. The opportunity to learn a language is one of the greatest attractions of foreign travel to me, and I hate to miss out on it. I expect to buck up on Portuguese a whole lot on our interior trip, - I can bget along allright now, -but I would learn a lot more if I were alone.

Of course, this trip was my first in the BPI and they didnt want to send me out alone, but I think it is pretty certain that next time I go it will either be alone or with an assistant, and of course there is no great objection to traveling with an assistant. But I feel that I can get more out of a trip, in many ways, if I am alone. If FBP was along it would be allright, of course, but with others it is different. For instance, if I was traveling with Shamel in the interior I wouldnt get to see much of native life, for he wouldnt dare stick his nose inside of a native hut, if he could help it. There might be bugs.

I expect I may be sent back here to Brazil again some day, but then there are a good many chances that I wont. Somebody will probably have to come, and if I am not busy on anything else I suppose I will be the logical man for the job, having been here before. Dorsett wont come again, you can bet on that. Dorsett thinks, however, that my next trip is likely to be India. I really cant see any great objection to India, with typhoid vaccination. Of course I would rather go to London or Paris, but that wouldnt do the great American public any good. We will talk the matter over when I get home next summer, but I want to make up my mind as promptly as possible, as I expect the subject will be broached soon after I get back to Washn, as they always have to allow a long time to get ready for a trip, after it is settled upon.

I expect we will cut out our stop in Trinidad on the way home, as we will be bringing several cases of plants and

will have to see them thru to N Y. Guess I would just as soon save the W I for a nice little vacation trip with FOP anyway. I would probably get more enjoyment out of them.

Löfgren says the Feijoa is found in São Paulo, so we may run across it. I doubt if we get down to Rio Grande do Sul; our time for that part of the trip is awfully short. We will want to spend several days with Hunnicutt at Lavras, and will probably not leave there before the 10th, then we will want to get to Pirapora and start down the River soon after the first of Feb. I think Hunnicutt will make the tour of São Paulo, etc with us, we paying his expenses as guide, field assistant, etc. It will be a great help to us if he does, as the railways here are hard to get about on, and the country is big.

The Feijoa is not well known in this part of Brazil in fact not known at all. Löfgren says it is a good thing, but know one has ever made a horticultural study of it. That is the way with all these Brazilian fruits; the botanists know how many stamens they have, and know that the Indians eat them, but no one knows how much value they have horticulturally or whether there are any varietal differences or not. We have good photos of about seven very interesting myrtaceous fruits now, and with my notes on them I think I will be able to work up a good article on their horticultural value. This will, I think be one of the best pieces of work we will have done here. I also have enough data and photos now to publish a pretty good article on the mangos of Brazil. The avocados we will get in Bahia when we go back; there are practically none here, and they weren't ripe in Bahia when we left. But on the whole, I do not believe we are going to find anything of great value in either these two fruits here, outside of the Rosa mango which looks like it might make a good commercial fruit, because of its attractive color and its keeping qualities. It is of fair quality, but not equal to some of the Indian mangos.

I am getting together quite a few publications on Brazilian agriculture and horticulture, and have a long list to purchase in São Paulo, which is now the most active city in the republic, and turns out most of the stuff that is published along these lines. There isn't very much in print, all told.

Don't forget that I said it is HOT here. It is the warmest place I have struck. Dr Willis says it is ten degrees cooler in the interior, 'heres hoping.

It doesn't look very long to me until the first of March, and by that time we hope to be in Bahia and getting things together to start home. It will make the trip just about the right length, as far as my own feelings are concerned, but to do the work that we want to do here we ought to have twice as much time, or more. We won't be able to touch the interior country, just go thru it, make photos and observations, and pick up what seeds we can find along the way. I suspect someone will be put down here for a year very soon, to clean up some of the things. I don't know but that I might run into worse jobs myself; I like the people here, can live on their grub without a whimper, and the country is healthy. I am learning a few things about travel on this trip, and will be better fitted to come out on the next one. I am gradually find-

ing what it is necessary to have along, and what can be left at home.

As yet I haven't had a sick day since I left the States. No more this time. My next probably from Lavras, roughly, Wisl.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION.

