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Coachella, and it hoy 26. [1927]

Dear Folks:

The literary event of the week has been the arrival this morning of Popenoe's "The Home of Maria"-- no relation to any other person bearing the same name. Betty was sewing, so I started right in to read it to her, and pretty soon she laid down her sewing and began to cry, and then I had to cry to, and so a very pleasant time was enjoyed by each and al. But W, tht is realy a good thing, and reflects credit on you, not to mention that it will convince the Colombian legation of your entire sincerity and good judgment.

Well, we are having a wind storm today-- wh has often occurred to me. We were going out for a drive, as it seems to do Betty good to get away from home occasionally; but instead we are settled down here, Tom making ice cream, I making a curry for lunch (and writing ad interim), Betty making a crib blanket, and Pablito kicking, wh is his only occupation so far and is not an indication of a lifelong disposition, I trust.

W, I had Vrom n's indent to you for that woman's eyes, so you can remit to them direct. I didn't know just how much it would amount to, with postage, and thought that was the easiest way of handling it.

I went over to the TDCo Fri., and arranged with RR to begin the work of tagging my offshoots tomorrow. I don't yet know whether he is going to try to hold me up on delivery, but he acted very decently, altho of course not effusive.

W, I enc. a scenario containing a couple of poems for your delectation; oneof them is not unknown to you.

We are making pretty fair progress w th our work here; got our longest piece of tamarisk windbreak in yesterday; will irrigate the young grapes tomorrow, as they are pretty well started now; have the garage up and to be finished tomorrow p.m.; and about the only things hanging over me now are the offshoots, and of course the house-- we have heard nothing from Benton to date, much to Betty's distress.

Last night I recd a pkg from Bell, Md., containing what I suppose is my final shpmt of graft nursery stock this yr. It contained 2 of W's Chamaedoreas in fine shape, and I hope I can pull them through down here in the rough but honest tin cans to wh I have this morning committed them. I have this place pretty well stocked with exotics now and if  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them live I won't be dissatisfied. I have already had to write of a few of the first planting as hopeless.

W, I am returning Maria to you, as you ought to keep as many copies as y u can to be passed out to prominent Colombian visitors in the future.

Well, H my boy, this is the last letter you will ever get from me as a single man-- that is to say, you as a single man.

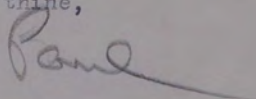
I am devoting my evgs just now to work on a paper for the American Oriental Soc., wh meets in Easter week. I have a few things like that to clear out of the way, and then will let nothing interfere with the date book.

W, why do you sign your letters with a rubber stamp now? Is it a govt. move to economize on pens?

Father, before I reced your letter I had sent on the draft for \$50, joint contribution from BP & PP; wish there were a lot of other things we could do fer the new household, but maybe we'll get a chance in the future.

I asked Cardwell to find out whether Scallenger, who owns the 20 acre "claim" adjoining us on the south, wa ts me to handle his seedling dates this year on the bais of my giving him one-third of the profits. Of course, I don't have to do it even if he wants tod; but I am inclined to think that even if I didn't make a cent out of it-- and I wouldn't expect to-- it would be worth while as giving me, a place to pasture Santa Rita, a supply of dates for our own use and friends and relatives this fall, and some palms to experiment on. Then, too, I could always speak with more conviction on seedlings in the future, saying I had actually been in the business myself-- as it stands now, I suppose that such persons as Postlethwaite think my ideas on seedlings are purely theoretical.

Ever thine,



Record of offshoots planted in open air in spring of 1922.

Variety	Planted	Died	Living	% living
Ghars	28	0	28	100%
Male	15	4	11	73%
Khadhrawi	314	14	300	95%
Halawi	72	0	72	100%
Khustawi	85	4	81	95%
Zahidi	113	8	105	93%
Asharasi	5	0	5	100%
Khalasch	10	2	8	80%
Barhi	10	0	10	100%
Total	652	32	620	95%

Paul Peperne

Jan. 2, 1922.

Dear folks:--

It started to rain yesterday noon and kept it up all night, with a good deal of wind. The rain seems to have gone now; the wind is still with us. We have been loafing around, made a big dose of peach ice cream yesterday to start the new year right, have plenty of dry wood inside for the stove, and are not suffering, but hope the weather isn't equally unfavorable for the parade in Pasadena.

I have Ben's house well started; would have had it nearly done now if these two holidays hadn't interfered. My land up here is mostly disked-- is being finished right now and plowing will follow. I had a conference yesterday with a man who may move the old house,-- it will cost at least \$300, but this is less than it would cost to tear it down and rebuild it; while if I can get it up here in good shape it ought to bring in \$300 a year rental, so will soon pay for itself.

Father, I have a customer for my one share of stock in the Thermal bank; and if you should be going to the safe deposit box for any other purpose, you might get the cert. and send it to me. But don't make a spl trip, as I can get it when I come up.

Betty is making a fine lima bean soup for dinner.

W, I enc. acct for first M; if you will send me another draft of like amount now, it will carry us for quite a while. The necessary expenses connected with starting are always bigger than one likes; but I am calculating to make all changes and improvements pay for themselves, in the long run; and thereafter to keep things moving on the most economical basis possible.

I opened a complete set of account books yesterday, both for the ranch and for household expenses; and henceforth we will run on a regular Babson basis.

Tom is making good progress with the wood pile, but says the ax is a bit dull.

I have had to turn down a telegraphic offer from the U.S. Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board, to go for 3 months into my old territory in the southwest on a law enforcement campaign; salary \$300 per month.

Father, I'm much obliged to you for sending Stonebrook's bill down a little near the bred rock of reality. I am sending him chk for \$14 in this mail; and I hope he doesn't try to compensate himself by increasing your bill proportionately.

Betty sends abau dant love to all.

Feb. 4, 1922.

Dear Father:

The Geographic sent me a dozen copies of the magazine: so tell me where you want any sent. They also sent me chk for \$100, recalling that I had originally agreed to accept \$50, but that in view of the long time that had elapsed since acceptance, they decided to increase the honorarium. This will help pay Chase, from whom I today received the last instalment of MS.

The \$50 proposition on H sounds like a first class scheme, and we'll be glad to join. In many ways they may be better off at Ione than at Whittier.

I found nothing much had happened since my dearture, but today Myers has put the rest of the electric light in, I have recd 500 lbs of barley, and a promise from Bud Martin to put that little piece of pipe line in Monday (his promise being in this respect a duplicate of the one he made a week ago when you were with me).

We are having freezing weather almost every night-- an unprecedented cold snap. At Banning and Beaumont there was nearly 6" of snow on the ground as I came thru-- quite a sight.

Too bad about Mrs. O, but then it's all part of the game. I enc herewith the chk and option; would write her, but don't know just what to say, and perhaps a letter ought to come from her to me, instead, if any is called for. I hope she quits feeling frëndly. I quite agree with you that we  
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the stock, so long as our money (or rather, land!) is in it. I guess I'll go ahead and wreck the old house, now, and keep the lumber for my own use.

Betty sends her love, and best thanx for the "tasy dat"; she will try to express herself personally tomorrow.

Siempre tuyo,

*Paul*

I find that I left at Ahuacatlan my razor, shaving brush and shaving soap, and my toothbrush-- the latter is the small one hanging at the extreme right hand end of the hooks. Would you mind ailing these to me? I left in too much of a hurry, evidently.

*Seen am - just read your  
note re Cardwell & will be  
guided accordingly*

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

5 Feb. 1922.

Beloved Bits,

So I'm about to be put  
on the Index Expurgatorius,  
because I have been so tardy  
in acknowledging your nice  
letter of December 17? Well,  
maybe I deserve it. But  
I surely have been leading a  
busy life these past few  
months - ever since I got  
home in fact.

That's a nice little note  
Jose' Felipe sent you and



rather picturesque in its  
warding. He is a kind-hearted,  
dear fellow, whose life has been  
so far, a good deal of a  
tragedy, and I'm sure he  
appreciated the letter you wrote  
him. Send him one of Pablito's  
cards, when the time comes.  
And by the way, about when  
will it be? Paul hasn't  
told me.

Two months more will  
soon fly by, and then I  
expect to go home, and I  
am already picturing myself,  
with my shoes off, swinging  
in a Guayaquil hammock

on your porch down in the valley, and chatting  
with you the while. Oh, won't we have jolly  
times, hang! Maybe Pablito will keep you so  
busy, however, that you won't be able to talk  
much with your big brother!

Do I like tea? There's nothing I enjoy  
more. I often wish I had a girl here with  
whom I might take tea every afternoon  
in the big garden in the Sommos Club. Oh

so cozy in there, and its such fun to watch  
her pour the tea! Ill do it yet! Will you  
give me tea every day I am in the Valley?  
If you dont, I wont send you any more  
kisses, so there!

Devotedly your brother  
Will

Kisses - count em:

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Feb 10. 1922.

Dear Folks:

Good planting weather, and we have just finished putting our bailey in-- grapes come next. We also recd some 40 items from Chico, and if  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them prove adapted this climate, we will have a valuable addition to our place. Some of the stuff was measly and ought to have been pricked off into thumbs instead of sent out to plant. but about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of it was pretty good stock, especially at the price!

Father, the shaving articles were well recd.-- A man came here yesterday who wanted to rent the house on the highway, but I told him I was going to tear it down.-- It's too bad in one respect that Mrs. O is out, for that sort of leaves it up to you to find a successor, and it will take considerable of your time, very likely. But look around and make inquiries, and if you find a good outlook, send him or her down here and mebbe the deal will sell itself.-- However, don't let this interfere with your vista work or anything else that promises to provide revenue.

W, we're rpoud of the way you came off with the Natl Geog crowd, and no doubt you will be a regular light o n the lecture platform in the future. We'll see that the America Legion gives you an audience when you come here.

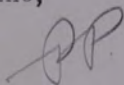
Tom is enjoying his school greatly and seems to be doing well there.

W, what about getting the original incense plants of, sacred and profane history-- Boswellia thurifera, Balsiminum (?) myrrha, etc? We ought to have all those things to make our collection complete. Whenever you run across the name of anything you think will grow here, make a note of it and let me know, unless you can easily get it yourself.

I've finally made a good start on copying my book-- have it about  $\frac{1}{4}$  done, and am going to keep right after it from now on.

Our irrigation plantis now complete-- for the time being; I tried it out yesterday and find it works well.

Ever thine,



Feb. 12, 1922.

Dear Folks:

Brite & fair. Especially brite because Betty scrubbed the living-room floor yesterday, I spent yesterday with Tom laying out rows for the grapes, and hope to get them all in by the end of this week. I am also completing the fence along the west line, so that stray stock won't wander in and destroy. I am going to figure on going after the date-palms as quickly as possible, next, to get them out of the way before the onion crop comes on and occupies the minds of all the Mexicans.

H, in accordance with your advice we have formed a natl. rifle club here, starting with the flour of the nation's youth who form the elite membership of the American Legion. Come down and give us an exhibition.

W, I enclose for your files a copy of date analyses, wh I don't believe I have sent you before. It has never been published.--I also enc copy of the Submarine; pls ret to me as it is my file copy. On the last page you will find the resolutions passed by the Farm Bureau last fall on the subject of Swingle et al. I knew nothing about these in advance; did not even know the Farm Bureau was going to act. Father, Betty and I happened to be down here looking at land, and were invited by Cardwell to go over to the mtg with him, wh we did, and sat in our car at the rear; so we saw them adopted, practically unanimously. You know what the Farm Bureau is-- the strongest and most influential organization of farmers in the country at the present time. The resolutions speak for themselves. Either DF hasn't thought it worth while to take the trouble to inform himself about the real status of the BPI out here, or else he feels that the facts are not of importance to him compared to his paramount duty of keeping in with the gang by hollering when given the cue. I have been a very minor figure in the whole thing; but as Swingle can't possibly stand on his record, the only line of defense he has been able to think of is to try to make it appear that this agitation is not a general feeling of the bulk of the responsible date growers-- wh it is-- but is a private and personal activity of mine, due to my supposed unholy commercial interests in trying to bilk the public, wh dear public he is bound to protect. He is the more willing to try to make me the goat, because he has had a knife out for me for about 10 yrs, namely, ever since I wrote a book on dates, thereby edging him out of the positions of sole authority on the subject, and also, by the data I published, making him change his position on seedlings,-- a change wh was natur ally humiliating to him. As for DF's charge that I came back and lobbied with Congress to get Swingle fired, that is just a plain lie, and if he does not know that it is a lie it shows that he has made no attempt to inform himself on the merits of the case. All we did was the lay the case before Wallace, in detail; ask him to conduct an independent and impartial investigation; and, if such investigation correct, to transfer the date fields of the date growers where it would get more attention and really be productive of benefit scientifically. That

was a perfectly legitimate step to take; we submitted our case in writing, and if it was false, nothing more was necessary than to investigate and publish the actual facts, sustaining the dept. and covering us with shame. But the influence of Taylor and Kellerman was great enough to make Wallace believe that this was nothing but a Khadhrawi plot to ruin the growers-- as a fact, the Khadhrawi was not even mentioned in the long list of abuses wh we presented-- and he refused to investigate the detailed statements, supported by affidavits, wh we presented; but contented himself with turning it over to EDBall to write a whitewashing letter.

The result of all this has been that the BPI's prestige, wh 2 yrs ago was sky-high here, has fallen to pretty near zero, outside of a few sycophants who are deriving personal profit from hanging on to the BPI here.

These are plain facts, but I don't ask anyone to take my word for them. He can convince himself by investigation. And if SF really were interested in the promotion of science, or even in nothing more than the welfare of the BPI, he would investigate and see what's what. Unfortunately, he has so compromised himself there that he can't-- daren't-- do anything but jump when the strings are pulled. It's a shame to see so fine a man get caught in the tanglefoot.

Yes, that sunshine of a Costa Rica smle was sort of a raw deal, for CR probably has ferew sambos and tar-babies than any -ther Central American republic, hasn't it? The Natl Geog is all too prone to pull stunts of that sort. Really, there isn't much prestige to be derived from publishing an article in it, except to the extent that the possession of \$100 always confers a certain amount of prestige.

I see that Effie Rolfe would like you to come to Brazil. But "I don't want you to go!"

Hon. Osajima, patriotic Japanese, has been trying to blackmail me into relieving him of the rent of all the lettuce patch, wh was disked under yesterday. He said he would plant a crop in it that required much water, and that this might be fatal to my offshoots, and perhaps I would like to reserve the whole tract, for my own protection. Having elicited the information that he had beans in mind, I told him the offshoots would want to be irrigated once a week, and if his beans wanted that much I would be much surpsed; and that so far as his irrigation injuing my strips of land, I would see to it that it didn't; and that of course he ought to use his own judgment as to whether it was worth while for him to use the intervening strips b t of course (very politely) he had to pay rent for t hem anyhow. The conversation thereupon began to drag. The more I deal woth Ben, the stronger I become for Japanese exclusion.

Feb. 15, 1922.

Dear Folks:

We had a brief visit from F.T. Fogg, who left cert. of title, wh I fwdd to POP for safekeeping. He explained that the delay was due to MacFarlane, the atty., etc.

Father, if you should be having communication with Pittino & Capasso on some other subject, you might prod them a little for the rent on the aguacate orchard.

W, I wish you would let me know how the J of H is off for copy. I have tried to get information several times from O.O. on this point, but without success-- maybe he fears the results if he commits himself either way. If they are well supplied, I won't go to the trouble of preparing anything, but if they are short on the eugenic side, I can always work a book review into a more extended form, once in a while.--I am a bit surprised at seeing GMDarrow put on, as he doesn't run very much to the literary line, or scientific either, although a good fellow, and all that, and indisputably loyal to his friends and a great help to his wife and child. But maybe he has turned over a new leaf since conjugation. The fact is, the scientific world is pretty shy on rising young men who are both scientifically and literarily gifted.

Father, Betty says to tell you we ate the last of your chocolates today and enjoyed each and every one immensely-- to the donor thank.

We had the Yosts here for tea Sunday, and it transpired that they have had on foot a sheme to take over the oasis ranch and start a bungalow hotel there; also to take over the

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they are going to try to root them and sell them next yr.

~~Then Oakes is in farm center term~~ We don't hear much from H nowadays, but I assume he is marking & sawing, preparatory to getting out of college as fast as possible.

Betty has set her heart on coming up to Altadena about March 1, to buy some things for Pallito's trousseau and get plans for the house started. What are your present tentative and provisional preliminary hypotheses in re matrimony, H? We don't want to be coming up too often, and if we were going to come for your wedding shortly afterward, we might postpone this March 1 trip, though Betty says we won't and that usually settles it.

W; you had better let Rito meet Gladys Taylor, and give you his advice. His judgment in such matters is pretty good.

Tom has been badly puzzled by that valentine from Altadena. He guessed once that it was from FOP, but afterward weakened and began guessing again. He has worked hard over his list of acquaintances, to find someone whose initials are C.W.

Hasta luego,

Paul

[FEB 13, 1923]

Mother's birthday.

Dear Folks:

We are having some reall summer weather here, which will bring things along rapidly if it lasts for a few weeks. But as there has been no rain for nearly a year, I presume the crop of wild flowers in the desert will be pretty nearly nil.

Father, I don't know tht I have thanked you for a recent shipment of magazines. They come in very handy. Mil gracias.

H, if you are able to translate the enc. letter (wh pls return to me), you'll know all there is to be known about fifis. Also kindly tell me what you did with the striking-hammer that you removed from the gong of my clock here.

Tom has lost his job at the service station-- the man wanted a boy who could devote more time to it. So he is now a gent of leisure again.

I have bought my first farm implement, a Plant Jr one-horse cultivator costing \$16.25. Pretty good record to run an 80-acre ranch for more than a year without a single implement, what? I have Francisco cultivating palms today with his old white horse, but as soon as I get a little more money actually in sight I am going to buy a set of single harness and put Rita to work. She is in good shape now, and will make a strong workhorse if she is not of too nervous a disposition.

W, thanx for the batide reprint.--If the Nat Geog and



We had Arthur Westerfield out here at lunch yesterday.

I hope to get the ~~stax~~ grape pruning finished by the middle of next week. I am trying to devote all my afternoons now to the writing of the date book; I am making satisfactory progress on it, I guess, but it is slow work because of the great mass of material I have accumulated, wh has to be organized.

