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Washn, Jan'y 3 1922

Dear Folks:

I returned from points north yesterday morning, and spent most of the day here in the Ofs, going over my Xmas mail, wh was tolerable heavy. Found a very fine card from Betty and Paul, for wh I am duly grateful. Also found a pkg at the Club, containing (item) one brief case, (item) one initialed handkerchief, and (item) one box of dulces, hecho a mano. The brief case will stand me in good stead, as I have none, and have always been possessed of a sneaking desire to own one. The handkerchief will also be useful, and I tender my hearty thanks to Emily for it. The usefulness of the candy must be stated in the past tense. It was excellent.

I also found the avocados Spinks sent me; they had been held for me in the chill room, and only one had softened; he sent two Spinks and two Lindas. I will have mucho gusto in sampling them.

Pablo, I have a sack of what appears to be cotton seed here, bearing labels like the enclosed. I paid \$1.02 on it. Do you want me to send it to you? I presume it is something you have ordered, and wh has been sent here by mistake, they thinking that the world only holds one P_opence.

Pablo, I will t y to get the data you ask for today, and send it shortly.

Macmillans have turned me out a good circular, of wh
I enclose a copy. I will shortly send you a small supply.

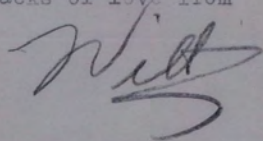
I went out to DF's house last night and had a good talk
with them all. Mrs F and the kids go south this week, DF leav-
ing on Jan 17.

Tomorrow night I lecture at the Public Library in Takoma
Park, with lantern.

Busy life, this. I am going to settle down to a rational
existence now, and not do as much dancing as I did in November.
I have worked off the surplus devilishness wh I brot back from
So America.

Work has piled up while I have been away, and I will
have to hump myself for a week to get caught up.

Stacks of love from



Thurs evening, Jan 6 1922

Dear Folks:

It is 7.30 and I am about to go home, but I will first write you a few lines.

Item. Father, I have put thru the voucher you sent on for expense of avocadoseeds and chayotes sent to Dean Hunt for Grofr. You will get your money in 3 or 4 mos, probably.

Paul, I enclose some notes for you. The etymology of mecate is clear; that of chicote not so much so, to me at least. In Guatemala we always call a riding quirt chicote, wh I think may come from the Aztec word for a bee, referring to the sting of the whip; ~~bt~~ your Mexican meaning is probably from Chico, as per Remi Simeon.

Went out to Takoma Park last night and talked to Horticultural Society on explorations, with 52 slides. Had a good crowd of about 75 people, and I didnt feel a bit ill at ease. I think I pulled it off in better shape than the one at the Cosmos Club last month.

I havent yet caught up with the work which piled up while I was in Boston, but will be square with the world in three or four days more I reckon.

Tomorrow Daisy Bell^{is} leaves with her parents for a cruise to the West Indies, and the kids go down to Coconut Grove with Mrs Ker, a relative. DF goes to Coconut Grove on the 17th inst. Dorset is to act in charge during his absence, as per our agreement. I could have had it if I had put up a fight for

I have all the work I can handle as it is. In fact, I am almost overloaded. Things will probably pile onto me faster than I want em, anyway. I dont feel in any great hurry to see myself Acting in Charge.

Tomorrow I have invited to tea Gladys M Taylor of Wellesley, Babson's representative in Washn. Havent saw her yet, but phoned her today. Austin says she is a good no.

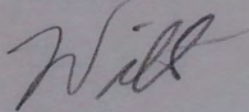
Even DF admist that I have a fine lot of lantern slides. I hope they make a hit at the big Geographic Lecture.

Franklin Adams has accepted my article on the Home of Maria for the Pan American Bul, Spanish and English editions. Journal of Heredity has my Native Home of the Cherimoya now in galley proof. I've got to squeeze out an article from time to time, nights and Sundays.

Morley goes to Guatemala the first of next week. It will laave me to bkfst alone at the Club.

All quiet along the Ptomac.

Much love



Washn, 8 Jan'y 1922

Dear Folks:

I'm down to the Of's early, but not very bright, this Sunday morning, to write some personal letters, and later go to lunch with Gonzalo Beeche, Secy of the Legation of Costa Rica. This p m I want to go out to call on the Saffords, as they are at home Sundays in Jan, according to small card sent me recently.

Paul, I met Dr Stocking at the Cosmos Club the other evening. Had a long talk with him; he said he had always been much interested in you and me, and he wanted to know all about you, and sent you his very warm regards. He is still pastor of a church in Montclair, N J. Says he has found out that the crowd in our church here gave him a pretty raw deal at the time he left, -- "threw him down" as he says. He is a fine man, isn't he? If he were still here I would go to church every Sunday.

Item. I have another suit which I am now willing to turn over to Herb, the one I had made by Marcelo Vecchi at San Jose de C R. Cost me 60. ^{u.s. by} It is rather badly worn, but will wear for several months yet, as I have had it reinforced in the seat, as well as steam cleaned. Shall I send it on now, or wait to bring it when I come in April or May?

Item. Please come across with that corte of fawn-colored wool cloth from Ecuador, if you havent sent it yet. I want it to back my vicuna rug.

The Washn Post now publishes daily, on the back page, a lot of pictures of interesting people; they came down the other day, and took me to the greenhouse, where they posed me among the palms with an avocado in my hand, and published it Friday morning with the caption, "Wilson Popenoe, plant explorer for the Dept of Agr, who is back from two years in the jungles of So America, where his ^{only} ~~own~~ companion was a native guide. He brings new fruits, berries, and flowers for cultivation in this country." Most everybody seems to have saw it. The girls at Miss Eastmans school, where I take Tom Browne for dancing lessons, all told me about it last night. I think my stock has risen in that neighborhood.

Father, Camer~~on~~ Townsend writes me that he is delivering the two Guatemalan blankets to you. Please describe them to me, or at least, tell me re their quality and color, and whether they are as good as the ones I obtained when in Guat. He says he has used ~~on~~ on the homeward trip, and it is dirty. That wont matter, as long as it is whole. I will have it cleaned when I come home. Dont wash it; the colors might fade. I will clean it with gasoline or something of that sort.

Paul, I will send you another draft for m dollars within a day or two: this will acknowledge receipt of the receipt for the first one. I think this is the best way to handle the matter for the time being. Just let me know how much money you want, and I will fit you out as far as possible. Yes, I got the stamps from Mahoney wh he had left from the ones you sent him. There were quite a bunch of them.

Paul, lots of folks have spoken to me of having recd a

Xmas card from you and Betty. Everyone compliments it. It was a pretty thing, wasn't it?

I would like to have Karl Bowman's address, as I understand he is in Boston. I may be up there again about the end of this mo. Auntie Downes wants me to lecture for the Canton Alliance, and as I have to go to N Y to lecture, I may run on up. I would like to get as much practice as possible before the big Geographic lecture on Feb 3, as it will help to pull that off more creditably.

Let's ^{say} from FOP Jan 1 and PP Jan 2 came last night, and welcome, particularly so as I hadn't heard from you all for a week I reckon.

Dad, I was not working as hard as you imagine. My fatigue was probably due more to stepping out too much o'nights than to work here in the Ofs. Since coming back, i e, this past week, I have led a much more sober life, and am feeling quite fit in consequence. It isn't work that kills, -its other things, including too much sassiety. Didn't Allen Groves always say that one can't be a man of science and a social butterfly synchronously? He was right.

Looks like I'd smoked out a good number here, PP. Babson's representative in Washn is a Gladys Taylor, Wellesley 1919; I took her to the Cosmos Club, ladies dining room, for tea Friday and am going to dance with her this coming week. She is a stunning locker, dresses well, and knows how to behave in public, The sort of a girl you like to have the fellers see you with, -you know what I mean. I have always needed a prospect or two, upon whom I could call when I needed

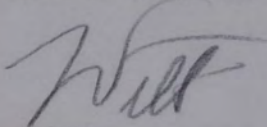
a partner for a dance or other affair, and maybe she will

develop into one, if I dedicate her properly. It was awfully cozy having tea in our ladies dining room; that's a very attractive layout, with the parlor and all,--I guess you know it, dont you? In the old Cameron house. When you take a girl there she looks upon it as sort of an event, just like I used to look upon being taken to the C C for lunch.

I talked to DF about my western trip the other day. He says I shouldn't leave here until he gets back from Fla, wh will probably be the middle of Apl. I may stop in Topeka a day or two, but would rather do so on the return trip unless I decide to return via Florida. My best time to be away from here will be while DF is here between his Fla winter and Bådeck summer, i e, from April to July.

Everything going well here. We are drawing up an outline of Office activities, showing what work each person is responsible for. I have my end just about the way I want it, but it now remains to be seen if DF will sign on the dotted line. Dorsett has done the thing so far. I dont believe DF will object. We needed clearer-cut lines here. Things have been very sloppy. I have pretty nearly cleaned up the work which piled up while I was away, and in fact I have things in satisfactory shape from my point of view. Am going to try one of Spinks Linas^d today. Yesterday I ate a Nimlich wh Cellon sent up. It is strictly Al at Lloyds.

Stacks of love from



Jan 10 1922

Dear Folks:

The principal motive de la presente is to send the stamps for Tom, which I have been forgetting to stick in my letters to you quite regularly. In order to get the full value of my two cents, I will add a few lines.

Father, yours of 3rd read yesterday. I got all the photos from Auntie Downes' collection which showed mother and you; there are perhaps one or two left showing Gma B, Uncle Homer, Belle, Tom and Karl. I got all of Gpa Bowman which she had, I think, and one or two are very good ones. So you wont gain anything by writing her for more. I will bring or send, as you prefer, all that she gave me, to you, and you can keep them with the family collection if you like.

We will keep Maj Fischer in mind in connection with our exchanges. Thos W Brown is our chief source of supply at Cairo just now.

Yesterday PHD and I put our plan for reorganization of the Of's up to DF, and he signed on the dotted line without a murmur. It leaves me in charge of the most important division of the Office work. It is somewhat as follows: DF, Agr Explorer in Charge; PHD, Acting in Charge in absence of chief, and in charge of Administration; WP, in charge of Foreign Explorations, including correspondence, explorers, publications, seed and plant collections, and records; Peter Bisset, in charge of Experiments^w service (distributions) and Detention Ho^use. You see, this puts me right up next to

PHD and DF in rank, and the agreement is, that as soon as we feel I am sufficiently experienced to act in chg, I will do so.

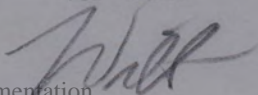
Yesterday we had a call from Henry Wellcome, head of the Burroughs Wellcome Co., and a great devotee of archaeology; he went wild about my Guatemalan huipiles. Morley leaves for Guatemala tonight; I had my last bkfst with him this morning. O F Cook, with 2 assistants, goes down to join him in Feb or March, for a 2 mos survey of Maya agriculture in Peten.

Last afternoon I had Gladys Taylor over to tea again, in the parlor of the Cameron House (Cosmos Club). I tell you, that's a pretty swanky place to entertain your lady friends; one of the fine old Washn houses of yesteryear, where many presidents and other notables visited. It is worth half my club dues to be able to entertain in there, and also, it is much cheaper than taking your friends to the tea houses. We had tea and cinnamon toast. Gladys is a little dear.

Elections yesterday at the Cosmos club were rather exciting, account the Carnegie Crowd putting up their retiring president, Doc Woodward, against the administration candidate, Gilbert Grosvenor. The latter won. I met Ray Stannard Baker there last night. He talks much like his brother, Chas F Baker, and looks a bit like him.

Now I must go forth and saw wood.

Ever thine



without much friction.

Paul, will you please send me a list of my books wh
you took home with you? Without it, I cannot check up on
what is actually missing here. I know that a few are lost
and gone forever, just like Clementine. Have you my little
book on Ancient American Civilizations, by Spinden, and a
big book I sent from Colombia, on Tropical Fruits, by an
Italian named Tamaro or something of that sort? Anyway,
send me the list, and then I will let you know if I need
any of the works you have before I come home.

Did I tell you that I am sitting at the desk which
was used for many years by Jas Wilson, and for several more
by B T Galloway? Its still a pretty good one.

Mighty fine weather in Washn these days. I rode out
thru Rock Creek Park at dusk last evening, with Haskell,
whom I knew in Guayaquil (he was with Rorer). I shall go
out again as soon as I can, to have a more lesiurely look
about.

My nose is down to the grindstone already. Every day
my basket fills up with foreign mail to be given attention,
and I have also to take care of a good many other matters.
If I make good, I dont think it will be many months before
I will be signing my name over "Acting in Charge".

Thatsall for the moment. Stacks of love from

Wilt

Letter from Herb rec'd with thanks. Tell him to
sit easy on the boat on these Endara parts, so
they will last at least 3 yrs.

Washn, 13 Jan'y 1922

Dear Folks:

What is Paul's new address, simply Coachella?

NOTE: I enclose herewith draft for M dollars, by Paul's request. He can send me a receipt exactly like the last one, and we will give the matter further consideration when I get home.

Enclose copy of picture wh appeared recently in one of the Boston papers, and wh Herb Austin sent me. The one wh came out in the Post last week was practically the same, only larger. The avocado is Mimlich.

Father, recd your favor of 7 Jan'y yesterday, with thanks. Glad to see you have recd the Guatemalan blankets. I wish you would tell me what color they are, and what type of pattern they have (and what colârs) along the edge. I got them with the idea that I would have to give Herb and Lucile two for a wedding present. Perhaps these two will be okeh. I want to hold back on the stock I previously had there at Altadena, because I am going to need them myself one of these days. Its colder back here than it is in California, you know. I have a rather light Guat blanket here, plain black and white stripes; the one Herb use to sleep under when he lived at Willard Cts. I think I will let H and Lucile have this, also. I am rather glad Cameron did not leave the \$2. He needs it worse than I.

Still horribly busy here. I can see where this Office

time for scientific research. But they all tell me this is much the busiest season of the yr. In the summer I may get a chance to turn out a few papers I have in hand.

Yesterday I was talking with DF, and he brot up the date fight again. It appears he had just read the protest sent from the Imperial valley, copy of wh appeared in a paper you sent me some time ago (I am glad you sent me this, as it gave me a chance tkeep ⁱⁿformed on the subject). I thought it an ideal opportunity to get a word in edgewise, so I says about as follows: "I suppose you refer to the protest from the people in the Imperial valley" He answered "Yes". "Dont blame that on Paul", says I, "for I dont believe he had anything to do with it. You have been somewhat wrong in thinking that all this trouble about dates has been due to Paul's activities. He isnt the only one who is sore ~~and~~ ^{on} Swingle's work, and I dont think you are right in taking it all out on him. Furthermore, you put me in a very embarrassing position. In fact, you are so sore at Paul that I hardly dare mention his name in your presence nowadays"---He laughed at this, and said I neednt take the matter that seriously, and I went on,--"You see, I cant help feel^{ing} the matter, because I am very devoted to my family, as I should be, and at the same time you know that I want to stand by you in everything; and this matter puts me in a hard position. I wish you would try not to view it from so emotional a standpoint, but would consider that there are two sides to the case, and that whatever Paul has done, he has done after trying hard to reach a just settlement with Swingle, and then with Taylor when

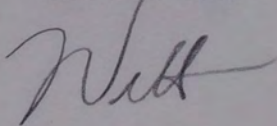
he couldn't with Swingle." He ^{had said} ~~went on to say~~ that what made him sore was the way Paul came to Washn and tried to lobby in congress to get Swingle fired. "Swingle is my friend; and I'll fight for him, just as I would fight for you, if you were attacked," he said.

So you see I have had a chance to let him see that I am a little hurt over his attitude toward Paul, and I have no doubt he will talk a little differently in the future. DF is a very emotional man, as you well know, and I imagine he has let this date fight work on his emotions a bit.

I'm not stepping out socially much these days. Just turned down an invitation, wh I had already accepted, from Anna Cooper for a masked ball next week. I suppose Anna will never forgive me, but I can stand it. And I cannot very much of this business of arriving chez moi at 2 a m. Furthermore, I would rather go with Gladys than with Anna. Took the latter to the Washn to dance night before last, - it was tres piedras, y un Tepeyahualco encima. Cost me \$4.90, and worth four times the price.

Well, I gotta getta work.

Much love from



20 Jany 1922.

Dear Folks:

I have been so busy this week I havent had time to write a word; Tuesday I talked in the p m at the Anthropological, but didnt pull it off quite to my satisfaction. However, it was passable. That evening I went home with DF and spent the night, as also the following evening. We had some good talks, in which I straightened up several matters which were on my mind. He expects to get off to Miami on Sunday next. Last night I went to see the play Abraham Lincoln, which is a gripping thing. I havent been so impressed by anything in a long time.

Am leading a quiet life, as a whole. Have been consolidating my gains here in the Office these last few days; Dorsett finally got out his memorandum on Office organization, after spending practically all his time on it for a month, and I now have to encourage everybody to realize that we mean what we say in it. I have taken over the largest part of the Office work, aside from the pure administration, and I think it is a good way to begin. When I get this well in hand, I will bite off a little more, and then eventually, and I hope by a year from now, I will ask DF to put me acting in charge of the whole thing.

Recd the fawn-colored cloth okeh, with thanks/ Am going to a swell luncheon this noon, given by Henry S Wellcome, head of Burroughs Wellcome and Co., for Dr Rasner, the Egyptologist. I am "in" with the archaeologists and anthropologists to a sufficient degree now so that I can maintain contact with them, which is about all I care for.

Well, its 9.15 already and I must get to work.

Ever lovingly,

W

Washington, 25 Jan'y 1922

Dear Folks, - carbon to PP:

All quiet along the Potomac. J Arthur Harris returned to Cold Spring on the midnight express, after being here four days. I saw a good deal of him during his stay, and we had a good time. Last night we went to Keith's together, where we saw she that was Irene Castle, and I am here to remark that Irene better not make many more attempts to step into the Pavlowa class or she will spoil her rep; for ballroom dancing she's a bear cat, but last night she attempted some semi classical stuff and she cant get by with it at all.

Going up to NY on Sunday to lecture in Brooklyn on Monday evening. I was planning to go to Boston on this same trip, but have decided I wont. Auntie Downes says she would prefer to have the lecture in Canton later in the season, to cool to get out a crowd just now. My big lecture comes a week from tomorrow, or rather, a week from day after tomorrow, and I am getting scared already. When I get that thing offn my hands I will draw a long breath. I almost wish I hadnt contracted to do it, but the money looks pretty tempting.