Washington, D. C.,

Thursday August 21, 1914

Dear Folks:

Here I am again, and I got in Monday evening something as a surprise to old Paul. I am glad I did not wait for Bisset and Beagles, as it gives me practically another week here in Washington and I need the time, apart from wanting to have a few more days to enjoy myself with old Paul.

Things look good here in Washington. but the weather is not as warm as I expected. It has been cloudy ever since I arrived. Conforming to my oath to dress as well as Paul I invested in a new suit, marked down from \$22 to \$12.95 (and it is a good one) as well as white shoes, a new straw hat marked down to 75, and a few other sundriees. I have decided that if am going to look well dressed in the future if it takes the last drop of blood in my veins, which the same I dont think it will.

But after going to all the trouble of buying white shoes and sox I have only been able to wear my linen suit once, tho I am looking for a return of warm weather soon.

Last night we went to see "Girls" by Clyde Fitch, and it was strictly great. Night before we had Chas over to the room, to show him there was no hard feeling, and I let him smoke a few of my Bahia cigarets and play a little on my flute? Chas is really pretty good company, but you have to go and drag him out whenever you want to see him. We pumped him re insects and got a lot of information. He is certainly well informed, Not only on ins etc but on other lines as well.

I guess Paul surely made a colossal fool of himself up in Baddeck, from all I can learn, but it looks as thp it was nothing serious after all. Nora Bell, he says, wont fill the bill. Mrs Fairchild tho he was getting in deep with Nora and had David give him a talking to, -warning, as it were, - but he said he did nt need it. He thinks Gretchen is a "dear" as he expresses it, but I guess she isnt quite eligible because she doesnt come of a prominent family. But what surprises me mpst is that Paul has really seemed to take a fancy to dancying, and is going to take some lessons here this fall so he can get in the swim. I wish I could do it too, but I will have to leave mine until I get thru with my peregrinations 2 or 3 years hence.

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they turn out at Baddeck, - read it and then judge for yourself.

POP, letter re Dug's proposition for the Nursery - mens convention read and contents noted. I dont know yet whether I will be able to prepare a paper or not, - I would just about as soon dodge anything of that kind in Calif as I have been going a stack of writing lately and have a lot more to do here before I go, and may begin to get stale. But when I arrive in Calif about the 1st next we will see what can be done, and I will talk it over with Dorsett in the meantime and get his consent, if possible. I am planning to do considerable loafing in Calif, altho I decided yesterday that I wouldnt try to take a whole months vacation for this reason: while on vacation I get no per diem, of course, and no traveling expenses if I knock around? If I stay on Official business I can live at home, be at home as much as either you or I will want, and yet get my \$3.50 a day all the time and carfare if I want to go to Hollywood or Whittier. I have left it open here with the understanding that I am to have a months leave if I want it, but will probably not take more than 2 weeks for the reasons stated. Dont you think that is the best arrangement? The \$3.50 a day will go a long ways toward running the house while I am there. I will be in Pasadena, or have headquarters there, at least, for well nigh onto 2 months? My letter of Authorization is already here, and I have to be back here at Washn by Dec 1st. Dorsett thinks the war may prevent my going to India, as I do, and in that case he favors another trip to South America, which would suit me pretty well? He thinks I ought to have a young man to assist me and travel with me, but we havent yet thot of anybody in the Ofs who will qualify. I believe if I knew someone now, like Ralph for instance, who wanted to get in on the work I could run him in for this trip, but it would only be possible to take someone who wanted to stay in exploration work for a while as the idea is to train some young fellow so he could eventually go out alone. Do you know of anyone who could care for such a proposition?

I have just been going over my bulletin Ms and fighting out a few points which others in the Ofs had corrected or questioned? Had the worst time getting Stuntz to remove the quotation marks which he had put on every common name throughout, such as jaboticaba and imbu, or rather "jaboticaba" and "imbu". When you use these words six or eight times on a page the cuots around them each time get pretty darned monotonous? It was a fool trick to put them there. Stuntz is just a little bit peeved because I dont bow down and accept him on all editorial matters, as do the others in the Ofs, but I have my own ideas on some subjects and feel pretty confident that when Paul is backing me up I am about right, for I consider that Paul knows fully as much about the English language and its correct usage as Stuntz.