We met John Webb recently with his celebrated father, who is out here on a visit.

I have a coupl of hibles on the shack, and hope to be able to rent it before long.

We have been having a little wind lately, but on the whole this is the very finest time of the year down here.

Pablito is flourishing, and after being about a month behind the schedule, at last gives signs of being about to cut his eye teeth.

Hoping you are the same,

Paul

Feb. 18, 1922.

Dear Folks:

Conforme with an article I read in Popular Science Monthly, or some such veridical source, re the way to make an old typewriter ribbon as good as new, I gave this one a toothbrush bath with glycerine yesterday. It was getting pretty weak, a/c drying out, though the fabric was not much worn. The result of the renovation has been to make it a little bleary, but otherwise not much worse.

W, I recd a few more specimens from the SPI yesterday, inc a Begonia specie from Alta Verapaz, comps. of Harry Johnston. This was presumably sent by mistake as I didn't order it. I don't suppose it has a ghost of a chance to live in this climate, has it? I have potted it in a tin can, in order to show my sporting blood.

Also, W, I think you are radically wrong re your decision not to give any more lectures than necessary in the future. At the present stage of the game you ought to sieze every opportunity, and create opportunities when possible, to lecture under all sorts of conditions: not only to enlarge your acquaintance and reputation, but more particularly because if you do this for a few years, you will acquire a facility in the business wh you can't get any other way, and wh will be an invaluable asset to you all the rest of your life.

I faced the income tax collector yesterday and came off \$83.40 the worse for wear. W, I suppose you won't have to pay any tax, as most of your income is from the govt.; but in

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making out your return, it might be well to note that you are entitled to claim a deductible loss a/c sale of stock, to wit: 350 shares TDCo, purchased at par, , three assessments of \$140 each paid on them, total \$420; sold at par . net loss \$420; This last-named sum can be deducted from your stated income for the year.

Everything brite and fair yere as usual; Ben is planting 3 kinds of beans in his strips wher the lettuce was, so we ought to live high on a good nitrogenous diet about 60 days from now.

Siempre tuyo,

*Paul*

Washington's Birthday.

[Feb 22, 1922]

Dear Folks:

We have the grapes practically all planted and began irrigating them this afternoon; also have the house on the highway about half torn down. Now if we just had some money we'd be prosperous.

H, while I think of it I rise to remark that when you make the big trek out of Stanford, if convenient you might bring to Altadena the various books of mine that you have on loan. I am likely to need them this summer, and I assume that at Preston you either will have or can secure from the state anything of the kind you want. JHW is certainly giving you a good layout, and it will be fine for Lucile to become a real live scientist by one stroke of the pen, when lots of us had to sweat and slave for years to attain that distinction.

W, if I haven't yet ackd rct of Willis, let me do so with a full heart. You can't imagine how glad I am to get that again. It's about as near to being indispensable as any book I know of, except a check-book. and I have wished for it 500 times since I have been out here.

Father, the correspondence with Doc Kellogg is okeh; I may drop him a line to reinforce it, tho I don't really expect anything will come of it.

W, ~~if~~ I note in the list of Cosmos Club candidates Arthur N. Young. If I am not mistaken, he is our old friend from Oxy, son. of the Rev. who was president the first yr. we were there. He is an awfully fine fellow, and it would pay you well to look him up.-- Have you changed my address on the books of the C C.?

Well, that is mighty bad news about the avocado orchard,

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plans for the next few yrs. I don't know just how I will be able to scrape along without that item, but we can't all live in the botto ms, and some folks make a virtue of necessity and claim that the terraced hillsides are preferable (vide T.U.Barber's avocado subdivisiōn). It seems to me the proposition you made them is about as much as we ought to concede.

W, how is Pa Browne's ulcerated stomach? When I saw him last spring he was feeling pretty gloomy.

Speaking of service from clothes, I am still wearing the coat I bought 11 yrs. ago in Algiers. It is getting a bit out of style, however, so I am threatening to habd it over to Tom.

Well, I'm getting sleepy, so hasta leego.

PP

Feb. 26, 1922.

Dear Folks:

Here's another week beginning, and we're expecting to come up to Altadena Thursday, but won't stay more than three days, I imagine, for we ought to get back as pronto as possible.

We had a call from the Cardwells this afternoon. They gave Tom a strong invitation to stay with them while we are in Altadena. The Coachella Chamber of Commerce decided at its last mtg to go ahead with fixing up the Parque Central for a free auto camp grounds, but would be glad to resign in our favor, if we show any signs of going ahead in the near future.

Betty and I have been thinking that it is rather important to get something started there soon, first to get the land to working, second to head off competition which is sure to arise soon, because so many people are talking it, and third because it looks as if the bungalow hotel plan might go thru better if it were built on a going concern, with the land improved, trees planted, and people actually stopping there. It seemed to us that if we could get someone to put in a couple of thou. and start up a first-class auto camp, that it would be a good investment of itself, and that when we find the man with money to put up the hotel, we could simply turn in the auto camp as one of our assets, and would be that much ahead. Maybe this isn't sound reasoning, but it seems so to us. We have been thinking, against father's one-time suggestion, that perhaps Miss McNally would like to start off on the auto camp, and that she would probably be okay for that, even if she ~~XXXXX~~ the one to put up and run a hotel.

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It ought to appeal to her as a good investment, something to occupy her mind and keep her partly outdoors, and if/when a hotel is put in, the auto camp can certainly be taken over at a basis that would make it a good business proposition for her. Or maybe we could find someone else with a few thousands of capital who would like to go into a small deal of that sort, and watch it grow.

Also, it has occurred to me that it might be possible to take in one of the local garage men on the deal. I have had calls from two of them, who want to buy part of the frontage, but have told them that it isn't for sale now. One of them, R.S.Bliss, the Dodge agent here, is a first-class man in every way, apparently, and if he were taken in to run a garage on one corner of the auto camp, handle the gas and oil sales, etc., it might be advantageous to all concerned. These are some of the things I want to talk over when I come to Altadena.

We filled our auto vacuum freezer full of lemon ice this morning and started off to Point Happy, where we loafed around for a few quiet hours and enjoyed outdoor life. Tomorrow I have a team and wagon coming, and will haul the lumber from Ben's old house back to our homesite. A very large part of it-- nearly 90% I should say-- came down in good shape, and will not only serve to put up a garage right away, but will furnish some valuable material, especially scantlings, for our coming residence.

W, I want to second what father has advised you re

permits; and (2) hanging on to all possible of your South American collections of stuff. That not impossible she who may consent to make a home for you will be mighty glad to get them all.

We went down to the pasture this afternoon and saw Santa Rita, Betty's mare. She still limps a little bit, though not conspicuously: never will get over it, I suppose. Otherwise, she is in pretty good condition. When our Bermuda grass, whi is rapidly starting into spring growth, gets a little higher, I may bring her up here, picket her out, and ride her a little around the place. I suppose she is too nervous to mbe of much use in working.

I'm getting the odds and ends pretty well cleaned up around here, and after I get back from Altadena will be ready to go after dates.

Father, I should think some of the land in Sec.17 might suit Alec, if he could get his house in on a trade. Ed Pierce has a nice little place near the high school, 10 acres partly improved, wh he told me last fall he had to sell, as the dr. had told him not to pass another summer in the desert. Under these circumstances he might not object to a trade, and I will get in touch with him and find out. We could give Alec 10 acres of our land, but I suppose it would be better to improve it with some palms and sell for a high price.

E.D.Y.,

PP



March 24, 1922.

Dear Folks:

We continue to mark up a little Progress here from time to time. Ferninstance:

1. I have gotten off my MS. to Macmillan.
2. I have sent off the Shamel article to the American magazine.
3. We have finished fixing up the other shack, and I have just finished inditing a description of its attractions, to be put in the hands of the local real estate men. Rent \$15 per month@ free electricty and water; shower bath. Better marry and take it yourself, W.
4. I have had the grapes cultivated. I put a man on it with one mule and the little cultivator they use for onions. It took only about half a day.

I started this morning laying out the rows of palms, and hope to get that job finished tomorrow, whereupon the boys can go ahead digging holes. I phoned Ribbins yesterday, and he thought he might have to go up to IA again right away-- he just came down from there. But I am going to make an early chance to get started on the offshoots. I went over there last Friday, but found him gone. They have dug up practical ly all the ornamental stuff I planted; I suppose they let it die first . The place looks pretty ragged now because they have a cover crop all over it, and this includes a good many weeds, but I guess underneath this it is in pretty fair shape. The offshoots look well. They came out last week with a display adv in the Submarine, offering to root offshoots and guarante e them to live.

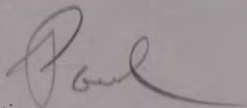
I imagine this is mainly a publicity stunt to bolster up their

Father, Betty would be very grateful to you if you would phone Benton and ask him when we can expect a first rough draft of our plans. I don't know whether he is the kind who has to be pushed, or not; but it is quite on her mind.--No, I have seen neither the Phila. Ledger nor the Home of Maria. --Do I understand that Pittino and Capasso have reported more or less favorably on the propn you put up to them?--We had a call Sunday evg from Cowgill & Son., ostensibly to inquire about the hotel deal, of wh they h d heard thru Cardwell. They averred they had a friend in LA who talked about putting up a 50-room hotel her, with bungalow extensions, and wanted to see about getting this site for it. I told them the price was \$1,000 per acre, and they said it was too high. Betty and I thought they were mostly bluffing, and just wanted to pump us to satisfy their own curioisyt.

I forgot to add in the list of im provements here that we have completed our ramada over the back door-- a big one and a great satisfaction to us. It cost only \$4 cash: \$2 for carpenter work and \$2 to a Mexican for putting on the palm leaves. I donated the time for painting it, wh got my clothes well soaked up. I think we have pretty nearly r eached the end of improvements of this kind.

We have certainly had an extraodrinarly cold winter, but the last two days have been warm, and I hope we are now going to get some real growing weather.

Ever yours,



March 9, 1922.

Dear Folks:

The sun rose effulgent this morning on the natal day of two prominent contemporary American men of science (on whom be peace and the blessings of Allah), and continued *ibid.* until about 5:35 p.m., when it sank to rest in its accustomed station on the western side of the valley.

We arrived here in *statu quo* last night about 5 o'clock, after having gone through a pretty rough sandstorm around Guasti. But the road down here is in better condition than I have ever before seen it.

I stopped at the Mission Inn and made a reservation for Mar. 21 for HP et ux. They were unable to show me any rooms. O said they were full and had not the slightest way of telling what they would have available on the day and date hereinbefore mentioned, but as their daily overturn was large, they would guarantee to take good care of the nominees. Their rates for 2 in a room with bath are from \$14 to \$24 (and up, no doubt) a day, but he says they have only a few \$14 rooms and these are noisy tho otherwise okeh and that when H comes he will show them to a \$16 a day room, and then if he wants something better or worse they will show him anything they have. That's the best I could do on arrangements but I guess it will go.

I spent most of today with Hon. Chas. Muzum, and put him on the \$3.57 train. He said he was coming down again before long, on an auto trip with his brother, who is about to arrive from the east, and whom he wants to show the desert. We left

investing, and we didn't think he was quite the kind of man we wanted to tie up with, so we left the matter in good shape to satisfy both sides, I think, and no hard feelings. But now we'll have to find another customer.-- Cardwell says Mrs. Goth is looking for me, to see if she can't make a deal.

W, I'm glad to note that Carleton R. Ball is only 4 yrs. late on his personal enagements, wh still puts him a year ahead of the SPI inventory and really gives him pretty creditable standing for a govt. man in Washington. He's a whole generation, or two, ahead of the eminent contemporary entomologist, CHP.

Everything looks okeh here, and I'm going right fter the dates. Ben had watered the plants around my house while I was gone, tho I had said nothing to him abost it. You bet he's going to do everything to keep my feeling friendly until he has no more need of the water for his onions. After that, the deluge, maybe.

Tom had a sore throat this morning and felt a little punk, so we kept him at home and he has been building a rabbit coop, on the FOP plan; he has it about  $\frac{1}{2}$  finished, I guess

W, are you sure you are not mistaken re income tax?

I never had to pay one while I was on the govt. payroll in the army, ambox but maybe there was a special dispensation for man in the military service. I see, on consulting the blanks, that the employes of a state or political subdivision thereof are exempted, but it says nothing about federal em ployes, so

I have from JHwms an invitation to speak on eugenics before the Calif conference of social work in San Diego Aprl 25, wh I have accepted, as I shall probably be bringing Betty up by that time. Marion isn't due until about June 1, but she is growing so fast that she may appear a couple of weeks earlier.

W, I have ordered the book you require, and you will receive an indentation for it in due time.

W, I really am surprised to see Leighty on the editorial board; I should have thought HVHarlan would have been a much better representative of the Cerealists. But maybe I am not correct.-- I will try to get something on to the J of H in the near future. The last issue is a good one.

Also, W, I have recd from SPI a specimen of the specie *Balanites aegyptiaca*. I have planted it with my usual tender solicitude, but have no idea what it is, as it isn't described in the annual list your ofs sent out, and is not found in Bk Willis. Is it a tree or a shrub?---Also, I recd. a *Ziziphus*, the label of wh says it "is allied to the buckthorn family". On the strength of this, I think I am justified in holding that I am allied to the *Popenoe* family.

Hoping you are the same,

Paul

Coachella, March 12.

[1922]

Dear Boys:

Brite and fair; *Jasminum primulinum* in bloom and roses coming rapidly. We have nearly finished irrigating the old vineyard, wh will have had nearly three wks irrigation night and day by the time we quit-- the first genuine soaking it has had in some years, and it needed it. The vines are coming out into leaf now.

Betty and I drove down the valley a ways yesterday to inspect an infestation of camel's thorn, *Alhagi camelorum* of the botanists, wh has become established in about 35 acres of land here, and the hort. commissioner, who is much exercised over it, sgs it will cost more to clear it out than the land is worth, so he is trying to get the owners of the land to deed it to the county in exchange for cleaning it up. This is what was introduced by SPI, per andpro P.N.Myers, as a valuable sand binder. However, SPI isn't blamed for introducing it to this valley-- presumably it must have come in with some shipment of offshoots.

I worked over the *Khadravis* in nursery last week-- 79 of them of wh only one has given up the ghost. That makes a percentage of 98.7637 nearly, living and alive, wh isn't bad. The *Khusta* is are the hardest to root of any I have here, and I probably will not pull through much more than 90% of them.--W, you are correct in holding that moisture is the primary factor in making them live; however, it is not at all impossible, especially in too heavy ground, to keep

losses have been due to that fault.

By the way, W, Robt Cook is getting out a pretty good Journal, but he has evidently inherited his father's habit of never answering letters. I'm not the only one who complains of it!

Returning to offshoots, I find I have lost 2 of 10 Khalaschs, but have saved all 5 of the Asharasis and 10 of the Barhis. The latter is a good record as it is a difficult var. to root account of its loose organization.

Well, we had a short but fine visit yesterday from FOP and the Ellis Bishops and Graham Taylors, both of the latter just as fine people as FOP said. I don't know whether any business will come of it, but it's a fine "contact".

Father, the first issue of the CS Monitor was well recd. yesterday. Many thanks; it will be extremely valuable to me.

W, I don't remember whether I have ackd. the batide photos; they came thru in good shape, and I am much obliged for them. If you ever run across any good date palm pictures in your files, don't forget to have copies made for us.

Well, H, I think you are lucky to pull down such a job in your hour of need-- a relatively easy one and at good pay: that's all I get as city editor of the Tar-Snooze. The experience will always be an asset to you, and you probably won't have to hold it very long before picking up something in the line of your scientific attainments. Meanwhile Lucile will doubtless like Long Beach better than Ione as a place of residence.

Mar.20 . 1922.

Dear Folks:

We are now living under urban conditions, as we have rented the 2d shack to CW.Miner et ux et 10-yr-old boy, and they moved into today, with a reed organ and other necessary pieces of furniture. I think they will be as good neighbors as we could have expected to get. Miner is in the tractor business here; agt. for the Wallis and also does work by the day. He is also, I believe , one of the leaders of the CS church here. Tom is quite excited over having a playmate .

We spent part of yesterday in a canyon east of Indio where there is a little seepage of salt water and a lot of fine fan palms. Some hermit had a habitation here 12 or 15 yrs ago and planted a lot of date seeds, thinking that the date-palm would become established along with the fan palm. There are still 2 or 3 of his date palms left, but after all that time the largest is no more than 2 ft. high. I don't know how long it takes a fan paom to grow that high, but it sort of looks, on the basis of this, as if the fan palm would stand more alkali and neglect than will the date palm. But Wm. Button, G.Wharton James, and many other prominent agri-horticultirists hereabouts don't think so.

We concentrated attention on our garage today; got the frame all up, and ought to be able to finish it tomorrow. It will be the first construction on the new Popenoe homesite, and we are pleased accordingly.

This is the hottest day of the yr.; kept us all sweatijg and drinking. If this sort of thing lasts we will have to bring



night, from wh we made 2 qts. ice cream yesterday. a like amount today, and drank lemonade all day today to boot. You don't know where we can get a half crate of 2d class lemons cheap, do you father?

Cardwell is going up to LA Wed. and says he is going to try hard to find someone to build that hotel. I had a call from Mrs. Goth tonite; she says she gave up the hotel because she saw she wasn't going to make much money out of it, a/c it being too small and lacking style; and that she decided she would quit at an opportune time and look for something better. She says Gabe Syror, the Syrian patriot who runs a genl. mdse here, is having plans made for a large 2-story concrete bldg; ground floor to contain his store and a dining room; upper floor to have about 30 bedrooms. She doesn't know how much in earnest he is. Also says she expects to have from \$2,000 to \$6,000 to put into a new place, and may want to talk business with me after she thinks a while longer.

Met Paul Magee, Pasq. nurseryman, tonite; he has 20 a. down below Mecca wh he is developing, but is now going back to Pasadena to spend most of the spring and summer on some nursery and budding work.

