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Correspondence between Barbour Lathrop and David Fairchild, 1901-1913

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"Little Bohemia"
York, Maine

July 16th - 1901

My dear boy.

Aug 10^{ths}

Four of June 25th arrived three days ago,
and that excellent
specimen of a Turkish
wrench ~~stick~~ ^{Cauly}
Yesterday - Thank
you for both - Your
letter suggests the
possibility - almost
probability - that you
are by this time even

From the corrections in that last sentence, one would think this the draft for an official letter.

I do like my sentences & "them" well, but between you and me, "Elegant English" is not necessary for expression of intent.

18th - at that point the storm began - at least that is when the invasion began - Two ladies, a French governess, three nurses and five children rushed into my cottage to escape an electric cloud burst. For half an hour the lightning flashed almost incessantly, and the crashing thunder was continuous - Then came a down pour of rain such as one rarely sees.

route for America
For personal reasons.
I hope you are — for
your own sake, I don't
know what is best.
I certainly am anxious
to see you, and talk
over your plans for the
future. You may yet
find an interesting
"card (or two) up my
sleeve": — But
will not study the
hidden ^{cards} ~~pack~~ until
the time comes for
their production.

Dear Bry -
The letters of credit
are in my pocket -
Your new trunk - a
beauty - Your hat box
and ^{new} almost new silk
hat in it are in my
trunks. My stuff is
pretty much all packed
and I start for San
Francisco tomorrow -
I have a "drawing room"

UNIVERSITY CLUB
CHICAGO.

later than Nov. 14th — unless I de-
cide to wait for the Str. O. Tahiti — on
Nov. 29th — Unless you hear to the con-
trary, suit yourself as to date of arri-
val in San Francisco — before
Nov. 14th. If you go on that steamer
the chance is you'll have only a few
hours in Honolulu — but time will
decide our stay there — I enclose you
my cheque for \$25.00⁰⁰ — Not that I
want you to waste the money, but to guard
against shortage of funds — Come
west by way of Luma — if that be advisable.
In that event I think the Department
ought to furnish your transportation
my expenses for you beginning in San
Francisco — But if they preach par-
simony, I'll foot the transportation bill
to Frisco, also. Give my respects to the
Secretary if you see him — Wish I'd met Mr.
Galloway — In a hurry, as usual
Your friend Wm. Barbour LaPlante

on the through sleeper,
and the section next
it is to be occupied
by ——— whom do
you guess? Thomas
Hughes, the sugar
planter who entertained
us in ~~the~~ Fiji affairs
have prospered with
him — and he now holds
a responsible po-
sition in Sydney.

You understand
about dates — but
I'll repeat. You must
not leave Portrauco

The ladies kept up a
fair appearance of
courage for the sake
of the youngsters - The
governess whimpered
a bit - The maids
were thoroughly scared -
while the children
had a battle royal
with the enemy - firing
off imaginary guns
and making such a
racket that some
~~body~~^a neighbor came

with people whom I am glad to put
as an amusing instance of this
statement that a letter to you attracts
visitors as sugar flies. I have just
had to stop, until a professional
singer with a delicious baritone
voice - started practising at my
piano - with a very charming
woman friend of mine for accom-
panist. They are now hard at
it - much to my pleasure - and
tomorrow evening are to give a concert
in these rooms for a few guests.
I have invited Mrs. ^{Chas} Doug Gibson
will also sing - and our listeners
will have a brilliant time -
How I wish you could be with us.

Your letter - describing condi-
tions in Algeria - is more than

Through the storm
to find if ~~anybody~~^a anybody
had been hurt - so
shrill was the noise
those jolly cups
made - mine was
a gay old bachelors
house during those
two hours.

19th - This attempt at
a letter is absolutely
absurd. No sooner
do I pick up my pen
than the collage fills

well written - In places
it is able - showing
careful thought -
and clear expression.

My house ^{esp.} thing
goes well - Come
over and test it.

This patchwork
epistle shall go to

Cook for you - although
it may pass you en-
route -

One day
you want to see my
network of wrinkles

"Keep it dark"; however; for we may
want to spring it on somebody.
Who knows but you may wish
to fly from a fair enslaver—
Or I, for that matter— For even
wrinkles sometimes get into skulls.
"May the Lord love you and not
call for you too soon."
Affectionately Barbara La Motte

once more - Well; do
you know I'd love
to have a glimpse of
your smoothness.
In fact, if you do not
fear it might interfere
with your future work
and success, I'd
greatly like to start
on another trip with
you - In saying
which, I've given you
a peek at one of the
up-the-sleeve cards.

Oct 11/87

My dear Fairchild
I am somewhat
"rocky the day"; but
am willing to pay the
penalty for the
bull-giant time they
gave me yesterday.
after all, everything
went well - as it
usually does - a

up. The whole country-side was
there by carriage, horse, and foot.
The horses were good. The riders
a dashing lot of youngsters,
and the time beat the four mile
record in this region - Found
a lot of acquaintances at the
meet - and it was ripping
fun all around - I was
invited to a really brilliant
country dance in the evening
- which followed a typical
Maryland dinner - Gout and
rheumatism were forgotten
for the nonce - Hence those
tears. But I'll willingly pay
even a greater penalty for such
good fun -

Telephone message
caught my friend
as he was starting
for lunch. So he
picked me up, and
gave me a rattling
good chafing-dish
lunch at the Merchants
Club. At 3.10 we went
by special train - he
is a railroad man - to
see a steeple-chase -
guttermen riders

Oct. 11, 1901

I was a bit sharp
with you about that
MONEY business,
and feel remorseful.
Not that you didn't
deserve it, you
procrastinating
villain.

