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Hotel y Restaurant "IMPERIAL" S. A.
EL MEJOR SITUADO EN EL PUERTO
Baño y Ventilador en todos los cuartos
VERACRUZ, Ver.



Veracruz Mexico

April 5/1936

Dear Mr. Morrison:-

Arrived here late Apr. 3. and most thankful too because I had about reached the saturation point with heat, bad food, dirty people etc etc.

Will take off tomorrow for northern parts of the state to grab up the last tobacco saples - also thank goodness.

Your two letters of Mar 5 & 11 at hand.

Sorry not to have known of the doll weakness sooner. I could have collected enough dolls to help cure the mania. I have a friend who once had such a passion for small elephants. - he was daffy on the subject. When I returned from S. A. last year I brought a great quantity of exceedingly small ones. & also have been garnering them on this trip but recently I was told that his appetite has paled. But now it is ^{too} late to start looking for dolls - however I'll scare up as many as possible in Mexico City perhaps several dozen. Poor lady! I hope they will help her trouble.

That's nice to get the prints on display - then when I return you can take notice to see them. I have not heard if the artist applied



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for the fellowship.

I had to hear more about the peanut prospect even tho it is not cinched as yet. Clayton writes that Brandes has an idea of classifying his sugar canes and wonders would I do for the job. Well I wonder. As I've remarked before my interest lies in Plant Exploration + Introduction if there are any prospects and I presume you can't say about that, things being what they are. Fortunately it seems that Brandes is in no hurry to settle on candidates so apparently things will keep till my return - which should be before the end of the month unless my plans go astray.

For one thing I don't seem to be able to churn up much inner enthusiasm over the idea of spending 10 years identifying sugar cane, but perhaps it wouldn't be all just sitting at a desk. This last confession of course is for your ears alone. I could be terribly interested at the idea of classifying the entire monocot group.

For another thing I believe I would prefer 5 months in Brazil chasing peanuts to 10 yrs. looking at sugar cane in the U.S. - but much
(over)

depends either way and, as I've remarked,
the matter can be best settled in Washington
after my return.

By now the coffee must have arrived
unless someone snatched it.

There's going to be a great struggle, I fear,
as I come into the U.S. with all my
crates & boxes of purchases. The customs
will pester me into a rage, I fear. Well
I'll be able to hold my own. It has been
a long time since I could practise my
sarcasm; in Spanish my vocabulary is
too limited and I've had to confine myself
to deadly looks. That inspector of
Customs

It will ^{be} a very welcome change to get
back, this last month has been too much.

Sincerely

Archer

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Dear Miss Blaine:

These scenes are done by a local artist.
I like them so well that I thought some
of keeping all of them (100) to frame but
then a friend is a friend. This country
is beyond description. I have not taken
a single note about agriculture yet.
I hope to swamp the office with seed,
even before this reaches you.

A lady in Diredawa has promised to
make 3 dolls, free for nothing. She
is Russian. I hope she keeps the
promise. — anyhow I kissed her
hand in the true Russian style.

You know "the old Archer character"!!

The beard is growing again but
alas gray but I understand that
the Somali women use henna
to dye their palms & of hands. —
so!!!

Best wishes for a new year

Archer

Reno Nevada

May 26, 1937

Dear Miss Blaine

at Denver where I had a long layover
I found a pair of Navajo dolls which I
thought you would like. Hope they are
not too expensive at \$2⁵⁰ each. The shop
had managed to get only these two. They are
hand made by a Navajo woman - New Mexico
- in fact her name is on the soles of one of
the dolls. The other object is a Hopi
god. There were a lot of these - all different
The owner of the shop says there is a Smith-
sonian report which gives the story of the
Hopi gods. This last was \$1.25.

Hope you like them.

Sincerely

Archer

P. O. Box 9005
Reno Nevada
Sept 24/1937

Dear Miss Blaine

Thanks so much for your letter of the 11th.
Just about that time I sent you another box containing
two Indian dolls. They looked pretty fine to me
but maybe you will lose them. They are said to
be typical costume for Indians of Nevada at
the time the first white people arrived in the state.
They were made by a old Indian woman.

It was good to have the news of the office
to me even without me anything but business

and sometimes not as much of that as I would
like. The Boss must be a very busy person
nowadays. The latest, as you know, is that
I stay put in Reno. might as well take
advantage of the opportunity and get a divorce
I suppose! (He's not even married, M. N. B.)