Hotel Portland

PORTLAND, OREGON.

G. J. KAUFMANN,
MANAGER.

Sept 23 1914
Wed. morning.

Dear Folks:

Left Seattle 11.15 last night and got in here early this morning. Will leave here 1.30 tonight and be in Chicó Friday at daybreak.

I just had a magnificent time at Fort Lawton. Don't know when I have enjoyed myself so much. Allen is mighty good company. Yesterday the Colonel's wife took Allen & I riding with herself & daughter in their auto. We went all over town thru most of the parks. Allen & I don't fail to keep the conversation moving pretty rapidly, either, as Aunt Jane will testify. Rode horseback yesterday morning.

I lost track of Mr. Bisset but know he was coming down last



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G. J. KAUFMANN,
MANAGER.

night. I came down to get the train, found all the lower taken, so got an upper. This morning when I woke up I found him occupying the lower beneath me. I suppose D. F. would attach great significance to this incident as he takes great stock in coincidences.

Got a letter from Paul via Mr B, stating among other things that the wallet I lost on the Pullman to Chicago had been returned. I guess the Post had it + finding nothing in it that he better turn it in.

Weather was fine + sunny last 2 days at Seattle, and same today.

My revised schedule is now about as follows:

Chico	25 to 29
Berkeley	30
Prisco	get 1 st + 2 nd



Hotel Portland

PORTLAND, OREGON.

G. J. KAUFMANN,
MANAGER

Fresno 3rd
Home 4th

I may be able to cut a day off of this but I am not going to rush myself unduly as I will have plenty of time at home & I must see some people & things around Fresno.

We are waiting for 9 am so we can get our Pullmans for tonight. Then we will go out to see the packs or something of that sort.

Forgot to explain that I got 12 hrs. longer stay at Ft Lawton than I expected to have when I wrote last, so I had 3 days & 2 nights there, day being Sunday.

Hasta mas tarde
Witt

Chico. Sept 25 1914.

Dear Folks:

Here I am at Chico, and only about a week from home. Hooray.

We got in here this morning; I will stay until Monday afternoon and then go on down to Berkeley. I have doped out an itinerary and will arrive in L A at 8.45 *a.m.* (the Owl) on October 3rd, unless something goes wrong. Will advise positively later. I dont want you to get u up too early to come into the train, but would be glad to see you of course. Perhaps you had better let Doc play the part of reception committee; however, he oughtnt to miss his school.

Got a couple of letters from you here. Glad to know the financial stringency is relieved, as far as you personally are concerned.

Pa, we will certainly have to make some trips. I hope you can work it so we can all go to Coachella with Dr Bennett in the auto. That would suit Bisset and I to a T. I guess Shamel would like it too. Paul writes that Young isnt coming to Calif, so after Bisset leaves, the end of Oct, I will have a month more there alone. I have some bad news, however; after September 30th there is no more per diem in the Dept, and we have to go on actual expenses. I am going to put thru a voucher of some sort so I can pay you board while I am at home, however. It can be done allright, I am sure.

The first 8 or 20 days after I get home I am going to be on leave, and consequently wont want to go in for any trips that cost money as I cant get reimbursed for anything I do while off duty. After the 15th, however, Bissett will be there and I will go on duty again. He n and I will probably want to make several short trips together, and take in some of the gardens. I am hoping FOP will be able to help us out a little in this connection. I would like to treat Bissett right while he is there, as it is always good policy.

Pa, I met a Frank B Hutchens of L A on the train last night, who met you at the Shamel Banquet at Riverside. He is mgr of the Fruit Growers Supply Co, and seemed to be a fine fellow. I think he had an idea you were a pretty big man, which I of course encouraged him to retain.

Feels like Calif up here, and lots of casabas. It seems mighty good to me.

I dont believe I will be able to make Palo Alto; it is off my route, and I do not feel justified in taking an extra day to run down there, because I have seen the Univ thoroly when Paul was there and there is no good reason for going again, except to see Anna Franklin, and she can wait until next year.

ovingly,

Wilt

Washington, December 19 1914.