But I want to disa-
buse your mind
of any gloomy thought
of possible coldings

"Gump! a burnt child dreads
 the fire." I am "booked" today
 for a lunch, a drive and dinner.
 Tomorrow for lunch, a foot ball
 match and dinner - Next day
 for the Chicago train. I am
 just going to hunt up a Cook &
 Son agent for Tahitian time-table

Have an Oceanic S. S. Co's list of sailings -
 First one to Tahiti - Oct 24th - No food -
 Next " " " Nov. 29th - Oh Lord!
 First available ~~Panama~~ ^{Salt} - Nov. 14th -
 Next " " " Dec - 5th -
 One to Honolulu Dec 14th -

Must think these dates out. There's a str to
 Honolulu Nov. 2d. That's pretty early - might
 take that " " and you follow on 14th - but
 would do it probably. From present outlook
 you can work with - But no, if I name a
 later date will procrastinate. Ha! Ha! Have you
 you there? Just in case Barbours had it - Will write

from Chicago

in the future. Really
there will be many
fewer of them on
our coming trip
than in the one
was. I don't want
that sort of fun(?) in
the first place,
and in the second,
you can't possibly
go as hay as often
in the future -
I hear you say:

Botanical Club

San Francisco

Oct 27th So.

My dear Fairchild-

Your telegram
from Washington,
arriving yesterday
and I am writing this
in response - although
there is really nothing
to tell you; of any moment.
Sincerely enough I have
today one of my very
bore "blue fits" - Born
of fatigue and a slight

will be neither annihilation, nor pun-
alties & pay in the after life. I have
had a ~~very~~ ^{gilly} good time in this world
~~and~~ ^{enjoyed} here by sorrow, there by re-
gret, and thereby physical pain,
and hereafter, in the great somewhere,
my soul will surely float from
place to place, as my body has
done here. The world wanderer
will become the Celestial tramp;
having already received his pun-
ishment & fit each crime, physical
or mental. Should you happen to
be with me during the final scene of
my earthly performance, you will
hear no whines of regret nor ~~whines~~
whimpers of fear. For I'll have bird
my life, and so would be willing to
live it over again — although, if
given the right of censorship, I'd
cut out some of the lines and some

indigestion, probably.
at the bottom of it, however, is undoubtedly
the fact that two of
my old-time friends
have died since I was
here in May last - and
that several others
bear upon their faces
the impress of ap-
proaching death.
Thought of my own
death, never bother me -
for I have an aqueable
superstition that there

Oct. 29, 1901

Entire scenes from the
play as originally acted.
Were this not so, I'd
have found my Heaven
here — and any change
could only be a Hell, by
contrast.

Humph! This is a
new sort of letter to be
writing you — I shall
have it uses, however,
for the quasi philo-
sophical part shall
be copied for a moral-
izing lady friend of
mine. Shall I not

Chair among plant gatherers - I
want it willingly - & but for all that, I
can't help yearning for waving palms,
the nude in living bronze; barbaric
architecture; brilliant colors in splashes
and masses; rude music to mass
chants, which bring throbs of pleasure
to my uneducated ear - and for the
pretty, quaint and even savage cus-
toms that harmonize so perfectly in
my mental pictures of the Orient.

If my lamp holds out to burn, I'll turn
it again upon those scenes before we
end this journey.

Tomorrow I'll
dip into time tables of outgoing steamers -
keep me posted as to your telegraphic address
- in case some novelty of travel should offer -
Every room in this Club is occupied, getting min-
utely because I wired for it. So I will have to room in
the neighborhood. Nov. 14th still seems far,
and probably my date of sailing. Arrange your
time on that basis - but keep me in telegraphic touch
in case of advisable change. See that you have a
pleasant time - That's what I want for you -
Yours as ever - Harbourn & this

End of theological fun
from an attempt to prove
the errors of my heretical
and most damnable
Theories.

Despite a warmth of
welcome here that
sets my heart aglow,
The fever of travel is on
me; and my eyes long
for Tropical surroundings.
The New Zealand-Tasmania-
Australian trip is
a ^{necessary} concession to
the proper process of your
Elevation to the royal

Bohemian Club
San Francisco
Nov. 1st 80,

My dear Fairchild—
I have never judged
you a spotless char-
acter—and yet have
never dreamed your
address would be a
penitentiary—
oh well! I am no fair-
weather friend—So
you may count upon
my earnest effort to
secure your pardon

of Steamer Choice - These waterway
uncertainties have, as of fore, already
begun to bother the old tramp -
Here are the alternatives -

Tahiti - Nov. 29th - with 17 days layover
in Tahiti before the monthly Steamersails
for Auckland. That steamer is the same
brandy we travelled on from Auckland
to Fiji - all of which obliterates Tahiti from
our plan of travel.

Auckland, direct - Nov. 14th - Per Steamer
"Ventura" - Said to be a pitcher, a roller
and generally uncomfortable - The Captain
is one Hayward - who commanded
the "Maniposa" when we boarded her
in Samoa. He is the damned old pirate
who robbed me of my cabin, in favor
of one of his "pals." "Pal" means friend in
Thieves' patter. I must spend 19 days
with such an unjust and ill-mannered

for past offenses, and
their present punish-
ment. Is "George Brown"
a scientist prisoner -
or a prison official?

Say; how in thunder
did you happen to ^{elicit}
such a suggestive ad-
dress. "Care Geo. Brown
Penitentiary, Tuma. Arizona"
can only mean to the one who
reads, that the addressee
is an inmate of ~~the~~ a prison
cell. a true & spi-
king however, as I have
scant time today for dis-
cussing the serious question

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captain — and especially
not on a ship that is sharply
criticized by experienced
travellers. I don't much
mind going on her as far
as Honolulu — but no,
further. Thank you.

The next alternative is to
take the Ventura to Honolulu — arriving Nov. 20th —
and sailing from Honolulu to Brisbane direct,
Nov. 23d by steamer "Moro-
na" — which starts from
San Francisco — and is said to
be quite comfortable —
though oldish & only 4,000 tons.