Several letters from you all wh I havent yet acknow ledged. I think I told you the fawn colored cloth came safely to hand, and thanks.

Father, whenever you want more of Macmillan's circulars re my book, let me know. And if you want a supply of books at any time, also let me know, and I will have them sent to you and charged to my royalties account.

I dont believe we have anything here quite good enough for Miss McNally. We need another helper or two, but probably the work is not quite up to her class. Our girls are always leaving to get married, you know, or something like that, and I wish we could get more permanent help. Her age wouldnt be against her, rather the contrary; the re is less danger of her quitting to get married.

Paul, I guess the cotton seed from Miss Station was some that we ordered, I signed the letter; but thinking there was only one Popenoe in the world, and that PP, they addressed the stuff to you, at this office. We have an order for it.

Well, I'm leading a quiet life here. Tomorrow evening I am taking Jean Bell to the theatre and afterwards to dance a bit at the Washn. What sort of a girl is Norah Bell, Paul? I suppose Jean is something like her, being her sister. Has that English branch of the family any money? Jean is going to stay here all winter, and perhaps longer. She made her bow to Washn society a month ago at the Chas Bells. By the way, the latter has sold his house at 1327 and a business block of some sort is going up there. I am wondering if Daddy Sam will sell out also. I dont believe so.

Much love from
Wilt

Carbon to PP

Washn, 27 January 1922

Dear Folks

I'm off to N Y on the morrow, to stay over Sunday and lecture Monday evening in Brooklyn. I have all my slides, 80 of em, back from the Natl Geographic Society who colored them, and they are beauties. Father, I think I ought to use them at the Avocado Assn meeting in May, or at least a goodly number of them. Doc Hardin wrote me that he wanted me to talk on "Trails and Trials of a Horticultural Explorer", and I wrote him that I would do it, if I could have lantern. If I cannot have lantern, I give no talk, see? I wish it could be arranged as it was at Sta Barbra, so I could have the evening after the big avocado dinner. Cant you fix it up this away? I have a mass of good stuff to show and talk about, and I dont want to be hurried on it. And I will not go on the program without my lantern slides.

I am going to lunch today with the Charge d'Affaires of Colombia, who is a bro of the ditto in Quito, Pancho Uribe, good friend of mine. Lunched day before yesterday with the Secy of the Costa Rican Legation. And next week I intend to call on H E the Minister of Ecuador, and tell him what a fine lot of folks the Ecuadoreans are.

Last night I offered to take Jean Bell to the Washn to dance; she accepted, and afterwards suggested that we go to the theatre first, she providing the tickets, so of course we went; saw Doris Keane in Czarina. Hot stuff. When

go to the Washn, so I took er home. She's not a bad sort. I recokon I told you that Charles Bell's have sold their house at 1327, and stores are going up there. They think, or at least the maid tells me, that 1331 will probably be sold too. I doubt if, myself.

Paul, I note a letter from Gregorio CruzValero, wh Olson has passed into me to translate; he says he ordered his suscription stopped yrs ago, and the Journal has kept coming, and now he gets a bill for it, wh he doesnt intend to pay. Those spggs are more or less alike, all of em.

A week from today I give my lecture before the Geographic. I'll be glad when it is over.

Paul, I dont think you ever axed me for the author of *Convolvulus incanus*. I'll try to tack it on at the foot of this letter.

Sat at table last evening at dinner, Cosmos Club, with C S Scofield. He was very friendly, and even asked after Paul and Herb. Had a talk with Swingle the other evening at the Club, in which *Phoenix dactylifera* was not mentioned, nor any allusions made thereto.

Ever truly

Witt

Carbon
to RR

Washington, 30 Jan 1922

Dear Folks:

Back this a m on the midnighter from N Y; and by the way, Paul, I prefer the 1 a m B and O from N Y to the midnight Penna; it gets into Washn half an hour later, and 1/2 hr sleep is worth the price of the puliman ticket.

Pulled off my lecture at the Brooklyn Institute last night in good order, before a rather appreciative little audience of about 300. I had the thing pretty well laid out in advance, with notes on the slides and big blue-pencil marks to indicate where I wanted to run in a story or a joke. It was, in fact, a try-out of my Geographic lecture wh comes on Friday of this week. I experienced *no* stage fright whatever, and on the whole feel that it was the best lecture I have ever done (wh is not saying much, perhaps). They asked me to wear evening dress, so I had to tote my big suitcase up to N Y with me. I stayed over night (I went up Sunday morning) with the Spalckhavers, whom I knew very well in Guatemala, as you may recall.

The train service was pretty bad on Sunday morning, because of the tremendous snow storm we have been having. I reckon you have read about it, and of the catastrophe at the Knickerbocker, wh theatre is, as Paul will recall, on the corner of 18th and Colombia Rd, a few doors from the Rose residence where he and I head forth at one time.

And now I am back at my desk again, with plenty of

work to do.

Pablo, I find your good letter of 26 Jan awaiting me. Mighty glad to have it, - reminds me of the letters you used to write, before you got married. If I get a chance to inquire re the origin of little sand demons I will go so, and advise you duly of the result.

As to San Gabriel, I would think, offhand, that the adjectival form would be *Gabrieleño*; I have never seen the word used, however, so cannot feel certain. I will try to ask one of my Spanish friends, such as the attache of the Costa Rican Legation of the Colombian Charge d'Affaires, and let you know.

And as to the matter of keeping you on the Editorial Board of the J of H, I am conforme, quite. I felt a little hurt at the time DF mentioned taking you off; I could see he was inspired entirely by personal dislike, and I felt at the time that if it were me, I would resign at once, rather than to stay where I was not wanted. But I feel pretty certain that DF is the only member of the Council who would like to see you out of it; Sewall says that at the Council meeting every other member spoke up and wanted to see you kept on, or at least all who spoke at all did so, and DF said he would leave it to us to adjust as we saw fit. He will not put you off unless you ask to have it done, I feel pretty sure of that. Because he has no reason which he can announce for so doing, and knows it.

Yes, I am a bit peeved at the emotional attitude DF has taken on this date matter. If he was level-headed, he

would know that he is injuring his chances of holding me by so doing, and of course he wants very much to hold me. In fact, I believe if I should drop out right now it would make it next to impossible for him to stay away from the Office more than half the time, and still keep things going. When he came back from Baddeck early in the fall things were in such bad shape that ~~the~~ the Office was in a pretty shabby condition. DF stayed in here for three or four months himself, and with my coming in, I believe we now have things running pretty well again. Bisset, who was in charge for a considerable time, antagonises everybody with whom he has to deal, and the Office is "in bad".

DF is undoubtedly weakening a bit as he grows older, and getting more temperamental and excitable. One day he sort of went up in the air and told me (after I had been talking about J F Rock rather unfavorably, based upon what I had heard around here) that I was jealous of Rock. I came back at him strongly, and informed him that ~~he~~ was wrong; and that I was sore only over one thing. Last yr when I was in Ecuador, they wrote me, asking that I hold down expenses as much as possible in order to turn back some money at the end of the yr, as they were very hard up. I did so, and returned in May the sum of \$600. Rock, on the other hand, ran beyond his appropriation \$1700, and my \$600 went to that end. To begin with, he had an appropriation twice as big as mine. He spends like a drunken sailor, giving dollar tips and all that sort of thing. Everyone in the Office except DF is dead against him. DF says if

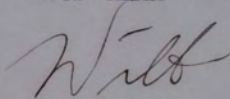
he gets the goods we can afford to put up with his idio-

synecrasies. He has about \$6000 for this present yrs work (I never had more than \$3000) and has just written in that it wont be enough, and he will have to be given more.

All ~~these~~ things of course pile up and some ~~of~~ ^{what} try my allegiance to SPI: still, I fit in pretty well here in most respects, the opportunities to get recognition are good, and I like Washn. My position is a rather strong one, I feel, and I no longer hesitate to come out and ask for what I want, and even to insist upon having it, when I feel sure I am asking a reasonable thing. But I do no deceive myself into believing that DF wants to hold me so badly that he would let me do things wh are against his wishes, such, for example, as telling Rock he couldnt have any more money. DF likes to run this Ofs his own way. As long as I will run it in that manner I think he will let me do so, (a little later on, of course), but if I started out to clean up things the way they ought to be cleaned, I dont think he would at all object to letting me go.

Allright, Paul, we can hold down the name Paltabamba for our own orchard. Come along with some date seeds for Tamayo, and a few dates for me if you can.

Ever thine



Copy to RP

Washn, 4 Feb 1922

Dear Folks:

Well; if any of youall ever made money faster than \$100 per hour, I want to know it. For my two lectures before the National Geographic yesterday, one hour each, I pulled down a check for \$200 U.S.Cy. I feel like going on a big spree of some sort this morning.

Also, I am now breathing easily once more, for the first time in several weeks. That Geographic lecture was on my mind a good deal. I think I wrote you of going to N Y last week, and trying out essentially the same lecture in Brooklyn; well, my success there gave me considerable confidence so that when I got into the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon and looked over my crowd I wasnt quite scared to death. At the stroke of the gong I went up on the platform, laid down my notes and my little desk clock on the reading stand, and went to it. I didnt find it very hard going. After a couple of minutes I gave the word, "Lights out, please" and got down to business. After talking for twenty minutes on my Guatemalan slides, we ran in two reels of movies showing Guatemalan life,--mainly around Guata City and Antigua, in colors. They were hot stuff. Fisher of the Geographic got them in N Y city, and they fit in beautifully. Also, they gave me a good chance to rest in the middle of lecture.

After the movies were over (20 min) I showed em the pejibaye, the Colombian berry, and other things of Colombia and Ecuador, and at 5.45 thanked em and got down from the

platform, to meet the assaults of the boll-weevils who desired to shake the hand of the distinguished guest. Fisher then took me to the Club in a taxi, where I changed from Tux to full dress, had a fruit salad and a choc ice cream, and lay down for an hour before the evening performance.

The afternoon crowd had been mainly govt folks, and I knew that the evening crowd was considered much more important and distinguished. Having come thru the afternoon without a scratch, I felt altogether easy about the evening. Fisher told me of a few changes he thought I should make,--elaborations of certain features in the ~~men~~^{ai}, and when I went back at 8.30 and mounted the platform there was confidence in my step. I laid my notes down again, likewise my desk clock, while the audience gave me a round of welcoming applause, and they I laid my ears back and just lit in to em. My introduction lasted about five minutes, and Fisher afterward said it was a corker. When I got down to my slides, I got onto easy street of course, and I talked slowly and distinctly, so that, I am told, I could be heard well in the back of the hall. I told four stories, all of which brought forth a good laugh, and they gave me four or five good rounds of applause on the strength of some of my best pictures. In fact, I think my slides were, in several cases, about as choice as anything that has been seen there this year. Franklin Adams says so, at least.

After the affair I came down and shook hands with the Guatemalan Legation, which turned out in full force, and we had a little viva Guatemala celebration on our own account.

They I faced the boll-weevils again, and Fisher put me in

the Taxi and ran me home.

I feel fairly well satisfied with the afternoon performance, and altogether pleased with the evening; it was the best thing I have ever done in this line, by far. I was rather fearful of having stage fright, because of the size and character of my audience, but I am again persuaded that it is much easier for me to address a large audience in a large hall, where I am some distance removed from them, than to talk to a small audience which is close up to me.

So I have been on the biggest lecture course in the U S, and gotten away with it; and I tell you it makes me feel good to think that it is over. This lecturing business has been one of the trials of my life, you know. I have kept at it, in the hope that some day I would acquire ease and nonchalance, but it has cost me many a miserable hour to do it. Not until this talk at Brooklyn last week have I done a lecture without feeling considerable nervousness when on the platform. What I want to know is, will the ease which I had last night stay by me, or will I have to acquire it again next season by a series of four or five lectures?

The only other lecture I have on the books is one at Frank Vanderlip's Scarboro School, up at Scarboro on Hudson. I have promised to go up there and give the children a talk sometime this month. I don't anticipate it will be a bit hard. They pay my expenses, and it gets me out of Washn for a couple of days, so I am rather glad to go, - for the change.

Now I've got to buckle down and clean up my work. I've been letting it go most of this week, since returning from N Y, so as to keep myself fresh for the lecture. Yesterday p m I took a two hour nap, to boot. I was in good trim for that job.

Just in ret of Paul's favor of 30 Jan. Alright, I will look up Dalbergia sissoo and get you some. We have had it on numerous occasions but dont believe we have it in stock just now. As to the Calif hort publications, I dont read them regularly, as I have not time for it. Russell goes over some of them and shows me anything of interest, but if you note an article wh you know I ought to see, you better try to send it to me, in case I might otherwise miss it.

Re the Pomona propn wh Shamel puts up, as I understand it the thing will not mature in the immediate future so I am glad to keep it in view. In two or three years more I might be ready to pull out of here, account poor health or something, and if Berkeley was closed to me I would gladly tackle the Pomona job. I might tackle it whether Berkeley was closed or not, as it would be a good place to start in and work up something rather unique in a horticultural way. And if you can ever get Shamel to smoke em out of a D. Sc. for me, I hope to goodness you will do it, as there is nothing I should like better. I would wave it under Ralf Cornell's nose.

Well, I'm going to get down to work.

Ever thine

Carbon
to FP.

Washn, 7 Feb 1922

Dear Folks:

First you must know that I want two or three of those Escudorean mufflers I sent up. Please pick out the best looking ones you have left, and send em on to me. I need one for myself, and want to give ma Browne one of em. Send me one with brown in it, if you can. How many are there left, by the way?

Next I may state, for your information, that (1) it is snowing out this morning, and there is about two inches of nice slush on all the sidew lks, and (2) that I am going to dine tonight chez the Dr W E Saffords. Last night I stayed to home, and drank my near beer at the Club's Monday social evening along with the rest of the boys. Had dinner with Collins. This morning the Editorial Board of the J of H is to meet in solemn conclave at Collins office, to discuss our policies. Said meeting at instigation of Geo Darrow, new member of the board.

Paul, I saw Sewall at the club last night, and told him you refused to be railroaded offn the editorial board, and he was tickled to death.

Paul again, yours of 2nd inst. to hand, with clipping showing that the date row is not yet dead. Well, I hope they will get a little action one of these days, so that the thing will come to a head, and wont drag on forever. If DF ever says anything more about it to me, I am going to land on him all spraddled out.

Nothing very exciting here these days. I feel darn good since I got the Geographic lecture offn my hands, and am taking life rather easy. By the way, Paul, Fisher of the Geographic said they doubled the amount paid for your Costa Rica article, because they had held it so long. And say also, I am going to have an awful time explaining to my Costa Rican friends just why they put a nigger wench over the caption "A Costa Rican smile". That will make Oton Jimenez throw three different kinds of fits at once. You know, those Latin Americans dont want us to publish anything but pictures of the latest tramway system and pure white folks. Put your best foot forward, and forget about the other,--that's their motto.

I am still trying to figure out some good way to blow in that \$200 I made outn my lecture, and have about decided I will have to bank it. Tough luck.

My bill at the Cosmos Club last month was \$102.40. Makes pretty stiff living, I tell you, \$60 of it being for room. I see where I am eating up my salary these days. But I am having a good time, and living as I have never lived before,-- Cosmos Club, entertaining at luncheon quite a bit, and so forth. But I'm not spending anything more on Anna Cooper, so I have cut down my budget along one line at least.

Paul, I note with interest your remarks re Jean Bell et familia. Bueno pues. I had quite made up my mind that she had been sent over here for the purpose of getting a husband, if possible, and I rather imagine she will stand

a better show than Morah did; tho perhaps the man that takes her will get divorced when he finds there is no money in the family. Perhaps I have deceived myself, but I have suspicioned, once or twice, that Daisy Bell was trying to edge me in to the game. She has mentioned several nice things I might do for Jean, inc taking her out to In the Woods, wh I will do one of these days. Jean is not a bad sort of a girl, but I imagine would be rather helpless as a housekeeper. It would perhaps break me up to buy cigarets for her, also. DF hasnt said a word to me about her, either pro or con.

Pablo, Madison Grant is given in Whos Who as :Home, 22 East 49th St, Office 111 Broadway, N Y.

The publishers of Whos Who have just sent me the copy of my biography, for correction; it is pretty brief, but quite sufficient for my needs. If, like Safford, I listed all the papers I have published in the J of H and elsewhere, I could pad it up several inches.

Everything going smoothly these days. And the time is passing rapidly; wont be long now, I hope, before I will board the train for Calif.

Ever thine

Witt

Carlson
to PP

Washn, 11 Feb 1922

Dear Folks,

This day ends another very busy week, -one of the most thoroughly busy I have had, night and day. I have come thru it pretty well, however. Verily, there is no strength nor power save in Allah, the Great, the Merciful. Yesterday I felt a bit grouchy and blew up in the morning, over several unpardonable blunders that Van Sceltine had made in publications; but I guess it wont do some of these folks any harm to see that we mean business. Things have been pretty slack in this Ofc, along certain lines. Dorsett is with me in wanting to have a little more care and industry exercised, and in my own particular field I am going to see that it is done, or know the reason why.

Fellow coming in this p m to get a feature story on Agri Explorers in general, for the Sunday Star; I suppose I will get it on it. I will not be here when it comes out, a week from tomorrow, as I am going up to Scarborough on Hudson on Thursday night, to lecture on Friday at Frank Vanderlip's school, and I plan to spend Sat in N Y and Sunday with Dr Harris before I come back to this vale of tears and hard work. I intend to get out of Washn once a month, regularly, for a week end in some other part. It is only when I get outside the confines of D C that I really forget my work and have a good mental rest. So: I'll take that back; I forget my work here, once in a while, as for example, when I dance with Gladys, as I did the other evening at the Hotel Washn. Paul, I take back what I said about her being engaged; she isnt at all. But she is one of the most discouragingly reticent creatures I have ever seen, and adorable withal.

Finding that I could buy Engler and Prantl, Die Naturlichen Pflanzenfamilien, complete for \$61, I sent to W Junk, Berlin, and got the set. I have always wanted it, and before the war it cost \$125. I dont need it while I am here, but if/when I return to Calif to live I will have enormous use for it, and probab ly by that time I will feel too poor to buy it. I think it is an excellent investment. It stands on my bookshelf as I pen these lines.

I think I will close the lecture season with this Scarborough engagement. You folks can book me out there for two or three if you want, but they have got to be really worth while. Lecturing is too hard work, to be undertaken for any except a really good audience, or in a good cause.