I am going to send the other copy of the desert book to W to read over, and he can bring it out in his trunk when he comes.--I have been putting in a little time the last few days laying out some material for the date book; and it is going to be a hummer, if I do say so as shouldn't. The next man that writes a date book (after me) will have to do some real work. Ditto with the desert, I think; the next fellow will have to get in and do some real documentation, produce a better one, as we taken off the cream.

This weather is bring out leaveson all the stox for stone fruits, and sand binders; also on the wild morning-glory, running mallow, Bermuda grass, and other old subscribers. I put father's cannas in a row along the irrigating ditch by our back door, where Betty can watch them grow. I had a couple of men spending nearly all of last week digging Bermuda grass out of the grapes, so I can keep ahead of it(if possible) this summer; and today started them to digging holes for dates.

Well, we are entering our third year without mother's presence among us. It seems hard that she couldn't have had the satisfaction of attending the weddings in the family, which would have meant more than almost anything else to her.

But I hope we're carrying things on in about the way she would want us to.

With much love to all,

*Paul*

Apl.1, 1922.

Dear Folks:

Here we are again, still g-oing strong. Tom is getting ready to go to the movies, having just failed to give me any diagnostic difference to prove that there is any distinction between himself and a monkey.

Father, we had another call from Mrs. Goth tonite; she is ready to go ahead on a hotel deal, and have us put in 5 a. of land at \$5,000 per acre; but she herself could only put in about \$2,000 cash. That means some one else would have to put up some money. I don't suppose we can or will want to do any business with her, but it's just as well to have plenty of lines out.

I've been invited to give a second address at the San Diego conference of social agencies; this one, on the 28th, on the prevalence of venereal diseases. I have accepted.

I find that much of Robbins' consultation with Crück-snanks has been about the packing house, the owners of wh are involved pretty deeply in debt and litigation.--We are pretty nearly through marking ffshoots; I haven't yet raised the question of when they are to be out. I am getting good ones, and I think he has tried to be very fair and friendly. I guess he decided that policy was most profitable.

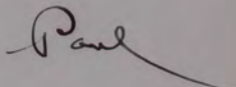
Well, we figure that H&L are getting about ready to settle down to scientific work at Whittier.

We certainly appreciated the good description of the wedding, wh father sent; and greatly regretted we couldn't be there. We were glad to get a note from H after he reached the mission inn, and to learn that they had treated him properly.

Mode Wineman and his friend gave us a 10-minute call yesterday morning; they had driven down and spent the night at the Bagget house. Ma Bagget tells ke she has made up her mind to leave Thermal, as she isn't properly appreciated there; and talks about wanting to consider some sort of a deal with me.

We didn't think much of the plans Benton sent down-- very commonplace; but we worked them over to suit us and sent them back to him and now if his pride and dignity aren't too much offended we hope he'll work them up in finished form so we can get started.

I must get to work.



Apl. 8, 1942.

Dear Folks, 1 & all:

Brite & fair, and all that sort of thing. Hon. A. Cardwell gave us a call last night; says he has a couple of prospects lined up on the hotel site, but nothing very imminent, I guess. The C. of C. is going to hold a directors mtg Monday nite, at wh this and other serious community problems are 2 b discussed.

Yes, Wilson my boy, it would be a good time to bud over some of the ahuacates this spg, and I guess you're the man to do it, so bring along your budding knife.

But, as to the Washn winter climate being hard on your productivity, I dib that the climate is not half as hard on it as the Washn winter society. Am I right, H?

Yes, Pittier didn't like the CR article; but mostly on the ground of the photos, re wh I am certainly as disgusted as anybody could be. I don't think having an article printed in the Natl. Photographic Magazine helps a man's scientific standing any, and I think I won't try them again.--My article, as I have ascertained by looking up the records, was written and sent them in 1912-- I mean 1910: just 12 yrs ago. Of course it is a rather juvenile production, but on the whole I don't think it is bad-- I've seen lots of worse ones in the Geog. It's the pictures that queered it, and of course the author, unfortunately, has no comeback on that sort of a problem.

We're going to bring the 2 Chamaedoreas up to Altadena, where they will do some good. Meanwhile, I'm keeping them in the shower bath, as being the nearest to the proper climate for them that we can furnish here.

Weather continues for the most part cool and unseasonable and nothing is making satisfactory growth. Except Marion., of course.

W I enc circulars describing the new bunco game on wh you found Ned Hamilton engaged. One born every minnit, and 2 to catch him.

Youth's Companion is now arriving regularly, to Tom's great satisfaction.

W, who is the author of the sp. Aster orcutti?

We're wondering if we're going to get up to Altadena soon enough to see H & L before they leave. When does the hijrah take place?

I have to take Tom in town to rehearse for some sort of an entertainment his school is going to give; so hasta luego.

PP

Monday.

[April 1923]

Dear father:

American mag. turned down the Shamel article, but Sunset has accepted it. They pd. me only \$10, wh isn't enuf, except that rr securities are very low and the SP passing its dividends, and I wrote it for honor and the glory of Archie, anyway.

I want to send some tamarisk cuttings to Rito: how would you advise packing them? I haven't any sphagnum, or anything of that sort, but could wrap them in moist newspaper and then in oiled paper, if that is what is needed.

Everything going well here. Robbins sais they would begin cutting shoots about the 20th; maybe I can <sup>get</sup> some this week, however. He seemed disposed to be reasonable about it; said they would be glad to cut mine any time, but that it was impossible tu cut mine without taking off a certain number of others with them, and that they weren't yet ready to handle any themselves. But I guess I'll get them soon enough.

I have sold 2 small articles to Doc Kellogg's magazine at \$10 each, so I'm going to subscribe to it.

With devoted love,

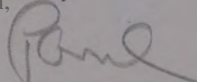
Paul

Apr. 13, 1922.

Dearest father:

I just talked with RR over the phone: he has been away a good deal lately, and said he had just had a wire wh called on him to start to IA this afternoon. I guess he doesn't much object to that sort of life. However, he said they would begin to cut my offshoots next Monday. So unless some hitch develops, I plan to spend next week in planting as many as I can. Then I will bring Betty up on Sunday the 23d, and I will spend that week around Altadena and at San Diego, where my addresses come on the 26 and 28, respectively. I will come back here about the 30th, and go to work planting more palms, unless there is some stoppage of the delivery; and thenceforward you will have Betty on your hands, and I'll commute back and forth to the best of my ability. I want to get as many palms as possible planted during the next 30 days, of course; but I also want to be with Betty as much as possible; and I calculate that she will need me more prior to the Great Event than she will afterward. So we'll have to work it out on a compromise of some sort; but you can look for us ~~about~~ on the 23d, as a starter.

We have been having considerable wind this week. Tues. we had calls from the Frank Piersons of N.Y. ave., and from the Geo. Dickinsons: both brief. Also had a r.e. man named Bernard with a female client who wanted to buy  $2\frac{1}{2}$  a. of highway frontage to put up a fruit stand, but finally said that a piece 20 x 20 ft. would suffice.



COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

10 Sept 1932.

Belovedest pane huahua,  
Sunday noon: Jack  
and I have decided to post-  
pone luncheon half an hour, so  
I'll write you. He has  
been to C. S. Church, while  
I took Gladys out to Rock-  
ville and took in the Charles.  
Bets, you were right.  
Gladys is interested, sure  
enough. She has suffered

a complete change of heart -  
she must have done a lot  
of thinking while she was  
abroad, and she doesn't treat  
me as she used to. In  
fact, I think she is slipping  
rapidly. Father has met  
her, and will tell you of her  
when he gets home. He  
seems to approve of her in  
general, but thinks she  
is a bit too much my  
build, physically - too small  
and thin. I tell him

it would be impossible to find one  
that would satisfy suit him, and  
if that is his only objection to  
Gladys, I wonder that he approves  
of her.

Father's father is having a  
pretty good time here. He takes  
off easily, and hangs around the  
club (where he thinks strictly OK) a  
good deal.



I am very glad he came on here,  
and I think he will be willing to  
try it again, if I don't come to  
Calif next year. He hasn't found  
the weather half as unpleasant as  
he anticipated - yet we have been  
seeing some warm days of late. He  
has bought a light suit - similar  
to Palm Beach but better, and gray  
in color - for \$12. marked down

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from \$28<sup>00</sup>.

Am going to move back  
to In the Woods within  
a couple of weeks. We  
had a little dance out  
there last night - 1/2 doz.  
assorted flappers, and some  
boys Charley Otis brought  
from the Y.M.C.A.

Ask Paul if I have  
told him of the death of

our friend Dr. Merrill E. Gates, which occurred a couple of weeks ago.

And by the way, Tell Paul that Gladys is commencing to learn botanical names. Is that a favorable sign? I wonder.

Nothing more to say today, I reckon. We are going to ride a bit this afternoon, and go to my office for an hour

or two. Present my compliments to  
my favorite nephew, and receive  
your usual quota of kisses from  
Dad

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Oct. 2, 1922.

Dearest father:

The folks arrived here in good shape. Pablito misses his grandfather,-- as do we all,-- but we'll look for frequent visits from you as soon as you get your building operations in hand.---Our own are proceeding slowly, but I guess we will finish up on the cement work today. It has been slow because of the necessity of getting the plumbing under it.

Have you phoned Doc Terry yet?

Next time you see your laundry driver, you might ask him how soon they expect to settle with me for my quilt. They told me they would have a new filling put in it, but maybe they figure that they won't take any further action until they see that I intend to push them. I do.

Tom started in the 8th grade today; don't know how long he will last there.

I sent you last week a tin box of dates, contributed by Tom; they're a mixed lot but by grading them out you'll get some pretty good ones for your good friends, and smaller ones for your less valued friends, and so on down in proportion.

I have also sent a couple more parcels of dates to HP.

The weather is pretty good here. Hoping you r the same,

PP

Oct. 11, 1922.

Dear folks, I & all:

We are still marking and sawing here. The Chaces expect to go back Sunday, but after that there will probably be a week's work for a carpenter or 2, putting on the finishing touches, and then the painting, most of wh Betty & I expect to do, as we haven't the money to have it done otherwise. We think we are going to have a very fine little house.

Father, we recd. today an envelope containing some things we had left at Ahuacatlan, and doubtless you will be running across similar strays for a long time. I suppose at present you are very busy getting ready for your own bldg program. But don't be so busy that you can't send me the bill for our expenses there for Aug. and Sept. I enc. \$50 on account, just on general principles.

Tom seems to be getting along pretty well in the 8th grade, although he requires a good deal of help in arithmetic. Pablito weighs 14 lbs. 11 oz., and is developing a blond pompadour that makes him look like a Prussian general.

H, there aren't any dry dates on the claim adjoining ours; at least, none of any merit. I don't think this type is gaining very fast in popularity. Do you like them?

W, I have about decided that the thing to do, if, when, and as possible, is to sell of 60 acres of this place and keep just 20 a.-- 10 for each of you & me. That will be a plantati-on to wh we can give the most intensive culture and keep it in first class shape, and I believe we will make a correspondingly better return from it than from 40 wh is

The cooler weather is making our offshoots look fine.

I have several offers to rent my spare land for cotton to be put in next spring; and a "prospect" for an onion crop this winter. The hotel business doesn't look bright just now, however.

I am irrigating the young vineyard today and Carl Miner is ploughing the dates, which will be followed by disking and leave them in good shape for the winter.

H, you and L are certainly well situated now, and if you confine yourself to a non-sarcophagous diet, you ought to live long and happily.

Ever thine,

Pave

Oct. 17, 1922.

Dear Folks:

I am now 34 yrs old, but don't feel particularly aged, thanx to a sound anthropoid diet and Coachella Valley water, 99.98% pure.

Chace finishes his engagement tonight; they are going to make a little mountain excursion tomorrow and return to Los Angeles Thursday. There is still a week or two of work, finishing the house, but nothing that he needs to stay for. I will oversee things myself now, and also do the painting, according to my present plans.

Father, I don't know whether I ever told you that I have y-our 2 pipe wrenches here. They have come in very handy: I will send them back in a few days, as you may need them on your own new house, wh is probably coming along pretty soon.

W, you may be sure that I will send back to you all your books that are likely to be of any use to you, as soon as I get unpacked, wh will probably bea fortnit hence. Do you want Bret Harte's pomes, or have you bought another copy?

Doubleday Page have turned down my MS. I'll try Doran next.

I have just paid CWMiner \$91 for plowing and disking, and have the place in pretty good shape now, and am going to keep it so, if it be the will of Allah.

Pablito has now learned to squeal, like a wagon wheel of wh the owner failed to use  $\frac{1}{2}$  as much Mica as any other axle grease; and thinks it a great accomplishment, wh he seemingly never tires of displaying. We are starting him on a little tomato juice now, to get him gradually on a vegetarian

regimen. We gave him a bath under the shower this morning, instead of in his tub, and he stood up to it like a man. He is certainly as vigorous and tough as one could desire.

Father, I'm not sure whether those 3 prs. of pants you mention are mine or not, but send 'em down and I can easily tell. If not mine, they are probably W's; but I suspect that I took them up to Ahuacatlan when I first went there, long ago, and then probably forgot them.

As Betty requires a good deal of room for her belongings, and Pablito has an equally extensive trousseau, it looks as if there isn't much room for a mere man in the new house, so I have determined to reserve the shack in wh we are now living as an of's, and keep all my literary and scientific outfit up here. I believe I can turn out enough extra work to pay the rent on it, and it will relieve the congestion in the new house a great deal. I have accumulated a good deal of stuff in the course of the last 15 yrs, and some of it hasn't been unpacked for 5 yrs. When I get it all spread out and organized here, and a quiet place to work, I think I can get something accomplished.

Father, that bunch of magazines you sent down was greatly appreciated.

H, Betty is curious to know where you got all your furniture: did you buy it all new, and if so, where?

Siempre tuyo,

Pamé



Oct. 30, 1922.

Dear Folks:

I have just put the first paint on the house, namely, a coat of flat white all over the bath room. I'll be kept tolerably busy with that sort of occupation for the next coupla weeks, no doubt. Things are moving on rapidly toward the end now.

W, I sent you today by express a box of dry dates, not much to brag about-- Degle Nur seedlings. I thought you might like to have them in your pots to pass out to visitors whom you did not care to encourage to come again. They will keep indefinitely if protected from civil service classified employees and other insects. Our free grafted crop of dates has pretty near come to an end.

Friday night, in a mean sandstorm, I drove down to Oasis school to attend a mtg of the Oasis farm center, at wh Swingle, Mason and Drummond were to be the speakers. They failed to put in an appearance, however.

H, we think this is unquestionably the best place for you to get a good rest and change of atmosphere with no encouragement to depart from a quiet life. Better come down next week, prepared to stay indefinitely-- all winter if you like it. We have everything you need, but if you have any old bedding it might be well to bring it along, as the nites are getting cold. It won't cost you anything to live down here, as you can make your meals on rabbits, wh are getting overly bold about coming into our young vines. Fortunately, it is too late in the year for them to do the said vines any real injury.

is now recapitulating a period in prehuman history when he was a wild animal. He lies back, or sits up, and makes a remarkable collection of grunts, groans, and growls, for several minutes at a time, accompanied by belligerent gestures and looks evidently intended to frighten away his enemies.

It is a great exhibition, wh he thoroughly enjoys.

Father, that looks like a fine program for the avocado mtg. You are certainly setting a high level for them.

We have recd notice-- a little late, as usual-- of the birth of another daughter t Hubert and Anna. This is a good yr for eugenics.

Much love to all.

PP

Sunday pm

[Nov. 1923]

Dear Folks:

Nothing much of importance here. The valley celebrated Armistice Day with a big barbecue and "Howdy" at the high school; I took Tom over in time for the free lunch at noon, and he stayed until about 10 p.m. In the evg program he and 7 other school children danced a minuet; so he alleges; I didn't see it. He said the meat wasn't good. Just as I expected.

Father, I enc. a memo on the hotel; if this isn't just what you want give me a criticism and I'll do it again.

W my boy, if Bro. Crandall some time has a little leisure from eating his wife's cooking, get him to strike off for me a photo of *Catha edulis*, and maybe I can do something with it, with the permission of Allah, whose name be exalted.

Also, my dear W, if you can let me have a little remittance in the near future, it will help break the hunger strike here.

We've all been sticking pretty close to home lately, working, and will probably continue that program for the winter.

Father, I note by Sunset tht Sen Shortridge got a tariff put on avocados. I guess that wasn't really necessary.

I trust the election went the way you-all wanted. Most of the voters seemed to feel the way Betty and I did about most of the 30 measures on the ballot. By the way, this was the first real election in wh I have ever voted, although I have been qualified by age for 13 yrs.; a/c traveling, or living in Washington, or being in the army, or someother disqualification every time.

Yours ever,

Election Day. [11/17/1923]

Dar Folks:

The Am. Legion held a public mtg, not very well attended, in the Chichella theayter last night, to discuss the measures to be voted on today. I spoke on the chiropractic, osteopathic, and vivisection bills. Betty went along-- first time she has heard me speak in public; she says I am a wonderful speaker-- naturally.

Father, if it is not too much trouble s-me time when you have the safe open, I wish you would look over my contr. with Am Fr Growers and see when my next pmt is due. I suppose I have an interest pmt about Dec .7, and I must take it up with them.

H and L, we are looking for you about the first of next week. A long sea voyage or other trip would be fine, of course, in many ways, but I think H will get much more rest down here, and it will cost him much less. H, before you come you might make up a pkg of all the Lit Digests, CSmonitors, and other expurgated reading matter you find around Ahuacatlan and bring it down to me; also if you see JHWms again, get a dozen of the best books off his shelf of books to be reviewed but aren't. We can work them over together. He usually is way behind on his reviews, and glad to have help.

Poindexter drove down Thurs., and early Fri morn he and I started for Mt San Jacinto. We left El Fordo at the Ind9an experiment station near the mouth of Andreas canyon, where the trail begins, and started up on foot. I carried

equal weight. By dark we had covered about 10 miles, and reached an elevation of 6,000 ft.; we would have been glad to stop sooner, but couldn't do so until we reached the pines, in order to have plenty of firewood. The thermometer was way below freezing all night long. We were in snow from 5,000 ft. on up, but we built a big fire and melted away the snow in the lee of a large rock, then raked away the coals and slept there with the fire some feet farther out. Next morning we started for the top. The trail took us to within 3 miles of Idyllwild, where it forked, one branch continuing to Idyllwild and the other ascending to the summit. Everything was covered with snow, which kept getting deeper, until by the time we had nearly reached Hidden Lake we decided it was not worth while to push on any farther, as travel in the loose snow was too fatiguing. We could easily have reached the summit in other weather, without using up any more energy than we used in the snow to attain an altitude of less than 8,000 ft. We went back to our camp, where we had left our packs, spent another night, and came down Sunday morning, reaching here in time for lunch. We were none the worse for wear, and had a fine trip. I was really glad to see the country snowclad, even though it defeated our ultimate objective, as it was beautiful and a novelty.