The ill feature of this trip would be the cold or coldish weather possible during the last 12 days. The good features would be the quick run into warm weather from Hong Kong — but more especially the opportunities offered for mapping out our China-Japan explorations next summer. If ~~this~~ we go on the "Hong Kong Maru" our objective ^{point would be} Navamcor, in Southern India — by B. I. Steamer from Colombo. Unless we found a steamer ^{from} ~~at~~ Colombo to the Seychelles and Mauritius. In which case we might run down there for a short stay and return to British India, or go elsewhere, as Steamer sailings and inclination might suggest.

Eliminating the undesirable, our choice lies between the "Moava" and the Hong-Kong Maru". — Nov. 14th — or 16th. Which trip do you think would be of advance

The "Moana" would land us
in Brisbane Dec 7th.
Which would be a better time
of year than January or
February in that red hot
summer region.

Our last alternative is
the new 6,000 Ton "Hong Kong
Maru" - I will appointed
Japanese Steamer to
Hong Kong - Sailing Nov.
16th. and stopping one
day in Honolulu - one day
or 36 hours in Yokohama -
one day in Kobe - one day
in Nagasaki - two days
in Shanghai - and arriving
Hong Kong Dec. 15th -

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the interest of our expedition? My inclination rather trends toward the "Hong Kong Man" - but not markedly - for the Amibane trip offers good possibilities for work - a fair amount of comfort - and some novelty of travel.

Which would you prefer of the two - as combining pleasure with work? I am willing to accept your choice, as I am not an impartial judge

when the Oriental Tropics are offered in
winter, as against any other part of the
world. Think it over for a few hours
and wire your conclusions briefly.

If you think one trip decidedly better than
the other - say so, without reservation -
If not, state your uncertainty. In order to
secure accommodation on the "Moana"
it is necessary ^{for me} to wire to Vancouver. I have
already reserved the berth in sight on the
"Hong Kong Mail" and the "Ventura".
As soon as I decide on the trip, I'll send
you word when to arrive here.

More time has been given this letter than
I had time to spare. I'd have written
^{day before} yesterday had your address ~~not~~ reached
me. I'm having a fulligast time -
but am anxious to begin our real journey.
Remember me pleasantly to the other prisoners
and especially to the supposable convict Geo.
Brown. Your friend as ever Parbourn Castrop

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Dated San Francisco Cal

To Fairchild Care Geo Brown Penitentiary
Yuma Az

Before leaving Yuma answer
letter mailed to that address yesterday

Barbour Lathrop

Nov 7th 81

My dear boy -

No time for more than
a hurried scrawl -

You don't deserve
a letter, anyhow -
but that shall be ex-
plained later, You
dilatatory as usual -

Wired you last evening
on getting your wire
when I returned to the
club after midnight -
For what time may

in good shape - I can get a room
in this Club for you for three days
- and for double that time if no member
applies for the room - Wire me at once
on what day you'll arrive here - make
it Sunday if convenient to your present
plans - and I'll take you to the Band-
sches that evening - Get here early
enough in the day to change your
clothes and reach a 6.30 supper -
If it is important, you need not reach
here until Monday - But then sure.
That's all -

Your friend as always
Barbour Lathrop



HONG KONG HOTEL

Hong Kong Dec 17 1901

My dear boy -

There is nothing in the way of news for you, other than the fact that this tedious business for several days anyhow, and very possibly until the day before our steamer leaving.

My objection writing is & Day I feel a bit ashamed over having growled about your not being in your room yesterday - for I

have probably done just
what you did - about the
teeth. The fact is that after
several weeks of almost un-
ceasing toothache, almost
any trifle will "get against
a man's nerves". If the
tooth carpenter patches me
up in time, the probability
"chance" is a better word,
perhaps - that I'll run
up to Canton for a couple
of days. But that same
"chance" looks dubious
just now. Meantime,
"keep rooting"; as the foot-
ballers say. I sent the

telegram, and I hope you
got the room - Also a
man of some sort as in-
terpreter. If you need
more money, change some of
your English money - for
it will be troublesome to
get money to you.

You'll do good work up here,
anyhow. As it is useless to
dwell upon the need for your
so doing - during the short
time at your disposal - stay as
long as you deem best - but
don't fail to ^{return} ~~return~~ at latest by
Tuesday morning next - that
will leave sufficient time for
packing and shipping whatever
you may have gathered -
In the event of there being any

question about that - get here
Monday morning - But suit
yourself as to the day - and
return earlier if you prefer.

Yours as ever
Barbour Lathrop



Dec 19th 61

My dear Fairchild -
as said before, I sit
yourself about date
of return - I'll be glad
to see you any day -
I'm having the devil's
own time with my teeth
but hope they will be in
fair shape before our
day for leaving -

at present I am living
on "Spoon vittles" -

I am sorry you couldn't
get a better interpreter.

I know ~~no~~ country where
a first class interpreter
is more needed - for
investigating work.

Your twins arrived

and are all right - O

Suppose - They look ^{OK},
anyhow. Are you sure
those water-chestnuts

are not cultivated near Canton?
or between there and here?

Hope you are having a good time—
on our first night, at all events
— And the Lord knows I can't
"have a good time" with a combina-
tion of decks on hand — on head
I mean. Nothing serious — but
most damnably uncomfortable

Good night, and luck to your
search —

As Ever

Barbour father
Carl called on me — but I was out —
I have been mapping out a trip for
next spring or autumn in Formosa —
In theory I seem all right —

Fujita Hotel.

HOT MINERAL SPRINGS,
MIYANOSHITA, SAGAMI,
JAPAN.

July 22 1902

My dear boy-

Just got your letter
I have bare time to catch
the 11.30 mail-

Your reply to Fergusson
was excellently worded.
I'll write to him to-
morrow. Don't think
Hokkaido trip will
be made. Relations
with J. government
are somewhat strained
& Irish avoid any
possible interference
with our other plans.