Ever lovingly,

Willet

Carbon to PP

Washington, 13 Feb 1922

Dear Folks:

Starting off another week, and it doesnt look like a bad one. Thursday night I'm going to take the train for N Y; lecture in Scarboro on Hudson at 11 Friday morn, and spend the week end in and around NY City.

Yesterday I finished an article on the Andes berry (*Rubus glaucus*) for the Journal of Heredity, and in the p m went out to see the Brownes, and stayed for supper. Mr B is not certain he will run for reelection this summer,--but I imagine Mrs B will convince him that he should, for she seems to dislike the thought of returing to quiet life in the eighth district. They are going to start Ed on a farm this summer, and Mrs B is telling him that he must begin to look for a wife, as a farmer without a wife is like ham without eggs. Ma's a practical woman, and always was; but she never has become reconciled to Kitty's marriage to that dog-faced loot.

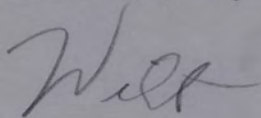
I have been intending to ax youall, what sort of service are you getting from those Chillo suits? Are the colors holding well? And father, how about your gray suit of Magdalena cloth? My suitnof Magdalena is one of the very best I have ever had,--always looks neat and fresh, and has not faded a trifle. It is going to last me for next winter very nicely. I think I shall try to get another corte or two of Magdalena cloth; I will have to have another overcoat

next winter, and it would make me a good one. When I look over the fabrics put into \$40 to \$60 suits and overcoats here, I realize that they aren't so good as the stuff I get down in So Am.

I fear I forgot to chronicle Rito's visit to Washn, verdad? He came last Wednesday; ~~he~~ wired me to meet him, wh I did at the Union Station at 7 a m. He came in wearing an old slouch hat, very slouch, and a fine leather overcoat. St Claire was well dolled up. She is not quite so pretty as I had imagined her to be, but still, she is very good looking. Very southern in type, and in character as well as looks. It did me good to see Rito get down on his knees, at the corner of 15th and G Sts N W, to tie her shoe lace. I tell you, he is her devoted slave, and about every second minute he turns around to ask me "Well, Poppy, don't you think she is a dream?" or something like that. St Claire doesn't seem to mind it at all. I took em to bkfst at the Occidental, and to lunch at Cosmos Club, and then put them on the train for Mejico, DF, at 5 p m. Rito and I spent the day interviewing people in the Dept about his alkali land problem.

I'm getting off a big shipment of seeds to José Felix Tamayo today. Makes me think of dear old Ecuador, I tell you.

Ever devotedly yours,



Clinton to JB

Washn, 15 Feb 1922

Dear Folks:

Bout four inches of nice slush on the streets this a . m. My chilean shoes are holding up well, no obstante.

Paul, thanks for the dates, or maybe father sent 'em. To the donor thanks, maybe I better put it. The seeds have gone forward to J F Tamayo already, and many of the dates have gone forward to the old man in my belly. I am saving the good box of Khadhrawis for some special occasion, however.

Last night I attended an evening of Hindu music, dance, and drama, at Central High School. Very high brow affair, and lots of the gentry on hand in evening dress. I had to go alone, and diant enjoy it as much as I otherwise should have; still, it was quite interesting. Dhan Gopal Mukerji entertained us between the acts with glowing accounts of the beauties of Hindu philosophy. He says there are 6,000,000 beggars in India, every one of wh leads a very useful life.

Paul, referring to yours of the 10th inst., I will try to keep you in mind whenever I note any plants wh might grow in the valley. As to the incense plants, I should think we might get several of them from Palestine and Egypt, mightnt we? Last night at the Club a fellow stoped me and said his name was Story, and that he took over your job in the Commission of Training Camp Activities here; and he wanted me toteell you that he had now returned to his work at the College of the City of N Y, and that he was much interested to hear of your marriage, etc. With him was a young chap named Hoffman who said he sat across the desk from you for 3 days once, and also sent you his regards.

Tomorrow night I go upto Scarboro on Hudson, so this will probably be my last to you until I return the first of next week. I'm trying to get some articles finished for the J of Heredity, -turned in one yesterday. I went to the Bell yesterday morning, and stayed for luncheon with the G. macmillian Darrows. They have a second child, a daughter, ~~sex~~ 6 weeks old. Geo is doing well with his plant breeding work, --is taking over Van Fleet's fruitbreeding work now.

Guess that's all for today.

Ever thine

Will

Carbon to PP

Washn, 22 Feb 1922

Dear Folks:

I came back from my trip north on Monday morning, but not until today have I had a good opportunity to write you all. This being a holiday, I will be able to get considerable work done, I hope.

I went to Scarborough on Hudson, where I talked to about 250 kids at the Vanderlip school, most of em being of high school age. The teachers seemed satisfied with my discourse, and the kids liked the pictures. I then came in to N Y, and went to see a Carl Zeiss camera wh I am going to make the Dept buy for me; it is a beauty, teakwood box bound with German silver, no leather on it, and a huge Zeiss lens. The Premo I took south with me last time wouldnt stand another trip, and as I have some money left on my letter I am going to get them to put \$200 into this outfit against future use. I hope to bring it to Calif with me for a tryout.

I went over to Cold Spring Harbor and spent Sunday with the Harrises. On Saturday evening J Arturo invited in all the Station men for a smoker, and we had a jolly time. I really dont see how the Harrises dare attempt such a thing, with four such boisterous youths on their hands. Mrs Harris certainly has courage. I saw John Belling et uxor, - the Harrises invited them for dinner Sunday, - and am obliged to state that JB looks like a different man from the JB of three years ago. I reckon he is good for 15 yrs of work yet.

Sunday evening I came in to N Y and had dinner with C U Pfeiffer at the Astor, and then took the midnight express for Washn. Didn't find the work piled up so high as I feared here, and things are going well. Yesterday I spent most of the day with Pete Collins, whom I knew in Guatemala, and who is just starting for Colombia as coffee buyer for a N Y house. In the afternoon I took Gladys out to the Wardman Park Inn to tea-dance, and in the evening went to the exhibition of Japanese dancing and singing at the Central High. So you see I keep my time pretty well occupied.

And now to get down to business: First you must know that I have invested \$60 of my ill-earned lecture money in a new Tuxedo, and I will therefore let Herb have my old one. But he will have to buy a vest to go with it, wh will set him back about five beans. With this, however, he will have an outfit wh will probably meet his requirements for three or four yrs at least,--it has met mine for 6 or 7, and doesnt show much wear.

Next you must know that I have written Doc Hardin to put me on the program for the avocado meeting, one hour with slides after the banquet Friday evening, and a brief talk on Sat morning. I want him to put me on early in the morning, before I get so tired I cant talk, as I did last time.

Paul, O Olson says the J of H is short on copy, and I told him you had suggested sending on a couple of rather extensive book reviews? He demurred, and said there had been a criticism of these reviews, on the ground that they were not original material. I was at a loss to understand this, as Collins has always said that your reviews were among the

best things in the magazine. Later Olson came around and said that DF was the one that had made the criticism, and then I tumbled. Personally, I think you O 2 send in a couple of lengthy reviews, or an article or two if you can, for we are putting 4 numbers thru the press just as fast as we can, and are particularly weak on the eugenic side, as usual. If you send anything, send it soon. As to G M Darrow going on, he is not, never was, and never will be a literary genius, but he is showing a good deal of activity toward the end of getting material for publication,, and sort of represents the plant breeder's side of the work. I dont expect him to do much writing, but he will pass judgment on some of the plant-breeding articles. Folks here seem to think Darrow is one of the country's coming plant breeders. His work with Rubus seems to be good.

Father, I duly recd the two mufflers. The brown and white one I will give to Ma Br owme, the other I am going to send back sometime, as it is too dark for a young man like myself to wear. I thot I sent up nearly a dozen of these things? Arent there several left? Even if there are, dont send them on, as it will soon be too late to use them here. These last three days have been quite springlike, but of course we are in for another cold snap of two before the dogwoods come into bloom.

Father, I am writing Gma Bowman today. Sorry I overlooked it so long; my mind is very full of things here.

Paul, I return Submarine sent in your gratafecha of the 12 inst. The more I see of the date fight here, the more I feel that the only people who have taken it very

personally are DF and Swingle, with Kellerman following not far in the rear. The latter, however, leaves me out of it altogether, and DF and Swingle try to; but the last named two take the affair altogether too much as a personal attack, and I am going to let DF see, whenever occasion arises (if it should, perchance, arise again) that he is hurting his standing with me by being so all-fired sore at you and father. This is the best way to make him cut it out, for he doesn't want to estrange my sympathies, and if he doesn't look out, he may do it with this date business.

I had a fine letter from H, under date 16 Feb, and pls pass this letter on to him, father, in lieu of a reply direct. I too am drowned in the seas of grief because I cannot be present on the fatal day, but I hope to see you soon afterward. Just where, by the way, is Preston? Anywhere near our part of the State? The salary and "prerequisites" (perquisites) as PHD puts it make up a princely stipend, by my standards, and really too good to be true. You ought to save quite a little money, unless you try to live as I do, in wh event you will soon be in the poor house. I havent dared ask for a bank balance recently, because I know that I will get a shock and feel compelled to draw rein. *Il faut faire des petits economies*, as you would say. But if I gotta die Ima going to have some fun, as the song says; and this winter has been set aside and solemnly dedicated to High Life. When I get thru I will have to go back to Ecuador and live offn J Felix Tamayo for three or four months to equalize matters.

Well, I must write some other letters, and then write

Carlson to
D.P.

Washington, 26 February 1922

Dear Folks,

Sunday morning again, and I am desecrating it as usual by coming to the Ofs to meditate on the allness of the one, and to write you.

I enclose page on Agrl Explorers wh came out in the Star this morning. Quite a writeup.

Paul, I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your favor of 18 Feb. If you think I escape income tax by being in federal employ, you have another think yet due. I got hit for \$70 last yr. In figuring out my new tax I will deduct the item you mention, with pleasure. Furthermore, I accept your suggestion that I lecture when and wherever possible. First man that asks me to lecture will get an affirmative answer, likewise the second, third, u.s.w. I suppose you will book me for several in Calif. I have pretty nearly exhausted the field here, for the present season. March ends that sort of thing in Washn, of course, until next fall.

No, my dear Pablo, that begonia from the Verapaz hasnt any more show in the Coachella than the proverbial cat has of catching the proverbial rat which she is chasing through the proverbial Hades. But after the approved custom of FSPI, a lot of things go where they dont belong. Keep it in the house, if you expect to keep it a-tall.

Went home with Henry Allanson last night, and came back this morning. Had big talk about our policies. I feel that

going west and south for a two months trip early in March. While he is gone, PHD plans to spend several days at Bell and let me act in charge of the Ofs, to see if I can get away with it. I dont see that I will do much more than I am now doing, and am not afraid of it; but I wanted to go slowly on this business, mainly for the sake of having the folks feel that I was cautious and not too ambitious to see myself in command. If it works allright this spring, I think most likely, when DF again goes south to Fla next winter, I will climb into the saddle for good. At least I hope to.

Father, I note that you have put all my woolen goods in the big wooden chest, for which I thank you. Also that you have expended the sum of \$1.72 in providing suitable lining for said chest, and I herewith enclose my check to cover the amount. And by the way, when do you want me to send the check for H's wedding present, if you are still planning to do this? You spoke about each of us putting in \$50. If you are not planning doing it, allright, but if you are, you better let me know when you want the money. I dont like to see you shell out this much for the purpose, however; dont you think you had better let me give em \$100, and let the matter go with that? I imagine you are not in a particularly favorable position to shell out \$50, are you?

I note with great pleasure that the Chillo cloth and Magdalena suits are doing well with you. I may say that my own suit of Magdalena is one of the best I have ever worn. I wrote Thompson of Bogota to send me some more samples, and got the enclosed, wh please return to me. There was also another, which looked pretty good to me, and I returned it

to him, asking him to get me a corte of it if he could. I will hold it against future use, if it comes. I am mighty glad to have some of this stuff stored away, as it will come in very handy in the future, and Mrs Wilson Popenoe, I trust, will be just as fond of Ecuadorean clothing and hats as are Mrs Paul Popenoe, Mrs Herbert Popenoe, and Miss Emily Stankowitch. I serve notice on all of you that the stock of goods laid away in the big box is absolutely not to be cut into for anybody under any pretext; with the exception of the two blankets for H and Lucile, and I am not certain but that I better give them one of the pair Townsend brought up, and one plain black and white one wh I have back here. But I want to treat H and Lu right, and will do whatever you say. I will get hold of another pair of Guatemalan blankets some day, anyhow. With all my friends down there, and some of them coming back and forth from time to time, I am sure to bring in something now and then. Jose Felix Tamayo is going to send me a few panama hats this spring, not of the very finest grade I regret to say, and I will use them here among some of my friends in the Dept. The one I sent Allanson last yr has created quite a furore, and I could dispose of a dozen without any difficulty. Its a nice thing to have friends down there like J F Tamayo; but still, one can never get just exactly the thing he wants without being on the ground to pick it out himself, especially when it comes to textiles.

Father, I note you have sent on three more mufflers. I will give one to Ma Browne, as already advised, and either hold the rest or return them to you when I come home, as I

later decide. I dont want to leave much in the way of woolens

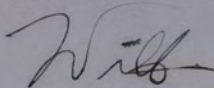
here during the summer; thieves break in and steal, and moth and rust do corrupt.

Allright, father; I note that you are holding the photos for me, including the ones Auntie Downes gave me. It will make me a nice little collection for historical purposes.

And dad; probably by the time your gray Magdalena suit wears out I can get gloth for another, from Thompson in Bogota. That's really a superior article, I think; I have mine on today. Its the wearinest stuff I ever saw, bar none; a bit heavy for office use in this climate, ~~and~~ ^{yet} still very satisfactory for winter wear, and it would make a beautiful light overcoat.

Well; life runs smoothly on, so far as I am concerned. I have been taking it rather quietly this past week. Not done much night work. Will make a couple of calls this afternoon, social obligations, spend half an hour reading Shakespeare in bed, and then sleep for about 9 hrs 45 min. I have taken a great fancy to Shakespeare of late; bot myself the Oxford edition in one volume, and am devouring it very gradually. It bringeth peace and calm to my restless soul.

Ever thine



Washn, 2 March 1922

Dear Folks,

Seems to me I had something I was going to write to you about, but dummed if I aint forgotten what it was.

Anyhow, I can say that Jota Arturo Harris came in from NY yesterday morning, and is staying at the Club for 3 days. I have just come from bkfst with him.

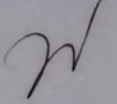
Father, in reply to your appeal, I regret to say that I havent a corte of suiting here, not of any sort. I am sending by express to Pasadena, chgs collect, today, a pkg containing my Tuxedo coat and trousers, and my Marcelo Vecchi Costa Rican suit, both for Herb. The last-named article is quite considerably thwe worse for wear, but it will still serve to scuff about in. If Herb will have to buy a new suit, dont do it, but let me know, and I will shake down a nother for him, provided he can use a dark one. I have two dark ones, and the winter is almost over. The one I would send him is a dark red and green mixture, very good stuff. If he doesnt need it right away, I will finish out the winter on it, and bring it when I come home.

Speaking about the latter, I beg to intimate: Bisset is going away this week, to be gone two months. DF wants me to take a hand at running the Ofs, to see if I can do it, and the idea is that Dorsett will stay out at Bell for several days at a time, and leave me here on the job. I dont want to leave here, therefore, until pretty near the time Bisset comes back, --as near it as possible. So I will probably stay here until May 1st, or thereabouts. Let me know when the avocado meeting is to eventuate. I will be on hand.

Father, I am sending with the clothes for Herb, one plain black and white Guata blanket. If you want me to give Herb and Lucile \$50 or \$100 for a wedding present, then I think you better give him only one of the good Ga blankets, and this plain one. However, I dont want to be stingy about it; give him both of the good ones if you think it proper, and hold this plain one I am sending, against my future requirements.

Well, I must getta work now.

Ever lovingly



Carbon to PP

Washington, 6 March 1922

Dear Folks:

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, unto the breach,--this being Monday morning. It seems to me that Life is just one Monday morning after another.

But having passed a quiet and godly sabbath, I am ready for another week's duties. Yesterday morning I arose betimes, after having spent the previous evening with J Arthur Harris at the Belasco, and having put him on his homeward way acto continuo. I went out to the Browne's, where I picked up Pa and Tom, and we walked to In the Woods, where I found the mume buds (Japanese plums) swelling, and the cherries giving evidence of spring. I reckon another two weeks will see them in flower, unless we get a cold snap. I expect to go out there several times while the mumes and cherries are in bloom. They have a caretaker out there,--a man who works in the Govt here in town, but lives in the house with his family, rent-free, I suppose, for taking care of it. I hadnt been in that house for nigh onto three years I reckon, and it looked mighty good to me. That place is the greatest tribute to Daisy Bell's artistic taste which one could wish.

Then we came back and had dinner at the Brownes, Ma being unable to attend a/c a bad cold wh kept her in bed. Ed was there with a Maryland girl he had brought down from Cumberland for the Ag Prom. Domestic Science teacher, not quite up to my standards intellectually.

I walked up and down F Street in the later afternoon, took a choc malt in lieu of supper, went home to the Club, read Shakespeare for an hour, composed a bit of doggerel for my own delectation and to show William that he hadnt anything on me when it came to that sort of business, and thence to bed and to sleep. This is the sort of life that keeps one fit for business. Hence, loathed melancholy!

I enclose a considerable splurge from the Ledger. Du Puy said this was to be syndicated, so you may see it out there,-- I think he maintained it was to go into 40 newspapers, all told. It is one of the most readable accounts of my work I have ever seen, and fairly accurate withal, tho he emphasises my personal peculiarities in somewhat the same manner as do the cartoonists. But that is all part of the game,--I dont object to it. The pictures are unusually good, for a newspaper article.

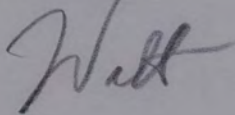
Dad, I asked Hoover to send you an addnl lot of chayote circulars. If you want more, let me know. And by the way, I am willing to let go of that other suit for Herb, re which I wrote you, at any time necessary. So let me know when he needs it; dont buy him a new one, this one is still in very good condition. I have had two winter suits this year, a circumstance in keeping with the luxurious,--nay, extravagant,--manner in which I have been living since I returned from So America. It has been a great experience, this; never before have I done it, and never agsin shall I. Once is enough. Think of having four suits at one time,--three of them suitable for winter wear? Besides a full dress and a Tux. I have rather enjoyed the feeling of opulence which has been with me this

living again.