Pablito now weighs 15½ lbs., and is flourishing exceedingly.

W.L. Paul met Edward in Tucson and says the latter delayed his report to Wallace in order that he might personally study the date varieties this fall. So it ought to be going in pretty soon.

Siempre tuyo,

Paul

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Dear Folks:

We now have a considerable increase in the Popence family contingent here, as H and L blew in about 9 o'clock Monday evg., much to our surprise-- we hadn't expected them for another week. But we were mighty glad to see them, and they are now camping out in the extra shack, wh I haven't been able to rent yet this yr; and will move in here when we move into the new house. The latter event is dependent on the arrival and application of some interior paint, wh we have had a hard time getting; and it looks now as if it would be another week before we get things in shape to move, as Betty doesn't want to make the change unt il the new house is fully ready for occupanecy without being all upset by painting. I am wielding the brush myself, to make sure that the job is well, and cheaply, done.

I have furrowed out the new vineyard and am irrigating the furrows today, preparatory to planting barley in them to serve as a windbreak for the young vines next spring. They get pretty badly beaten up without some such protection.

We had two good frosts here about 10 days ago-- enough to kill the string bean crop and early peas in this part of the valley. My cannas were not touched, however, nor was the Albizzia lebbek. If we should have a few mild winters, the latter may pull thru.

Father, the female contingent here thinks it doubtful that you will start at 6 a.m. or arrive at 2 p.m., and says it had better have a light lunch on hand for your arrival, and carve the turkey in the evg. What do you think? It

really makes no difference to us.

H has settled down to a program of solid loafing and resting, wh already seems to be agreeing with him. Their bedding, etc., from Ione arrived today by frt.

Father, thanx for the AFGCo contract. It looks as if I had enough credit with them to carry me on until the grapes come in next summer.

But if you see any one who wants to purchase a nice 10 or 20 acre ranch with a fine new modern house on it, and 6 acres of grapes on the highway, tell him to make out his certified ck. The quicker I can cut down the load, the better I'll be satisfied.

W, I wrote you a couple of months ago re the possibility of getting some pedigreed date seed for a man in South Africa. Could you do anything about that?

Father, if you could some time send me the name and address of the man in Dar-es-salam, S.Africa, who bought my bok (unless it is a bookseller), I'll write him and perhaps get a little useful information.

Father, I note in going over your letter that I neglected to put in the prospectus some of the data you asked for; maybe you can supply it. I though it might be just as well to bear lightly on cost of land. As to probable gross income, you and Strong can figure it out to suit yourselves. But anything further you want from me, I'll fix up to the best of my ability.

Sun., Dec. 3 or 4, 1922.

Querido de mi corazon:

The typewriter is now installed in the old two-sided typewriter desk, for the first time in a couple of yrs., and I am slowly getting my stuff organized in the shack occupied by H and L. I built a couple of bookcases here yesterday, and painted them-- wh resulted in H and L having to sleep outdoors to escape the smell of turps; and tomorrow I hope to get some of the musty tomes laid out where I can put my hands on them when desired. Then I will at once send back your books.

We had a fine thanksgiving assembly here, and nobody ate too much so far as yet announced. Pablito appears to have the measles, but such a light case that it causes him no trouble and us no anxiety.

L says she that was Gladys Gosney, et mar., are now installed on Mr. Gosney's lemon grove near Uplands, of wh her husband has been made mgr. See what it is.

I recd chk from Macmillan for royalties yesterday-- \$261, of wh I have to send  $\frac{1}{2}$  to Johnson, whose baby doubtless also needs shoes. You'll probably be getting your chk about the same time.

We are steadily getting our new house dressed up a bit, and certainly hope you'll be out to enjoy it before you go to Ecuador again. I think, however, that your plan to make another trip there without waiting too long for it is a good one. You ought to figure to spend a consid rable part of your time in the field; but don't make the trips too long and exhausting, mentally and physically.



Father thinks the prospects are good for selling at least part of our avocado grove this winter, and says if it has to be divided he would figure on rates that would total up about \$15,000, wh after expenses of transfer, and commissions, arepaid, would be about the same as if we sold the whole thing for \$12,000. If we can raise some money here I think you agree with me that it ill be a good move, and it will also greatly lighten the load on you for financing this place during the next yr. At the end of this month I will send you a statement for the past yr, wh will show you just what and how we have spent; and also at least a rough estimate of what we will need for the coming yr, and what our prospective sources of revenue are.

Bather is also going to try to get things lined up to do a little more work on the hotel project here, wh would be of great help to us, and also of course remunerative to him.

The \$100 a month of wh you speak would take care of us all right until spring, I think; but wha the time comes to plant out the rest of our dates, we'll have to have a little extra. I have to keep one man occupied here all the time, and that in its&f means something over \$60 per mensem (\$15 a week). Also, I have used up all my personal funds, having either put them into the ranch or house, or eaten them up-- or Pablito has-- s I have to sequester part of your funds for fruit, n uts, etc., and chg it back against the funds of mine wh I put into the ranch last winter and spring.

Thanx for the qat (nec non khat) fotos; I supposethere

interesting.

Well, I have to get back to the house and take Betty down to Thermal, to bring up some of the last of our junk there. If I can get my stuff organized now, it will be the first time in 5 years that I have had it all laid out.

Ever thine,

Paul

Tues., D c.19. 1923

Dear Folks:

Nothing very new here to report on, so I haven't reported much lately. Father, we are mighty proud of that Vista deal; and they certainly put the right man in the right place. Ash Rideout if it isn't so.

Pablito varied his diet today with vegetable soup for the first time. We are going to give him a little semi-solid food every day from now on, as he has reached an age when a little variety will probably be beneficial.

Father, we ate yesterday the last of those persimmons you brought down. They have certainly been a great satisfaction; you might say we have been eating them steadily ever since you left. Dr. Faries also brought in 3 wh he grew here, and wh were also good, the small.

I am having the ground right around the house leveled, preparatory to irrigating it when I irrigate the palms tomorrow, and thereafter sowing Australian rye grass.

W, tell me what your impression is of the new J of H regime: have they plenty of copy in sight; are they making friends; why don't they get out more issues of the J1, etc? I notice a distinct let-down in the typographical accuracy of the last one I recd.

The cloudy weather wh we had for 10 days, as an echo of the coast rain, seems to have let go and we are now having perfect days, wh I trust will extend thru the holidays.

Ever thine,

Paul

Dec. 26, 1922.

Dear old Wilt:

We certainly thought of you and missed you an awful lot yesterday, and if we could only have had you here the party would have been quite complete. But someday we'll all get together again for a real re-union.

We had a fine day all around-- perfect weather, good attendance (!) and lots of holiday spirit, together with a thoroughly vegetarian dinner-- which is probably more than you can say. Pablito entered fully into the festivities, but doesn't seem to have suffered any serious consequences.

Father and the girls left for home early this morning. When we went back into the house, after watching them depart, we found smoke issuing from a partition, and soon the insulation of the wiring of the cookstove burst into flames, which we quenched with a hose. I then chopped into the partition, and found that the trouble had come from the fireplace-- possibly the sheet asbestos back of it was defective. Anyway, one of the studs had been ignited, and had heated the kitchen wall to the point where it had ignited the wire-insulation lying against it on the outside; and if we had given it a few more hours to work up the partition, we might have had a real fire. As it is, we'll get off with \$25 or \$50 repair bill, which I trust H.C. Bowman, non-resident agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., will settle with his usual promptness and cheerfulness.

We got a very pretty Xmas card from DF et ux today; you might mention to them how much we appreciated it.

As I wrote you, I will need \$500 now, in addition to \$1,000 next spring when we begin to plant the balance of the palms. Bewan may be a little slow; but if you can send on at least a part of it on the first of the month, it will keep things moving. I am having the palms disked, along the rows where we irrigate, today, to keep the weeds from getting ahead of me. My next door neighbor DeVore, who is hard up, works for me with his team and wagon or instruments at \$5.00 per day, and I figure that is much cheaper than buying a team and implements and having to provide feed and take care of the overhead. So I'll get along that way as long as possible, or until he raises his prices. I figure on letting Francisco do the light furrowing and cultivating with Rita, Betty's mare.--By the way, speaking of the way the natives hereabouts corrupt their language, Francisco says parts of the place ought to have a good rakeada, and then a diskeada.

Father is on something pretty big in the irrigation project at Vista, and now thinks he won't sell the loquat orchard-- which I think is an extremely wise decision.

Well, I wish you could be here for a few days to help us eat up some of the leftovers of the Christmas dinner.

Con mil abrazos,

Siempre tuyo,

Papa

[1923/1924]

Pablo:

When the date season comes on, dont forget that Doc Taylor likes dates. I dont want you to buy any for me, but I should think you ought to be able to pick up a few here and then to fill my barriga.

Re the matter of another M on Jan'y 1, I will work things toward that end. As you know, I have most of my capital invested, and dont like to take it out of things which look good, like Unifruitco stock; but I have \$300 or nearly that coming in from Bewan on Jan'y 1st, and will have at least \$500 in the bank here, so I think I can fix you up about that time. I havent liked to let my money lie in the bank at 2%, any more than I could help; and of course I have just cut out a chunk to buy the Chandler.

Take good care of the offshoots, and dont forget that they must have lots of water. It is my feeling that many of the failured which have been registered in the past may well have been due to insufficient water during the time the offshoots were forming roots. I think you ought to make as many observations on this subject as possible.

W

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Sunday morning  
[1923-1927]

Selva gehte Herr Popper!

I will return to you (the hub  
of the District of Columbia, you know)  
Tuesday evening. insha allah.

am having a profitable trip in  
every way. Convention closed last  
night; this morning I interview Dr.  
Bourman & this pm am going to  
Stamps to see J. C. Whilant; then  
tomorrow morning I go to New  
Brunswick.

Weather not only cool, but  
cold. Very unseasonable.

Gave 'em a talk at the  
mtg yesterday pm, telling them  
needed more genetics in their business.

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and as a result I ran in half  
a dozen new members.

Two tables at the mtg. beside  
1/2 a doz. more well up in the 2<sup>d</sup> class.

Took dinner last night with  
a Hamilton & his mother & sister,  
who are refugees from Mexico - very  
nice people

Haven't seen any Bursous,  
or any body else except Eugénists.

Greetings.

P.

Sent this to the folks.



Jan. 5, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Still brite and fair, but we have had ice for four mornings straight. It has hurt nothing here, but on the contrary has done a lot of good to the grape vines-- the winter had been so warm that they had scarcely stopped growing, and hadn't ripened up enough to prune. I will now start pruning next week.

W, I don't think I enumerated, in the list of your books here, the Harvard Travelers' Club "Handbook of Travel", wh lies on the shelf behind me as I write these lines.

I have been taking advantage of the absence of H and L to get a lot of literary work done up here in the shack.

For the last two mornings our outside hydrant has been frozen, and this morning not even 3 coffeepots of hot water applied by Tom sufficed to thaw it out. Nevertheless Albizzi a lebbek hasn't been hurt.

Arthur Westerfield, who presumably has inside information thru the bank, tells me it is a mistake to think that Narbonne has unlimited money to put into his place; that he is always having to scrape to raise cash to keep it going, and while he hasn't had to mortgage any of it, his white employes are nearly always a month or two in arrears in their pay. Narbonne may have property interests or something of the sort that figures into big assets but doesn't yield a great amount of ready cash.--Also, while Gridley is too stiffnecked to publicly recant in regard to Pers. Gulf dates, he is taking a more favorable view of them-- to the extent that he refused overtures of the Valley Pkg Co to buy them this year, but wanted to pack them himself. Also, Clarence Johnson, who under Gridley is in chg of dates on the Narbonne ranch, told me lately that if he were going to plant an orchard of his own, he would not put out Deglet Nurs exclusively, but would plant DN, Khadrawi, and Zahidi, figuring that is the best combination to make money.

I have improved my time while H and L were absent, and I could tear things up in the shack, to organize my literature and photos, for the first time in 5 yrs.-- the job is not perfect yet, but is completed in a preliminary way, and it is certainly a great comfort.

Well, we're running along very quietly here, and all enjoying life.--W, what you tell me about the J of H is very interesting. They're putting out apretty good magazine, but they don't seem to have quite the right attitude toward the public, from what I can infer and gather. They ought to be a little more aggress vely friendly.

Hoping you are the same,

Paul

Coachella, Monday, Jan.22. (1922)

Dear Folks:

Pablito is 8 months old today. I have weighed and measured him, and find all his measurements coincide very closely with the average, except the circumference of his head, wh is almost an inch l arger than normal, as you would of course expect in a Popenoe.

We had John Webb here for dinner Friday night. He said, among other things, that he saw Andrew Russel here a month or so ago and Mr A told him he saw Secy Wallace at a dinner somewhere, some time previously, and that Wallace told him he had Evvard's report on his desk, but wouldn't be able to find time to look it over until after the holidays. That means something ought to happen pretty soon.

It is overcast today and we are still hoping for rain, but not depending on it-- I am having the land furrowed out preparatory to irrigating and bringing up the weeds, so I can killem and have less trouble after I get the new palms planted.

Lucile, while I was cleaning the shack I found your valuables, wh I placed under lock and key prepatory to returnng them to their legal owner in due time-- I assumed you wouldn't want them until you returned to Altadena. Meanwhile, pls send me in exchange my U.S.canteen, wh was given to me by my dear brother 2 yrs ago; I value it highly not only because of the donor, but because it is the only small canteen I own, and from now on I need it around theplace every day. Wrap it in a good strong large piece of wrapping paper, in wh I can return your things to you, as my stock of shipping material seems to be pretty low now.

Also you ought to tell the Submarine what you want done with your paper for the bal. of your 6 mos.

I am still plugging along pruning grapes, and may finish by the end of this week.

I must go to town, so more anon.

PP



IN THE WOODS  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

Jan 28 1923

Beloved Bets,

Tomorrow I'm going back to work, after a week off with the grippe. I haven't been very sick, but I'm far from town, and haven't had the best of care, & I'm glad to get back to the office tomorrow. I think I'll take a room at the Cosmos Club for a few days to avoid this long trip back and forth while the weather is bad & I'm not feeling very strong.

It's a long time since I wrote  
you a real letter, isn't it Jane  
Shuehue? You know how full my  
time was while the Fairchilds were  
here; then too, for several months  
I felt almost star-bitter to write.  
Not bitter toward you, - not at all,  
but toward myself. 1922 was just  
about the most unsatisfactory year  
I have ever known, and brought  
me scarcely anything but grief.  
And it was no one's fault but my  
own. Above all. The affair with  
Gladys has left a scar which  
will not disappear for some time.

I fear just, and still feel, my only to be  
very much of a failure. It's why I wanted  
to run away to Sweet Cornman again  
because I was making a mess of things  
here, and knew that I can't get along  
much better. But I can't go. It's out  
of the question. I don't really want to  
go - I don't. I prefer to stay here and  
fight things out. I'm not really  
happy, nor have I been since I

last came back from So. America.  
Nor do I feel sure I ever will be. But  
I've got my work to do, and I want  
to fight myself like a man, if I can  
do so.

I have the picture of Pablo you  
last sent me on my desk here  
in the woods. He's a fine looking  
boy, and you must be sure he  
grows up like his daddy, not like



IN THE WOODS  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

his uncle. I'm waiting to have  
news that he is learning to  
talk. I suppose he'll do it  
before this year is out.

One of my best friends here  
came out to see me last night  
and told me his troubles. His  
wife is tired of him and  
spending her evenings with  
other men leaving two babies

at home. There's an awful lot  
of that sort of thing here  
in Washington. It almost  
shakes your faith in humanity.  
I'd like to get back to the  
Far West again. ~~if~~ I could,  
and stay there.

I must write to Tillie now.  
She has lost her mother, and  
feels very lonely. She sent  
me a lovely box of home  
made candies at Christmas

Time I can give over to you.

Kim Ballitt for me, many times, and  
buy his stuff. And here on ground  
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R. H. Brown



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Coachella, Feb. 1.

Dear Folks:

Everything quiet here; I am still pruning grapes-- the most tedious job I have seen in a long time, but then ranch life can't all be grape juice and skittles.--It has been snowing on the mountains for several days and they have the heaviest white mantle of the year.--We have had the fire damage in the kitchen repaired, and as soon as I get time to repaint, we will not only be as good as new, but much better, as I had the fireplace well insulated on both sides with featherstone.

Francisco has finished pruning the roots of all the young grapes, and we have both pumps running night and day, and will continue so for a couple of weeks, getting the whole ranch well soaked up in readiness for spring. My cotton partners seem to be very obliging, and right on the job.--The Ragged Robin roses have already put out a lot of new buds that are beginning to unfold.--I have just recd and planted a little consignment of stuff from Chico, that will be advantageous.-- Also our grass lawn around the house now looks quite green, when seen from the right point.

I have made a careful census of the young grapes, and find that I pulled thru about 80% of them-- don't remember whether I previously reported this or not. I am going to replant the missing ones next week, probably.

Well, I have been standing off all my creditors as long as I could, and borrowed all of Tom's money and cashed in everything else I could lay my hands on. Fortunately I got in several little items a/c articles sold to various periodicals, that helped to keep me going. But I have reached the end of

of my rope, and on rec of your latest letter explaining the delay in Bewan's pmt, I wired you tonite suggesting that you raise some money on your bank stock, and send it on. One of us will have to borrow, and you are in better position to do so than I, as you have this easily ex hockable security; besides I think it will be better for my reputation here not to have to borrow money from the bank, tho they would doubtless let me have it, if they had it themselves.

When we sell part of the avocado orchard, you can take out reimbursement to recover your stock, so it probably won't be drawing the di inished rat eof interest long.