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Fundo's declination
of Hokkaido trip was
probably based on
personal grounds—
but may not have
been. If I find
any sort of interference
with our work, I'll
raise H— if I have
to go to Washington
to do it.

I'm mortally ashamed
about that water buff-
et's article— The
sole excuse being

Fujiga Hotel.

HOT MINERAL SPRINGS,
MIYANOSHITA, SAGAMI,

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that I have really been
too much under the
weather to be fully
responsible for what
I have done or left
undone - Send it
up, of course - and
I'll return it promptly -
May run down to
Fuko Thursday morning
& stay till Friday
afternoon - Please
see Dr. Smith - Dentist -
ask him to give me
appointment Thursday

Fujiga Hotel.

afternoon
~~Morning~~ - on Friday
Morning - or both
if possible - We're
appointments if made -
Not earlier than 10

A. M. Friday -
I wish could be pointed
out to you in Grad. H.
probably - His office
is beyond Town Hall
Jesse O'Neil -

Weather better - hope it
will last awhile -

Thank you old man for
your kindly note -

As ever

Barbours

Fujiga Hotel.

HOT MINERAL SPRINGS,
MIYANOSHITA, SAGAMI,
JAPAN.

July 24, 1902

Thursday P.M. 190

Dear Fairchild -
Asked in my letter to
wire me if Dr. Smith
could give me an hour
this afternoon - In-
stead of coming, you
wrote - and I got the
letter at 7.30 this evening.
Your letter was written
yesterday - and no
matter what hour it was
mailed - there was no
chance of its reaching
me in time for the morning
train - Not hearing from

Fujiga Hotel.

HOT MINERAL SPRINGS.

MIYANOSHITA, SAGAMI,
JAPAN.

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You by wire, I naturally
concluded no appointment
had been made - and
stayed up here - I have
just written Dr. Smith
I would of course pay
him for the hour appointed.
You, therefore, by not
obeying my request to
wire have saved me
twenty-five cents, and
cost me twenty dollars -
and the tooth is still requiring
treatment - I'll not go
to Tokyo now before Tuesday
morning - Haven't read your
letter yet - So can't answer it -
Yours B. La Roche

You shall see a red-hot letter
written to Ferguson.
July 26 1902

Wajima Hotel.
HOT MINERAL SPRINGS,
MIYAGUCHIYA, SAGAMI,
JAPAN.

My dear boy -
I am not going to blow
you up: You have
blown yourself sky
high by this time. All
wager is and that's enough
in the way of scolding.

You shall pay a pen-
alty. Though old punk-
before. You look of
that dentist charges
me for the broken
engagement - which
he certainly has a right
to - You shall foot the

bill. You are rolling²
in wealth — ⁱⁿ comparison
with former years —
and there is no possible
reason why I should
now, as I have often
done in the past, make
good a loss entirely
due to your fault, &
non-preparation.

In any bank, law office,
or business house
the matter would be
settled that way —
and there is no reason
why you should be
any longer treated as

an irresponsible being.³

It will be the first
time the penalty has been
enforced - so you can't
think me a grinding
yard, who strives to pay
his employees out of
the fines imposed upon
them - (Read what follows)

If Dr. Smith cannot
give me an appointment
for Tuesday afternoon,
but can for Tuesday Morn-
ing - Make the morning
appointment, and I'll
run down Monday
afternoon - I don't care

to go ^{down} Monday Morning. ⁴
There's such a rush of
Sunday-racing people,
that the trip is very un-
comfortable.

If Smith is full up on
Tuesday, I'll stay over
Wednesday for another
point men for that
day.

Read this also //

As I have been making
plans of an entirely
new character I want
you to be ~~posted~~ pre-
pared to post me as to

5-
The conditions of our
part of our affairs in
this country -

Make no arrangement
for leaving Yokohama
while you there.

I'll go down either Monday
afternoon, or Tuesday
morning, or afternoon,
according to cir-
cumstances.

This present trip of
ours is the most one-
sided travelling com-
panion arrangement
I have ever seen.

I'm not complaining⁶
about it - for it is ^{certainly}
who are responsible
for our methods & there
but I am sick, and ^{am}
somewhat tired of
being alone among
passing acquaintances.
Some of them are very
pleasant - but they are
more acquaintances -
and I have nothing to oc-
cupy my time, as you
have when we are apart.
You should feel complimented
you young rascal, that I
miss your company -
Yours as ever - Barbara Lathrop

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Sept 17th '02

My dear Boy -

Sorry you had to go
through without your
crossing case. The
Occidental Hotel people
said they had forwarded
the case as baggage
& had mailed you the
check for same -

I have decided to
go into print again,

handling is, as they say
in California, "not
good enough".

I am not going to risk
your reputation as a
plant explorer - and
my money and reputa-
tion for practical
sense by such a
tom-fool makeshift
in place of my well
considered plan for
selecting, shipping and
distributing the plants
from Seattle under

Your supervision

I'll run the risk
on the Golden Gate
Park lot; because
I promised the bam-
boos to McLaren with
the understanding
that you and I were not
to be held responsible
if they were not all of
best quality. I told
him ~~he~~ I would order
about two thousand
(2,000) plants - for
chosen according to

"one of these days" in
an article called
"Fairchild as a Luggage
Loser — An Advice
to Tenderfoot Globe
Trotters."

At all events you have
learned how to get
back the lost things
— which is an im-
provement on your
old time habit any-
way.

Thanks for Mr. Galloway's
letter to me. His hint
that I may order limsters
bamboos for departmental

Sent Sept 19th
1902

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EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR
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RAILWAYS

Your idea of what
would suit the Park
best. He showed me
plenty of places in the
Park admirably suited
to bamboo culture.
I found you had not
got from him a list
of the bamboos al-
ready growing in the
Park - so asked him
for one of which

The following is a copy.
No, I'll have to study
enclosing the list
he made out - keep it
for future reference.