Mrs. Ricker must have had a bad time of it.

Sorry - but it looks as tho the doll situation
will be at a standstill unless I should happen
to run across some of an Indian agency somewhere.
Anyhow I'll keep the glims open for recruits.

Sincerely

W. A. Archer

P O Box 9005
Reno Nevada

Oct 18 1937

Dear Miss Blaine:-

Just a note to tell you that the
last two Indian dolls were of the
Paiute tribe. Got word that another
pair were in the making.

Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely

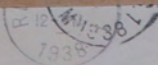
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W. A. Archer

W. A. Archer
To J. R. Henrichs
Box 815
Reno Nevada

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Miss M. M. Blaine

5425 Conn. Ave.

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9, Mr. J. R. Henrichs
Box 815
Reno, Nevada
July 8, 1938

Dear Miss Blaine:-

Today I sent you a box of 12 dolls - a result of a weekend in San Francisco. Didn't find as much as my impression of last year lead me to believe. To begin with most of the dolls are of Japanese manufacture - altho I bought them in Chinese shops - but then a doll is a doll. The price is marked on each - a total of \$6.87, for all which isn't so bad, do you think. I think the cutest is the one with changeable wigs. There wasn't much variety in the shops I visited - but the better places were closed (Fourth of July) in fact I got one of each kind - except for some elaborate (actress) dolls at about \$5 each. If I go down again on a week day I'll try some of the larger shops.

Glad you liked the Navajos. I think I saw some of the ^(Navajo) Hopi Kachinas in a shop ^{here}, but have not had a chance to look at them or price them. Would you want more of these?

There's no rush about paying
for the dolls now. I'll keep looking
for more. I asked at an Indian
trading post the other day but
found nothing.

The work keeps me on the move
but I do want to make a good
haul of stuff.

From what the boss says I'll
be coming back when the snow
flies - or was it fur? Pun!
Speaking of fur did you note the
latest stunt of Mrs. Nuttall setting
the ~~6~~ men on our trail. I'm
going to take a long trip away
from here before she gets us.

Sincerely
Archer

VIA AIRMAIL

Santarém
April 5 1943

Dear Miss Klaine :-

arrived here some days ago and am waiting for a launch to go on to the Tapajós river - which I hope may be tomorrow. Very glad indeed to escape from Belem which is quite a stuffy place - too many Americans for one thing. If I can arrange I shall continue to travel just to stay away from Belem. Have had a terrific time trying to get film for the camera I brought from the office. Albee's office sent the wrong size. This I traded to someone in Belem who had a few rolls that would fit. So I brought them on this trip but when I tried to put one in the machine found the spool too large. So what to do. Missed some very good snaps which I may get on the return. Upon arrival here discovered a photographer an ex German married to a Brazilian. He knows cameras very well indeed. He finally discovered how to make the film fit by grinding off one edge of the spool. So I have turned out some good pictures here. While talking to the photographer I was shown some of his snaps, including one of dolls in native dress. To my astonishment I found that the woman who makes these lives here in town. So after considerable questioning finally located her today and placed an order for 5 dolls showing representative scenes for life in the State of Para. Hope she does a good job. I will see the work in about 2 weeks when I return from the Tapajós.

The hotel - which I am living now is dirty beyond all belief but one learns to put up with such, more or less.

naturally I would prefer to be back with the herbarium but I understand all that is shelved for the present. maybe someday we shall all get back together.

I understand that I should be going back for a short time & sincerely W. A. Ricker

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Washington, D. C.
April 24, 1943

Dear Doctor Archer:

Your letter of April 5 was a very pleasurable surprise, first because it proved that you had not entirely forgotten us and, second, because I may look forward to five dolls from Brazil. Since I have gotten only one doll since I saw you last (a tiny one from Alaska), you can imagine how happy I am at the prospect of getting five made-to-order ones from way down there. How will you get them to me - bring them with you when you come up for your visit (which I hope will be very soon), send them by someone else, let them come by air, or send them by steamer? I want you to keep strict account of the costs.

When Mr. Higbee was at the office before going down to his new station, he told me that you and he had spent many nights looking for dolls for me without success. He promised to send me some from Ecuador, but I have received none as yet. With so many men going to South America, it seems a pity they couldn't each get me one doll, but air plane space being of vital importance these days, I can't very well ask any of them.