H, I have just lately been wondering whether a book on "The Present Evolution of Man" wouldn't take well, just now when so many good Baptists are questioning evolution in the past. It wouldn't be much of a job to compile the necessary data as to the ways in wh the human sp. is changing both physically and mentally. Whaddaya think?

I recd a letter today from Dr Bluhm, a well-known German scientist, asking if I could suggest any ways in wh the anti -alcohol campaign in Germany could secure financial support. See what it is to have an international financial reputation-- and a rich brother (ffide R.Bowman); or 2 of 'em, so far as that goes.

Tom now has a job, carrying bkfst and lunch from Bill OCreighton's cafe (some differance) to the Triangle service station, and sweeing up around there; he gets paid \$3 per wek. He may not keep it long, but I thought it would be good for him to try, and he was anxious to do so. He had previously considered ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup> ~~unthinking~~ <sup>unthinking</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~position~~ <sup>position</sup> of shoeshiner at the Pioneer

Pool and Billiard parlor, but I convinced him that this would not pay enough to justify his talents.

Pablito continues to flourish like a green bay tree.

Hoping you are the same,

PP

Coachella, Feb. 7, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Brite and fâr: a little ice last night but not enuf to do any har m.

There is astok company playing in Coachella now, in a tent pitched in the city park; going to be here all this week. Betty and I attended the opening performance-- "The Brat"-- last nite, and were much surprised at its excellence. I have paid \$2 per seat to see lots of worse performarces in N.Y. Monday nite Tom took me to a vaudeville show at the village theayter, put on by three old-time English people-- a very mild and aharmless affair. So you see we are right in the midst of the brite lites here.

I put the first coat of paint on the repairs in the kitchen yesterday and will put the 2d this morning; then we will be as new.

Betty & I drove down to the metropolis of Caleb yesterday afternoon and purchased 600 Malaga grape vines. The price has gone down this year: now \$30 per thousand. We brought them home, I have been pruning them this morning, and Francisco will start this afternoon replanting the miss ng ones in the young vineyard.

I have recd a large and valuable bunch of literature from the Natl Committee on Mental Hygiene, incl. several valuable brochures on how to avoid spoiling the child; and the whole came wrapped in a strong piece of paper suitable for my needs, so I have transferred it to the stuff I inherited from L, and am sending it back to its original proprietor.

Sorry I couldn't get it off my hands so oner, but L understands

W, I recd several valuable favors yesterday from you, incl. chk for \$100 wh I banked for the s~~ake~~ of appearances and encl my chk for the same amt. It takes one right back to old times to hear from MissHosmon. I wish I could get over in Oman for a few months again.--Many thanx for the data on dates. I spent yesterday afternoon reorganizing my data on the subject, and from now on am going to push the date book as much as possible.

H, I will be greatly obliged if you will let me know what you did with the striker you took off my clock.

Father, I'm glad to hear of the progress on the avocado orchard. The funds W has sent will carry us on until summer, but of course the sooner we can clean up some money on the orchard the sooner he can take his Unifruco stock out of the 3-ball establishment.

W, as to % of offshoots saved, I haven't yet made a definitive count, as they are wrapped in burlap now for frost protection, so can't be easily seen; moreover, there is always a chance of losing a few more by freeze. But I calculate that approximately 95% are living. In April, when I set out this year's quota, I'll make a careful census of last year's contingent and advise you. So far, I personally feel well satisfied with the situation.

Hoping you are the same,

PP



IN THE WOODS  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

7 Feb 1923

Belovedest of pani-huachuitas,

You have ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> very good  
to me of late - tonight as I  
came by the Club I found your  
letter of Feb 3, and the cute  
little photo of Pablito, who hangs  
to a stick just as naturally  
as any other anthropoid.

I've come home early tonight,  
tired from lecturing two eve-

mings in succession. Night before  
last at Pittsburgh, in the  
Carnegie Museum, and last  
night at the Y. M. C. A. in  
Washington. In going to knock  
off lecturing for this season  
I've done enough of it for one  
winter.

Here is the song you want:  
Ese lunar que tienes, Cielito lindo  
Junto á tu boca,  
No se lo des a nadie, Cielito lindo,  
Que a mi' no toca.

Ay, ay, ay, ay,  
Canta y no llores.  
Porque cantando, Cielito lindo  
Se alegran los corazones.

You have several pictures of <sup>San</sup> Antonio  
and Genoa. Wonderful study.

~~The~~ sorry, Brito, that I am so close  
getting funds to Paris. But the district  
gives very little as the needs are more  
and I have been too busy to give  
much time to the matter of raising money.  
I hope you can not seriously concern  
yourself.

I see you have been going thru grief  
with Stahl and Leach. Nice up

against a hard proposition there -  
all of us - and I don't envy you at  
all. I don't quite know what attitude  
to take. Of course, I am one of those  
who believe in peace at any price -  
when it comes to family matters - yet  
I am not at all inclined to censure  
Paul for "bawling out" Lucile as he did  
in his letter. It's hard to "give and  
bear it" when it lasts so long. I'm  
afraid the pair of 'em are very





IN THE WOODS  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

an appreciation, so sometimes. It will  
be for the good of all concerned if  
they do not live too near the  
rest of the family. I'm sure you  
have done your part. Betty dear,  
and you always will do it.

Don't think I'm not taking  
care of myself - I'm really doing  
pretty well. Almost everyone  
has had the grippe here, so  
it was not strange that I

should have a touch of it. I  
got off very easy. My week in  
bed did not worry me much -  
Marian Connor came out  
three times and brought me  
delicious things to eat, and  
I really had a good rest.

I wish you could see this  
house. Beth. you'd love it!  
Paul can tell you all about it.  
I do so want father to come  
back here again next summer,  
to spend two weeks with me.  
Encourage him in the idea, would  
you? We had a fine time

Last summer, except for 2 or 3 rainy  
mists or one rebellion, which I'm going  
to avoid next time.

I'm not discouraged or impatient. Don't  
not so much as you think, anyway. Don't  
remember that I'm for my fingers burnt  
most knowledge. I've left more of a  
over her. I thought it would - and  
I haven't been in altogether the best  
frame of mind since fall. I really  
don't care much about running about

with girls three days, though I do some  
of it.

What a husky little cadger Pablito seems  
to be! I hope he has as good a physician  
as his daddy, and a slightly better  
digestion. Paul's stomach is his only vul-  
nerable point, I have always thought.

I must stop and write Grand ne Bowman  
a birthday letter. Oh, that I have so  
much to do! No rest for the wicked!

Stacks of love to all of you, from  
your ever devoted  
Mamie



IN THE WOODS  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

Feb 18 1923

Belovedest of sisters,

The cute little  
valentine you sent me  
has been admired by  
all my friends. I was  
quite delighted with it,  
myself, and it stands  
now on my bureau.

Things are going satisfac-  
torily here. I saw  
Walter Hampden in  
Othello last night; very  
fine piece of work.

It's cold back here, and  
I have been wishing  
I was in California.  
It'd come if it were not  
for my feeling of  
obligation to the work

Here I like the work - in fact I  
nearly enjoy it - but the rest  
altogether lousy here. Maybe I  
will be some day. Though I  
don't believe I desire to be.

The young in town now to  
live with the N. E. Mayors.

I keep a pretty full plate, in

specie of my attempt to limit  
my activities in every manner  
possible.

Kiss Paul and Pablito for me,  
and here are yours

x x x o x x x x x  
x x x x x x x x x

Brother Will.

Coachella, Feb. 23, 1923.

Dear Folks:

The datepalms are flowering, the meadowlarks singing, Pablito gnashing his tooth, and everybody busy. I finally finished pruning grapes this morning. We have almost all the cotton land irrigated, disked, and harrowed, and have now begun irrigating the old vineyard, which I will give a steady run of water for at least 2 weeks. I had Devore yesterday disked the date palms, and they are in good shape now to last quite a while.

H, we're mighty sorry to hear that the legislative ax is likely to fall on your official neck: but there are lots more jobs in the world than there are men to fill them, and no Popenoe has ever had to go without one very long if he wanted one.

Betty and I went to a dance given by the American Legion Wed. eve. It was a frost as far as attendance went, so there was a lot of punch left over. We brought home pretty nearly 9 qts., and have been inundating ourselves with it until we finally finishes it this morning. We also let Francisco and family in on it.

I visited the TDCo yesterday. They haven't made much progress that shows during the last yr. They put in about 75,000 grape cuttings but only 15 or 20% of them grew; they were digging these up yesterday. They have fallowed the 20 acres back of our old house during the last yr., to kill the Bermuda I suppose, and are doubtless planning to plant palms

there this spring. RR was about to go to Los Angeles, but said he would be back early next week and we will then begin to label the offshoots I am to get this yr.

They have several thousand offshoots in nursery form, planted last yr., and although they have had nursery care they don't look any better than mine, wh were planted in orchard form. As I've gained about a year of time by this process, I think I have reason to be satisfied. They still have on hand most of the offshoots they cut and planted in the propagating houses 2 yrs ago. Scott and wife are occupying our house, wh als<sup>o</sup> serves as offic<sup>e</sup>, however.

W, did you find out from Chas whether Aunt Carrie has given possession of Ridgeview, and if so, what she is doing?

I saw Clarence Mur<sup>phy</sup> in town this morning and invit ed him to come out and get the boxes for Pasadena.

Father, many thanx for the consignment of reading matter wh arrived last night.

W, is there any indication that the J of H is going to be able to catch up on its back numbers?

Much love to all.

Pane



Coachella, Feb. 28, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Spring winds are still with us, and will so continue for right smart time, I reckon. They blew a section of roofing off this morn yesterday.

We put up a little ramada at the house yesterday, to take care of the clothelings and woodpile and enable us to keep the rest of the premises clean and clear. It helps things greatly in respect of looks.

W, I have read with mil gracias Dowson's reports on date growing in Iraq. They are valuable pubs. But as you say, I think we managed to get a surprisingly large part of the worth-while data while we were there, and considering the brevity of our stay, the amount of commercial business we had to attend to, and the health of the senior author, I think that the net results of our sojourn will stack up not unfavorably with those of any super-explorer like Rock, Rose Lathrop, Galloway and our friend Whazzisname who went to China and then came home again. I will make it a point to get the 3d vol., on vars.

I phoned RR today and he says he is swamped with pollination and can't take time to help me pick out offshoots for another month. Of course he isn't going out of his way to oblige me, but I guess it really doesn't make any difference to me; he wouldn't be at all likely to deliver them before the contractual date of May 1, anyhow. Their crop was poor last yr and I suppose his father has raised a row about it and blamed it on poor pollination, and RR is going to try to manage the job himself this yr and improve the situation. The palms

are certainly throwing out blooms rapidly now; and the grapevines and almost everything else are starting leaves. I hope we don't get a late frost-- probably we won't.

Well, as a result of this, there is no reason why we can't make our trip to the coast any time and get it over with. So, father, if it is entirely agreeable to you, we would come up next Thursday, <sup>about five</sup> a wk from tomorrow and go back on the following Tues. We want to see El Tambo, and you-all, and make a few small purchases if there is anything you can buy for a penny, and Betty wants a change. She is tied to the house practically all the time now.

H, I don't find that clock striker in the places you mentioned, or anywhere else. If it isn't in your freight, I trust you can get a substitute and send me, so my wedding-present will again have bells on. You will remember what the hammer looked like, and I suppose any large jeweler has such accessories.

Pkg of papers recd today, and well recd., and we were much interested in the brown house, wh looks like a real addition to the neighborhood. And father, it's certainly fine that you have sold that corner lot to them. It will improve the value of the rest of the place and, what's more important, take a little of the load off your shoulders.

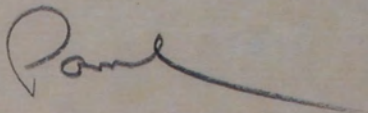
As to having pushed Coachella affairs, it isn't necessary. We have money to run on now until summer, and by that timewe will doubtless be able to sell a part of the avocado orchard. Cotton looks so good now that we can probably afford to carry the whole place here for a year or two longer

and let time work in our favor. Things will probably be in much better shape for business in the valley a year from now, than they are now.

De Vere has decided to hold on to his place, unless he can get a good price for it.

Well, I must go to work on the date book.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1 March

Belovedest of sisters,

I found your letter  
when I came to the Club  
this noon, and read it over  
my fruit salad. And now  
before I go back to work  
I'm going to answer it, tho  
it will have to be briefly.  
I never write to you  
just because I think  
I ought to, but always  
because I want to talk  
to you.

I suppose my being so far from the scene of the action makes it hard for me to feel as concerned over Hub & Lucile as you and Paul do. But when I went to Dover last summer I was very much disappointed in Lucile. I don't believe she is big enough to strengthen his ~~own~~ weak side, and I suspect the ultimate development will be that H and L

will choose to live by themselves, more or less, and not form an integral part of our family circle. My feeling is that we should not force things on any one the actor, but just let them take their own course. Let them stay away from the rest of the family if they choose, but let them feel always that we are not far from them.

harsh feelings toward them. Herb may  
in time grow to appreciate the value  
and importance of the family tie more  
than he does today. Don't forget that he  
is not really a man yet.

So you and Paul are coming back  
to see me next year! Fine, Fine!  
You'll camp with me at the Study

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if you come in the  
summer, & Bits, you'll  
love it, my word upon  
it.

Such affairs as that of  
Ned and Kitty - so idealistic  
at first, - shake my faith  
in Things. In fact, I  
had my faith shaken and  
my ideas changed several  
times during the past  
year. I'm coming to  
feel more and more that

one is altogether foolish  
to seek for ideal happiness;  
that he ought to view his  
life rather impersonally, and  
spend it where it will pay  
the greatest dividends in  
human happiness - not  
necessarily his own. I  
fear that I have been a  
confirmed sentimentalist  
these many years - and  
it's hard for me to be  
jagged loose from some  
of my unrealizable ideals.  
But it's got to be done.

Woman or Man

You ask about Marion. Yes, she is  
well, though I don't believe that word means  
anything. She is one of the most devoted  
mothers I have ever seen, and has three  
Spanish youngsters - most better trained  
than the 3 Fancied birds. Of course  
Marion would like to have a baby  
for then you can blame her for



that, surely - but she has made no effort  
whatever to hook me into playing that role.  
She is very fond of me - there is no doubt  
about that - but she realizes that she is  
older than I, and that it would not be  
fair to load me down with the burden of  
supporting 3 youngsters not my own. She is  
a beautiful character in many ways, and I  
greatly enjoy her company. Now I must go.  
Love to all, and many kisses from Will.

Mar. 6, 1923.

Dear Folks:

I am feeling pretty sad today, a/c having paid taxes on this ranch and made out my income tax report. I finally whittled the latter down to where I got off with \$31.

I went over the Zahidis in orchard form today-- 107 of them, and found 6 dead. That leaves 95% alive, and nearly all of them doing finely. Some of the other vars., as Khustawi, perhaps won't make quite such a good showing. I will try to get all the palms worked over now; I will have to work fast as the young grapes are already pushing me, and will have to be disbudded steadily from now on.

Letter from JHWms says he is going to be mostly legislated out of office too, so H isn't the only good man to be sacrificed to the Moloch of economy.

Pablito is rapidly sprouting an upper incisor, which makes him a little peevish at intervals.

Father, will be mighty glad to see you if you come down Saturday--or any other time. We will also be glad to meet your real estate friend. We think that Vista is the thing for you to push, to the exclusion of everything else if necessary and as long as necessary: we are mighty proud of the way you've carried that off. No other living man could have done it.

We had a very brief call from Ned and Abbie and Ned's bro. and sis. this week; they were making a round trip thru Imperial Valley and only stopped here 10 or 15 minutes.

Also, John Webb brought around his mother and father 2 or 3 days ago, with Messrs. Sutton and Owen of the Times--the latter is a staff artist; the Browns know him. These men were apparently working up material on date growing and other valley specialties.

Father, we won't have a chance to make the trip to San Diego this time; we're coming up in the first place to see your house and you, and in the 2d place to transact a little necessary business with the 5-&-10 store and such-like clients, and then come right back. I had to do absentee landlording last summer, but I don't have to this summer and I won't.

I recd. today check for \$1.26 royalties on "America and the New Era", a book to which I contributed a chapter 5 yrs ago. That makes about 25 cts per year. However, I made about \$275 from writing last yr., and ought to do considerably better than that this year. In fact, I'll have to, as I need the money.

March 26, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Plenty of wind today. I have irrigated our driveway, in anticipation of a visit from FOP next week end, and trust he won't fail us. Father I didn't have room for quite all the citrus fruit in that box in your garage; if the remainder is still there, perhaps you can bring it along, unless you are able to use it yourself.

I called on the TDCo today, and RR and I agreed to begin marking offshoots a week from today, i.e., next Monday. I ought to be able to get them all planted by the first of May. I have a man digging holes today.

Well, the last Submarine announces that Bruce Drummond has resigned, in order to accept greater salary and emoluments from Dyer B. Holmes. He won't be missed. I understand that all his associates at the Indio station are going out with him, to make room for a clean slate. Evidently the situation is that Wallace decided to drop Drummond, and told Swingle if he wanted to hold on to the date project he and Mason would have to come out and live with it. I suppose that is about as far as we will get; and probably all we ought to expect; anyhow it marks a great change, and the public sentiment in the valley an even greater change.

W, I'm much obliged for the bulletin on the Saidy date-- don't remember whether I thanked you for it.

A.B. Stout gave a lecture on pollination here last Saturday, while I was away. I understand he is coming down again in a few weeks, and have written him asking him to take lunch with us.

The Scientific Monthly has accepted an article by me on "The Marriage of Kin". I suppose I won't get any money out of it, but it is a dignified place in which to appear.

W, I had a nice letter from Daisy Bell (in reply to one of condolence from me), telling me how wonderful you had been to them last winter.

Due to heavy tax pmts, I have gotten pretty well down to the end of my finances again, with no more in sight until the grapes come in, which will not be before July. They are in blossom now, and setting a good crop of fruit. But in order to play safe, I think we had better borrow a couple of thousand on the avocado orchard, for say six months; then when we sell some of it we will pay that off, together with W's last M, and be square all around. Father, would you draw up the necessary papers and send them to W right away? And if he approves and signs, it won't take long to get the funds. After the next month or so, when I get the new palms in, I won't be making any more new expenditures here for a long while-- just keeping the palms on a maintenance basis; and will have the dates and cottons to bring in some cash.