Well, tonight I am going to a lecture at the Cosmos and our usual Monday social evening; tomorrow it is the Botaniker Gesellschaft at the same place; Wednesday I have promised to dine with Little Ruthie (at her expense; otherwise I should not have accepted) in order to put her on the train which will conduct her to the steamer which will conduct her to Santo Domingo and Lije; and Thursday I shall celebrate one of the nation's holidays,--March 9,--and Friday I havent anything booked, but doubtless will have later; and Saturday I am going to a dance at the College Women's Club. Tollable full week, though I still have several luncheon engagements open.

I note remarks of FO and PP, re getting a lot of fotos salted down. I will try to do this; I think it a good plan, and have always had it in mind, but as you know, I havent been here to get it done. I think I will pick out the best of each of my trips, and get them made up and put in an album. I already have the Mexican trip in this form, and you have one set of them, I believe. One of the Brazil trip, one of Guatemala, and one of the Andean trip will about fit me out, dont you think so?

Ever devotedly



Washn. March 7

(1922-1923)

Dear Pablo, CCTo FOP, though it wont interest hãm muchly:

I have several gratas fechas de Usted to answer, hence:

I am inclined to favor the use of metric system in your date book. I would by all means prefer it in the variety descriptions, with no reference whatever to English equivalents, and as for the rest of the boo, you might use both, tho I am inclined to think I would there, too, ignore English measurements. Everybody knows a little bit of metric system.

As to date growing lantern slides, I will see what we have in our files. I dont think we have a very choice lot of date photos, but if they are fairly good, we might have some slides made up, and hold them for use as wanted.

I sent you the batido photos, and trust they will serve your purpose.

I have written H to send in my batarobe. It looks as tho that boy is getting a bit careless about the difference between meum and tuum.

Charles told me, when I last saw him, that Aunt Carrie is still at Ridgewiew, but is to give possession late this spring on in early summer, I believe. Chas said if he could get me to come in on the deal, he would bring her back to Washington, and we would all take a house together. Parkison might come too. But I am tied to In the Woods and cantto consider the proposition. Edwin seems to be getting along fairly well.

As to J of H, They are now printing it in Baltimore, and hope to get better service. I doubt if they will catch up on back numbers before the end of this yr, and they will be lucky if they can do it by that time. The principal trouble is lack of copy. If they had enough copy, they could jam two or three issue into press all to once. Robert Cook is doing good work as editor, everything considered, but he doe snt have your ability to go out and get good copy. In fact, this has been the weakest point about the whole she-bang, every since you left.

As to my social activities, I have danced quite a bit this winter with the old Dept crowd, Covilles, Saifford's, Maxons, and a few others; and I have only gone to the theay-ter three or four times, usually with Marion Connor. I have been out with Katherine Morse a few times (father met her) and one or two others, but prefer Marion Connor's company to most of the others, as she is older and can talk more intelligently on a variety of subjects than most of the flap-ers. I may say that I am getting a considerable reputation in the Dept crowd for shaking the wickedest ankle if that group.--I have developed a flog fox-trot all my own, which is pretty fast and few-rus. And by the way, I went to the annual dinner of the Botanic al Soc last night, which event has been renewed after six years, and saw the old gang, Corbett wearing Tux coat, black tie and white vest, and WW Gilbert full dress coat, black tie and black vest. Those boys will never learn.

Will

Washington, 8 March 1922

Dear Dad:

Yours of 3 March just to hand. Glad to see you sent the loquat buds to DF. I am sure he will be glad to use them. I want to get the Big Sweet loquats established in So Fla.

Lissen: Dont buy Herb a new suit. Whaffour? I have a first-class one here, which has lots of wear in it yet and is good looking, and I am ready to send it out at any moment. I guess I might as well let him have it in time for his wedding, dont you think so? Let me know, and I will fwd it at once. I had expected to keep it for my own use next winter, but there isnt any need of doing this; I will get myself another in the fall,--I like to buy new suits, anyway. And there is no use in your spending \$50 on a suit for H. This one is probably as good, in quality of material, as you could get at that price in Calif, and is not at all badly worn as yet. I had it made last thing before leaving Stgo de Chile.

Now, as to other presents for Herb. I am agreeable to your giving him the pair of Guatemalan blankets, so go ahead and get em cleaned; and save the small black and white one I sent you recently, with my other things; it will always come in handy as a bed covering, to put under one of the others. And I will get a draft for \$50 as you suggest, a little later on, and put it in your hands in time for the event, which I understand is to eventuate the 28th instant.

I dont like to see you bust yourself, financially, to give the kids a big sendoff; the \$50 or \$60 bill at the

Glenwood is rather a hard blow. Wouldnt you rather let me assume part or all of that? I still have plenty of money in bank, you know.

Now, I want to know one other thing: I think I ought to send the kids a night letter the day after they are married, mebbe to reach them at the Glenwood. Tell me where and when to send it, and I will do the rest.

Re the Guatemalan dahlias, the big tree dahlia wont flower with you, I am afraid, because it gets nipped by frost; and the small one, which is, as you know, *D. popenovii*, is the only one you need to bother with. This is not a very handsome thing, but has great botanical interest, and to us, of course, has the interest of the name. You ought also to have *Salvia popenoei*. This is listed for distribution this spring, I wonder if you got any of it. I forget to put in a note to Bisset asking for it, and it is now too late to do anything if you havent received it. Blake is just now naming two other plants for me, which will make four altogether which bear my name. Neither of these new ones, however, has been introduced. They are things I collected, herbarium specimens only, in Ecuador.

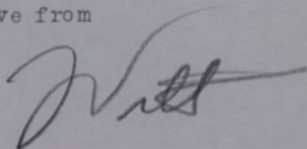
As soon as you know the date of the avocado meeting, pls advise me. It is probable that I will not come out there more than a week before it comes off. I will have to stay here until DF returns, anyway, and that will probably be about the end of April.

I sent down for a new shipment of Panama hats; they wont be here, perhaps, until May or June, but I will let Lucile have one at that time.

I have my work caught up in good shape this week, and am feeling pretty fine about it. I want to grind out another paper or two before I come west, and also the avocado paper for the Association. Its these papers that make the work hard; when you have to do them in addition to your regular routine, as I now do, it means a good deal of hard labor. But the consolation is this: you dont have to do the papers unless you want to. You can always let me go. I want to get up a first class article to try on the Natl Geographic this summer. I sent you the Pan American Bulletin with my paper on Maria. I have just given them another, for the May issue, on the fruits of Pe ru.

Thassall.

Love from

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. H. Thassall'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Curtis
To PP

Washington, 10 March 1922

Dear Folks:

Introducing Wilson Popenoe, aetas 30.

And I feel as though I had passed a milestone. This business of putting a decade behind you is a serious thing. Feeling the importance of solemnizing the event appropriately, I prevailed upon Gladys Taylor to accompany me to the throne of Terpsichorean grace yesterday afternoon,--Wardman Park Inn, wjere we tea-danced from 5 to 6 with great eclat, and then we came into the city and I took her to the Powhatan to dine, and afterwards we sat on a comfortable big lounge up on the mezzanine floor until 9.30 at which hour I escorted her to her lodgings. It was altogether a most pleasant affair, and I still am persuaded that Gladys is a little dear.

And by the by, Pablo; they have somewhat altered the ground floor of the Powhatan since your day and mine, including the abolition of the little cabaret. And they have also abolished Piccolo, and have replaced him with a yellow Senegambian who carries a small hickel-plated oven about with him, and opens it to let you select hot bread of any species you desire. Its really pretty nice, the Powhatan.

Well, as I was about to say, I have passed a milestone, and as I look back, it gives me satisfaction to see that I have, in general, achieved the things which I set out at 20 to achieve by the time I was thirty. I have done my ten years

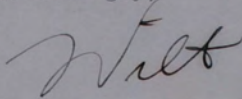
of exploration, or nigh onto it; I have published my book

on tropical fruits; I have been elected to membership in the Cosmos Club; and I have had my name put in Who's Who.

I dont have any very definite plans for the coming decade. Rather strange, it seems to me, considering my penchant for planning things a long time ahead. I guess I will leave the rest of my time to Kismet. If things go well here, I would like to stay; if they dont, I would not at all object to returning to California to settle.

Well, I'm going to take up the day's order of business.

Ever lovingly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed phrase "Ever lovingly,".

Washington, 13 March [1922]

Dear Dad, no carbon:

I enclose herewith draft for \$50, to order of Herb and Lucile.

As to getting Herb a brand new suit, dont be too hasty about it. I am going to send by parcel post, tomorrow, my G. Ruddoff Santiago de Chile suit, and I think maybe, after you have seen it, you will feel that it is not necessary to put \$50 into another one for Herb. This is to my mind a good outfit.

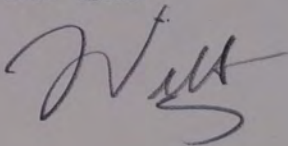
Allright, go ahead and give them the two good Guatemala blankets. I can get another pair one of these days, thru Bob Hempstead or some other friend.

Yesterday, and it Sunday, I went out to Cherry Grove, and took tea with the Kemptons, after a good dinner with the G N Collins. Came home at 10.30 p m. Tonight I am going to hear Franklin Adams lecture on Brazil at the Cosmos Club. We pull off a good many interesting lectures down in our big lecture hall,--and some which arent so interesting. Often the meeting of the Botanical Society is an out-and-out bore, u ntil the speeches are over and we get to the near beer and sandwiches.

I note your important note, re not tying up to any one girl in particular until I have looker em all over pretty carefully. Conforme. I dont intend to take any rash steps before the end of this year; anyhow. You may have gathered from my letters that I was getting in very deep with Gladys. Well, its not that bad. I find her company very delightful, but I havent known her long, you see, and really know very little about her as yet, except that she is a delightful dancer and tolerably good looking.

So the avocado meeting is due to come off about May 12-14. That means I will leave here very soon after May 1st.

Ever thine



Washington, March 17th

[1122]

Dear Folks:

Just a few words to you before closing up the week. This is Joe Mahoney's birthday, appropriately enough, and we are going down town for supper together, after wh we will go to hear our new man McClure talk about his travels in So China at the Biological Society.

Father, accept my thanx for sending the papers on Guatemalan avocados. But I wanted you to frank em. I note they cost you more than 70 cents. Well, we will take it out of the Govt in photographs, or something of that sort.

Pablo, I am delighted to hear of the good results obtained so far with the date offshoots. I wish I was going to be able to get out there this summer to see em.

Father again, I understand the last week in May or first in June is about the right time to go to Boston, so if you are here about that time we will go up together.

I am going to have a busy week, beginning tomorrow. First or all, Marion has gone to NY for two weeks, and I promised to take care of the kids on Sundays, taking em out to In the Woods for picnic dinner; then Tuesday evening the 7th Day Advertisss have booked me for a lecture, charity on my part, for wh they are going to collect 50 and 75 cents each, and then Wednesday evening I talk before the garden club at Trenton, N J, and they have just written that they are putting me up at the swell new Stacey Trent hotel, and to please take a taxi from the station, and so forth. By the time I get back here Thurdsay I will be tired,--or I may not come back, I may decide to stay up in that part of the country for a couple of days' rest. I rather need it. I got a bit worried last week, and thought I would let Doc Parker give me a physical exam to make sure nothing was wrong, so he did so, and afterwards, and after hearing my own version, said "Well, you've sized up the whole situation just about right. You're an outdoor man with an indoor job". He said I should keep outside as much as possible, which I am doing. I am feeling pretty well again now, thanks to a quiet life this week and better weather. March seems to be a hard month on me, back here. Mostly due, I imagine, to the cumulative effect of the winter's activities social and professional. But dont get the idea that I am fagged out; I really am in pretty good shape now, much better than I was last year at this time. Summer is my apogee, however, and I will be glad when it comes.

No more till next week.

Will

Carbon to PP

Washington, Sunday morn, Mar 19 [1922]

Dear Folks:

I'm just starting to Balto, to visit the Donald F Foxes, but will send you a few lines first, as I may not have another good chance to do so for several days. Drefful busy all the time, you know.

First of all, let me ask you, FOP: When will they be likely to publish the Report of the Avocado Assn? Soon after the spring meeting? If so, I will have to prepare my Ecuadorean paper And bring it out with me; but if they dont publish until later on, I shall probably let the paper go until after I return from the West, as I am pretty well booked up with papers to write between now and May 1. I can squeeze this one in, however, by cutting out one for the J of H, and will be glad to do it if necessary.

I have at hand letters from Paul of Mar 9 and FOP of March 13. Re the one from Paul:

Yes, I am sure I am not mistaken re income tax. Every body in this Ofs has paid it. I got stuck for about \$55 this time. And I have to inform you that I have this morning recd copy of Womens Eyes, and sales slip therewith. I reckon you paid for it, didnt you. How much, tuppencé? If I am to remit to the publish, please indicate as much. I will look up Balanites aegyptiaca and let you know what it is. As to the relative of the Buckthorn family, that was one of P. Bisset's mistakes. He is an ultra-practical man, you know, and yet he thinks himself fully competent to tackle anything. He

admits no limitations. He and I are getting along very well here, though I think he feels a bit cool toward me, because he believes I have tried to edge him out of several fields of activity in which he had formerly operated. And I guess I have, --but it was because I thought it had to be done, for the good of the order. You see, he has been in the saddle here for a couple of yrs; because there was no one else to run things, and he now seems himself being unmounted. It hurts him a good deal, naturally enough, but he has known for a long time that it was eventually coming, so we havent tried to put anything unsuspected over on him. He is now somewhere in the South, and from there goes tonCalif. I hope he will show up at Pasadēna when he gets out there, and call on you. If he does, treat him right, for I have always thought his intentions were good, and his only difficulty the handicap of Scotch origin, which makes him decidedly obstinate.

Yes, I dont think a gréat deal of Leighty as a member of the Editorial Board, any more than you do; but I guess the reason for putting him on was to represent the plant breeders, juts as Darrow was put on. Neither Darrow nor Leighty is much on writing, as you know; but then, their only function is to read and pass on articles which are submitted, so Ireckon it is allright. Olson gets me to write a good many of the captions for the Journal these days; this has always been one of the hard jobs for him, and in fact, it is a rather hard job for anybody, ceptin perhaps PP.

And now, Dad, as to your letter:

I am glad you liked The Home of Maria. I have laid out a copy for Gma Bowman, and another for Paul. I still

have a dozen copies left,--they gave me 30,--and I will get a bunch of the Spanish edition when that comes out, also. The article seems to have made quite a hit among the Latin American colony here; and Adams sent me a letter from the Consul General of Colombia in Boston, in which he said he was most complacent over the affair. I'm going to try my hand at something of this sort again, when I get my papers on horticultural subjects cleaned up. I have enough material to keep me busy all the rest of this yr, along that line alone, for I can no longer devote myself to this sort of work, but have to take it as a side line. I handle a lot of routine office work these days, I tell you. I have been acting in charge this past week, until Sat, when we called Dorsett in to let him prepare a memo showing why we shouldn't be moved out of these quarters, down to the war emergency fire trap at 7th and B.

I fear I can't get together sets of my photos in time to bring them home when I come. Crandall is awfully slow on this sort of thing,--he is a great procrastinator anyway. They explain it by saying he has to try to make up a bunch of a hundred from the South American trip, however, for you all to look at. I am having another 25 slides colored, which will give me all I can possibly need in Calif, for any occasion. I will bring out 150 at least, so as to be fixed for all comers. I don't want to talk to any small, unappreciative crowds however. This lecturing is hard work, and is only worth while undertaking when you have a really good audience.

I am sorry to hear of the calamity which has befallen

the avocado orchard. It just shows that it doesn't pay to have all your eggs in one basket. Which reminds me to state that I bought 10 shares of United Fruit this past week, at 140.

I sent by mail, the other day, my G Ruddoff suit for Herb, and I trust you will think it meets all his requirements. I hated to let it go, but I really don't believe you ought to put \$50 into a suit for Herb, under present conditions. I still have plenty of suits left to carry me to fall, when I will have to buy one new one, so as to have two for winter use.

Guess that's all from your letters. Now to chronicle my own doings, which are few and inconsequential:

Last night I went out to the Brownes for dinner, along with O Olson, and afterwards Oly, Tom and I went to the dancing class at Miss Eastman's school. I had missed the last two lessons; and this was the final one. As I said previously, my object in attending was to start Tom off upon the downward path toward the throne of Terpsichorean grace. Mrs. Browne is duly appreciative of my assistance; we have him a cake-eater before we get thru. Do you have this sort of animal out in Calif? They call these overdressed johnnies who hang around in front of Nunally's soda fountain, talking to the overdressed girls, cake-eaters, ~~vel~~ vulgo, Nunally's cowboys. You see, we are right over Nunally's so I get a good look at them.

The week has passed without any incidents worthy of note. I have been pretty busy, as usual, but I am holding up much better under it than I did during the hard winter weather. We are having fine early spring

spring weather now. DF plans to reach here April 15, but goes to Toronto and N Y for a couple of lectures immediately thereafter. I will leave here on May 1, or a day or two later, so as to have company in the person of Neil Judd of the National Museum, as far as N M, where he goes to direct the Natl Geographic excavations at Pueblo Bonito during the summer season. I will therefore not stop at Topeka until my return voyage, in all probability.

Well, I'll go down and take the Whiskey, Booze and Alcohol limited for Balto.

Ever thine

Wilson Pope

Carbon to PP

Washn, 20 March 1922

Dear Folks:

Pablo, herewith inventory note on Balanites, in reply to your query. Hope it meets your needs.

Found last night, upon my return from Balto, a letter from FOP and another from PP, and read another from FO this noon when I went home to lunch. But first I must say that I spent a pleasant day with the DE Foxes, and found Mrs DE Fox a very sweet girl, quite domestic in temperament, and altogether devoted to DE Fox. I wrote Doctor Fox a little note when I returned last night.

Father, I am not willing to let go of either of those Panamas I now have at home. One is a present from Jose Felix and the other I personally bought in Montecristi. I think

I may get some more within a couple of months, and if I do, I will let Lucile have one, provided she really wants it badly, but for the meantime, please hang onto those two. I have let go of a couple of suits of clothes, and 2 Guatemalan blankets, and \$50 in cash, on the strength of the forthcoming wedding, and I reckon they can get along on that for the time being. There will be plenty of time for Panama hats, and other things, in the future.