As you probably know, I see your letters that come to the office and hear from various sources of the grand job you are doing. I thought perhaps you'd never want to come back here, but it is nice to know that you hope we will some day be all together again. You would be delighted with the Herbarium; in fact, we are all envious of the location it occupies in the building. While we poor mortals sit in cold, dark rooms on the north and east sides of the building, the herbarium cases occupy the sunniest spots. I've never been colder in my life than I've been since we moved out here; never see the sun all day, and worked by electric light all winter. I don't think you'd much enjoy the trek from town out here any more than we do, but then.

The boss is well and has plenty to do. He is still plugging away at Spanish and has become quite expert, I believe. We thought for a while we were going to lose him to South America, but I think that danger is passed for the present. Mr. Erlanson is well and has plenty to do. Now that you are not here to listen to my tales of woe and commiserate with me, I go to him.

Claude is out in Utah, a lieutenant. Sullivan is in the South Pacific; Tillson is in the Navy. Swingle is in Florida. Mrs. Sessions transferred to another Bureau in December; Mr. Young is still dieting; Mr. Russell is still buzzing around; our friend in the front office has not improved since our move, and the Blonde and Little Willie still go their merry way to the detriment of everyone's morale.

My principal indoor sport these days is writing letters to those members of the family in the service - one brother a Lieutenant in the Navy, another in the Army; one nephew in the Marine Air Service (a Lieutenant), another in the Army in the South Pacific, another a Commando, another in the Marines, and another working for his commission in the Navy. It's grand to get letters from them but rather difficult to find interesting and cheerful things to write them about.

We have had an unbelievably cold spring and I am looking forward to the nice torrid days of August. We see the city proper only one night a week now (when Mrs. Yates and I go on a shopping, not a buying, spree). The crowds just seem to mill around without accomplishing anything, but they are good natured and that helps a lot.

Please do write us again and do try to come up for a visit at the earliest possible date, and believe me when I say that I think you are a pretty swell person to think of my hobby. With all good wishes for the best of health and success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

VIA AIRMAIL

July 10, 1943

Dear Miss Blaine

I do appreciate getting your letters even though I don't seem to answer them very rapidly. Never was much of a guy for writing, I guess. The dolls, or bonecas, as they call 'em here are safely tucked away in one of the boxes where I keep the dried plants - with plenty of naphthalene to discourage the buffalo moths - of which we have scads.

As for that article in the Travel magazine - I had already swiped it from another magazine (long ago) in the reading room of the hotel where I stopped. Never did like the hotel anyhow so had no qualms about taking the article. It is the same article as appeared in Travel. Even more - the five dolls which I have were chosen from the illustrations in the article - and even more than that the illustrations in the article were made from dolls created by the same woman who made the dolls for me. It looks as though I have gone and gotten very involved trying to explain it all but maybe you will understand. This woman has about a dozen types in which she specializes and apparently she does not vary much from the original design. I saw two the other day in a Brazilian home which had been bought several years ago in Santarem and they were practically the same as the ones I have for you - except that the lace maker wore a hat. This woman is very much of an artist and makes also beautiful artificial flowers, and lace. She could make much money if she were not stuck off in far away Santarem but she can not leave there because her aged mother can not stand to travel.

I want to send you the article by mail but I wish to be certain first that it will reach so I am sending first a photograph which includes dolls made by this woman. The arrow points to one, of which I have a copy for you. It was from this photograph that I discovered that the doll woman was in Santarem. She also made the Indian house with the figures inside. If the photo reaches you safely let me know and I send the article.

As yet don't know what to do about the dolls. Had hoped to bring them with me but have heard nothing more about coming back. Maybe we can trust them by boat before long.

Am trying to browbeat myself into writing a long overdue report for Allee. Maybe he will can me.

From what I read in Time magazine people in the States are not having a too easy time now. So maybe I am not so bad off down here after all. Have chipped in with two other chaps and hired a cook. She is a wonder - what with pies, cakes, flap jacks, curried shrimp, etc. I don't know how she manages to get the food.

I can not be reached by letters with ordinary postage if they are addressed as follows:

W. Andrew Archer
% Rubber Development Corporation
3159 Commodore Plaza, Coconut Grove,
Miami, Florida.

(Please forward to Belem office.)