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COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 29

Pani Kuchita de mi corazon,

I think the picture of  
you and Pablito in the hammock  
is the finest ever. I couldn't  
have done better (nor half as  
well) myself. He's a great  
boy, and I hope his hair  
will assume with age (his  
age) a slight by darker  
tint.



Coachella, Apl.3, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Lots more fine growing weather. This season is about 2 wks. ahead of time this yr. We have 7 or 8 acres of cotton already planted, and are going ahead fast with the rest. I have all the holes staked out for the new palms, and Little Jeff digging them, after removing 2 cottonwood trees that were in our way. I spent the morning at TDCo marking shoots and will spend all the rest of the mornings there this week.

Pablito now walks freely around the inside of his crib, holding on by the sides. He shows no great inclination to crawl, although he will wriggle along on his stomach to get his food, or to respond to some other strong stimulus. It looks as if he might go right into the walking stage, and not crawl at all.

Betty and I went to the sunrise easter service at Traver-tine point, in spite of the fact that it necessitated our arising at 3:40 a.m. There were several hundred people there. A coyote appeared across the highway and howled for a long time during the service-- instigated by the singing, I suppose.

Wilson, I suppose you look over the box for 2d class mail at the Cosmos Club once in a while, to make sure there is nothing for us.

Our Ragged Robins are a riot of bloom now, and the Tausendschoens coming on well. I have the whole place now in much the best shape it has ever been, and am going to try to keep it so.

Father, I have funds to run me only 2 weeks more, or 3 if I stretch all I can and borrow what Tom has; so I trust Welles will buy the avocado ore hard in the meanwhile, or we can raise a little money.

I have been too busy lately to do anything more on the date book, but as soon as I get the new palms polanted, I will be better fixed for time, and then will get a lot of ~~off~~ odd jobs done up. I am tradning the young vineyard, wh means disbudding the vines regularly-- about once every 10 days so far-- and takes a lot of time. I have also gone over all the palms, pruning off dead leafes, and fixing up their wraps; I haven't made an actual count but am satisfied that our total won't be far from 95% alive.

HoOing you are the same,

Paul

Coachella, Mon. Apl.9. 11923

Dear Folks:

This is a hot day. We are planting cotton, and generally marking and sawing. I expect to go to the Indie station this afternoon to see Dr. Stout. He came to see us yesterday, but we had gone to Painted Canyon for the day.

Wilson, in re the changes in the USDA date investigations, I don't see that what you suggest really constitutes very much of a change. Ahamblin replaces Drummond, wh is an advantage. You say he will be expected to make the actual contacts with the growers; but that is precisely what Drummond was expected to do. Shamblin is a better man than Drummond; a better politician and mixer; but he suffers from the same inherent limitation of having no scientific or horticultural training. He is just a farmer, and frequently expressing his contempt (or used to) for scientists and science - or his idea of it-- in general. He is no doubt able to oversee the gardens and keep them in good shape, but what the job needs and what I wanted to see was some young fellow with scientific training to make the contacts with the growers; some one who could collect and disseminate information intelligently. I don't think Shamblin can do that. I don't know about Thackery, who is put in administrative chg of all Swingle's stations in the SW. I understand he is not even a horticulturist, but merely an administrator, politician, and "fixer", with long experience in the Indian Bureau, where there is certainly plenty to be fixed. Swingle and Drummond will do the research-- that's what they have always pretended to do in the past. I



don't see that we have gone anywhere, except in the elimination of Drummond. It is certainly true that the USDA has been obliged to adopt a very different attitude in its dealings with the growers. Swingle is trying hard to be a glad hander; he even humbled himself to go around and make a friendly call at the TDCo. If he considers that he has had a vindication, I don't think he will hanker for another like it. We'll see what the next year will bring forth.

I finished with RR, marking offshoots, Friday, and hope to get them delivered next week; it is merely a question of getting them inspected and out. He was very decent about it. He is having plenty of troubles of his own, and it makes him see a lot of things about the date industry in a different light from 2 yrs. ago.

Pablito continues to progress, and has now learned to sit himself all over the floor in a sitting position, to the great improvement in cleanliness of the floor, and the corresponding detriment of his clothes.

Ever thine,

Paul

April 13, 1923

Dear Folks:

More good growing weather, both for Pablito and cotton, and they are both coming up.

Father, I am ever so much obliged to you for taking care of that loan. I had so much confidence in you that I had already overdrawn my account here by \$50, when I got the Altadena chk book. It is mighty good news, too, that Welles will buy, and I hope that P&C won't hold us up. However, you can take care of them if anyone can. There's no great rush about getting that closed now, so don't inconvenience yourself a bit.

Well, we all went to the church last night to hear the 8th grade declamation contest; Mrs. DeVore coming over to watch Pablito. There were 6 boys and 6 girls. Tom won first prize among the boys, so he now represents his school at the valley contest, to be held at the high school next week.

Capt Paul says that Postlethwaite and RR spent about two-thirds of the time with Secy Wallace while he was in the valley.

We had a call of a few minutes, this week, from Rev and Mrs. DFFox, who were making an auto tour.

I went to the Indio station Monday afternoon to see ABStout. Mason was with him when I arrived, and stayed until I left when the of's closed; didn't have a thing to do, so I figured he was simply put there to see that I wasn't "indiscreet". He refused to shake hands with me, but otherwise was quite civil and stupid. He took me over to see their new library, whereupon Mrs. Swingle and 2 children came in and

greeted me very cordially. W, she is getting to look pretty matronly. Her little girl is rather attractive; the boy is badly cross-eyed; otherwise looks like his father, alias Tenny.

Stout is just doing routine work there, making germination tests. He brought up the question of the Pomona plans and volunteered the opinion that if Blaisdell did anything there, he would just sort of go thru the motions, putting in a hort. dept. but not expecting to make it anything but a rather perfunctory and commonplace one. If he's going to do that, he had better do nothing.

H, perhaps Kohs has sent you a copy of the enc. I suppose you are not buying many books, but perhaps you will think of some one to help him out.

Mason says he didn't get to Mesopotamia at all; when he got to Bombay the British govt. refused to give him a passport to go any farther.

I note by the Examiner that FW Kellogg is facing a lawsuit by somebody who is exposing his methods pretty freely. I expect they're all so.

Father, we recd today from you another pkg of literature for wh many thanx.

Tom has a vacation n ext wk, so I will set ~~xx~~ him to grubbing out suckers in the old grapes. I have my hands more than full training the new vines, wh are making a big growth.

Hoping you are the same,

Paul

Apl. 23, 1923.

Dear folks:

We're mighty glad and proud, father, to know that the Vista job is signed, sealed, and delivered-- to a large extent, at least. You have done a wonderfully fine piece of work there; as an achievement against odds it stands right alongside the Sheldon Edition. And it's a constructive job that will make that part of the state a better place to live in, for many years. Congratulations.

Wilson, your silk pajamas (nec non pyjamas) are now in process of renovation and rejuvenation, and will be forwarded to you poco prontito, inshallah.

I grieve to state that we came, we saw, and we were cankered by Kaffee-Hag. We bought a pound can of it, 60¢, and have only been able to drink it once, namely, the first time. Betty wouldn't drink much of it then. It may be Hag, but it isn't Kaffee. Tastes like the imitation chicory that is dispensed at a 2d class dairy lunch. We'd be glad to sell the balance of the can cheap; what have you?

We're delighted to know, father, that you're coming down Saturday, even for a brief visit. If you can get here early enough, perhaps you won't mind going over to the TDCo with me and having a conference with RR re that form of contract-release I sent up. It is worrying him,-- I got a letter about it today. He doesn't want to deliver all the offshoots until he is sure I will sign up!

W, did you note, in "Science", what our mutual friend W.J. Humphrey did to our equally mutually friend Ellsworth Huntington? He did what Sickles did to Key; what Cole on Hiscock wrought, wrought he. Just another example of the fact that he "ins" hate to have an outsider try to break into the charmed circle.

We were much interested in Altadena's new newspaper; but I fear it will have hard sledding.

W, note Jeffrey's reply to Lloyd in Science, Apl. 13. J. is a tart old customer, but very interesting. Probably you know him; if you don't, you ought to stop in and get acquainted with him next time you are in Boston.

Father, we rejoice that you have definitely set the time to go east; it will be a highly profitable trip for you, I'm sure, and I hope you won't feel the necessity of cutting it too short.

With much love,

Paul

Coachella, May 2, 1923.

Dear Folks:

This is the sultriest day of the year so far, with the thermometer over 100 here in the ofs. Good cotton weather. Our cotton is getting its first irrigation. Creviston wants to plant cotton between the palms, and I have about decided to let him do it, as it would give us some 15 a. more of the textile, and could hardly interfere with the palms-- at this age their roots don't extend out very far. And it would be a cheap way for me to keep the weeds down between the rows.

Wilson, I enc. letter from M. Dunlap wh pls return.

Father, I am having a little trouble with RR in closing up: he has refused to deliver bill of sale to Khalasehs until after I give the general ret. and release-- on this I am standing pat; and on the last delivery he gave me 9 substitute males instead of the ones I had marked. I am writing him about this and will insist on rectification. I have a sneaking suspicion that when he got Stout's reports on germination he found those I had marked were particularly good, and decided not to let them go. Meanwhile, I guess that the sooner we get our names on the list of stockholders the better position we will occupy when it comes to negotiation.

Yes, W, I also found I got most of my real work done in the summer months in Washn. Well, it may be the climate, and it may be something else.

Father, it was mighty fine to see you et all down here; we all wished that you could have stayed longer.--After you left I spent the rest of the day irrigating the palms wh we had planted the afternoon before, and am going to take a part holiday tomorrow to make up for it.

I forgot to say that if our water runs short this summer, Creviston is in a position to supply water from his place across the road: that is an important consideration. I bought water several times last yr. from the Jap who then had that place, while I was having trouble with the pump here.--On the whole, everything seems to be in good shape for the summer season here.

Our side roqd is being irri ated today, in preparation for travel of onion trucks, which probably will be in full swing next week.

Hoping you are the same,

Paul

1923

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Woods  
18 August

Betty Scarvot,

It's raining outside, and  
I'm all alone with my sins,  
here in the little study.

Mason writes me that she  
has been to see you - so does  
father. I suppose you are  
getting worried - don't do it.  
She also says you may stop  
with her in Monticello for a  
day or two - I hope you can.  
I'm sure you'll like her - except  
that you'll probably suspect  
that she is trying to marry

me and resent it. I'm very fond  
of her, and wish she was 15 years  
younger.

What do you think of the  
enclosed letter from Alice? It  
strikes me that girl is highly  
neurotic. She writes almost  
viciously. Doesn't she?

Bets, please tell me about  
Herb's health. Father seems to  
think he needs a trip abroad.  
Just why? Has he gotten over  
the t.b. which had made its  
appearance? Just how will a  
year abroad cure him - I  
shouldn't think it good for t.b.,  
and therefore assume that some-  
thing else is the matter  
with him.

Bets, I had a perfectly delightful time on  
my trip South, and came home feeling very fit.  
I enjoyed Miami and Mobile especially.  
Billie Atropina is a very attractive girl  
and I enjoyed company with her. Guess  
she has to settle down to quiet life here  
in Washington, for a while now, and do some  
reading of evening. She going out to Belle  
Town now to stay one Sunday and then.

Safford says he will come out to the  
Study with me Monday to stay overnight.  
He is good company - ask Paul.

I want to see you - all of you. I  
wish I was going to do it this week.

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Your Brother.



1923

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

4 Sept

Precious little sister

Your letter of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> was awaiting me  
on my return from  
a delightful tour  
(week-end) thru Virginia  
with Dr. Safford, his  
sister Mrs. Safford, and  
Dorothy Hughes. I'm  
not able to answer it  
this morning. I will

soon - but I just  
cant resist the temp-  
tation to send this note  
to tell you how much  
I love you and Paul  
and all the rest,  
and that I'm awfully  
sorry you have been  
made unhappy at times  
by Hub & Lucile. I  
dont know which of the  
two is most to blame,  
but when I marry, my  
wife is going to love

you and Paul, and you and Paul  
are going to love her. It wont be  
Phebe - you need love no more on  
that side - I know always told you  
I was out of the question because of  
her age (she's 40), and it would be  
Belle's stepchild - I like her, & she  
is very attractive but she has very  
poor interests in common. I cant

get say who I will be, but she  
is going to love my family, I'm sure  
of it.

I'm surprised to hear about Max's  
Dall, because Mrs Parched thinks he  
is wonderful — "one of the dearest men  
that ever lived" she told me, and she is  
usually a good judge — I'll write more  
soon — Many kisses from your Big Brother.

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2 October 1923.

Dearest little sister,

As father has doubtless  
told you, I have at last,  
and very suddenly, found  
just the right girl. I am  
absolutely sure that she is  
the right one, and my good-  
ness, how she does love me!  
You are going to like

Dorothy, and I'm tremendously  
glad of it - she is very much  
your type, and you and Paul  
and Dorothy and I will  
have some great times to-  
gether. She draws and paints  
very well, and is a cooking  
good little botanist. At  
the same time she is very  
domestic and very demonstrative.  
She's the ideal partner for  
me, and we've decided to.

get married about Thanksgiving.

If you and Paul want to send her  
a note I know she would appreciate  
it - her address is Mrs Dorothy

Hughes, 5403 Reno Road Chevy  
Chase D.C.

I haven't time for more today  
- love you a good ~~lot~~, which  
I will write to you as I can

Steal the time for it.

Kisses for my poor Luohua

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o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

and a big hug for Pablote, and  
little hug for Pablote.

Wilt.

Oct 75 - [1923]

Betty Dearst,

I received Alice's letter, and told her I was engaged. Here is the sequel - looks to me as tho she is putting it on pretty thick about Edwin - what do you think?

Dorothy and I have rented an apartment, and are going to commence fixing it up before we are married, so we can move right in when we come back from Florida. It's a tiny place but well located - near 14th & Columbia Road in the Nobuna. We have pretty nearly decided to

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be married Nov. 17 - here at In the  
Woods and we hope to go to  
Coconut Grove for our honeymoon,  
15 days.

I'm very busy these days, so I  
don't write very much to you folks.  
Please show this to father - I'll write  
him this week.

Stacks of love from you  
big brother

With

You and Dorothy are going to be  
great pals. I hope you can meet  
next year.



Washington, 15 Nov. 1923

Dear Old Paul:

I spect this is the last letter I will write you as Wilson Popenoe, solteron. We are to be married day after tomorrow.

Dorothy is much pleased by the way you have adopted her into the family. Your sending her that photo of me in ay-rab costume, and the clipping from the Cultivator, made her feel that you were thinking of her already as a member of the family, and she is very grateful, as am I. You are going to like that girl. She just exactly fits into our scheme of things, -- far better than I had ever dared to hope or dream. She and Betty will be great friends, if they ever get a chance! They have a great deal in common, and pretty close to the same age. Dorothy was 24 on June 19 last. I guess I have told you about her background. She was born in Ashford, Middlesex, both parents being of Welsh stock. She was educated at the Welsh Girls School near London, and then worked at Kew while going to the Polytechnic evenings. She has no degrees, thank the Lord, but has a first rate education. You ask about her being polyglottous; she is very fair on French, and can write Latin descriptions of plants about 4 times as fast as I can read them with the aid of Andrews. She just reels off the arbor 1-2 pedalibus and all that sort of thing. She was personal assistant to Otto Stapf at Kew, and worked with him on the Flora of tropical Africa, mostly preparing descriptions of new species. She is the author of about 200 names, some of which are new combinations, others new species. Stapf thinks very highly of her, as witness the very strong letter he gave her when she came to America.

Her father is a civil engineer, and her mother's father was a lawyer. Her uncle Reggie is the world's champion fly caster, and has a fly-casting school where he teaches the other sportsmen how to do it; another uncle is out in India, engaged in I don't know what business. There are two maiden Aunts, living in England; one was running a language school in Petrograd at the time of the revolution, and had some very stirring adventures over there. The family is good substantial stuff, and Dorothy has real intellectual ability. She is modest, quite timid as a matter of fact though it never shows on the surface. She uses beautiful English, has a soft voice, and an English, not a Welsh, accent. I had to try long to get a photo to send you. I have sent father some proofs of one Johnny Paine took,

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which isn't much good.

Dorothy has sworn she doesn't know a thing about cooking, but we have been eating at our apartment for the past week, evenings, and from what she has prepared I would say she is a very fair cook, much better than the average bride. She takes to housework pretty well, and is the most economical girl you ever saw. She has been on her own since she was seventeen, and has learned to make every farthing count.

Now I must get to work. My best love to Betty and little Pablito, who still remains my favorite nephew.

Ever thine

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

22 Dec 1923.

Dearest of Sisters,

Dorothy and I wish we  
could be in California  
right now, to spend the  
holidays at Tambo or  
Dar. es. Salaman - or just  
anywhere else, so long as  
you and Paul and  
Pablito and Dad were  
there.

We have been so busy  
trying to get settled that  
we haven't had time even  
to get a Christ mas card  
ready, much less to think  
of presents. Next year we  
will do better - and we  
know you will forgive  
us this one.

We have received the  
lovely box of Satin you  
and Paul sent and we

are enjoying them immensely. Many thanks  
for them! Next fall we will get you  
to send us 5 lbs of Richardson's fine  
cutting wax

I am getting my employees to see  
I do again before he gets much  
larger. I hate to miss my Stager



1924

WILSON POPENOE  
1910 KALORAMA ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sunday, 3 Feb

Dearest little sister,

I've been wanting to write  
for some days to tell you how  
delighted Doffy is at the pros-  
pect of having you here in  
August. We very much doubt  
that Betty Hughes can come  
over. We will know in a few  
weeks more.

I suppose Hub & Lucille will

be here shortly. Quite a surprise  
I do hope Herb can find a job  
and stay here in the East.

Daddy is very happy over  
Pete's coming to live with us.