As to the Carlos Mincke suit I sent you in the shipment some time since, I sent it alright, and if you didn't find it, that's strange; and I advise you to ask Betty where she put it. I sent Herb, more recently, a Marcelo Vecchi suit made in Costa Rica, and a Freeman and Clark Tuxedo, made in

Los Angeles; and still more recently, by mail, a nearly new
Digitized by Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation,
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

G. Ruddoff suit mad in Santiago de Chile. All of which leaves me cut down on clothes about as low as I intend to get for the present.

I think I can send you another copy of the page in the Sunday Star, and also the one from the Public Ledger. But dont work the publicity stunt too hard out there; I think we Popences have always done plenty of advertising, and since I came home this time I have had so much ~~that~~ I am now quite content to sit back and let it soak in.

After I finish my work in southern California (I use the word out of courtesy to the American people) I think it might be a very fine thing to motor up to the Yosemite, take a week there, and then go on to Berkeley, while youall return to Pasadena. From Berkeley I will want to go to Chico, and from there I can return East via Topeka, where I will probably spend two days. This looks to me like a rather good layout. I would very much like to take in Yosemite, tho the heights wont look so great to me, after seeing the Andes, as they did twelve or fourteen years ago. But it is a pretty country, and I would like to nose about in the Sierras a bit, once more. Particularly would I like to see Wawona again. That spot always chrmed me.

Pablo, I am glad to see you have a ramada. I will hang a Guayaquil hammock under it, when I get out there, and make myself think I am back in Ecuador, hunting avocados in the Chota valley. Wh reminds me, I sent to Jose Felix Tamayo quite a nice lot of seeds and plants, by last week's pouch to Amlegation, Quito. Now I gotta get back tow rok.

Wilson Popence



IN THE WOODS
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

28 March 1922.

Beloved Dad,

I moved out here 3 days ago. It's great! I have a suite of 2 rooms + bath all to myself, and can roam about the whole place at will. The cherries (Jap.) are just coming into bloom. It's going to be pretty here, this coming month. Mrs Green, wife of the caretaker, feeds me well, and I save \$2⁰⁰ per day on my room at the Club, which I have given up. Probably I

won't go back there to live until next winter. But it seems a bit strange to be around there now, and not have a room in the building.

I stopped on my way home to-night and sent Herb & Lucile a night Telegram, to the Mission Inn. I trust the wedding came off satisfactorily. I had a letter from Mrs Wallace a few days ago. She seemed to thank Herb pretty badly in need of a wife.

Only a month more, and I'll be starting for Calif. By the way, I'm saving a lot of

dentist work to have done there. Things can't find time to have it done here. Don't forget fully away at the office but I like it that way - it makes time pass rapidly.

I am reforming and in my next issue the agreement with Orleans & DeGano, agrees. Don't you think we ought to work over the program here to Fayette whenever possible? Do you think of any other society that is so active to your good crops, and regularly? It has always been my feeling that we ought to have the students about 87% to 90%.

Well, the weather here is full of spring,
I makes me feel good. You had a hard
winter, and no mistake. - I like to think
of the California trip, now I'm going to be a
bit lazy out there. so dont plan too many
things. Keep the Yosemite trip in mind, how-
ever. It looks interesting.

Had dinner with a new girl last night -
her paw is professor of entomology up in Boston.
She is an interesting talker.

Ever True

W.H.T.

Carbon
to FOP

Washington, 1 April 1922

Dear Folks:

I am not oblivious of the great event which is celebrated annually on this day, and I beg herewith to extend my felicitations to FOP, and may he have many happy returns!

I am getting back into my old form, since the arrival of spring. I sleep well out at In the Woods, and all this week I have been rising at 6.15, in order to come in town with Mr Green, our caretaker's husband; and I reach the Of's by eight o'clock invariably. I have been eating up work this week at a great rate,--something I could not do in the cold winter months. I believe there is a particularly vile quality in these Washington winters. Anyway, they seem to incapacitate me for good work and lots of it.

I stop at the Cosmos Club every morning to get my mail, and this a.m. I found Paul's dispatch of the 26th ultimo. Contents noted, In reply to your inquiry, Pablo, I sign my letters with a rubber stamp nowadays to save time. I find I save 1.38564 seconds on each letter, which will, if I live to be 70 years old and sign an average of 15 letters per diem, add 31.678 days to my life, or a good month. And Pablo, I asked Spalding at the Club to shift your address, and saw him make out a new card to that effect. They still put a few circulars for you in the 1st class box, and I take em out and destroy em;--altho I will send em on, if I ever find anything worth it, wh I havent yet. And as to Womens' Eyes,

I have mislaid the bill in moving from the Club, and would respectfully beg that either yourself or FOP step into Vroman's some time and pay it, and I will settle with you when I get home. Which wont be long now, either.

I am glad you and Betty enjoyed Maria. I will return the copy to FOP, as I have a dozen left, and am going to have 25 of the Spanish edition, which will probably care for my needs. The Pan Am Bulletin is going to publish in the May issue my paper, "Notes on Peruvian Fruits". I want to work up two or three things more, when I get time, of the general nature of Maria; papers which are not horticultural. I need the practice. I think, however, when I ckëean up the list of horticultural papers I have in hand,--and this wont be earlier than the end of summer,--I will devote myself to a long article for the Geographic, as Grosvenor says he will consider it, and I feel pretty sure I can get it accepted. They liked my photographs. And they pay real money, which the Pan Am Union and others do not.

I like it mighty well out at In the Woods. Mrs Green puts up excellent meals, very excellent; I pay 35 cents in the morning, and 75 at night, and its worth it; and it is quiet and beautiful out there. I shall stay until I start west. And this summer, after I come back, I will either stay at the Brownes, 1331 Conn, or In the Woods, so I guess I wont have to pay any more room rent until next fall, when I may perhaps move into the Cosmos Club for the winter,--think likely I will. Its a fine place to spend the busy season.

I went out to Bell, Md yesterday afternoon to see my

plants, and talk with Goucher. The avocados are coming along well, but it will take quite a while to work up a good stock of the Ecuadoreans. We only save^d one or two buds each, of several varieties. I have written to Guatemala to try to get 2000 seeds for stock-plants. We have very few here. For the last yr I was out on this last trip, there was nobody looking out for these things here,--Doctor Galloway had gone under, you know; and things drifted pretty badly. Bisset could not begin to handle it all. That's one reason I dont want to stay away too long this year; I am taking care of lots of matters which will drift if I am not here. You've got to have someboyd on the job here in Washington all the time, to take care of the incoming and outgoing foreign stuff, or it doesnt move properly; and when I am not here, I dont see just who will do it. It is my aim to get a young fellow in with me, and break him into it, so I can go to Ecuador for 5 months, winter after next, and not be tied here all the time in future years.

Guess I will call up Katharine Morse, my new acquaintance at Walter Reed, and get her to come down town for dinner tonight, since it is Saturday. Tomorrow noon I lunch at the Costa Rican legation. His Excellency the Minister is quite incensed at the publication of the hobo and the little wench in Paul's article, as typical Costa Ricans, but I have explained to him that Paul didnt furnish the fotos, and I think we are cleared. Didnt Pittier burn you up, though, Pablo?

Paul, if you succeed in growing my Guatemalan Chamaedorea at Coachella I'll eat it. I dont think it will stand either

heat or very dry air.

I find that *Salvia Popenoei* and *S. hempssteadiana*, two
pets of mine, which were being grown at Bell, were left
outside too long last fall and all killed by the frost. They
were criminally careless out there last yr. It sort of
makes me frantic when I think about it. Quite a few of my
things had been planted outside for the summer, and were left
until the frost killed them. I am writing Bob Hempstead
to see if we can get more seed of *S. popenoei*. By the way,
Blake is naming a new plant for me, and Killip of the Museum
another, so I will soon have four species bearing the Popenoe
name. This is about enough to meet our requirements.

I am looking forward anxiously to May 1, when I start
for Calif. Hoping you are the same, I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wilson Popenoe

No Carbon

Washington, 24 April 1922

Dear Folks:

The Florida State Horticultural Society meets at Lakeland on May 5-6; it appears that they are pretty sore because I am going to California for the avocado meeting and am passing them by, so DF and I last night decided that I had better pass that way on my road to Calif and give em a talk. I figure I can do it comfortably and still reach Calif in time for the meeting on May 12-13. So we are wiring Fla this morning to see if they still want to put me on the program, and if they do, I will leave here next Sunday, April 30, for Winter Haven, and start from there ~~to~~ (or from Lakeland, rather) about May 6 for Calif, reaching your diggings, via the S P, about the 9th or 10th. I will let you know further details in a few days.

Father, re the avocado meeting: I see they have me down for "two illustrated lectures". I did not suppose they could use lantern slides at the morning session on Sat, but I wish they might do so. Probably the announcement is a mistake,--I don't believe they are counting on my using slides in the morning; but I wonder if you cant inquire if it would be possible to arrange things so I can do so. I have more good slides than I can conveniently run in the evening; and if I can divide em, I can use all the popular and general stuff Friday evening, and hold the avocado pictures to run Sat morning. It would make a fine combination. See if you cant fix it up this way. I would only want half an hour on ~~xxxx~~ Saturday morning. ~~xxxx~~ I will figure on an hour to an hour and a quarter Friday evening.

About Friday evening: I wrote you that I thought I ought to invite a few people. For one, I wish you would invite Aunt Martha Winslow as my guest, and give her a seat well down toward the front. I suppose I ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ can sit where I want during the dinner; in this case, I think we can fix up a little line party. We ought to have Knowles et uxor with us, tho I suppose they can afford to come at their own expense. But we can put Aunt Martha somewhere in the line, and I would like to have Gladys Gosney invited, if you dont object, and perhaps you will want to invite Mr and Mrs Wallace; if you do, I will stand the expense very willingly. And if there are others you want to invite, as for instance your friends the Browns and Moomaws, you can do it, on me. I am quite willing to pay for a dozen plates at the dinner, for our friends. I understand it is \$1.50 per. And do you suppose we ought to invite Amelia Barton? Or maybe she and Gladys Gosney would fight. Of course, she is going to throw a fit if she knows I have invited Gladys and eat her.

Well, you know who my friends are out there, and I will leave you to fix it up as you like, inviting those to whom you and I are under obligation, and letting me pay the bills. We can well afford to put \$25 into the whole affair if necessary. My treat.

I had a talk with DF yesterday, and Dorsett had one the day before. DF goes to NY state and to Canada tomorrow night to lecture, and I will not see him again until I return from the west. I think he will be here until the middle of July, and then go to Baddeck for about two months,-- that's what he says, at least. And Dorsett put up to him the propn that after July 1 I be made the Actg Explorer in Charge, permanently, and he agreed thereto. So I reckon when I come back from the west I will assume the dignities of that office.

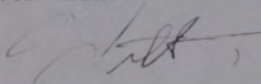
Paul, I have Malesia on my desk, and am going to have all that lot and parcel of information which treats of dates, copied today, as per your instructions.

Father, your letter of April 18 to hand yesterday. And by the way, I forgot to mention that I will bring you in my baggage a copy of the Manual, as requested.

Gison and I are probably going to have the Browne's house in Chevy Chase for the months of July and Aug, and until Sept 15, when they return from the west. About that time I will probably go to Fla for a month, and when I come back I may perhaps make a few changes in DF's Study out at In the Woods, and live out there until I get married and need a bigger house. It looks as the DF was going to rent the big house, beginning May 1.

Well, its pretty exciting, this business of facing a trip next Sunday. I tell you, I have some choice lantern slides, so make old doc Hardin rig up a good place to show em. Tell him it cost the members of the National Geographic Society \$200.00 to see these same slides. On the strength of that, he ought to give us 12 plates free at the banquet.

Ever thine



By the way, I am not going to attend the avocado mtg on Friday afternoon, but will stay home in my Guayaquil hammock and only turn out in time for the dinner. This will keep me in fresher condition for the big speil which I must give in the evening.

April 28 1922

Dear Folks:

This is Friday p m, and Sunday afternoon I plan to leave here for Winter Haven, Fla, and will lecture in Lakeland on Thursday evening, May 4 at 8.00 p m. On Friday the 5th or Saturday the 6th I will sail for Calif, direct, and will wife you from somewhere along the line as to my time of arrival at Shorb. You can figure it out approximately,--I presume it will be about the 10th.

Of course I am in a terrible rush to clean up my work, pay up my social obligations, and get started, I wont be able to leave everything completed, but that doesnt matter. Things will drag along until I come back, and then I can jump in again.

I have 200 fotos, taken in Ecuador, Colombia, Peru and Chile,--all fine prints,--which I am bringing to show you, and I will have about 150 slides, from which I can pick a series of about 3 lectures. If you can possibly do so, I hope you will arrange to let me talk at the evening avocado meeting, after the dinner, on exploration work in general, and then show my avocado slides, some 25 or 30, in the morning, when I will not want more than 20 or 25 minutes time. If you cant use slides in the morning, I will do without them of course.

Dad, the roses you recd from the Dept were at my request, and Henry Allanson got em for me. They are novelties, and all good ones. Thanks for the avocado seeds; I packed them myself and we have sent part to Bari, Italy, and a few to Proschowsky.

Mrs EE Browne entertained Olson and Jean Leroy and myself, and half a dozen Chevy Chase girls (not the elite) the other evening; we danced considerable, and ice creamed a bit.

DF has rented In the Woods for a year. The folks are going to move in Monday, or the day after I move out. Very convenient for me. The study is to be mine for next fall, and winter if I want it. I think I will fix it over and live out there, for the "rest and quiet" and so on. It will save me a lot of money on room rent, and I derive a certain satisfaction from telling my friends that I live in Chevy Chase. I, sounds much better than Takoma Park.

See you shortly,

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chery Chase,
15 July 1922.

Dear Folks,

I feel like a landed proprietor, sitting here in my 3 room semi-colonial Pa Brown house. I am now waiting for Charles Otis to come out. I have decided to take him in for the summer on the basis of I furnish the house, Charley furnishes a Ford Sedan. He is moving out from the Y.M.C.A. tonight, and in Saturday. I knew Charley at G'ville, when he was Asst. Mgr. of the Banco Mercantil Americano. He is now selling stocks here in

Washington. I'll be glad to
have a companion out here,
though I haven't found the soli-
tude objectionable this past week
perhaps because I came home at
9 pm and went right to bed, and
left at 6.30 a.m. to breakfast with
"Vay" Morley at the Cosmos Club.

I have been ten days in
Washa since my return, and
only one evening have I been
up later than 10; only danced
once, i.e. last night. But
I'm working hard at the office,
and want to save my strength
for work this summer. I'm
pretty well caught up now,
and feel comfortable. D.F.

Yesterday and found a letter to the Secretary re-
questing that my title be changed to "Regis-
tration, Associate in Charge."

Give a card saying to the person about the list
of 12 names that you Filip sent up.

After I had given out 2 or 3 to colleagues the
demand became so keen that I had to let
every one of them go. They were good lists,
but not anything wonderful; not given so

fine as the one Jose Felipe gave me, and which
I passed on to Pani-hachua. I'll get a half
dozen more next winter, to supply our needs for
next summer; I guess we don't need any more
this yr.

Thompson of Bogotá writes that he is sending
me a corte of Magdalena cloth. If the
color is good I'll get a suit made for
next winter.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

I've just been for a short walk down into the woods, west of the house. It's only 150 or 200 yds. from here into the woods. It's mighty pretty hereabouts, I like this part of the country immensely, but I wouldn't buy this house from the Browns. It is a very commonplace though comfortable affair.

D F is probably going north about August 15. I don't think he minds office work nearly so much as he used to, now that he has someone to handle a large part of

the reactions for him. I had
imagined he wouldn't be in
Washn much this yr, but he
says now he will be here
from Sept 15th to sometime in
January.

I think Si Mason must
be home. I saw a lot of
baggage bearing his name come
out the Cosmos Club yesterday.
I ate alone at the Club this
noon - Morley has gone
away over the West end,
and sat at a little table
out in the garden. It seemed
quite European. I put two
of my dwarf palms in the
ladies dining room last
winter and they are doing

family. I am going to take down ten more
in the place to decorate the club for the
winter. Accordingly like that poem.

Yesterday I wore my Quilt legs suit, jewelry
pressed, as of course it would be if you and I got
it soaked. The cars covered some mud signs
Cleveland's Quilt because of mud in the transfer
and I had to wear the rest of the very same

Harriet Livingston
Wells

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

5 August [1922]

Dear Folks,

I've just come from
Alexandria, where Katharine
Morse and I went to see
the church which Geo
Washington attended. We
drove down in my Chandler
Dispatch (see small bills),
nearly new, never been
used more'n two years,
you see, it was this
away: I had made up

went to buy a new Buick
4 cyl. Roadster at \$960,
when the boys convinced
me I would be sorry
if I got a one-seated
car. I got to looking
around, and found at
the Chandler agency
a 1920 Dispatch, 4
passenger (narrow touring)
body, repainted and
overhauled, sold new in
1920. The car costs \$1750
new, this year, and I
got this one for \$750.

I may be sorry I got a one-seated car,
if I am. I've had this car in me
a new Dodge touring or Buick road-
ster. I like a 6 cylinder car much
better than a 4. It runs like a
contented tabby, and when I stop
on the gas she jumps and runs like
a frightened jackrabbit.

So I have started on my career as
a coal owner, and I doubt if I shall
be without one, of some kind or other, as
long as I stay in Wellington

No doubt you have read the news
of Dr Bell's death at Baddeck. I
imagine it will upset the family
considerably, and D F may not

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come back here in Sept
as planned. In any
event, he will have
to take pretty good care
of Mrs Bell and Daisy
Bell in the future and
I imagine it means
he will not give as
much time to the
office as he has in
the past. - Now work
for Dr. P.!

It's rather quiet around
the Cosmos Club these
days. Most of the boys
are out for the summer.
Paul, ^{seeds of} several species of
supposed Hybrids of Phlox
have come for you from
Robertson Preschewsky.
You haven't a good
place to germinate
them as I am going
to grow them here and
later you will get
plants. These are

5 supposed hybrids:

Gourelon (red, one propagator) on

you to Panama + Costa Rica for
us, taking down a lot of fruit ~~boxes~~

+ kind wood, on a pear I got from

the W.F. Co. Mrs. Estlin seems

very willing to furnish it I wish

I could go to Costa Rica again

Dwile - some Soap.

Father, two Chilean govt horticultur-
ists are here and I've been showing
em around. They are going to Calif
soon, and I've given Dr Rojas, who
is Director of the school of agr at
Santiago, a letter to you. If they
show (I doubt if they will) give them
a Soap' time if you can, and tell

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

then something of the
avocado work. Steer them
out to someone who would
like to take 'em around
a bit, if you can.