I gave part of this address to Mr. Morrison recently and asked that he in turn give it to Mr. Erlanson but it lacked the last line which seems to be very important. Would you please tell them both.

Sincerely
Archer

Dec 2 Belém

If things go as planned I shall probably get there before this card does. Will bring the dolls of course. Did you ever get the page of the doll article sent some time ago in a letter?

This picture was reduced too much but is supposed to represent the Amazon method of making smoked ball rubber. The picture will also serve as bookplate for the library here.

Best wishes & season's greetings

W. Andrew Archer

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Blessing of the Hunt . . . reproduced for the benefit of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, from a water-colour by the African artist, Raphaël Mounkala, of Brazzaville.



Incantation pour la chasse . . . reproduction, au profit du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance, d'une aquarelle due à l'artiste africain Raphaël Mounkala, de Brazzaville.



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Mr. Kicker told me you had been in the hospital. By now I do hope you have recovered and are back in your apartment with all those dolls and mementos.

I have less than two years before retirement and will need soon to decide where to go. Perhaps to Chicago Museum Natural History. I never see or hear from Mr. Morrison. Miss Wetherell left the Hort Mag. and is working somewhere for the govt. Harlow is still about. Mr. Young finally left Wash. and is now traveling about sightseeing.

Last I heard he was -

Las Vegas, Nevada
After the herbarium was moved to the arboretum grounds about 4 yrs ago, I never see Erlanson.

Best wishes.

W. A. Archer

Christmas 1962



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GREETINGS

Jungle . . . collage contributed by Lena Stöckli, Swiss resident in Peru, to UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.



La jungle . . . Collage offert par Lena Stöckli (Suisse), résidant au Pérou, à l'UNICEF, Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance.



En la selva . . . Obra de Lena Stöckli, de Suiza, residente en el Perú. Contribución al UNICEF, el Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia.



Джунгли . . . Монтаж Лена Стокли (Швейцария; живет в Перу), подаренный ЮНИСЕФ — Детскому фонду Организации Объединенных Наций.



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I do hope you have recovered
your health by ^{now} and have
returned to be with all your
treasures - especially the dolls.
Retirement comes for me next
year. I plan to live in
Virginia, where I have two
good friends at one of the
colleges. We expect to write
a flora of Virginia. Also
a biography of O.F. Cook.
The last will be more difficult
than the flora.

The herbarium was moved to
arboretum grounds so I
rarely see any of the PE+I
folk, a big staff there
now to do what 13 ym
accomplished single handed.
now keep your health.

my best

W.A. Archer

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Season's Greetings

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August 2, 1951

Miss May M. Blaine
Apt. 215
5425 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 15, D.C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

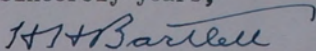
Your letter of 22 June arrived before we had any certainty about ~~four~~ budget for the current fiscal year. It was not really finally settled until 13 July. Our funds were considerably cut, but not as badly as I had feared they might be. We are continuing the sadly inadequate support of botanical work by Dr. Walter Koelz and Thakur Rup Chand, and I wrote him accordingly, after the budget was finally determined. Also, I have ordered new supplies for him to be sent in several packages by parcel post, thinking that would be more expeditious and convenient for him than freight, for there would be more difficulty in handling the latter at the Consulate in Bombay. I had to guess at what Dr. Koelz wanted, for he said only "supplies". At any rate we then had no money for current expenses and no certainty of continuing the work this fiscal year. I hope the present year's financial slump represents only a temporary condition, and that we may now count upon continuing the work. As you probably understand, I have the small stipend paid to Rup Chand, in order not to complicate the situation if and when Dr. Koelz finds himself for a time on the Government payroll. I even discontinued Dr. Koelz's honorary appointment at one time in order not to prejudice him in the eyes of Mr. Morrison, but had it resumed when the Dept. of Agriculture job flivvered. It seems most unfortunate to me that there is no continuing and adequate support for Dr. Koelz's amazingly productive work. I have done what I could, but we have a period of mental turmoil every Spring when it is uncertain how much support we will get and how far it can be stretched. I know conditions in B.P.G. are much the same, on a larger scale. I well remember the year when I spent much time and effort in pulling political wires to save Mr. Morrison's budget! It helped, but I afterwards heard that the situation was largely created and the proposed policy inspired by the wish of the Bureau to get rid of Mr. Morrison personally, not his organization. I'm reminded of the occasion by the recent move to eliminate Mr. Acheson by a similar maneuver. Yes, I've known all the P.E.G. chiefs from Fairchild on.