Dear Polks:

Paul reminds me that this will be the last opportunity to get off a Christmas letter to you. Bueno. Here goes.

Of course the first and most important news is that which concerns our visit to my sister in law, alias fiancée, last evening. We had dinner at the Congl church, with the Congl Club, in celebration of forefathers day, and then Paul dragged me off to see the elusive Katherine. Of course Paul was all excitement and expectation, while on the contrary his client preserved a calm state of mind.

Right here I must say that Ma Brown is the foxiest mother in law I ever hope Paul to have. Ofcourse she had to sit Paul and me down clear across the room from Katherine, but that was only the beginning of my troubles. Pa wasnt there at first, so Ma and Paul did all the talking, I looking on and smiling, and occasionally adding "thats so" or "well". Further remarks on my part would have been superfluous, and in factm absolute intrusion, as Ma and Paul held the floor so thoroughly and effectively there was no need for anything on my part. Then later in the evening Pa came in, and after that Pa and Paul held the floor, taking it turn and turn about. I twice forced myself to interrupt one of them long enough to remark that I was very fond of Spanish music, and that the Gravenstein was one of the best apples on the Pacific coast, but even these remarks were not necessary to keep the conversation alive.

However, on leaving, Ma was careful to take down Paul's telephone number and said she was going to invite us out some

evening during Christmas week, when Helen was there. I can see right now that my only chance lies in Helen, in spite of violent assertions to the contrary on the part of my attorney.

However, I congratulate Paul on his excellent choice, and I think you should do likewise. She is ~~strectly~~ O K, as far as I can judge by shy glances from a distance of 16 feet. Paul talked last night about my sending her a Christmas card, and I made the suggestion that if we were going to do the thing at all we might just as well do it up right and send her a bunch of flowers or an azales. Paul took to the idea like a duck to water, and remarked that he had no idea of my superior intelligence. I tell him that it appears to me my power of attorney is going to be used to buy flowers and candy for him to present to Katherine after I am gone, ~~an~~ the strength that he is advancing his client's interests. But dont be deceived. The cat is out of the bag.

However, as I said before, she is a nice girl. (Paul finds that Pa Brown gets \$3500 a yr and 20 cents a mile).

I suppose Paul has writtent you of our first dancing lesson chez Edith Spofford. It was not at Safford's house as I had presumed, but down town at a studio, and was a rather tame affair, the only other participants being two middle aged ladies of not particularly attractive appearance. But I suppose we go to learn to dance, and not to enjoy ourselves. I guess Edith is going to be a good teacher. Safford is going to have a little dance out at his house one of these days, and says he will invite us out.

Of course we are speculating now as to where I will eat Christmas turkey. Paul is already booked, rather to his dissatisfaction, with the Cooks, whom I dont know, the young lady

having asked him ~~some~~ 6 weeks ago. I am in hopes someone will take me in, so I wont have to eat down at the Conn Inn all alone, and no doubt they will. Paul and I are also waiting to see if by any chance we get a donation of a fruit cake, or part of one, and if we dont we are going to buy one along with the jug of cider. Paul intimated that I ought to receive one from California, but I reminded him that fruit cakes were only considered proper in cases of extreme intimacy.

Charles left yesterday for Kansas, after having had a long argument with me the night before. I talk to Chas pretty frankly, Allen says, but I reply that you have to, and it doesnt good any good even then. There are several things he ought to do and doesnt, even tho we have hammered at him constantly, and offered to meet him half way. I am afraid he is incorrigible.

I am at work this morning, or going to be when I finish this, on the litchi article for Bailey. I am going to get all the articles for him done up promptly, if possible, so in case I am sent off I will have them out of the way.

Our Brazilian bulletin has dropped completely out of sight, -lying on someone's desk, I presume, waiting to be read. Dorsett says he is going to send out a tracer. I have just about resolved never to bother with a bulletin again. It isnt worth while.

Bisset says Webber told him he was going to offer me a job, and that was where Mirchild got the idea. Webber didnt really do it after all, at least not definitely enough to be called an offer. I have reassured Bisset and Dorsett as well as F that I wouldnt accept it; I think they all felt that I was liable to take it, so as to be in California.