I'll be glad to see
the avocado report.
Who's Who in America
is just out, with a
good account of the life
and adventures of Dr.
Copenoe. Republican &
Congregationalist

All right dad. I'll send
Lester one of my
portraits & you a couple
of glossy prints as de-
sired.

The work at the office
is going well. It's
heavy, but I think I
can stand it. My
secretary Miss Johnson
is back from vacation.
She's a great help to me.

Guess this is about
all I have to say
today. I'm going over

To Balls tomorrow to see Ben Top
at supper.

From Tom

Wicks

Carbon to HP, Waterman, Calif.

Washington, 19 August 1922

Dear Folks:

Straining like the deuce, and Saturday afternoon. Lots of folks out on the river will get soaked, I spose. But what of it?

Herb, me lad, let me request you to send personal mail to the Cosmos Club. I am receiving all such communications at that address, as it is more convenient not to have my attention distracted during work hours by receiving exciting communications here at the office.

Joe Mahoney and I went to Bell last night, in the Chandler, and stayed with Dorsett all night. Had a tremenjous fried chicken dinner, of which I put down my full share. Also water-melon. This is the season of the year when one can live well in these parts.

I have several communications of yours to acknowledge. First, from Herb, giving account of big trip to Donner Lake. Very interesting. I am surprised to see what punishment that little Ford can stand. The way Herb drives her, and to such places as he has gone.

Dad, I was quite surprised and interested to learn of your new plans, re the Brownes taking the lot S of us, and building on it, and your postponing your big trip. I think the move is a good one, and I am particularly pleased to think that we will be certain to have an attractive house on that corner. I would hate to see another one / like the tragedy

across the street. And if you build an addition to the Cfs, and live in it, you can rent the other house winters for a good figure and be on easy street. Good idea, say I. Only, dont give up the foreign trip. Keep it on the boards. And father, why cant you, after you have the thing all fixed up, and the house rented, ~~why dont you~~ plan to come East for a few weeks, and visit me? Either in the fall or spring. I will be at In the Woods, and will have plenty of room for you, and will give you a ride in my little red wagon. Seriously, I think you ought to come, and wish you would do it.

Father, I am sorry Coolidge is so peeved. It is my fault, and I cant really blame him. I will write him, but I suppose he will never forgive me for not having spent a day with him. He doesnt realize that there are a good many people who want to show off their places, and that I also have a few things I want to do, on my own account, during the few weeks I am in California every second or third year. I have always sacrificed my own interests to pay duty calls when at home, and all that sort of thing. You know it. Think of Aunt Matha, for instance.

I will be glad to have some separates of my Chote avocado paper from the Annual Report. Want to send a few to Ecuador. Also please see that Wagner send me the map, which I gave him to have engraved for the article. I wantnto have some blue-prints made from it.

Father, it is not quite proper to send me a copy of the annual Report under frank. The frank is to be used only on publications and official correspondence of the Department.

Paul, the next time I pass Charles, going up a hill in his chug-chug wire wheel Ford Coupe, I will ask him for Edwin's address. I didnt get much news re the family from him the last time I saw him.

Paul, R C Cook is fully installed on the J oh H, likewise Mrs Lumsden handling the business end. I asked Cook if he had ordered the books on the list you sent, and he said he had done so; I asked him if he was going to send them to you for review, and he said part of em, but that certain people here in the Dept, who were working on the subjects considered by the books, wanted to review certain of them. ---I started Russell on the material on dates you desire, before he left on his vacation, but he didnt get far. He re turns next week and I will get him at it again. We havent much on *Catha edulis*; nothing that would be worth your while I fear, tho I took one photo of a branch in flower, natural size, which is good.

I got the proof on my bookplate from Dreka, Phila, yesterday. It is something swell. I showed Morley the drawing

Mr Browne made for me, and he thought ^(it) didnt have Maya atmosphere to it; so he had his artist, who draws all the hieroglyphs for his publications, do it for me, and the result is great. Dreka is the best stationer in the US. It is going to cost me about \$50, I reckon, but I will have it for life. It is a bookplate to be proud of, --better than Morley's own, he admits.

Work going along as usual here. Lots of it. I took K Morse out to Chevy Chase Lake to dance last night; big time

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

29 August 1922

Dear Father:

I have just read the separates of the Chota paper, for which many thanks. They are in good shape, and I will have much pleasure in sending copies to Mr Hartman, and some of my friends in Ecuador.

I also read at the Club an envelop containing 3 copies Nirody's complete paper, and Circular 3. Re Nirody's, I am wondering if you will ever get any money out of him in payment for the typesetting. I very much doubt it. I heard from Krome re Nirody recently, and Krome is thoroughly disgusted. He says Nirody has been very dishonest in his dealings with him. Babuji!

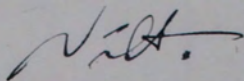
Glad to see Circular 3. I hope while you are President you will see that the Association turns out a few good publications of this sort. They have been weak for the last few years, along this line. A few good circulars and attractive dodgers of various sorts will be all to the good.

I just have your wire, re seeing R H Wilson. I have talked the matter over with him pretty fully but if he is still in town I will get hold of him immediately. He felt that there was little hope of putting thru anything at this time, and I am quite inclined to fear he is right. He talked with E D Ball, in charge of research of the Dept, and Ball did not favor the proposition at all. The Department is out to economize as much as possible, and therefore people here feel that the group who want the avocado work done is a very small one. I was surprised to hear from you that Corbett has come round and agreed to take part, tho I suppose he put it up to you in the form that he could be glad to put a man on the job if he was given additional funds for it. This is safe, from his point of view. The Offices have to apportion their funds to their various projects at the beginning of the fiscal year, and after that it is hard to take on any new work. For example, we have allotted out own funds, and if we were asked to spend \$5000 on a foreign exploration we have not planned for this year, it would be very hard for us to do it.

It is my feeling that you had best prepare the ground for the bud selection work by a year of educational work back here in Washington. Get the matter up to Dr Ball and the Secretary, time and again, but do not attempt to put it over

You might be able to do this latter, but my feeling is that it would be a pretty difficult thing at this moment. To my mind it could be better to hammer on it until early next spring, and then get Corbett to include it in his budget for the following fiscal year. If Corbett is actually strong for the project, he can doubtless arrange to include it in his estimates for next year, which means that it can go thru without much difficulty.

Ever thine



COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Woods
2 Oct 1922.

Dearest Dad,

I'm sending you the
silk handkerchief which
went astray at the Club. The
duck trousers have reached
you safely, I trust. It's
too bad you had so many
annoyances with things which
were lost there.

IF returns from NY tomorrow
morning. Mum comes 3 days
later. I'm sitting alone in
the big living room this
evening, and the moon

light is streaming in at the window, its pretty fine out here at this season of the year.

I think your program for the Auked. Arch meeting is a good one. Go to it. I suspect Whedon will make a few remarks when the subject is thrown open for discussion.

I'm interested to see you are going to get me a 5th boy of Khadrewis. Gladys will be greatly pleased. This having a rather

amusing time with Gracie this week. not at all serious though. I expect to dine at her apartment N & evening. I had her out for a short visit last evening. I'm rather glad she moved into an apartment with 3 other girls instead of staying alone; the other in all instances are men, and set up and take notice whenever she gets near a very little thing from me and I rather imagine they will

convince her that it is not disagreeable to
have a man hanging around and doing nice
things for her. I think Gladys is going to do
it in her own way and time, but I think in
the end she is going to come over to my
side. Maybe I'm mistaken.

Lovingly
Wilt.

Washn, 24 Oct 1922

Dear Folks:

I am getting ready to start for Boston, early Friday morning of this week. Will stop Friday p m to see Jota Arturo Arrees at Cold Spring Harbor, and go on to Boston on the night train, attending big horticultural event in the Harvard Stadium with H S Austin Saturday afternoon, and probably seeing Doc Bowman on Sunday. Will spend one night with Auntie Downes, and work in the Arnold Arboretum probably 3 or 4 days, coming back to N Y about Thursday morning, stopping there the day, and reaching Washn either Fri or Sat morning. I need a bit of a respite; havent been feeling very well of late, due to confinement of office life. I cant stand this desk work very long at a stretch.

DF is on his feet again, after two weeks at home with the gripe, and came in with me this morning in Chandler. From the ominous rattle in latter, I think I have a loose piston ring or something of that sort, and probably when the boys come to open the engine to fix it, they will find I need to have the valves ground, and all that sort of thing. Those fellows have a way.

Glad to see that Herb and Lucile are vacating a bit in vicinity of Pasadena. And I am surprised to think that the little Ford is still ~~above~~ above the sod. I dont see how that car can hold up to the punishment they give it up there in Amador county.

Father, I note that ^{you} are fixing up a swell layout in the old office. I think we will have to figure out a good Maya or Quichua or Nahuatl name for that place. I'll give the matter some attention.

I've been booked. First gun in the new lecture season will be fired on Nov 17, at the Foundry M E Church on 16th st (One of the big churches here), Men's Club, subject "After avocados in the Andes". I guess I told you the Carnegie Museum is paying me \$50 to come to Pittsburg on Feb 6 and lecture. I Have to spend about \$25 of it on RR, however. I would like to get a lecture or two in N Y during the winter to take me up there, and out of Washn for a day or two. These little trips are life savers. DF says now he doesnt possibly see how I can get away for a month in Fla this coming winter, nor do I myself see how it can be done. The work here drags when I leave it more than a few days at a time. My best plan now is to run off frequently for short breathing spells.

Ever thine

HARVARD CLUB
27 WEST 44TH STREET

3 Nov 1922.

Dear Falls,

Here I see, just about to go to the Chapultepec restaurant for a dish of mole and an enchilada, and then the midnight train for Washington. H. J. Spinden put me up at the Harvard Club this morning so I'm using up their stationery.

Went to the American Museum this p.m. and then to the Golf Course Club. The latter

is getting to be a real club.
Her first class quarters and a
fine library. James B Ford is
putting up practically all the money.

I went down to the Sequin
quarter this morning, also called
~ J. P. Rossa's Post Dispatch
Agent, and saw the Mauretania
come in from his window. Rossa
says he can get me a good
passage to London for \$90.
I'd like to take it, for I've
been feeling a bit blue
in Washington of late.

In taking a little rest for making
Turkopt copies and a little care of
the ground's been down to Daisy Bell.
It will be a pleasure to see her
Tomorrow she has been awfully good
to me of late - just like a mother.
And she certainly has a wonderful
hand! I suppose it will be quite
well again by this time. I haven't

heard a word from Washington since
I left 8 days ago, but I didn't want
to hear I didn't even have my mail
forwarded from the Club. I'll go there
for breakfast when I arrive in Washin'
Tomorrow and then out to work.

Will

✓

*Please return
FOP*

Washington, 7 November 1922

Dear Folks:

I guess I havent written you since my return from Boston. I havent felt much like doing so, to tell the truth. Gladys and I have decided that we will have to call things off, and I probably shall not see her again, except I meet her casually from time to time. We were very much in love with each other, but had both come to feel that we had not enough interests in common to make it possible for us to be happy together indefinitely. She knew this before I did. When I got to Boston and saw her family, I realized that my own tastes are very different from theirs, and my interests, and Gladys, who is conscientious to a painful degree, was not at all willing to go ahead. She felt she could never take an interest in my work, and the sort of things I enjoy in general, and I on my part feel that it would never be very pleasant for me to be tied to her family. They arent quite up to our standard, intellectually, tho they have a lot of money and are good, substantial folks. Sunday I had dinner with Gladys and afterward we talked things over pretty frankly, and decided to say good-bye. It was pretty hard, and I havent gotten over it yet, by a long sight. She is such a dear, affectionate, lovable little creature that it was extremely hard to give her up, and I went thru two weeks of agony before I could face the issue at all.

Paul, I will try to scrape up the \$500 you want by the end of this month. --- I have several good letters from you folks, but havent got around to answering them yet. ---If I was not obligated by duty to stick here on the job and help DF, I would most surely run down to Guatemala for six months with Bob, up among the Indians.----I am mighty sorry to hear of Herb's enforced vacation, and will be only too glad to do anything I can to help out, if opportunity arises.

I am going to dine with the Haskells tonight, and Mr Hartman formerly of Quito will be there. Tomorrow I expect to have Jim and Dimple Kempton for lunch, and Saturday if the weather is good I am going to take them down to Fredericksburg in my car.

Paul, I dont need Bret Harte, as I have bot a new one. Thanks for box of semi-dry dates, recd today in good order. And Dad, thanks for box of Calif fruits, wh I havent yet opened, but will open soon. We will use them out at In the Woods. I am living with the DFs all the time. Daisy Bell has been very kind and patient during these last few weeks when I have been so totally upset, and has helped me all she could. But even so, and all in all, it is about the most terrible thing I have ever experienced.

Ever thine

Washn, Nov 10 [1902]

Dear Folks:

Other afternoon I was called to the phone, and a voice said "This is Mrs Parsons". I asked for another order of that, and she repeated, and then the awful truth dawned: IT WAS LITTLE RUTHIE! Worse than all, Lije is down in Sto Domingo, and Ruthie is at her old stand in the Nvy Department. Also, she is dying to dance with me (at my expense), and when will I come out? It looks as tho we had gained less by this conjugation than we had thought. Paul, pray for me.

Last night I cut the Cooperian knot. Little Anne invited me out to dinner, wh I accepted, and Wm Knowles and Mrs Wm Knowles both talked muchly about Paul, to show me how much they thought of him. Pablo, I rather thought Anne must have deteriorated in the two yrs I have been away, from your remarks last spring, but on looking her over it does nt seem to me that such is the case. Sheknows more about men than she used to, anyway. I wasnt there one-half hr until she was teaching me the toddle. Great dance, that; dont see why they forbid it at the Arcade. Understand you can get away with it at Wardman Park Inn. I'm going there.

Nothing much to chronicle in the Ofs. Night before last I went home with DF, had tea, played with Nancy Bell a bit, had dinner, told stories of my trip, and came home at 8.45. DF is pretty tired of evenings. Mrs DF says the Office work is too much of a strain upon him.

Am beginning to get out from under the pile of mail they dumped on me to answer. I believe I am going to be able to handle the work very easily, and have a little time for my own. Allanson was anxious for me to take hold of some of the administrative work, but DF doesnt seem quite ready for it yet, and for my own part I would like to have a little time for the next yr to work on a book or two, and some papers I want to publish? While it would tickle my vanity to sign "Acting in Chg" I wouldnt get much else out of it, except trouble; and I might as well have another yr to do a little writing before I let myself be tied down altogether.

Well, I'ma going out to buy a new Tux, to inaugurate at the dinner given Sat eve by the Botaniker Gesellschaft in honor of two Roosian botanists.

Ever thine,

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

14 Nov 1922.

Beloved Dad,

Yours of 8 inst. was in
my hand when I came to the
Club tonight. I did not go
home for dinner as I wanted
to stay in for a meeting at
the Museum of the newly
organized Am. Hort. Society,
of wh I am a charter
member.

Yes, you had surmised
correctly as to what was
wrong with me. For about

three weeks I could hardly
eat or sleep, and it was a
relief to have it ended, and,
I don't doubt, the best
thing, anything considered.
As you say, Gladys knows
I was serious - she herself
was, and had given me
all the encouragement
anyone could need or expect.
But I could see all along
that there was some doubt
in her mind, on certain
points. She loved me,
but she felt that this
was the time for her

To me her reason and not to something
which she might report at leisure. She
had told me several times that she didn't
think we had enough interests in common
to make us happy together; she has been
brought up in a very bourgeois atmosphere,
and doesn't care for many of the things
that I like. Besides she seems to
make up her mind that you ought not

go ahead with things - there were several
factors involved - and just at that time
I went to Boston. When I saw her family
I felt that I could never really be happy
with them - the 2 men folks. - her father
and brother - are duds. So when I returned
to Washington I told her we must not
see each other very often in the future,
and I dropped out. She wanted - and I

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think still wants - me to
stay on as a friend. But
I doubt if I can do it. I
have loved her far more
deeply than any other girl I
have ever known and she
has caused me an amount
of mental anguish which is
incalculable. She did
what she thought was
right, and has tried
always to be fair to
me. But I'm afraid
I should never have let

myself love her, and I
really don't believe we
would have been happy
together had we married.
Perhaps if she had loved me
enough to give up every-
thing for me, and do her
best to take part in the
things I have to do, we
could have made out
all right. But she would-
n't let herself go ahead-
she has strong inhibitions
and a New England
conscience.

I've gotten over the

sweet of it - In fact I'm quite on my feet
again. One thing that surprised me was
my own mind to give her up on the spot
that Daisy told. though she never met
her, felt from all I told her the Spang-
don't the girl for me. Yet she did not
try to make me give her up. She
just dropped a hint now and then.
~~I could probably~~

Mrs Taylor, by the way, quite wanted Gladys
to go ahead - I am sure of that. But Gladys
has very good sense, and I am satisfied that
she figured things out pretty accurately. ~~It~~ It
was awfully hard for me to give her up, because
I had written her every day for about 6 weeks,
and she had loved me and had shown it
very plainly. If I don't see her very
often in the future, however, I'll be

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allright - I've gotten over
so I don't feel it very
much, except once in a
while when something re-
minds me of her - luncheon
alone at the Club for
example.

In some ways she
treated me rather badly,
but it was due to the
fact, I think, that she
was raised in a town
where she had no
opportunity to know young

man, and I do it believe
she knew much about
the subject of heading
them.

I'm not working too hard.
I'm really taking things
quite easily now, and
Daisy Bell is keeping
me pretty straight.
Ever lovingly
Will.

Washington, 8 December 1922

Dear Folks:

Guess I havent written you much of late, but it hasnt been for any serious and deep-lying cause, but merely due to the fact that I keep tollable busy out the In the Woods, or talking with folks when I am not husy. We have had some mighty pleasant evenings out there. Mrs Bell is not at all well, however, and Mrs Fairchild is since yesterday a bit laid up, so I fear we may be in for more trying times. I think likely they will all go down to Florida this month, with the exception of DF; but it depends on how Mrs Bell gets along. If she improves here, she will probably stay on.

Nothing very important to chronicle, I reckon. I have been lunching with intersting people at the Cosmos Club these days, and took in a dance on Tuesday night. I'm going to see Warfield in the Merchant of Venice next Tuesday. Daisy Bell only allows me about 3 nights a week in town; the rest I have to spend at home, and to bed early. After three years of complete independence it seems a bit queer to have someone watching your movements once more, and ~~ask~~ asking you what time you came in last night. I reckon it wont do me any harm.