Make out a list of
what you consider
the most desirable
Japanese bamboo
for experiment in
the Golden Gate Park
- dividing the ap-
proximately 2000
plants according
to your opinion of

their relative value.
After we have got to-
gether and consulted
on the matter, I'll
send the order to
Sugrue. Drop him
a few lines in receipt
of this; saying I want
him to be ready to fill
such an order with
carefully selected
plants. Don't make
a blunder and let
~~him~~ ^{him} mistake your
letter for an order.

It must be only pre-
paratory for the order.
I will send after de-
ciding on what to send
you. Hope you
found your sister
well. This winter
on a beaten train trying
to catch up time on a
western prairie road
is wearing on the
nerves. Good luck
to you, old man.
As ever -
Barbour Lathrop



TELEPHONE.

GALLE FACE HOTEL.

COLOMBO.

Feb 5th 1905

THE GALLE FACE HOTEL COMPANY, LTD

Telegrams "GALLFACIO" COLOMBO

Manager: J. HOFFER

This day has been dedicated
to a letter. A generous
fat envelope covered the
letter, and on breaking
the paper shell, I found
it was a philopene affair
— for it sheltered twins.
Both of these lovin' ink
messages came from
fairies — one from dear
boy Puck. The globe joid-
ler — The other from the

Queen - whom most
folk know as Titania
but whose pet name
is "Charlie."

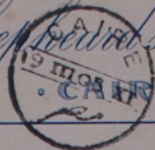
Though all alone at the
Mount - for I had sent
Drewnond off for a little
run into Southern India -
still I was only bodily alone
for Joe was with me, dear
lad - and I sat some
hours, looking from
ocean to waving palms,
and thought with Joe -
and also with the far-away
book-worm lassie.
I always recognised it

its interest, but never dreamed I'd so
badly miss the daily plant talk, the col-
lecting, the shipping, and the news of
success or failure. Before those plant
travels began, sight of quaint places and
peoples made travel an unwarying pleasure
Now, it fails to satisfy me as it did - and
during the year past I have been in some
measure blasé - as I never was in all the
other years past. I don't acknowledge
it, nor permit myself to show it - but much
of the keen interest is gone, and I begin to
wonder as to what the future has to offer to
one of my restless spirits. However it ends,
it will be all right - and I'll not whine - for
I have lived at least two lives in one - as
compared with those other garden-wall-
snail men - and can spice my mental
gruel with memories of past feasts.

I am going up to Sandy tomorrow afternoon
- as Drummond will return in the morning -
and will sail for Egypt on the 12th - As this
letter would have to go by that boat, any how,
and as there are some things I would write you of
his letter shall serve as preface to a longer one to be

written for the steamer -

Shepherd's



D. G. Fairchild Esq
1440 Massachusetts Ave
Washington D. C.
U. S. of America

Shepherds Hotel & Ghazirah Palace Cairo.

THE EGYPTIAN HOTELS L^{td}



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Shepherds Hotel Mch. 8th 8-
Telegr. Address: Shepherds Cairo.
Lodge's Code used.

My dear boy-

Your letter telling
of your hope - on
Framing, rather -
reached me three days
ago - The cablegram
arrived last night
telling of your happiness -
after dancing around
the room, in a highly
undignified manner

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for one of my fears -
and giving several
Cow-boy whoops, that
brought Drummond
on a rush - I immediately
cabled you. En pas-
sant it will be interes-
ting to learn if you
got that cable on the
17th - To yours & me
had been repeated from
London - and through
the bungling of an
operator, mine to you

was delayed at least ³

Shepherd's Hotel & Ghazirah Palace Cairo.

two hours. In the same
mail with four copies -



Shepherd's Hotel

1902

Dear letters came and then
in which Miss Graham
Bell was most pleasantly
referred to - without
any suggestion of
your being interested
in her. From that, and
from what you have
written - after toning
down a bit the glorifying
of the Goddess - I am
made happy in the belief

that you have found a ⁴
woman whose tastes
will agree with yours
— and that the two of you
will be better mated than
single— You have an
honest, affectionate
nature, fair— but, to your
credit be it said, woman
is ~~the~~ even more of a mys-
tery to you than to a mere
worldling like myself—

Your years of hermiting
left you a more earnest
man, but also a more
ignorant one— on the

letter coat subject. 5-

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So take heed of this advice

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from a battered old back-
el ~~and~~ one who as you
know holds goodwomen
in the highest respect.

Doat not your lady love by
a too incessant attention.

Give the other men a chance
- and she will enjoy your
talk all the more after
their empty prattle.

Do not be stilted in writing
or speech with her. Nat-
urally you write an ex-
cellent letter and talk
intelligently and enter

6
tainingly - but when you
put on social frills you
are a failure - Your edu-
cation and association
have been on thinking
lines. When you leave
those, you are out of
flounder - where a so-
~~cial~~ ciety ass would
gaily prance along.

God forbid you should
talk to anyone on scien-
tific subjects only - but
don't try to be kittenish -
Few women can stand a
dallard - but not one worth

7
Knowing can long care for

Shepherd's Hotel & The Irish Palace Cairo.

a man who tries to appear

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what he is not

Be one thing carefully in

Mind while a woman

of with brains ~~is~~ is disgusted

by anything that suggests

buffoonery. Still even the

most intelligent of that

sex can't help being pleased

when the man of her choos-

ing plays fool a bit where

she alone is concerned

- and especially so in that

crudest, and yet most

delicate matter of love-

making. Words of endearment

are more agreeable than unadorned statements of fact. a pet name from a lover's lips is more valued than diffident deference.

Don't worry your wife with every trifle of your daily annoyances - but be sure you make her full partner, and adviser in all the serious affairs of life. Just be good Comrades and your lives will really become almost one.