August 2, 1951

By the way, I happened to write Dr. Archer about a loan of Litchi and relatives for study by Miss Su-Ying Liu just at the time when Mrs. Archer died, and he never replied. If you see him soon, will you please remind him about it? Miss Liu is just back from a study period in Florida, and we now need the material. If it can be loaned, it should be sent through Dr. Rogers McVaugh, Curator of Phanerograms, University Herbarium, Museum Bldg., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Thanking you for your interest in Dr. Koelz's problems, I am

Sincerely yours,



H. H. Bartlett

HHB:sb

Copy to
Miss Blaine
H+B

December 12, 1952

Dr. Walter Koelz
c/o American Consul
Bombay, India

Dear Walter;

I inclose copy of a letter to Miss Blaine. The Asa Gray Bulletin has taken hold slowly (if at all!) and now seems to be slipping out of sight financially, but we shall keep it going through Volume II, which will take care of four instalments of your letters. The Bulletins with your letters will be sent as published, and the edition of at least 100 separates held for assembly in one cover, unless you prefer a separate cover for each, as issued.

It seemed too much to believe that Dr. Gordon Bowles had been appointed Ambassador. It was Chester Bowles, as anybody should have known. Chester Bowles is a regular New Dealer and probably one of the least obnoxious of that ilk, but still a New Deal politician. I'm sorry that I passed on my probably false hopes for more intelligent American representation in India. I looked into the matter, found the new appointee was Chester Bowles, and of course didn't bother to send a letter which I had started, about your work.

I know nothing against Chester Bowles except what would be true of any New Dealer, but even if his intentions are good I have no confidence at all in any of them. We had hoped to be well rid of the whole lot of them in Jan., but Eisenhower has named one of them Secretary of Labor, which, to quote Taft, is an incredible appointment, which more than a little shakes my confidence in Eisenhower, but he is entitled to a few bad moves. The logical man for President was of course Taft, but I was glad to vote for Eisenhower, fearing that Taft had too much sense for the electorate to take. We shall hope for a good Republican as Ambassador to India after Jan. and then I'll take my vorpall pen in hand.

I'm moving many of my activities to the abandoned

"Old Maternity Hospital" and hope to be better organized soon for doing something with the Indian collections.

Best wishes to you and Rup Chand!

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Bartlett

HHB/lc

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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December 12, 1952

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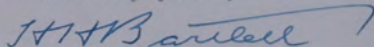
Dear Miss Blaine;

Dr. Walter Koelz won't need to worry about subscribing to the Asa Gray Bulletin in order to get copies of his "Letters from India". I'll send whole numbers, and there will be at least 100 separates for him, all neatly assembled and provided with a cover. We have been making uniformly 150 separates of articles in Vol. I, but can't be so liberal from now on, because we shall have to reduce the edition to save expense. Since we have been using 150 copies of the full press run of 500 of the Bulletin to make the separates we shall probably reduce separates to 100, and the total press run to 400.

Up to the end of last week most of our few subscribers had failed to renew, and returns of only \$80 had resulted from sending out the notice. We shall try again when Vol. I No. 4 is mailed, and shall keep going through Vol. II anyway before concluding that there is too little interest to warrant continuation. So we shall run at least four instalments of the "Letters from India". I've decided to begin them in Vol. II No. 1. There is a tremendous amount of other material on hand and I'd rather have Dr. Koelz's separates in a uniform-sized edition, for an odd 50 of the first instalment would be of no value to him ~~and we must pinch every value to him~~ and we must pinch every penny. Furthermore, we may change the page size or typing size slightly for greater economy.