Last Sunday I took tea with Jean Bell at Twin Oaks, and then came in town and met Morley, and went with him out to Jack Belts, where we made merry until an early hour, and I had to sneak in the house in my stocking feet, to get balled out the next morning no obstante todo. Its a great life. Daisy Bell may succeed in reforming me; but I feel like a caged wild cat these days, and just about ready to bust loose any minute. I am in fine fettle, on the whole, and physically much the better for the strict regime, without a doubt. But one who has my naturally wild instincts finds it chafing to be confined as I am now. I suppose it is good for my immortal soul, so let her go.

I have the Corona typewriter wrapped up, and am going to express it to Herb as soon as I can get around to carrying it down town.

First gun in the big lecture season will be fired a week from tonight, at the Foundry Church, men's club. Next gun at Boston, Maya Society. I have three others booked, making 5 now on the boards. I figure six is about enough for the season.

I dont hear much from youall these days, which indicates that you also are busy, and that nothing important is transpiring, which is as it should be. Old Chandler still running.

Washington, 23 Dec. Only one more day
before Christmas. (1922)

Dear Folks:

This will probably be my last chance to dash off a note to you until after Christmas day, so here goes. It is now 11 at Saturday, and the Offices close today at one. I plan to come back here, however, and work up an introduction to my paper on Ecuadorean fruits this p m.

Things are hectic at In the Woods. Mrs Bell is failing, and I believe the feeling is growing that she may not last long, perhaps not more than a month or two. Of course, she may pull out of the present trouble, and last for years, but it doesnt look like it. There is a trained nurse on hand, and a house full of servants, and Graham Fairchild is down for the holidays and is sleeping in my room. Daisy Bell is pretty well tired out, poor dear, but never whimpers. I have yet to see her excited or irritated. She's a living wonder. I guess they wont have a very delightful Christmas, but they'll make the best of it. The Grosvenors come out every day, all or part of them. Two nights ago a young Californian in the Dept, Bradford Smith of Claremont, and myself took the two eldest Grosvenor girls, or rather they took us, out to the Chevy Chase Club to dance, after dining at the Grosvenor residence. It was a great affair,--the Chevy Chase Club is about the finest thing in this neck of the woods, very swanky. I have now spent two nights at home, in preparation for a big time over Christmas. For:

Tomorrow night and it Sunday I'm going in to the Dalls for dinner, then to help Marion Connor fix up an Xmas tree for the kids, after which we are all going out to the Chevy Chase Seminary for a Christmas party, and then I'm going back to the Dalls for the night, and expect to spend most of Christmas day with them. The kids need a man around, and poor Marion does too. Its absolutely tragic to see her struggling with those three youngsters alone. The oldest boy is a real problem; the two younger kids are easily handled and absolutely adorable.

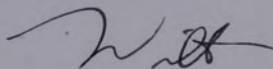
I have an engagement for one dance next week with Gertrude Grosvenor, and shall probably book several other interesting events shortly. Christmas week is a great time here, and I well recall last year that I was sorry, when I came back from Boston, that I had gone away. Perhaps that is one reason why I decided not to go to Boston this year. I shall probably go to a New Year's party somewhere, and then on Jan 2 I lecture before the Botanical Society, on "Fruit Growing and Ornamental Gardening in Chile", and on the 4th I am going to a swell reception at the Pan American Union, given by the Minister of Colombia. And on the 9th I have to lecture before the newly organized American Horticultural Society. I shall keep busy, but I'm very fit, and plan to hold myself down to a sufficient extent to remain so indefinitely. Daisy Bell gets after me, and I start starting off on a tear.

I received a fine letter from my pani huahua this morning, together with a very fine picture of my favorite nephew, which now reposes against the inkstand on my desk. I will write Bets just as soon as I can find time; I have been intending to do so for a week or two, anyway.

Pablo, I opened the box you sent, to make sure the dates werent spoiling, and I am delighted with the entire contents. Those are fine dates; I am keeping them in my study at In the Woods, to munch when I am down there recreating or working. That study is a mighty slick little place, tho I dont have a chance to use it as much as I would like, just at present. And as for the spotlight, just what I have been needing. I will now travel in style, as well as comfort. It will be a fine thing to have next summer when I go out touring. Many, many thanks. The dictionary reposes on my bookshelf, and is a welcome addition, a thing that I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

I have not done much Christmas shopping this year. I have sent out nearly 150 Christmas cards, and received a goodly bunch already. And I have a few toys for the Connor kids, and a few trinkets for some of the Fairchild family. That's all. I think more and more that Christmas is and should be a day for the Kiddies, and that this giving of presents among the grown-ups is mainly a mistake.

Much love to all of you.



Carbon to PP

Washn, 11 Jan 1923

Beloved Dad,

Night before last I lectured before the Am Horticultural Soc, making my third offense in a week. I am now going to take a brief respite, before lecturing on Feb 6 and 7. I think this will about do me for the winter.

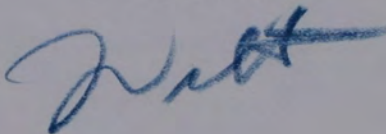
Your good letter of New Year's day reached me recently. As usual, I have been on the jump lately, and will be for the next month or two I reckon, even tho the Fairchilds go, which they will do a week from today. I will have a little more time to myself after their departure, of course, and will try to take better care of my California interests than I have been doing recently.

I'll have to figger out a good name for the new house, née Office. I think we can work up a good one.

I guess I cant write any more now. Two or three folks are waiting to see me, and I must get into the day's biz. I tell you, we keep thinks moving here.

But say, I think I can arrange to meet you in Europe allright. Thatwould be fine. And I want you to stop with me a while here. If you dont feel sure of going to Europe next fall, by the time June or July next get here, I want to bring you back for a two weeks stay with me at In the Woods and the Cosmos.

Ever lovingly,



No carbon paper out here: send this to ~~POP~~

IN THE WOODS

CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

WED. BOX 87 W2.

Sunday, 28 Jan (1923)

Dear Folks:

I've had two letters from Paul since the last one came from Altadena, so I know more about the Coachella than I do about the latter region.

I got up yesterday, after five days in bed, and sat about my quarters, lightly-clad in woolen garments. Today I put on my regular clothes, and ventured out a few minutes, preparatory to going back to work tomorrow morning. My friends have all professed displeasure at my refusing to take any medicine while I have been ill, and at my failing to have a doctor: as to the former, one of the latter whom I called up told me that there was nothing which would do any more than to relieve the symptoms, that as for getting well, only Nature and time could achieve that desirable end, so I said that I guessed I would just ignore the symptoms and not bother about suppressing them with narcotics. I had fever for about five days altogether, but have gotten off with a light attack of figger, and if no complications set in I won't have any complaint to me. Mrs Dall is sure it would be better for me to stay at the Cosmos Club for the next few days, in order to avoid the long ride back and forth in the cold, and I have condescended to take a room there, and will take in my suit case tomorrow morning, preparatory to settling in room No 5 for three or four days, following which I will come out to In the Woods again.

I didnt tell you all that I had the illustrious Emile Coué lecture here a week or so ago. It was so painfully simple that it hurt. I couldnt see anything about his doctrines which was either dangerous or unsound, but it struck me simply that he had taken a few very elementary facts from psychology and had preached them in a form which hoi polloi liked and was able to understand, and that the newspapers had gotten hold of his every day in every way slogan, and had made him famous. He seems like an honest fellow, who slightly overestimates his own power. His personality is certainly pleasing, and his English quite decidedly French.

Paul, you inquire re the Ma Brownes. To tell the truth, I have become just a trifle bored at having to listen to Pa Brownes tales, and I got a bit peeved at the way they treated me last summer. I may say that it was mutual on this last score, for they are quite peeved because I didnt keep the lawn mowed, and Ma has just submitted me a bill for \$15, to cover mowing the lawn and repairing the electric stove when they got back. They are the Institute for Betty's Dose and it is quite different from the one at the University of Washington. I spent all summer that I had chosen to

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CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

R.E.D. BOX NO. 112.

stay at 1331 instead of taking the Browne's house. They were not satisfied with the way I kept it, and I wasn't satisfied with the fact that I had it. One of those unfortunate circumstances, I suppose. I had been in twice to see them since they came back without being invited to dine, and had about given it up, when Ma wrote me a few days ago, sending the bill, and saying that I should drop in for supper any evening. I'll do it when I have a chance.

Paul, we have no plants of *Catha edulis* this yr, and I don't know that we are likely to have any in the near future, but we have a fine bench full of *Ilex paraguariensis* out at Bell. Maybe I could grow you a few khat (excuse me, cat) plants for you from cuttings of the one at Miami.

In re your finances, Paul, I have wondered what to do: whether to go ahead and get the \$1000 on my Natl Mortgage stock and send it on, or wait until later. I thought \$250 was coming from Miami, but the day before I got sick, word came that it was being held up because the sale wasn't consummated yet, papers still being in the lawyer's hands. I have no ready cash, and won't have for some time, due to heavy bills coming in at this season, - I owe life insurance man \$165, Income tax about \$80, Cosmos Club \$100, and so on. I guess the thing for me to do is to raise some thing on my Natl Mortgage and get it to you promptly, and I will take up the matter tomorrow. I did not know you were in pressing need of cash to buy the baby shoes.

Paul, How many of the palms planted last summer when I was there are actually growing?

I regret to say the Botanical Society has fallen among thieves, speaking figuratively. Corbett is Pres this yr, and puts about as much life into it as would a cigar store Injun. G Roy Pierce of Blister Rust Control has Chambliss' old job, and we have had some very poor programs this winter.

The Swingle working at Bell is a young chap, about 25, who is full bro to Leohnardt, and half bro to Walter T. He is a first class young fellow.

Did I tell you that Tille writes her mother has died, and she feels very much alone in the world. Says she would like to have a home and three children, but no husband.

The DEs got as far as Savannah, where Nancy Bell came down with the gripe, which tied am up a week, and they were going on to Miami last night, so they telephoned to Mrs Grosvenor over long distance. The latter, Mrs G, has called me every day while I have been ill. I think she is really more human than Daisy Bell, and I have felt I have been a Documental whole Grosvenor family very much indeed. Myrtleburg, PA to get Gilbert to put me on the

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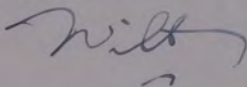
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Research Committee of the National Geographic, and I wouldn't wonder if I got on withing a year or two. I am probably a bit young for it yet. I have more foreign experience than any man now on it, and could probably be useful to them. I am rather anxious to pull down a few honors such as that within the next few years, tho DF warns me against getting involved in too many different things. He is anxious for me to hold myself down, and has altogether stopped his old talk about the need of my getting out and making contacts. He says the thing to do now is to stick by SPI, and he is about right. I have all I can handle right there and dont need to look farther for work.

No one here seems to know just how much the Grosvenors and Fairchilds are getting out of the Bell estate. Beinn Bhreagh is a white elephant on their hands. They would like to sell it, and divide the proceeds, but it is hard to find a buyer. They are probably going to sell 1331: it is on the market already, but no buyer in sight as yet. I have no doubt DF is well fixed for the rest of his life, and it has come at just about the right time for him, since his health is getting such that he cant do much more real work here in the office. He will make Chapman Field, the new property we have just taken from the War Dept, 1 1/2 miles below Miami, his big project from now on. It is just

about the right sort of thing for him. I will be left alone to handle all of the general administration of the Ofs, without a doubt. Grosvenor has offered to put up 10,000 dollars and finance the rest of Rock's trip thru Kunmin and Tibet, and we have cabled Rock asking him if he is willing to transfer to the Geographic. This would let us out of a big expense, and be a good thing for us, as we get his plant collections anyway.

Ever thine



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PASADENA CALIF

JUST STARTING FOR MIAMI MARYED AT SUNRISE UNDER TREES IN
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Coachella, Calif, Mar 22 [1923-1932]

Dear Dorothy -

Maurice spent the night with us recently, en route to Phila, to go in with Mr Deutz on some electrical work the latter is developing. Maurice has been out of the drilling work for some time, as you know, & has not been making expenses on the auto polish. He has used up his funds & was wondering what he should turn to, when he had a letter from Gertrude asking him to come back & join them, living with them & helping Justice work out his new scheme. I don't know just what it is, but it is some plan of enabling large users of electricity (mfrs, etc) to reduce their bills. In fact, she wrote him several good long letters, & the thing seemed to be a good idea.

So Maurice parked his motor cycle with me, put his baggage in his auto, & is driving thru. Doubtless some of them will give you more information soon.

Your father has also written Maurice about the possibility of getting the management of a small oil drilling outfit in Ecuador (I think it was) & Maurice wrote him he would come for \$400. Expenses (per mo.)

Of course we have Pete down here with us. His present (!) governess is a Mrs. Blythe, a refined, quiet, reposeful woman, who is, all told, the best I have ever had. She gets better results at night - goes sleep than we have had, & his eating under her has been satisfactory. Pete is growing rapidly, is very strong & very active. He is daily more inclined to "get into things" - wh is just

what I want him to do of course. When he came, 3 yrs ago, he sat around, seeming to feel the world was not for him. Now, if you go into a grocery store with him, it takes two people to keep him from putting all of the stock onto the floor. He knows how to get at everything around the house, & we have to keep ~~everything~~ things on the "high shelf". Even then they are not safe. In other words, he is in for investigating everything that comes his way. He is also venturing out and around from the house ^(fences) (we have the place fenced, you know, & are careful to keep the gates closed) more, & getting hold of things to amuse himself with. He doesn't go in for toys or pictures, but wants something he can use his teeth upon. I often wonder

how those teeth can hold out.

He likes to go out for walks, & is still keen on auto riding. Every time he sees the car in the drive, he will get my hand & try to lead me out to it. He indicates many things he wants now, by leading you to them & pushing your hands where they ought to go. We have had a long effort to get any regularity of his bowels, but under Mrs. Pelythe he is first rate & very regular, & he is "dry" in the morning most of the time. He is a regular bundle of nerves, keeps in constant action, & is very strong. I have intended for a long time to get some more pictures of him, but one thing ~~and~~ another prevents - You know how it is. Every thing is a big effort for me - But I shall do it soon, & send them on. I will write you more about him ^{soon, too,} ~~with much love~~ J.P.

F. O. Popenoe

199 CALAVERAS ST.
Altadena, California

Aug 7 [1923-1932]

Dear Dorothy -

I was very glad to get yours of 10 July, & am pleased that the pictures of Pete show you improvement. He has his ups & downs, & sometimes for a few days is restless for reasons we know not of - perhaps a tooth, or ear ache, or rash (wh latter seems to come every now & then) - but when he is not so troubled, he has the sweetest disposition of any child I ever saw, & shows a great

deal of understanding & poise.
What he lacks is lack of interest.
We do try all the time to
stimulate that, with one thing
& another. We can't yet get
him into building with blocks,
or stringing beads, & the like.
He seems to think those things
are a useless bore. He takes
to his swing & uses it a good
deal, & gets in some very
fancy twists & turns. And
he likes auto riding most of
anything. We will continue -
with increased zeal, to teach him
these other things. He is a lovely
boy. Last night he had 8 hours
sleep & 2 hours in the pm before.
much love
J.O.P.

F. O. Popenoe

199 CALAVERAS ST.
Altadena, California

Aug 10

Dear Dorothy -

I will just send you a
line to enclose a few more
pictures - not so good as the
last two, but they will be of
interest to you, I am sure.

It is hard to get a good pore
on Pete.

Nothing new here - just the
daily round of meals, sleep &
dealing with the children. Betty
has her hands full, as all
3 are nervous, wild & noisy.
I get some share of it, too, as

they sweep over the whole place.
The summer has been a hot,
heavy one. By the 1st of Sept we
will think we are nearing its
end.

I note in the paper that
UFCo is having its 2 best
new ships just coming off the
ways, & that they are to be in
the West Coast service. That will
make it easy for you to come up,
but you must get those officials
trained to issue more passes.

Lots of fruit & vegetables
in our market - all kinds, &
fine. Wish you had some spit.
Peaches, pears, grapes, & the whole
list, are abundant, & cheap.

With much love. J. O. P.

[1924?]

In the Woods, Sunday Jan 6

Dear Dad:

I am just starting in town to make a call at five oclock, and will write anote to you and carry it along, for I dont believe I have written you in some days. Things have been a bit hectic here, what with Mrs Bell's death and funeral, and an unusual amount of work at the Office. I imagine DF and Mrs Fairchild will get off to Florida within a week, baving me here in the big house with the Greens. I'll dig in, and prepare for a comfortable winter. We havent had any snow to speak of, upto the present writing, but I suppose we can look for a couple of cold months now. Its turning that way at present.

The Grosvenors and Charles Bell are out here today, and they are fixing up the family affairs. Mrs Bell's end came very quietly, two days after she lost consciousness. On Monday last she was conscious, and asked to see all the grandchildren, and me. She seemed to realize that the end was coming, though at the same time she talked as though she did not. I was grateful for the few last words with her, for she was a sweet character and one whom I shall always admire and love. After Monday afternoon she was not again conscious, and Wednesday night at eight oclock she died. I spent the last two or three nights down in the study, as the Grosvenors were out here, and used my room in the big house.

We have taken on two new men at the Office, both of them promising timber, and I have had to get them started, as well as to get Peattie off for Florida. I think he will go tomorrow night. Besides this, I lectured last Tuesday night on Chile before the Botanical Society of Washn, at the Cosmos Club, and last night on Hunting in the Andes for New Things to Eat before the Army and Navy branch of the Y M C A. Wm Knowles Cooper spoke after I did, and made numerous complimentary remarks. Mrs Cooper was there also,--the first time I have seen her since her daughter and myself parted company a year since. She was very cordial but said nothing about coming out to call, though she spoke of Anna several times. She wanted to be remembered to Paul, by the way.

Tuesday evening this week I lecture before the Am Horticultural Society, after which I have a respite, so far as I can now foresee. Feb 6th at Pittsburg and Feb 7th before the main Y M C A here in Washn.

I think you better plan to come back here in summer and spend another couple of weeks with me at In the Woods. I won't be able to go west this yr, I fear. When the DFs are at Baddeck there will be lots of room here, and Mrs Green will feed us I imagine. It would be pretty nice for me.

Ever thine own

Nitt

Washington, 12 March

[1924?]