People ask, "what does an

old bachelor know about^{9th}
Married life?" The answer
might be, "He is apt to see
much clearer than a wedded
man why this marriage
has been a success, and
that one a failure - for his
judgement is not warped
by a personal experience."

So my advice to each one
of two experimenters
in the marriage game can
practically be summed up
as follows -

Be Natural - but not in-
discreet

Be more anxious to give
than to take -

Be Courteous -

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I have not time to look this over
+ either correct or destroy it
I would write it to no one but
you; and you will not
misunderstand my purpose.

You ought to be a married
man; and I am delighted
to learn that all the chances
for a happy life are in your
favor. God bless you boy.

This pleasure of mine is
heightened by the fact that
you two know your minds
+ are going to be married -
Having a long engagement -

We sail for Greece on 22d - Don't know
where after that - Drummond is going to
be one of my associates, also. Hope his
lines will fall in pleasant places + that
he will not get married before he is thirty.
I'll write to ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} Graham Bell - my one
regret is - no more stamps together -
Yours affectionately, Barbara Lathrop



HOTEL ROYAL DES ETRANGERS

NAPLES

April 4th 1885



F. TORDI, Directeur

Adresse telegraphique ROYALHOT - NAPLES - Telephone n° 280

My dear boy -

What a diabolical pen
This is - With which
Oaksent remark being
made, I'll begin again -

My dear Fairy -

I am having a very
pleasant trip - as it
is evident that Drummond
enjoys every hour of it -
Well - Not Every hour,
perhaps - for he has an
occasional bad quarter

of an hour - during which
the old Teacher lectures
on language, deport-
ment or some other
matter requiring im-
provement. There is
no need to dwell on this
tuition business, for

"You know how it is
yourself."

The boy is doing splendid-
ly & has already made
marked advance in
every thing I have touched
upon.

Apr. 4, 1905



HOTEL ROYAL DES ETRANGERS

NAPLES

F. TORDI, Directeur

Adresse télégraphique: ROTRIUOT-NAPLES - Téléphone: 27180

That is not what I started
to write about, however.
It suddenly struck
me just now that it was
full time to send you
wedding reminder of
your old friend across
the waters. Later on I
will choose a present
for Mrs. Fairchild!
But that will be when
I have had opportunity
to find what she would
best like. Such is my
custom when the
present is not a mere

less perfunctory one-
For you, however, this
cheque for \$300⁰⁰ will
surely not come amiss
during the honey-moon-
ing. As an old bachelor
I have noticed that extra
comforts are ~~even~~ de-
sirable even during
that period of semi-obliv-
iousness. Use it, then,
as you will with
this one proviso only,
that it be devoted to the
joint comfort of you
and your lady fair.

Apr 4, 1905

Just for this once I would
gladly break my rule, and
be witness of your Marrying.

I have ~~thought~~ thought a deal
about you of late - and espe-
cially since reaching this
earliest of your studying
grounds in Europe
on the day of Kays Drummond
and I will pledge a hearty
toast to you two. I have
got no letters since leaving
Cairo - and therefore hope to
hear from you in Rome - on
Saturday next. We must
start for the opera. But you
shall hear from me again be-
fore April 24th.

God Bless you Fairy - Re-
member that you will always have a
devoted friend in Barbara C. Smith

October 19, 1906.

My dear Mr. Lathrop:

Altho it is after ten o'clock, and pouring outside, Mrs. Bell, my secretary, kindly consents to let me talk to you for a few minutes.

So many things have happened since you were here last that would have been interesting to you that I hardly know where to begin. We are awfully sorry to hear that you have to go to the Byron Hot Springs, for from your descriptions it must be a mighty lonely place, and, in fact, the tone of your letter is anything but cheerful.

The work of plant introduction is going on at such a frightful pace that I have been pretty nearly snowed under, but with conferences, correspondence, plant orders, telegrams, cables from our explorers in the field, money matters, and a thousand and one details of the business, I have occasion to remember frequently your caution of not growing in this business too fast.

Then too, the youngster, altho I see entirely

too little of him, takes a good deal of my time. Matters have so shaped themselves that I am going to be able to separate the plant introduction work proper from the Congressional seed distribution. This will relieve me of a great deal of routine work connected with the Congressional distribution and give me much more time to attend to the details of the introduction work itself.

Our Manchurian explorer has at last turned up in Vladivostock after a very hard and dangerous expedition from Antung. Hosts of his things which he sent in some time ago are now growing and bid fair to enrich the country with their fruits. Young Tull, whom we sent to Japan in search of the Japanese rush plants, has had a high old time with the Japanese but got the rushes. Fifty-nine cases of them land in Seattle day-after-tomorrow. The Japanese newspapers, presidents of matting-makers guilds, etc., were all after him but he bought the rushes on the sly, packed them in front of the hotel at midnight, and got them off in some way or other. I feel quite proud of this young fellow because I picked him out and backed him in

this trip. We are now making arrangements to send a man to Texas and Louisiana to arrange for the planting of these rushes and I hope to see the time when a part at least of the five million dollars which we spend yearly for Japanese matting will flow into the pockets of the individuals who have made excellent looms for the weaving of this matting.

In writing up my part of the Secretary's report today I made specific inquiries with regard to the Arabian alfalfa which we got at Bussorah on that trip up the Persian Gulf. Our experts inform me that this is already showing up as one of the biggest introductions which we have ever made. We are ordering two tons of seed for delivery next Fall. The rapid growth of this variety of alfalfa, which is especially suited for irrigated lands, will affect the whole alfalfa business of the southwest, which amounts, as you know, to a great many million dollars a year.