Dr. Koelz may have guessed that Asa Gray Bulletin is mostly financed by myself, and will understand the circumstances requiring economy of operation. I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



H. H. Bartlett

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Apt. 215
5425 Connecticut Ave.
Washington 15, D.C.
June 1, 1954

Dr. H. H. Bartlett
Editor, The Asa Gray Bulletin
Department of Botany
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Bartlett:

On Saturday, May 29, I received the following numbers of The Asa Gray Bulletin:

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I am returning these publications with this letter as I am not interested in them and do not want them. I do not know who is responsible for having them sent to me, but in February of this year (1954) Dr. Walter Koelz wrote me that, instead of his "Letters," The Asa Gray Bulletin was going to publish in several issues the manuscript which he wrote some years ago in Iran. Knowing of my interest in all of his writings, on February 27, 1954, Doctor Koelz wrote me, "The Asa Gray Bulletin is a subscription magazine, so I have ordered a year's subscription for you at your Connecticut Avenue address." It was certainly Doctor Koelz' intention that I receive those numbers of the magazine which contained his article, and I hope it is possible to send me the publication as it is issued. I have never heard of subscribing to a magazine and getting the previous year's issues, unless, of course, one especially asked for back numbers. Any previous issues of The Asa Gray Bulletin he thinks would be of interest to me are shown to me by Dr. F. J. Hermann of this Section, who is a subscriber. Also on Saturday, May 29, I received a letter from Doctor Koelz saying, "There is still no word from the Asa Gray Bulletin. The Persian friend writes they will publish it in Persian. They read it in English, since I wrote it there."

May I take this occasion to say that I enjoyed reading previously your reviews of books on the Himalayas and Tibet. During the last several weeks, besides Annapurna and The Conquest of Everest, I have read Seven Years in Tibet by H. Harrer; Peaks and Lamas by Marco Pallis; Tibetan Sky Lines by R. B. Ekvall; Magic and Mystery in Tibet by Alexandra David-Neel; Secret Tibet by Foscoe Maraini; and Out of This World by Lowell Thomas, Jr. I hope to read next "Twenty Years in Tibet" by David Macdonald. I didn't care too much for Mrs. David-Neel's book; it was poorly translated and hard to follow. I very much enjoyed Peaks and Lamas which gives, perhaps, the best description of the flora of Tibet. If you haven't

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read Secret Tibet, you have a treat in store for you. Out of This World is very readable and also gives a very good idea of Tibetan flora, as you know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) May M. Blaine

cc: Dr. Rogers McVaugh
Dr. Walter Koelz

July 1, 1953

Dear Miss Blaine,

I intended to write you a letter at the time I sent the doll fragments but I see from your letter that I didn't and I've been out in the state on range survey since your letter came.

The two pieces of doll do fit together - i.e. they are top and bottom of the same doll. The doll was damaged when I returned from South America in 1938 and I have had it in my basement since. It was an authentic doll from the Paraguayan chaco region in South America. It was made and used by the indians there. As such I suppose that it must have some ethnological interest although I realize that it is a damaged doll. If with this information you do not think it worth saving you may just dispose of it as you wish.

I miss my work for your Division very much but am constantly reminded of it as the seeds I am growing mature and become living plants in Wyoming. I am having very good success with the grasses and am slowly getting various shrubs and ornamentals started.

Sincerely and my very best regards to everyone.

Alan Beeth

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

Aboard the M. S. Santa Inez
April 6, 1938.

DIVISION OF
PLANT EXPLORATION AND INTRODUCTION

Miss May M. Blaine
Division of Foreign Plant Exploration and Introduction
Bureau of Plant Industry
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

Your letter of March 14 was received with great pleasure when we passed through Lima April 4 on our way to Guayaquil, Ecuador. We are now sailing up the river and in another two and one half hours will be docked at one of the hottest spots in South America. They say it is really quite terrific, so I presume we will still hurry to get out of the heat.

You are right about us having a hurried trip. We have managed to pick up a few dolls some of them of rather poor quality however. Most of the dolls we have seen were of very poor workmanship and I am sure you will be disappointed with some we have. We looked all over Buenos Aires for a pair of gaucho dolls. The only thing we could find were some of rather crude workmanship, have faces of cloth. We purchased a pair in desperation and hope you will not be too disappointed. The same thing happened in Santiago and Temuco. In Valparaiso we found a pair of dolls characteristic of the Indians of Southern Chile with fairly good features but with bodies that are not so well done. They were terrifically expensive but I took a chance and purchased a pair. In Lima we obtained a pair of dolls characterizing the Indians of the interior of central Peru and we also purchased a pair of dolls characteristic of the Indians of Cuzco in southern Peru just like the pair you have. We could not obtain a costume, and they would not sell a single doll so we purchased the pair. I have some native homespun cloth I purchased in La Paz, Bolivia, perhaps we can obtain enough material out of that piece to make a costume for the doll you have and I can dispose of the pair I have to some one else. They are really very good dolls. From this you can see that we are obtaining a few pieces for your collection. They may be in pretty bad shape by the time we get them to Washington, but not so bad but that we can straighten them out.