Dearest Dad,

I came back from Toronto after a three days absence, to find Doffy still holding down the little apartment and decidedly willing to have me home again. She was feeling much better than when I went away. She has her ups and downs these days, as is to be expected, but on the whole is much better than she was last month, and not suffering a great deal of inconvenience: though she cant do as much as she would like. We have a Senegambian girl three mornings a week, whi h takes care of all the housework except cooking.

Doffy was very much pleased to get your sweet letter written about the first of the month. She hasnt been able to do an awful lot of letter writing lately, but will send you a note as often as she can.

I am hammering away at the Office pretty regularly, and trying to keep my head above water. Certainly I am in vastly better health than last winter,--in fact, there is absolutely nothing wrong with me. If I sit up too late for a night or two I feel sleepy, which is something I cant explain. But aside from this, I am quite allright. And we are usually in bed by 8.30, so I dont often get sleepy.

We have your letter telling of arrangements you are making to pay off most of the mtg on the loquat orchard.

This looks like a mighty good plan, for it will leave the property free for a first rate income from now on.

You know how much I hate to see money going out to pay interest; I should think with the loquat money and what you can get from renting the Altadena house, you ought to be pretty well taken care of from now on. How much, by the way, is the loquat orchard going to pay during the next few years? And how long does the present lease run? Are those dagos taking any better care of the grove now than they were when I was last there? We want that property to last a long time.

I think you ought to see that Herb and Lucile are promptly located in an out door job. They might stay with the Wallaces for a month or ~~next~~ two, until they can get something lined up. I would say H ought to get on some ranch, picking fruit or irrigating or something like that. Such a job at the regular day wage now paid, would take care of them for the next year or two, and then H can decide what the next step should be.

Doffy and I are plugging along well, altogether satisfied with life and with each other. She's the best little wife that ever happened. You saw her when she was not very well, and somewhat worn from the hecticcy of getting engaged: I wish you could see her now, she looks so much better and happier. I do want you to come to know her better Dad, for you are going to be immensely fond of her. And she of you! I wouldn't wonder if we would land in California within the next three years. We aren't going to build for a while, anyway, partly because we think there is a possibility that we may not stay here, and partly because we haven't the cash. It is going to be heavy sledding for us this next year or so, financially speaking. Now I must go to bed.

17 March [1924?]

Dearest Dad,

I enclose the Rubus Canyon certificate
duly signed.

Duffy phoned me Friday afternoon and
I went there to find her on a heap on
the bathroom floor. She has been in bed
ever since - pretty sick with dizziness & extreme
vomiting. She is getting better but won't be
up again for several days I fear. This is the
sickest patient little girl I ever saw.

Glad to hear of Paul's prospects with
Dora Kellogg. Looks like he might land
something good. Tom had about Herb
and Luella - they have certainly run into
lots of hard luck since their marriage.

Lots of love from your
Dad



Sunset Limited

Sept 23
[1925-1928]

6 PM

Sunday

Yuma

Dear Betty

Everything OK up to
Yuma! Hot enough, to
be sure, but will cool
off now. Nancy has been
a perfectly good little girl.
We have played a Cot,^o
she has been quite happy.

Now that Everythy has
started off so well, we
think it will continue so.
She now ~~feels~~ feels quite
at home on the train, &
tho the passengers do not
get many smiles out of
her, I do. Everythy
running nicely. We enjoyed
your lunch very much
& have some left for

Supper. She has got
a lot of pleasure out
of the present Brunswick
gambler, & has poured
many cups of tea that
I have had to drink.
Gasoline continues to hold
her charm. We expect
to get a good night.

With love Papa & Mrs

Marilyn &
Nancy

The Man and El Paso
Everything continues to go all.
Good nights sleep & good
night. Guess we are "out
of the woods" & I don't expect
trouble. Cool - much better.
With love
JOP

F. O. Popenoe
199 CALAVERAS ST.
Altadena, California

Sunday
Nov 2, 1930

Dear Dorothy and Will -

First of all, I want to say we were profoundly grateful to know of the safe arrival of Marion. You may know, of course, that I am wonderfully pleased that there is a Marion. And while Paul & Betty are looking forward to using that name, - who can tell? - and I am glad you did not wait on them. Theirs may have to be James, or something similar. So you were on the ground first, & had the right-of-way, clearly. I hope everything went well for Dorothy, as well as Marion, ^{and}

We shall look forward with very great interest to your letters, giving details. It is fine to have it over, and everything O.K. We feel greatly pleased, & offer congratulations to all concerned, including ourselves. Next to yourselves, I think Maroon progress, and development, & welfare, will most appeal to me. I ought to have a daily bulletin. You have a fine little family now, and I shall not be satisfied till I have seen and know them all. So come to the States, and to Calif, as soon as you can. Pete is making more progress now than he ever has. We have had more problems to solve, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of that, but he is coming on, all the time. When that

F. O. Popenoe

199 CALAVERAS ST.
Altadena, California

Boy gets his hearing, he will be a wonder - is ~~not~~ for that matter. He weighs 45, wh is fully up to normal. Am going to feel like I had a million dollars, when he gets finally rounded out. The \$100. in your last letter, for Oct, came on Oct 30. Thanks.

I will talk with Milliken re iris as soon as I can. I dont know what price he will make you. But I can get you a pretty good colln, without buying them. I have 12 or 15 good ones here. The best I have, or any one has, according to my notion, is Caterina - not a new one but a large flower of fine

light lavender, - the sort of a
thing that is really beautiful. I
bought 100 of them from Clyde
Hondeshal for \$2 - 24 each.
Can supply you with that. This
a fine, strong grower, broad long
leaves. Am going to Coachella
for 10 ds, - will see Milliken
on my ret- & report.

U.S. stock I see went as low
as 65 - just as low as it
was high a year ago, probably.
Too bad we haven't \$10,000 to
invest. Things will move up again
10% long, probably, - & in time go
too high again - they always do.

Paul has been appointed "by the
Pres" to 2 White House Conferences
on Child Welfare - one this mo. &
one next Feb - all expenses pd on
the Feb one

F. O. Popenoe

100 CALAVERAS ST.
Altadena, California

Reck seems to be getting on well
up at Stanford, & will duly pull
down his degree - next May. Then
I look for him to get some ap-
pointment in connection with
Stanford, & to settle down there
for a few years - a fine thing
to do. But, you never can tell.

I will get the sweet pea
seed, & food on my part from C. L.
- by mail, sealed.

Times are getting no harder
here. It's election year - &
the Dems. are talking such stuff
to get votes. Many and fearful
crimes are committed by the
politicians. That sort of talk
will all die down now

Many concerns report better
business than they have ever had.
For instance, Luther Gage, a large
cull grower at Carlsbad - the
man who gives me all my stuff
said his business this year had
been 50% better than ever. Oh.
I have had a fine time giving
away some of his surplus - as
for instance, see letter from M. Lee
Schmidt encl. I wish you
could grow ranunculus ^{in Wisconsin} down
there - how I could fix ^{up} you.

Paul & Betty & the kids are
up on Mt. Laver today. Paul
has rec'd his appointment for
Columbia next summer - which makes
the 4th - looks like he is going
Sates fashion?

Much love to all

Dad

Coachella, Mar 28, 1933

Dear Dad Lint.

Your lovely birthday cablegram reached me down here, where I am spending another two weeks watching operations. I was certainly delighted to be so remembered by you, away down there in So. Cal. At the age of 70 a fellow begins to think that maybe he is ^{getting to be} a mite old, & any kindness like that means a whole big lot. When your darling mother passed on 12 years ago I told her I would be joining her in at least ten years, but I have gone on past that mark because it has been my job to stay on awhile with dear old Pete. I don't know how much more time may be given me for that, but I hope another year or so. Just now I am the one he needs, but at the same time I realize I haven't such an awful lot of resistance. I often think how gladly I would go to bed & I would not wake up here in the morning, if such a thing would

restore old Pete to his rightful position.

On looking back from three score
years and ten, the greatest satisfaction
& joy is in having had the companionship
for 32 years of your darling Mother
and of having now my 3 splendid
sons, which are such an honor to her
& to me, and which are doing such
a splendid part in the world's work.
That they were all so happily married
was also a great satisfaction till
now when the break has come in the going
on of dear Dorothy. Her passing on to
the next state of consciousness, and
being present here only in memory, is a
great grief to us all, & most of all of
course to you & her. I cannot help
but believe that she & Mother have
already found each other, & that their
work "over there" will be based on the
something coming on of you & me. You
have a big work here, too, of course
in moulding the lives of your 5 beautiful
children who will always need your love
& protection, & who will always absorb
all that they learn from you.

MYRTLE BANK HOTEL

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, B.W.I.

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T.G.S. HOOKE

RESIDENT MANAGER

Sunday 28 May

[1933]

Dearest Dad,

Safe in the luxury of the Myrtle Bank at last, after 3 hot weeks among the bananas of Santa Marta. Wow, but it can be hot down there! Temp. hanging right around 100, and humidity 65 to 70.

Now I'm staying here until June 6: then back to Panama and up to our Chicqui Division: then back to Cristobal - Balboa, rather - to meet the Dutch folk on June 17. You've doubtless heard that their sailing has been advanced a week, for which I am glad, as I think it will give me a little more time in the North - Washington for example.

I haven't heard from you or Paul in some time - pretty hard for mail to catch up with me when I'm moving

about so much. I trust all is
going well with you, and imagine
that you have had a talk with
Edith. From several recent letters
I believe she is in better spirits
than she was last winter. The
more I think of you, the more I
feel it is about as hopeful a
proposition as I can reasonably expect
to run up against. You and I well
know that nothing will seem quite
right. But it still seems likely that
I may land in Wash. within 2
or 3 years; and in any event,
Doubty and I had some very good
friends there who will, I believe, take
an interest in the children and
help me to get them in the right
channels. There are many fine oppor-
tunities in Washington for doing things
worth while. I wish Edith's house
were over Cherry Chase very much.

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RESIDENT MANAGER

of being out Georgia Ave (Paul
will explain) but we might
change all that later.

I had an interesting time in
Columbia, in spite of the heat. I
am, they have left me entirely
to my own devices on this new job;
as far as Barton is concerned.
I suppose - and hope - as time goes
on and I get myself established in
it, they will maintain closer contact
with me. I often wonder if I would
have been happier, had I taken the
Washington job. I doubt it. In
either event I would have been
disappointed, in that the Wash-
ington to which I returned now

would not have been the Washin
which Dobby and I knew together
nine years ago. You can't turn
back the hands of time, can you?

I haven't heard anything more re
your plans for a trip North this
summer but very much hope you are
going to make one.

Ever thine,

Will

You can catch me at U. T. Co.
Custodial #2 up to June 17,
as I am having mail held
there.

Stadena, July 10. 1933.

Dear Dad -

Your of 27 June from Teta, just
read - & moves me much. All of the
family matters you speak of are deep
in my ^{own} heart, as they are in yours.
We will have a long talk over them
when you come. I think about them
all of the time, as you do, & Paul,
Batty & I often discuss them.

I am not very familiar with
Jamaica, having only been there a
few days at a time, for a few times.
But my opinion of it was good. It
is a pleasant isle, old & seasoned,
with enough English people to make
a home-like background. The blacks
are so thick & so different that they
can be looked up much as you look
upon crowds in the field - they don't have
to get ^{themselves} into one's own affairs.

English boarding houses, & met some
of the residents that way. It takes,
as you say, quite a bit of time to get
to know them, but when you do, they
are O.K. And the food is usually good!

Over in Guatemala the native people
come into one's life more than do the
Jamaica negroes, & you can't get a
style of Am. or English life and
living as you can in Jamaica.

And so far as you are concerned, I
should think you would be in Jamaica
often than you would be in Ga.

The difficulty of getting to Antigua
often will not seem good to you, but
see the little ones often is more
than anything else. We were hoping

you would have Boston in sight
for a fairly early location of your
head quarters, but maybe that is not

so. Any way, these things have a
way of working themselves out, - & some-

What we all hope, & very much hope, is that you can keep the children together & not split them up, to be sent away to school, at least while they are young. And we all feel it would be a mistake to send any of them to Dorothy's family. You know both Mrs Drutz and Morris were much against that. Those little ones want a lot of Love and Evenness around them.

As to Herb & Lucille, I haven't had a word, either written or spoken, with them on the subject, but I have felt that while they went into it nobly, & will continue in it that way, that by the end of the year they will feel they have had a pretty full year of it. Lucille is a fine manager, & may get thru it all much better than any of the rest of us could, but a family of six young ones is a hard gale. By the end of the year Herb has a happy faculty of lauding on his feet, & if he keeps well,

I am sure he can make a living. The
big qn is, will he keep his health, &
so far he has done well.

What you say about needing me,
Nilt, moves me deeply. I have been
thinking that no one really needed me
but dear old Pete - but now that you say
you do too, I will make a bigger effort
to keep going. The effort to keep going
has been so great of late that I have
felt like laying down, but when I think
of Pete I know I can never do that,
& now that you say you are going
to need me too, I shall buck up a
lot more. While our family tie is very
strong all around, I have always
felt it was particularly strong between
you & me. Your affairs & your life
are very dear to me. And as to
Nancy, I want, as you suggest, to
have an opportunity to know her well.
It is not possible, but I hope
I can see her at near view, more

than I have. She appeals to me greatly
such a refined manner, a gentle &
sure way, & a very great understanding
for one of her age. She has a beautiful
character, & will unfold as another
Dorothy. But all of these little ones
are fine, & you will always be
proud of them, for many reasons.

As to the ranch, probably in a
year or 2 the solution will seem
a lot easier than might now. Stocks
are again active, & fortunes are again
being made in "Wall St." - & while they
can become active much more easily
than real estate, the same principle
underlies each, - confidence & the desire
to make money. Real Estate will come
next, & it probably will come sooner
& stronger than we now expect. If so, &
you can hold on to the ranch for a
few years, there will then come the oppor-
tunity of selling at a profit. I would

alone, but may I still more on Paul,
who has his savings all in there.
Time will work out the solution here,
too, & may be sooner than we can
now see. The A.F. Co do not want
the land, & will no doubt be friendly
to a reasonable adjustment at all
times.

I am trying to help Paul this year
make a deal on the grapes, as he has
little time to put into it. The outlook
is rather better than usual, & quite
encouraging, but no knowing yet.
We are trying to sell, & not on consignment.

I am glad you do not worry too
much about financial affairs. As
you say, there are ~~too~~ many things much
more worth while. That's so!

The prospectus of the Jamaica
girls school is thoroughly English,
sloak, stock & barrel.

How you are finding a pleasant
time, no doubt you are
busy, busy. With heaps of love

Nov 17. [1933?]

Dear Dad -

Dorothea's book has come, & we are all
deeply impressed by it. It is a classic of the
history of Antigua the like of which has
never been written, & never will be again. I
can't express my feeling or my admiration. It is
a clean cut little gem that will stand out as
an interpretation of Antigua to those who can
understand. I can see that nothing could
be added to it. It is perfect. It is Dorothea.

And that introduction by Barbara! What a
tribute! - & what a just and exact one!
That will be to those little ones in their
later lives, the picture of their Mother that
will make them know her as she was &
is. And what deep satisfaction they will get
from it - & how it will influence their lives
and be their Example!

With affection

Dad,



June 18 1934

Dearest Dad,

Just a note to tell you
we are all here and heading
North tonight in good shape.
Edith reports an excellent
trip on the Chiriqui. Capt.
Barn was good to her and
to the kids, and she made
several pleasant acquaintances.
She says the kids behaved
very well. They seem to be
in good shape to go on.
Edith has a sore throat

which is bothering her a
good deal.

I didn't get in from Pto
Arruelles until 6.30 last
night. Edith stayed in
Panama all day and came
across on the 6.15 so I
met the crowd at the
Cristobal station at 7.40
last night. The children are
rather short on clothes so
we may buy a few today.
Nugly glad to leave -
though Edith, that you
are in good health again -
or relatively so at least.

She seems to have a very satisfactory visit
to Carl. The kids like her and she is
getting on well with them. It will be
fun to have them called in Washington
Hastily but sweetly
Dad

COSMOS CLUB June 24, 1934
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Friday afternoon

Dearest Dad

got in here this morning
to find the mercury at 100
which reminds me poignantly
of the old days when Paul
was here & I used to come
up from the Tropics for
the summers.

The children are well but
not quite settled down yet.

Nancy in particular feeling
like a cat in a strange garment
and expressing her wishness for
California. I think my
being here for a week now
will get her settled down
Alfred Hoel has the place
in nice shape and is putting
up swings, etc.

I'm going to stay until the
1st then go down to
New Orleans and sail for

P. A. on the "Santa Marta" July 11
I had a satisfactory stay in Boston
and it looks as though I might
be up again in Oct. See
Leahy's account to my friend
on the 4th.

I enclose check for \$175, -
\$105 for it - my new July meet-
ing and \$70 for your trip
so you can take it.

you can't, the \$75 can apply on
the regular payments as you
suggest.

I am not to work more now. I
haven't seen any of the \$15.00
age card yet.

Dwight

Oriskany



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WRITTEN FROM ST. CHARLES HOTEL
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

10 July 1934

Dearest Dad,

I'm about to head back to Honduras - to morrow noon on the SS "Santa Marta". I suppose Paul has given you a full account of affairs at Washington, so I won't repeat; it was mighty good to see him there, & only for a day. We had a fine chance to talk things over, & he has doubtless told you we feel quite satisfied with arrangements set 401 Rego here. It seems possible that

Alfred Hod may wish to hang
on there for some months.

I rather hope he will as he
is a very willing and handy
help, and there are 1,000,000
little things to be done in
the line of repairs etc which
have accumulated in the 9
years the house has been
built. I have told Edell,
however that we could not
take on Itabilla as long as
Alfred is there. To my mind
Alfred is the better invest-
ment of the two - we have
a good Virginia woman,
white, helping in the house.

I sure struck some hot
weather in the Fort this
trip and will be glad to



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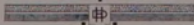


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get back to the Tropics where
I can cool off. I don't mind
the heat but it makes it
hard to keep oneself presentable
you get to looking pretty messy
in 'r his time if you try
to move around.

I missed Knowles but had
some good sessions with other
old friends in the U.S.D.A.
including De Galloway and
W.A. Taylor. I introduced Nancy
to the Cosmos Club which I

hope she will learn to see
in years to come as her
mother did. It's a nice place
to take lunch, and Nancy
shows up well in public.

Time for me to turn in.
Use the Tala address in
writing me now until I advance
to the contrary.

Kisses of love, dearest dad,
Walt