I begin to think that I may have to work around toward that scholarship at Columbia next September. I could put in a term up there to mighty good advantage, possible evey a whole school year. If I could get a scholarship wh would cover my expenses I wouldnt be out ~~ab~~great deal. Chas says, however, that there are going to be no raises in the Dept this next July unless the war ends. He is only getting \$2000, I find; I thot he had more.

The weather is still pretty cold here. I have caught a slight cold, of course, from being in so many poorly ventiated rooms, and feel sniffly most of the time.

Mighty glad to hear that FOP had ~~at~~ last bought that new suit we talked about. He needed it. Folks back here have remark-ed a good deal on my new style of headgear, and Dorsett commen- ted on the fact that I had several suits, with the additional remark that there must be a girl in the case. I perjured myself like a gentleman, but Bisset came in just at the last moment and almost gave me away.

See that Herb keeps the flower beds stirred up from time to time, now that Lamby isnt there to do it for him. Have you found my yellow backed Pocket Atlast yet. If so, send it on.

I guess I had better get to work. I am not putting in so terribly long days, anyway. Altho I always get down here by 8, I have been going down town with Paul every noon for an hour or so to do some errands.

Merry Christmas.

Lovingly,

Will

Washn, Dec 26 1914

F O Popenoe,
RFD 2,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Folks:

Just a note to say that Mr Zappone has just favored me with a check for \$165 in payment of my reimbursement account. I cannot account for the unusual speed. I had the acct put thru on a rush coupon, but it usually takes some time even then. I will deposit the check here pending further instructions, and will be glad to send you a draft if you have need for it about Jan 1st to pay up small bills. I am going to send Shellabarger his \$42 at once, and then the decks will be clear.

MBP: in reply to a query in your last, I think it would be highly desirable for you to mention in your ~~next~~ next letter to aunt Carrie that Pine Lodge was left to us boys. I think they would have liked to have asked me about it when I was there, but felt some hesitation about doing so, and I would have told them of my own free will except that I was afraid it might start the subject going and they might ask questions that would be rather embarrassing to me. But they ought to know, I think, and with as little delay as possible.

We had an A No 1 dinner yesterday chez the Cookes, with 3 of Mr Cookes sisters for society, 2 of them being lady professors at Smith College. It was an agreeable enough day, on the whole, as good as one could ask when he is away from home at such a time. Last evening we went around to the room of one Dunlap, a young fellow who is in the Information Ofs of the Dept and is quite a friend of Pauls. He is strictly allright, too. His father, who lives with him, is totally blind, but a most interesting old gentleman, and I spent the evening talking to him about Brazil.

Tonight we take a dancing lesson. Guess thats all I know today.

However, I might offer Herb a little advice on his personal conduct, were it not for the fact that the cardinal principles are all set down in black and white and pinned on the wall of his room. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves Chez les Bartons last night, and that Herb behaved himself as a young gentleman and a Popenoe should.

Lovingly

Will

Miss Spraker, Mr F's secy, just addressed me as Wilson. Everybody in the Ofs is doing it now.

Later, 3.30 pm

Just recd spl marked copy of Cultivator from FOP, containing big write up of avocados. Mess knows the good stuff when he sees it. Now I will utilise most of the information contained in the article in my forthcoming report on my trip to Calif wh I have to write up for Ofs use. I have been at work all day today writing legends for the photos I took in Porto Rico and Cuba last summer, so that they can go into the report I have written of that trip. I will send it to the bindery next year, then I will have it back in time for a Christmas present to Mr Fairchild in 1915.

Dear Ma: I guess you better direct all young lady friends of mine who may inquire after my address to write me at 1527 Rhode Island Ave; When personal mail comes to the Ofs Howell scrutinizes it pretty closely, of course, and is a good judge of feminine handwriting. Just recd a card from Shirley King, and another very tasty one, with short verse enclosed, from NE corner of Santa Anita and Mendocino Sts. Esta bueno.

Down to about 10 degrees today, Paul didnt come out at noon, so I ate my macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, chocolate cake and cream pie at the Cornellaises alone. You see I live almost as high at noon as Herb does down at the High School.

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