Maman Connor has already  
given her a tiny frock and Mrs  
Davis a tiny bonnet, which  
makes it all seem very nice. It  
going to be such fun to have  
a new Pope in the world -  
and I do hope it will be  
Pete, though I would be quite

WILSON POPENOE  
1910 KALORAMA ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Happy if its his sister.

Doffy is feeling much better -  
the nausea is nearly gone  
but she gets tired very easily.  
We are going to get a larger  
apartment in July or early  
August so as to have room  
for you and Pablito, and  
Betty, unless she comes.  
Lots and lots of love from  
Dad



WILSON POPENOE  
1910 KALORAMA ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Aug 27 1925

Betty Searest,

She wanted to write you  
for weeks, to tell you how  
thrilled I am over the news  
that there are to be two  
more little nephews in the  
winter. Dorothy told me  
your news, and told me also  
that she had written you

WILSON POPENOE  
1910 KALORAMA ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

regarding our own prospects.  
Don't you think it is perfectly  
splendid the way our families  
are coming on together?

I'm mighty sorry about one  
thing however - that you have  
not been feeling so well as  
with Pablito. Dorothy on the  
other hand is much better  
than she was at the same

WILSON POPENOE  
1910 KALORAMA ROAD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

period with Peter. Apparently  
there is no uniformity at all  
in the business.

I do hope we can all get  
together before long for a  
great-big romp. And I want  
you to see Peter - you're  
going to think he's a  
fine boy, just as his Dad  
does. Lots and lots of love  
Betty Sweet. Wilson

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
STEAMSHIP SERVICE

En route to Cuba  
May 30 1927

Dearest pani Lushua,

Many thanks for your birthday letter and the photos of Pab and Oliver, which Dorothy and I have been very glad to see. It doesn't appear that Oliver looks much like a Popense, but maybe he will in time. I took some pictures of Nancy just before leaving Tula - if they are good we

will send you some. It is very hard for us to get pictures developed & printed, hence we don't take many.

I have received announcement of Tullie's marriage. Let Rachel come along now. I'm very glad that Gladys Gosney is happily married. She is a fine girl and an excellent cook.

Doffy and I have just finished an article on the ruins of Quaveira with a number of Doffy's drawings showing details of the inscriptions. We are

hoping they will use them throughout.

The young Doffy is quite something now for she has been pregnant. She is in much better health than last year - the combined physical and emotional strain of Doffy was almost too much for her. I like her to "hold her own" a good deal in her strength is very limited.

Tell Paul, please, that I've sent a Regg & check for \$10.00.

I'm sorry to be running away from Dobby  
and Nancy again, but it's only for 2  
weeks Nancy is getting very sweet - she  
toddles up and down the beach, calls  
"Hettie" and when the ice man shouts  
"ice" she mimics him - also says "light"  
and "ice" and a few other words. Dobby  
is awfully sweet with her.

How I wish we could all meet this  
year!

Yours devotedly  
Wilt

April 19, pretty nearly 20. (927)

Dear Folks:

Robin Hood announced to open here this evg. to play thru the week, and I was minded to go to it, but decided that as Betty couldn't enjoy it with me, I wouldn't spend the money. Then this evg Mr A decided he would like to take in a show, so I steered him up against that, and a pleasant time was had by each and all. That's certainly a great show, and K'll go to see it every time it comes around- and doesn't cost me anything. He claimed he enjoyed it more than anything he had seen in yrs.

We called this morning on Sen. McKinley; also on Phil Swing, who has made an appointment for us to see Wallace at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

On the way down to the capitol Mr A and I stopped and bought 3 harmonicas; then we called on Uncle Joe Cannon and watched him spit on the carpet for a while; likewise watched the house in session and talked with numerous Illinois politicians ready to accept a slight honorarium from the govt. as a reward of their services.

On the way back we stopped at another store and bought 7 knives. I had been figuring on buying Betty a sheath knife for a wedding present, but had decided that maybe she'd like something else that I could use more. However, when I saw Mr A was in a hardware mood, I leaned up against the counter and gave him a hard and prolonged look until he took the hint and invited me to name my pizen. So I picked out a large Marble's hunting knife-- sorry to say it only cost \$5, but they didn't have any with pearl handles; and now Betty can

Olson says that Daisy Bell is putting up most of the money for the Journal of Heredity, wh is what I had sus-  
picioned.--The Natl Capital Press has aband oned its historic  
bldg at 511 11th st., and moved out to an enlarged plant in  
the outskirts.

John Paine has remarried, and has also resumed his  
own name and is said by CHP, who is not infallible on such  
points, to be making lots of money.

I met Richard T. Ely last night at the club, and he  
wants me to be sure to let him publish my next book. He is  
the editor of the series in wh Applied Eugenics appeared.

It has turned quite cold here.

Now I must go to bed.

With much love,

Paul



National Press Club  
Washington

April 23-- Saturday afternoon. (1923)

Dear Folks:

We seem to have come to the end of our rope here. Mr A is leaving for home tomorrow morning-- some difficulties in his office having hurried him. I will stay here Monday and get a few matters finished up, leaving here Monday night which will bring me to Pasadena at 2:02 Friday afternoon, if it be the will of Allah.

McKinley turned Mr A down on the question of starting a congressional investigation. He did however write a good letter to Wallace, urging that some disinterested person be sent to Calif to make an impartial investigation; and I think this will help.

So I am sending all our documents to Wallace with a final letter from Mr A, and we'll let her ride for a while. Wallace is of course a new man, and has to proceed slowly and carefully, but he made a very favorable impression on me, and I think it is well worth while giving him a chance.

I think it would have done us a lot more good if we could have gotten thru a resolution for an investigation, and then called on the BPI to show their records. But we can't always get everything we want.

Wilson, I met Unk Knowles Cooper in the club yesterday, and he was terribly friendly, and pretty nearly insisted that I take supper with them tomorrow. That's what I call real nobility of mind; he isn't going to let any old scores interfere with harmonious relations between the family and his daughter's brother in law. When you come back here, you had better look out. The Baby Vamp graduated from college last June-- probably you have had full information direct from her; and is now a business woman, clerking in the Security Storage Co., or some such place.

Herbert, I saw Bro. Starkweather, of the biogentic laboratory, in the Library of Congress yesterday. So I judge the world hasn't yet accorded him full recognition.

I haven't gotten much accomplished for myself here, as Mr A takes a good deal of time. But then, it doesn't make much difference.

Raining today.

At the White House yesterday I ran into Senators Capper and Curtis; so I introduced myself and was cordially greeted. Of course, if anyone wasn't cordially greeted by a politician, it would be surprising.

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Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Hoping you're the same,

Tela 18 July 1930

Dear Pablo,

I have given a long time  
without writing to you - too long in fact.  
But it is hard to get down to such  
things when you are moving about as  
I am these days. I'm now in Tela  
for a week. Then plan to go back  
to Guatemala & down to San Sal-  
vador, then about Aug. 25 sail for  
New York or Boston. I must be  
in Washington about Sept 10, to  
attend the Inter American Agril  
Conference as delegate from Honduras.

I was mighty sorry we could not  
arrange to get Betty down here for  
a visit. The fact is, the Company  
are very tight with passes, especially  
to relatives, and it simply was not  
possible to get one for her. The  
Peter was taken to the States to

on the second trip they charged me  
 full fare for him to New Orleans \$70.  
 In planning to get FOP down here I  
 was expecting to ask the Co to issue  
 him transportation & charge to me,  
 letting him think it was a pass  
 so he would have no hesitation about  
 accepting it.

Will you still be in N. Y. when (if)  
 I arrive about Sept 1<sup>st</sup>? I would like  
 very much to have a day there  
 with you and Bets.

In any event, I'll make necessary  
 arrangements with Walter Bennett  
 & tell him I'll be there about the end  
 of September, just before I sail for  
 the Tropics again. I hate to do it,  
 but it seems the only way out.

I saw Mrs Bennett in Guatemala  
 last week & she told me of hearing  
 you speak in Morocco. She is a  
 very kind & thoughtful woman and we  
 all like her very much. Her husband is

manager of the Guatemala Division.  
He and I get along very well to-  
gether.

It looks like our move of the  
family logs to Guatemala City  
would be successful. Dorothy  
likes it very much over there and the  
kids seem to be doing well. I'll not  
be at home much for the next  
year or so, I imagine; but you can  
never make plans on the U. F. Co.  
I may be fired before the end of the  
year & on my way to California with  
the whole crowd.

Give my love to Tillie  
Always yours  
Wall

Pablo:

Since writing enclosed, have rec'd your letter recounting Washington experiences, also note re the Papineau family reunion in 1938. I think we ought by all means to get out the family history as you suggest, and if you will prepare it, I will undertake to finance the rest: I don't know just how far we can go, but we will get it out in the best form which our limited financial ability will permit.

W.C.

Tela, 15 June 1933

Betty dearest,

Your good letter of the 1st came on the last steamer. You are very generous to write to me, when I, on my part, have neglected you so frightfully. I have had a great deal of letter writing to do these past few months, and even at that I havent caught up.

Tom B<sub>a</sub>rbour writes that Dorothy's book should be out in September. They will publish it at \$1.50 a copy, and are to get out an edition of 1000 copies. I have no doubt it will be turned out in good shape. I wish I might see a proof, but I'm afraid they will not want to hold things up that long.

Probably I wouldnt take Lucile's fears so seriously were it not for the tragedy of little Peter, and for Pauline's oversized arm. I am not at all concerned about the bedwetting. That is annoying but if I recall correctly has been a failing of Popences before this. Marion has always been my pet; I thought she was more like Dorothy than the others. Dorothy thought so too, and used to say that she was probably less patient with Marion, for this very reason, than she was with the others. She has always seemed more self-contained, and I think she may turn out to be studious, as Dorothy was. Nancy seems to get along well in school, but we always felt she had my dislike for concentrating on her studies. But on the whole I am very much pleased with Nancy and Hugh and don't feel any concern regarding their future; with Marion and Pauline it is too early to see very much, and that is probably why I sometimes worry when little things seem wrong.

The pictures of little Davy are fine. How fast the youngsters seem to grow up, - when they are not your own!

I am expecting Bill Krome, the son of an old friend of the Fairchilds and ~~himself~~ <sup>mine</sup> in south Florida, to land here next week, and spend the summer at ~~his~~ <sup>my</sup> home. For year at college, I believe. Richard

Bowman, Karl's oldest, should arrive a week or so later. I'll have my hands full this summer, trying to train these two in the way they should go, - or rather, the way I think they should go. It has seemed pretty sad and quiet at Lanquetilla so far, but I shall not talk about that. I have decided that it is high time now for me to keep my troubles to myself, instead of pouring them out to sympathetic ears as I have been doing so freely these past few months. I am beginning to marvel at the way Father has carried his loneliness all these years since Mother died. At his age, and leading an inactive life, it must have been very hard; I am constantly on the run and have plenty of things to occupy my thought. I am going over to Guatemala this week, but fear that I shall not be able to get up to the City. Jorge writes me that they are getting the roof on the last wing and I would like to see how it looks. It is just nip and tuck now; I may have to stop the work for lack of money, but I am hoping that the funds we laid aside two years ago will see it through. Even if they don't I shall finish the job sooner or later, and keep the old place just as Dorothy planned it. I am so glad we got the work as far advanced as we did, before her artistic taste and sense of fitness was taken out of the picture. Time and again she caught me up on some mistake or other, in planning details of the work.

Yes, I had the dates of the children's birthdays, you gave them to me; but I have lost them. I think I have remembered them correctly, however, -- is this right: Nancy Jan 9, Pauline March 24, Hughie August 28, and Marion October 26. Once I get them memorised I'll be allright; and it will only be a few years until I shall have to remember each of them with regularity, else there will be a big howl of disappointment from the injured member of the family when his birthday is overlooked.

Much love to all of you, dearest Betty; I think of you often and am really very proud of my pani huahua.

*E. Wilson*

Tela, 1 Aug 1934

Betty dear,

Your letter of May 26 was most welcome, even if it has long gone unanswered. In the interim, I have seen Paul and had a fine talk with him; it was good to get even that short glimpse of him at Washington. It seemed very much like old times to be sitting around the Cosmos Club with him. As he has doubtless told you, we think the huambritos are nicely fixed at Edith's place and I am sure she will be good to them. Except from the standpoint of climate it is a better arrangement than Palo Alto, for I shall feel much more as though they are near me and I can drop in every once in a while. California is such a long trip from anywhere!

I am glad to see you have found the Ahuacatlan sign and are using it on your stationery. And I'm delighted that the Guatemalan coat is a success. Paul seemed quite enthusiastic about it.

Yes, I suspect you are right about Pauline (or Sally as she insists on calling herself!) being the most like her mother; though I have thought up to now that Marion was more like Dorothy in disposition. Pauline, I believe, is more Hughes in looks than any of the others. By the way, the next time Paul writes, put in a slip with the children's birthdays on it; you sent me one but I have lost it, and I am pretty sure the date on the birth certificate down here at Tela is wrong. I haven't the U S Consulate documents here; they are the only accurate records in the matter.

I wish you were where you could see the children more often and take more part in their upbringing. Dorothy would like it. Maybe some day it will be possible.

This is just a note to tell you I do not forget my pani huahua, even though I don't write very often. Very much love to all of you.



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Teguci, 21 March 1938

Dear Pablo:

By way of recreation I have just put in 88 buds of new Florida varieties of avocados, recd from Subtropical Exp Station, Homestead, via Harold Loomis at Chapman Field, who cant send anything direct because Ben Morrison wont let him. "e are going to develop here the world's finest collection of avocado vars, D.v. Your mte of 2nd inst recd, with full repot on Ma Browne. I have heard from Ed occasionally, in connection his shipment of school-marms et id genus omne, to these parts. I have just written Nancy that we do not wish to reach the stage at which Aunt Carrie found herself, when impelled to ask the Secy of Agr whether or not Chas was still alive after no word from him in 18 mos. Last letter from Nancy was dated 9 Dec last. I guess she got too many Holcombe genes.

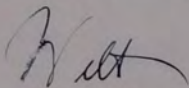
With all due respect to Ma Browne's senile foibles, she used to put out good straweberry shortcake, but no whit superior to what Helen is turning out here, with the good thick cream we have. We are getting about 2 qts of F. hibrida per diem, with prospects of continuing until June.

We are now awaiting proximate arrival of Thoms Jefferson Coolidge and family, great great grandson of T. Jefferson, and presently Chairman of the Board of Directors UFco, and a very fine person. He has wired that they will spend three days with us and this will probably close the season; after Easter we intend to run off for a few days to Cedros and points cerca, to see if we can pick up a few more pieces of Spanish colonial silver. We are a bit tired after the hectic round of the last 4 weeks.

Just got a letter from Art Schroeder with his itinerary. We shall be glad to see him here. In June, and again after going to Costa Rica - if he can get there. Right now the going isnt very good. I am wondering if Knowles will come down as planned. The meeting at Turrialba is scheduled for the 25th inst.

Already we have 28 new students on the campus, and will bring the number up to 60 within a month. Clases dont begin until 1 June, but we like to get the new boys here and break them in and weed out a few before we start.

Much love from all of us



Antigua G., 3 June 1940

Dr Paul Popenoe  
2495 North Marengo Avenue,  
Altadena, California.

Dear Pablo:

Many times you have heard me mention José Felix Tamayo, who did me a great many favors years ago when I was collecting plants in Ecuador. He now writes me that a young relative of his, Gustavo Almeida G., has gone to California to complete his education.

José Felix suggests that it would be helpful to this young man if he could call on you for advice regarding his program. You are familiar with the educational institutions of California, and I know you will be more than glad to talk things over with him. His address is: Mr. Gustavo Almeida G., 1007 North Edgemont, Hollywood. Drop him a line and invite him to call on you.

I am very glad this young man has chosen California as the place to complete his education. I believe he will gain more by studying out there than he would in the East, since he will be spending the rest of his life, presumably, in the highlands of Ecuador where conditions are very similar to those of California.

Ever yours

copy to Sr don José Felix Tamayo

HOTEL AMBOS MUNDOS



HABANA

21 Jan'y 1941

Dear Pablo,

Here we are in a snug little room at Obispo veinticinco, eating lots of good Spanish grub in the Gran Restaurant Ambos Mundos across the street and waiting for the arrival of the four guys from Washn who were booked to get here yesterday and now advise they wont come until next Sunday. This gives us a little time to play about, and call upon what few old friends of mine are still above ground. Yesterday we went out to Stgo de las Vegas, where the misc collection of trees planted by C F Baker in 1901 is still very much alive. But the station has gone to seed a good deal in spite of the efforts of my old friend Gonzalo emmy Fortun who is still director - and about the only man left. Gonzalo is a good citizen. We had dinner with the W W Schuylers (he is genl mgr for UFCO in Cuba) at the National wh set them back a pretty penny; then went to the Té Bailable at the Country Club with them Sun p m where Helen says there were more silver fox coats on display than she ever saw gate red

together in one place. En passant, Mrs Schuyler who comes from Charlottesville and is very conservative, asked me if I was any relation to that horrible person who wrote the highly immoral article in the last Readers Digest; she says to tell you that you are putting ideas into young peoples heads and she wants it stopped.

Habana is still a gay place with lots of patos de Florida (tourists) on hand right now, most of whom spend their time at Sloppy Joe's.

We came over from Guatemala with David Burpee present head of Burpee's seeds; he spent a day with us at Antigua and is looking for some land in that region to establish a seed garden for his novelties. He can grow three generations a yr in that climate as opposed to one in the States and build up stocks rapidly.

Helen says she is going to write to Betty shortly. I have recd word that I have been appointed a collaborator of the USDA for this job, with a per diem of \$6; just like old times and what a pleasure it will be to get subvouchers for ever expenditure of 25 cents or more. But I guess its all for the good of the Cause.

Ever thine

NYC 4 May 1941

Dear Pablo:

Here we are. I go Boston tonight for talk with S Zernuay. Helen stays here with her folks who have come on from Chi. I return Tuesday night to sail Wed on SS Talamanca. Address Magdalena Fruit Co, Santa Marta, Colombia, hasta nueva orden.

Will you put the enclosed in my strong box some time. I dont want to have it in my baggage, travelling abroad.