Nothing has been done in the Smithsonian matter and the regents do not meet until the 4th

of December. I hope sincerely that they get the right man for the position. I wonder if you have ever heard anything about a Doctor Cobb, who is now employed by the sugar planters of Hawaii? You may remember meeting him in Australia in 1897. My acquaintance with him makes me think that he would make an excellent secretary of the Smithsonian. He is certainly a genius at research and has one of the most inspiring personalities that I have ever come in contact with. If you have any friends among the sugar planters who could give me a side light on his qualifications for such a position, I would like very much indeed to have them. He is a young man and I believe would reorganize the Institution in a wonderful manner.

I have often thought of our row over the electric music and I cannot refrain from telling you that it is turning out better than I thought it would. Mrs. Hubbard went up to hear it in New York and came back most enthusiastic about it. She said it was the most beautiful music she had ever heard and that she would mortgage her house,

if necessary, to have it put in.

Our little place in the country is finished too late for occupancy this year. We are quite discouraged about it, as we had looked forward to spending a month or more in it this Fall. However, we shall go out there early in the Spring, and in the meantime we have picked up a young Japanese, a boy of twenty-one, who has been trained in one of the agricultural schools of Japan, who is as bright as a dollar, and who thinks he wants to live permanently in America.

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With his help I think we can make the place a "flood of cherries" as the Japanese express it. Marian says, "Tell Uncle Byron that our pocket-books have been so empty that we have not had many nickles to put in little Alex's bank." She is figuring on making big profits out of the place and putting these profits into the bank. But personally I am afraid it will be some time before little Alex will have much ^{pocket} money from the sale of garden truck grown on the Fairchild ranch.

The little fellow is getting on finely and is as bright as two dollars and cries only when he

is hungry. I am sure you would be glad to see him. We are anxiously waiting to hear what your plans are for the Winter. Are you not coming back here on your way to Nassau? October is generally a beautiful month here in Washington but so far it has been unusually rainy.

I have heard nothing from York Barbour and do not know when your family and the Aldises are to return; I judge shortly as I see the Aldis house is being put in order.

Trusting that the bad turn which your nerves have taken has passed off before this, and with all sorts of apologies for my silence, I am, as I shall always be,

Yours,

P. S. Your suggestion about putting an experiment station for ornamental plants in the Golden Gate Park I think is decidedly worth taking up. Our man in Chico is getting hold of a lot of ornamental things and incidentally we are securing them from different parts of the world, and so far we have

done very little with this branch of our work. If the Golden Gate Park will set aside a part of their nursery for the receipt of such stuff and give us a written agreement to pay all the expenses of taking care of such material, assigning one of their best gardeners to take care of them, the Department could agree to send there for propagation all sorts of ornamental stuff. I will take this matter up with Mr. McLaren, as you suggest, and see what arrangements we can make.

I have referred Doctor Russell H. Cool to Mr. Woods, who will send him all the literature that has been published by the Department on the use of sulphate of copper in the cleansing of pure water. There ought to be no difficulty whatever in ridding his swimming pool of Algae in forty-eight hours.

BRYAN LATHROP
407 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO

Sept. 12, 1913.

Dear Marian

I wrote Graham the other day in reply to his dear and very welcome note and directed in your care to Bushmersville as that was the only address on his letter, and so also must this go. Heaven Forbid that said address will not be good enough to take this and that other letter of mine.

I found David looking well and full of life and ideas but evidently somewhat overworked and a bit nervous. Marian, ~~you~~ ^{is} David ^{is} trying to do too much. In the slang of the West, he is a "natural born worker" and oughtn't to have too many irons in the fire at the same time. His Government occupation is too important to this country and to himself to be set aside for outside matters except such as will give him brain rest and physical relaxation.

His reputation now and to a very great extent in the future, rests and must always rest on the introduction of plants and it will not be added to by ~~special~~ ^{special} efforts ~~and~~ ^{at} other work that interferes with his ~~real~~ ^{real} work. I don't say his section is the most important part of the Department but in my opinion there is none more important and the Public are already so regarding it. Its benefits to the country will become more and more evident as time elapses and David's name as Practical Founder and Inventor of Plant Introduction will in years to come stand very high in his ~~technical~~ ^{technical} interest. Improved hygiene is multiplying the peoples' world very rapidly and before long food products will grow ~~highly~~ ^{to much greater} in importance. It seems a far cry from now to a century later, but the people of that era will be vastly helped by

things that Fairchild has started, and will start, and will bring to success. In his present position he is not only a benefactor to America but to the world at large; for his is the initial earnest and ~~blissed~~ ^{progressive effort} ~~depth~~ to improve plant cultivation, and all other vigorous nations in time will study his lead and follow to a great extent his premier work.

Therefore, I feel sure that his name will after his life has passed away ^{that} and to some increasing extent during his lifetime be regarded as one of the great benefactors of mankind. The Ex-Secretary will undoubtedly try to assume credit for ~~introduction~~ ^{live} ~~of~~ ^{he will} plant introduction, but the name of Fairchild will last long after that of Secretary Wilson has become a meaningless word. When David retires from active participation in plant introduction will be the time for him to accept Presidency or other positions as a pastime. Their holding will afford him pleasant occupation and circumscribed reputation, so it will be just as well for him to take such places then but I feel absolutely sure that he is doing injustice to himself to assume other duties when his hours are too short to meet even his own desire in his present loved occupation.

Please understand, Marian, that I did not ~~draw~~ ^{well} upon this at any length with him for after all he and you are the ones who are best capable of deciding as to what he is capable of doing and what is best for him. So I write this advice for you to consider and act upon. ^{ing} Be sure that whatever you induce him to do will be for his benefit.

To change the subject, I notice that Graham spelled his name without the "e" that one finds after that "ham" in Scotland. Does the "e" belong there or not?

It was a great disappointment not to see you in ^{Washington}~~Boston~~ and especially so as a long year must pass before I will again have the pleasure of seeing your dear self. Well, I hope that that year will deal gently with you, that its pleasures will be many and its worries as few as will be healthy for an average person. You see, Honey, without any worries life will be a humdrum monotony, while with too many it would yield merely existence. So may that year bring you many joys to remember and only a scanty bunch of troubles to italicize those joys.