Dr. Reed at Valparaiso had a pair of dolls that are made and sold in Ecuador and they were very fine although small. We are looking forward to obtaining an additional pair for you there. *Perhaps from Mrs. Robinson.*

Thanks so much for the news items. It has been so long since we have had an opportunity to find out what is happening in our native land that we hardly know whether any thing is happening or not. ~~Of~~ course we know things are happening but to us it is nil.

Thanks ~~also~~ for your well wishing. We hope our work will bring results. But that remains for the future to demonstrate. Tell Mr. Morrison we would welcome hearing from him as often as he has an opportunity, ~~and~~ had I better say, as often as he can make an opportunity to write.

Appreciating your well wishing and with kind personal regards, I am

Francis Lima post, post.

Very sincerely yours H. Loran Blood

UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
LOGAN, UTAH

June 26, 1939

Miss May M. Blaine
5425 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

This letter, I am sure, will be quite a surprise to you after so long a time. I recall having made a promise or two to you which have not been kept until this time. In accordance with one of the promises, a piece of black native Indian homespun for you to use in covering the nakedness of the Cosco Indian doll, that lost its clothes to the ravages of insects, is being sent to you under separate cover. I hope you have not entirely given up hope of obtaining this cloth from me, and proceeded to send directly to South America for it. You could have obtained it much sooner by doing so. In the near future the Ekezo doll will be repaired and sent along. It will come eventually, I promise.

Mr. Morrison, I am sure, has formed a very bad impression of me with you from my tardiness in taking care of the unfinished business relating to the South American expedition. I have no excuse except that I had planned on doing the work during my spare time, allowing the regular time of eight hours per day for the task of catching up with and carrying forward our research program, and I have had no spare time. The last year has been a night-mare to me. While I was in South America, Mrs. Blood had a very serious fall. She not only bruised her leg which ulcerated and had to be lanced, but she wrenched her back and injured herself internally. Beginning just one year ago she has had one year of serious illness and trouble. She has been in bed much of the time with a number of organic disorders and two operations. She sat up yesterday for the first time following the last operation performed in May. Since that operation she has had four serious complications that have kept her down. She is showing definite signs of improvement at this time, and we hope we have the trouble corrected. The result of the whole thing is that there has been no spare time to use in working up the material and completing the unfinished responsibilities resulting from the obligations of the expedition for which I am very sorry. Mr. Morrison will feel that from now on, he should have just as little to do with me as possible for the sake of his own peace of mind.

Tell Mr. Morrison that within the next month I will return to him the pictures which he was so considerate as to allow me to bring to Utah for printing. They are still safe although I am sure he has regretted many times allowing me to take them away from Washington. I regret the delay in meeting my obligations, as I had hoped really that sometime in the future I might have the pleasure of again being associated with the Division in the capacity of a traveler, if not an explorer.

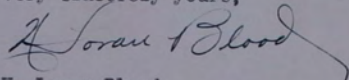
June 26, 1939

A notice stating that Dr. Whetzel of Cornell is going on an Exploration trip to Venezuela for the Division recently came to my attention. I hope he does not lose sight of any opportunity that may present itself to collect any and all wild tomatoes that he may encounter in that country. I would have liked to have visited there myself, but in deference to Mr. Morrison and because of a shortage of time, we did not carry on into that country.

Presence on the President's ship that visited the Galapagos Islands last fall would have been an experience of a life time. Indications are that those islands would be a tomato collector's paradise. A number of species have been collected on those islands, and if varying types exist there in numbers as appear to be the case, a real exploration of the Islands would bring to light something of very great value. Variants of known species and new species of *Lycopersicon* would be found undoubtedly.

Give my best regards to Mr. Morrison and tell him that I sincerely appreciate his patience and hope that I shall not have to try it to the breaking point, that is, if it has not broken already. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



H. Loren Blood
Agent, Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases
Plant Pathologist, Utah Experiment Station

Botany Department,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.
February 19, 1939

Miss May M. Blaine,
5425 Connecticut Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Blaine;

I promised you I would see if I could get you some more dolls and I have succeeded! I got in touch with some people who carried out my wishes and I hope you will be pleased with the results. There are three pairs of dolls, two pairs being of pith and most unusual I think. A bride and groom and a pair of Indians from central Brazil and a pair of knitted Indians made by the Quechua Indians of the Andean Highlands of Peru with shoes of Llama fur. I think they are all very attractive.