Have had a brief talk with Karl; we are staying at his apt with Don Ricardo, Karl and Betty having left yesterday for Richmond Va for the week, to attend a convention.

Edith still very undecided about going Calif. Also about marrying Parkie. She says P doesnt want to marry Katherine, he wants to marry she. And she wants to marry somebody and Parkie is the only possibility in sight. Its all very much of a problem like so many others in life. I dont know how it will terminate. We have just been talking with Karl about Calif and he suggests Edith take their house at Vista at \$50 or \$60 per mensem. This sounds to me like a good bet. I have told Edith if she goes to Calif she must not take any house until she has consulted you. And I charge you to see that she does not settle in any bad community. She does not want to live either at Pasadena or Claremont; but should be within striking distance. It seems to me Vista might be just right. Think it over.

Finished the session at Washn in good shape; lunched with VP Wallace several times. Had a fine session with K A Ryerson; we chewed the rag and lamented that Wetmore and Neil Judd finally railroaded Henry Allanson into the Cosmos Club. Much love to all of you.

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15 mayo de 1941

Dear Pablo:

As you have probably gleaned from other sources, we have been delayed considerably in getting off to S.A. When I got to Boston I found Mr. Zemmurray much interested in talking about the agricultural school he proposes to establish in Central America; and since Mr. Turnbull was coming up shortly, he asked that I wait so we could all discuss the project together. Result: We will not sail until the 21st inst. I have to run up to Boston again day after tomorrow to sit in at a meeting of the Board of Directors at wh the same subject will be brought up.

K Aug Ryerson blew in this morning; I had a long session with him and Bill Cumberland toward noon. Bill is in better shape than last yr, mirabile dictu. Knowles is pretty tired from all this running about and Emma is spending half her time in bed. They start home Sunday night.

Aunt Belle is willing to rent us the Vista house at Karl is keen to have us take it. They only ask \$50 per mensem wh it seems to me is fair enough. But Edith writes that she begins to fear the effort of getting all those kids to California is more than she can face alone. I think the odds are about 10m to 1 that she wont go. Hubert and Park have both written her that houses are scarce and high.

We have been camping on the K Murdock Bowmans for an unconscionably

long time, not knowing from day to day what our plans were going to be.

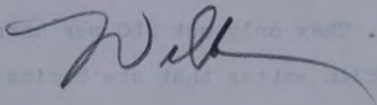
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Don Ricardo is trying hard to get into the Naval Reserve and be given a farmers short course wh will make him an ensign in six mos; he just got w rd that he is in Class 1-A under the draft and unless he can beat them to the punch by getting in the navy he'll be in the armee before he can say Joaquin Robinson. Ricardo is a bright lad and I hope the Navy takes him.

I dont like N Y too well, for a long residence. This afternoon when I came up town from our ofs I got on the 3rd av L, passed 42nd street and said I would get off at the next stop as it must be somewhere in the fifties, and couldnt alight until 106th st. hove into view. I have been kept fairly busy here, what with Merck and Co. U F Co, and one thing and another. Helen and I have had sukiyaki twice at the Miyako and some good Chinese grub on Mott st, not to mention black beans at 50 ¢ a plate at Fornos, worth 3 ¢ in any civilised country.

I suspect you are about finishing up your lecturing and about to get back to that lovely Southland, where I sincerely trust you will stay for a while. Tell Herb to send me his new address so I can write him when I reach the peace and quiet of S A.

K<sup>owles</sup> still very much upset that Henry Allanson got into the Club Cosmos. As for me, its no skin offn my nose. Hoping you are the same,



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16 May 1941

Dear Pablo:

Regarding itinerary for the juvenes in Mexico: I think Helen has already given some advice on a letter to Betty. Here follows some more from us both:

We doubt that they need to stop anywhere en route to Mexico City. When they get there, they should by all means put up at the Hotel Plaza, San Diego tres, right at the lower end of the Alameda. The food there is nothing to write home about; but there are any number of good and cheap native restaurants where they can dine handsomely offn mole de guajolote and a media of pulque. They should see the canals at Xochimilco; the old convento at Churubusco; and a few of the other conventional sights. Helen has advised that they go to Taxco. I suppose they must, so they can say they have been there; personally I think it slightly overrun with patos de la Florida. And they should see Cuernavaca, where Helen has also given instructions. But the big thing for them to see is the region of Puebla. They must not miss San Francisco Acatepec, a church between Puebla and Atlixco; and they should also see Huejotzinco, Acolman (to be done with the Pyramids) Cholula with the church of the seven naves; and they should take a bus from Puebla down to Atlixco just for its historical associations with the avocado industry. They might even look up the old Fuerte tree, to see if it



Stockdale? Will he put them up while in the City? If he will, then my recommendation re the Hotel Plaza is not in order. Tell them not to buy too many things in Mexico; they will find more and better stuff in general in Guatemala. If they want to take Betty any fine pottery get Talavera de Puebla while in Puebla, or at the Artes de Mejico on the Avenida de Juarez in the City. All in all, I would say they ought to spend 4 or 5 days around Mexico City, seeing the conventional things (dont miss the Cathedral and some of the fine old residences) then 3 or 4 days more in the Puebla-Cholula-Atlixco region. I wish we were at home to send them our copy of Terry's guide and Anita Bremer's ditto. Maybe you can borrow a copy of Terry for them to bring along. I think it comes the nearest to being a Baedeker.

When they leave for Guatemala they will go down to Veracruz; maybe they will want to go by bus instead of train. I dont know the relative cost of the two. From H. Veracruz (La Heroica) they will have a long tedious ride to the Guatemalan frontier. They will pick up their grub if and when they can. Tortillas, empanadas, and id genus omne. Tell them to be very careful that they dont get any meat in any of these things; the Mexicans have a habit of eating it, you know; probably a heritage from their cannibalistic ancestors. If they have time to stop over at Tehuantepec City, which is off their route a few miles, it is an interesting place with lots of good looking injun girls, but I doubt that it will pay. The ride from the Istmo down to the Guatemalan frontier is devoid of interest; when they get to the border and start crossing over they dont want to have any Mexican silver in the petites boches, or it will be dedomisado; and when they arrive on the Guatemalan side they must expect to be examined five different and distinct times before they are allowed to profane our land with their questionable presences. So there you are.

Magdalena Fruit Co., Santa Marta,  
6 June 1941

Dear Pablo,

Tempus fugit, and here we are ten days before I begin to feel myself squared away and even half caught up with accumulated correspondence. We have taken one of the houses in our agr'l headquarters at Sevilla, 50 kms inland from Sta Marta, and next door to the one we had two yrs ago. We feel quite a home here; have a gal who does the dish washing et id genus omne, eat out dhal bat every day, and so on.

Yours of May 11 and 25 are before me as I write these words. Your mention of Myron Holcomb recalls the wedding of Inez and Bernice where I last recall seeing Myron. As you say, neither you nor I ever saw much of him.

In re Edith's idea of avoiding Claremont and Pasadena, my guess is that she does not want too much running of her affairs by relatives. Edith is pretty independent and fairly strong minded and has become used to running things her own way. Her last letter indicates that she is stalling in re Calif; says now she doesn't think she wants to go before Aug anyway; and you know what a poor time that will be to rent her house in Silver Spring. As a matter of fact nothing seems to have been done about renting. Shannon and Luchs sent a man out to look over the property; he said they would send out a "For Rent" sign to put up in the yard; and at last report that is as far as things had gone - no sign up. It is all very, very difficult. I have just written Edith that she must be

looking ahead a bit; in two yrs Nancy will go away to college; I  
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here for a year or two; and if there are only two children left

in her care I could scarcely be expected to contribute as much toward the upkeep of Silver Spring as I am now contributing. I hate to bring up this subject but maybe it is the only way we can get her to thinking along practical lines - and maybe even this wont do it. One worry seems to be that she hesitates to face the long trip to Calif with the kids. I offered to send two on the train; but even so it is a hard job for her. Cant you induce Parkie or one of the others to go East this summer and convoy the crowd back to Calif? I think this possibility might be a great help in getting her to spring into action.

As to the pros and cons of Vista, I would not bother much about that feature until there is some chance of actually getting the move to Calif made; and after that I would leave it to you and Hubert and Parkie to convince her of the right place for her to live. You are on the ground and should be able to plan some of these things for her.

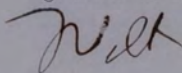
We are tickled pink that you and Pani Hushua are going down to Mexico. Look up Josephine Keiser Littlejohn of Topeka, who recently sent some friends to our house in Antigua; she lives at Calero 31, San Angel Inn, D.F. And I share your uncertainty re Rito's hospitality; when I was there last time he invited me to one meal with him. But do use the Hotel Plaza, unless you go to a tourist camp or something of that sort. Its a pretty place. We have forewarned Mr Molanphy that he boys will be showing up, and Maria also; and all they have to do when they reach the City is to check in with Molanphy, and ask him Donde podemos coger el bus para Antigua? Then when they get to the big front door at numero 2, Calle de la Nobleza, they just have to tell Maria Somos los hermanos Popencey, and she will trot out the pickled spinach and fresh radishes al gusto del cliente. They better explain to her right offn the bat that they are from the University of Pittsburgh. Heat meat. Will you give the two Pomona profs whose names I do not have. a note to Mr Molanphy saying

that you and I have made verbal arrangements for them to stay at the house even if your boys are there? That will be all required. Or if you prefer, send me their names and I'll write Molanphy direct; but it really isn't necessary.

The way things stack up here, we are likely to fly up to Bogotá on the 17th inst, for a week or so; then come back here until the end of August, about wh time we hope to head for Central America. But taking into account the law of probabilities, I doubt very much that we shall get to Antigua in time to see the boys. Gosh, what times you and Betty are going to have around Mexico City and Puebla! There are more fine sights in that territory, to my way of thinking, than anywhere else in tropical America unless it might be at Cuzco. Try to see Mrs Nuttall's Casa Alvarado at Coyacán; Carl Schmidt can get you in. As I think I have already told you, I'm sure Carl cherishes no grudge and will perhaps give you a warmer welcome than Rito. Pero viendo se verá.

Now I must go forth and put this on the train to Sta Marta.

Love to all,



La Lima, 15 Aug 1941

Dear Pablo,

We reached Barrios a week ago; Helen continued to Antigua with the baggage, I flew over here, the idea being that I would look over sites for the agr'l school, then go over to Guatemala for a few weeks in Sept. But yesterday Mr Pollan called me on the radiotelephone from Boston and told me Vice Pres. Wallace had asked that I be loaned to the govt for a time, to join two men from Washn who are coming down to select a site for the Institute of Trop Agrl Research wh the U S govt plans to establish somewhere around the Caribbean. I am to proceed immediately to Venezuela, where we will start out, working from there northward, looking over sites wh various countries have offered. I think it means we will have to visit Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Salvador and perhaps a few others. I am mighty sorry to take the road again, just when we have finished 7 mos hard travel, but I suppose this wont elicit much sympathy from you, who have been doing an awful lot of this sort of thing in recent yrs.

Helen was tremendously pleased to find the boys still at Antigua when she arrived, and I am glad that she got an opportunity to know them, and vice versa. She wrote that Lois Castle showed up for a call, a few days later.

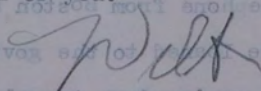
Send letters to me via Helen at Antigua; she is the only one who will have a fairly clear idea of where I am at any given date and can forward.

I hope you enjoyed your visit to Mejico; and if Betty didnt think some of those old churches around Puebla are simply

Edith writes that Parkie has announced his engagement to Katherine, formalmente, and that she Edith will not move to Calif this yr at least. I'll drop the matter.

But when Nancy is thru H S and Hugh thru grammar school in June 1943 we'll have to revamp things considerably; Sufficient unto the day is the evil therof.

Much love to all of you.



I hope you enjoyed your visit to Mexico; and if Betty didn't think some of those old churches around Puebla are simply the finest ever, then I don't know where to go. I'll drop the matter. But when Nancy is thru H S and Hugh thru grammar school in June 1943 we'll have to revamp things considerably; Sufficient unto the day is the evil therof. Much love to all of you.

Antigua G., 9 Oct 1941

Dear Pablo:

At last we have finished up the job of looking over sites for the Instituto Interamericano de Agricultura Tropical, and my two colleagues from Wash'n left yesterday by air for the same place. This has been quite a job; dickering with the jefes in every country, calling on the señores ministros and in 3 countries on the president. The President of Salvador treated us especially well; had us to bkfst, and took us out for a morning in the country. I got a touch of flu in Costa Rica and didnt enjoy the last week of the trip too much, but that's neither here nor there.

I was just beginning to figure out what I would do next, when I got a call on the radiotelephone yesterday from A A Pollan in Boston, and he told me that they have decided I am the proper man to organise and develop Mr Zemmurray's Central American Agr'l School in Honduras, and they are going to put me on this project definitely. In other words I am to be Director of the School and live at the site most of the time, and probably drop all other Company activities, at least to a large degree.

On the whole, I rather like the proposition. I think I can make something worth while out of the school. I will develop it into a combination school and experiment station for all of Central America. It will give us a chance to spend quite a bit of time at Antigua, probably, wh we like. I will probably keep my contact with the USDA, the agrl school here in Guatemala, the Cinchona project, and a few other things. I wont do so much travelling as we have done these past two yrs, wh on the whole is a good thing. That was beginning to get a bit wearing and I am not growing younger. I will probably have time to do quite a bit of writing, wh I havent recently.

DF and Daisy Bell are due here next Monday. I will spend a week with them, showing them around here; then I am to meet Lukens of Merck and Co for a week's overhauling of the Cinchona project. Then I will probably run over to Honduras for a time.

Also glad to hear that Pab is going to work. This never did any boy harm. As for Parkie and his engagement, I am not buying any wedding presents yet. After a man has waited 45 yrs mas o menos, to get married, he isnt likely to be in any hurry about the final arrangements. Edith is beginning to worry about the high cost of living, and about a future job. Says she must start in this autumn at U of Md to work for a master's degree, etc.

You ask if I am going up to Washn soon. No. Knowles asked that I come up for another meeting of his Committee on Interamerican Cooperation in Agrl Education, but I had to turn it down. They meet Nov 10. I simply cant stand any more long trips this yr. I've been going steadily for 9 mos.

I will keep your man Dr James Bonner in mind. The only trouble is, we dont have many jobs down here for short durations such as he wishes. There are an awful lot of men who want to come to the tropics just for a year or two, to get experience, but not enough good men who are willing to come down here and spend the rest of their lives. Those few who make the supreme sacrifice seem to think they ought to get at least 200% more salary for it than they have b en getting in the States. Very flattering to the States, but hard on us folks who are hiring men in the tropics. I have been trying to find a man for this agrl school job of ours and guys who are getting \$2400 in the govt service, for example, in Puerto Rico or the States, intimate they might be interested at \$6000 if there is an iron clad ten year contract and lots of perquisites. But when we get the school going, we shall probably be able to offer a few jobs to men like Dr Bonner if they dont expect too much money. It seems to me too many of our technical workers in agr think the present widespread interest in Latin America is nothing more nor less than an opportunity for them to make a lot of money.

"all, I have a stack of correspondence 1 ft high on my desk wh must be cleaned up before the Fairchilds arrive so here goes. Helen joins in love to all of you.



Antigua G., 8 Nov 1941

Dear Pablo:

Yours of 3rd inst. to hand and contents noted. We are glad to hear that Dr. K M Bowman M.D. and family have moved to Berkeley. They will like it there, I am sure; and if anyone deserves to have a little leisure time, after 25 yrs without any, it is Karl. --We are interested in what you say about Richard. We saw quite a bit of him at NYC and liked him. I havent seen much of the younger boys in recent yrs so dont know how he stacks up with them. In some ways he is a good deal of a kid but he is no introvert. We takes hold and tries to help and is very thoughtful at all times. The Navy will do him a lot of good, as it does to all good men and true. And as you say, he will probably stay in it for quite some time, wh will give an opportunity to get all the benefits.

When you get time, can you see that Nancy is registered at Pomona? I dont know how to handle - or you can tell me how and I will do it, or should she do it? I am fearful that she wont actually get there but we'll see. --Edith is taking 7 hrs of work per wk at U of Md and says after a yr she will be able to renew her teaching certif. thereby, and be in line for a job beginning at \$2000. All of wh sounds good; unless it works out like renting her house last June. She was sure it would rent in a hurry at \$200 per mensem and after putting the well-known firm of Shannon and Luchs on the job she didnt even get a nibble. I think the same would happen if she tried to sell at her figure of \$16,000; but that is neither here nor there.

Homer Brett's son didnt tell me anything about the family; we

only had time for a word of greeting.-- Glad to know you are tied up  
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Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA Good sort.

DF and Daisy Bell left last Tues after being in Guatemala for 3 weeks. DF took along 6 asstd. baskets of seeds and plants, most of wh will doubtless succumb to hydrocyanic gas at Hoboken. They went over to Habana on one of our ships, thence to Miami. I think they enjoyed their stay tho our house is provided with fewer of the a.m.i. things than they are accustomed to having about them. Both are showing their yrs, as you and I shall probably do at 61 and 73. DF still has tremendous drive and finds it hard not to be doing something all the time. Daisy Bell is also somewhat more restless than she used to be. I can imagine it must have been a bit thick on Anne Archbold's chinese junk in the South Seas - but you dont know Anne so cant appreciate.

Mr Turnbull has just wired that he has closed with the Honduras govt for the tract of land we have picked out for the school; about 1500 acres 35 kms or one hour's drive from Tegucigalpa over a beautiful mountain road. Location is about 2300 ft above sea level where the climate is quite decent. I shall have to go over in a week or so and work on plans for layout and bldgs; I have one of our engineers detailed to handle the technical end and construction. It is going to be an interesting job; and tho I hate somewhat to cut loose from the bananas, this will give me more time for some of the things I have long wanted to do, and a chance to grow plants again as at Lancetilla. All in all I think it probably the best thing wh could have happened to us right now. We can get back to Antigua fairly often and when we get our dairy going, and our chicken runs, and piggery, and vegetable garden, we ought to live well. Helen will stay here for the moment; I shall get back for Xmas if not earlier, then after that we will probably go over together and make our hdqrs in an existing bldg on the property until we can bld a house for ourselves.