I have tried to figure the cost and it is about \$11.00 as near as I can estimate it; it may be a little more but I can't be sure of each figure so we won't think of that. If you do not feel like taking care of the entire sum all at once so unexpectedly, you may divide it.

I shall mail these to you in the morning and hope you like them very much.

I am frightfully busy on the last collections Mrs. Mexia made and I hate to see them finish (which won't be for a time yet; I have so long enjoyed working up her collections.

Are there any interesting explorations in the air, they are all so much fun to think about even if one does not get a chance to go on them.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

N. Floy Bracelin

Mrs. H.P. Bracelin

5425 Connecticut Ave.,

Washington, D.C.

October 11, 1938.

much what you have done for me already. If ever you should run across
em list has since since, please write and let me know I would like to have,
oot list be only too much I shall be not too much, and it is not too much,
em affect the man get for me. When any of the man get for me.

Dear Mrs. Brablin: (or) Dear Mrs. Brablin: (or) Dear Mrs. Brablin: (or)

I'm sorry to have been so slow in acknowledging receipt of
your very kind letter of September 9 and the enclosure which you found
among Mrs. Mexia's things. The latter was the picture I had cut from
a catalogue and sent to Mrs. Mexia and these are the dolls she wrote me
she had so much difficulty in finding and for which she only asked the
four dollars, including postage. She must have gotten them just before
she left Mexico, and I only hope that in some way she can know how happy
she made me by sending them to me. Didn't you think they represented a
grand old Mexican pair?

A young girl in Washington appeared on the Hobby-Lobby Program
last summer with her doll and music box collection, so I rather think
they will not take anyone from here for some time again.

Last week Mr. Ather Lee, the Director of the Agricultural
Experiment Station at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, sent me four dolls from
Haiti, where he is now on a three months' assignment. One of our men
has gone to Brazil and is very enthusiastic about bringing back every-
thing in the way of a doll he can find for me.

Doctor Koelz of the University of Michigan, who brought me
dolls from India and one from Italy, says he has great plans for adding
to my collection. And now, here are you offering to turn some more my
way one day. Aren't people just grand and kind? I appreciate so very

much what you have done for me already. If ever you should run across
a doll that you know I would like to have, please write and tell me
how much it will cost, and if it is not too much, I shall be only too
glad to have you get it for me. When any of the men get dolls for me,
I usually tell them to get \$5.00 or \$10.00 (or when I'm really flush,
\$20.00) worth; then I leave it to them to get one or as many as they
can for that amount, and then I settle with them on their return. It
has worked out very well, and you have no idea what grand cooperation
those dear staid scientific fellows have given me. Again, many, many thanks and best wishes.
Sincerely yours,
I only hope that in some way she can know how happy
I am by sending them to me. Didn't you think they represented a

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Botany Dept., U.C.
Berkeley, Calif.
Sept. 9, 1938

Dear Miss Blaine:

Just a hurried note to let you know that your kind letter and the money order came promptly and to thank you for both. I was not anxious about the delay and I am glad you were away vacationing. The four dollars you sent is all I was told to ask you and so that is all I could say. In such things one never does pay for trouble that a friend takes in doing something. That is a part of friendship.

Imagine! two hundred and fifty dolls! you must be proud of them. Why don't you get on the Hobby-Lobby Radio program with ^ethem and have all your expenses paid to New York! You might be the recipient of some rare old dolls if you did. Perhaps I can turn some more your way one day. The enclosed was among Mrs. Mexia's things and I expect it was meant for you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

M. Floy Bracelin

Mrs. H.P. Bracelin

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY

September 25, 1937

Miss May M. Blaine,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Blaine:

Mrs. Mexia has asked me to send to you two little dolls made by the Indians in the highlands of Peru. I have hunted them out and packed them and they will go on the same mail as this. She is very happy to do this for you.

Just now we are in the mad throes of getting Mrs. Mexia ready to leave for Mexico a week from tomorrow!

Sincerely yours,

N. Floy Bracelin

Mrs. H.P. Bracelin