16th - Good gracious! This really is the worst result I have ever had from dictation. Besides I thought it had been posted 4 days ago. What corrections I have made are guesses at what I said so long a time back -
With sincere affection
Cluck Barbour Lathrop

Bohemian Club,
San Francisco, California.

October 11, 1913.

My dear Fairy:-

I have to thank you for several things in this more or less belated note, first, for the letter; second for that diplomatic list; and third, for the appointment in the Department of Agriculture.

There is a good joke connected with that latter, Davy. I received a formal printed document, announcing my appointment, with certain black letter words in it printed in darker type to fit the occasion. The words that came most distinctly to my eye were the amount of salary connected with the position. There was also a printed page, a big page at that, of things that I had to answer, if accepting the office. I had to state my age, birth-place, residence, color, sex, matrimonial or otherwise condition, and the Lord knows how many other queries, and I answered them all as gravely as the document demanded, until the last one. The one preceding the last one ran "What salary are you to get in the position to which you have been appointed?", and to that I wrote; "\$1.00 per annum". Then, last query of all was somewhat to this effect; "What would be your occupation or work during the hours in which you were engaged in this position?", and my answer was; "Spending my own money for the benefit of the Department".

By the way, I had to pay a Notary Public half of the first year's income from that office for his fee acknowledging my oath. All the same, I am glad to have the place, and hope that opportunity will serve for me to really prove myself once more a collaborator in the Department work.

I had rather a bad bout of indigestion after leaving Chicago, which lasted, with variations, each one of which as the Irishman says, was worse than the other, until within the past few days. My doctor here has taken me in hand again, and I am already feeling a great deal better for his dietary and other prescriptions.

Lots of love to Marian and you and the babies.

By the way I have made no plans for the coming winter, and will not be able to formulate any before this present medical treatment proves whether I am travel fit or not.

Forgive this ~~very~~ note - for I
am trying to answer a
bushel of accumulated
letters -
With the old-time friendship
Barbour Lathrop

"Little Bohemia"

York, Maine

July 16th, 1901

My dear boy,

Yours of June 25th arrived three days ago, and that excellent specimen of a Turkish weichsel stick came yesterday - Thank you for both - Your letter suggests the possibility - almost probability - that you are by this time en route for America. For personal reasons, I hope you are - for your own sake, I don't know what is best. I certainly am anxious to see you, and talk over your plans for the future. You may yet find an interesting "card (or two) up my sleeve." But we'll not study the hidden cards until the time comes for their producing. From the corrections in that last sentence, one would think this the draft for an official letter. I do like my sentences to "turn" well, but between you and me, "elegant English" is not necessary for expression of intent -

18th - at that point the storm began - At least that is when the invasion began - Two ladies, a French governess, three nurses and five children rushed into my cottage to escape an electric cloud burst. For half an hour the lightening flashed almost incessantly, and the crashing thunder was continuous - Then came a down pour of rain such as one rarely sees. The ladies kept up a fair appearance of courage for the sake of the youngsters - The governess whimpered a bit - the maids were thoroughly scared - while the children had a battle royal with the enemy - firing off imaginary guns and making such a racket that a neighbor came through the storm to find if anybody had been hurt - so shrill was the noise those jolly imps made - Mine was a gay old bachelors house during those two hours.

19th - This attempt at a letter is absolutely absurd. No sooner do I pick up my pen than the cottage fills with people whom I am glad to greet

July 16, 1901

as an amusing instance of this statement that a letter to you attracts visitors as sugar flies. I have just had to stop until a professional singer - with a delicious baritone voice - started practising at my piano - with a very charming woman friend of mine for accompanist. They are now hard at it - much to my pleasure - and tomorrow evening are to give a concert in these rooms for a few guests I have invited - Mrs. Chas. Dana Gibson will also sing - and we listeners will have a bulligant time - How I wish you could be with us.

Your letter - describing conditions in Algeria - is more than well written - In places it is able - showing careful thought and clear expression.

My housekeeping goes well - Come over and test it.

This patchwork epistle shall go to Cook Town - although it may pass you enroute - You say you want to see my network of wrinkles once more - Well, do you know I'd love to have a glimpse of your smoothness. In fact, if you do not fear it might interfere with your future work and success, I'd greatly like to start on another trip with you - In saying which, I've given you a peep at one of the up-the-sleeve cards. "Keep it dark", however; for we may want to spring it on somebody - Who knows but you may wish to fly from a fair enslaver - Or I, for that matter - For even wrinkles sometimes get into snarls. "May the Lord love you and not call for you too soon."

Affectionately,

Barbour Lathrop

Maryland Club
Oct. 11th, 1901

My dear Fairchild:

I am somewhat "rocky today," but am willing to pay the penalty for the bulligant time they gave me yesterday - After all, everything went well - as it usually does - A telephone message caught my friend as he was starting for lunch. So he picked me up, and gave me a rattling good chafing-dish lunch at the Merchants Club - At 3:10 we went by special train - he is a railroad man - to see a steeple-chase - gentlemen riders up. The whole country-side was there by carriage, horse, and foot. The horses were good, the riders a dashing lot of youngsters, and the time beat the four mile record in this region - I found a lot of acquaintances at the meet - and it was ripping fun all around - I was invited to a really brilliant country dance in the evening - which followed a typical Maryland dinner - Gout and rheumatism were forgotten for the nonce - Hence these tears. But I'd willingly pay even a greater penalty for such good fun.

I was a bit sharp with you about that money business, and feel remorseful; not that you didn't deserve it, you procrastinating villain.

But I want to disabuse your mind of any gloomy thought of possible scoldings in the future. Really there will be many fewer of them on our coming trip than in the once was. I don't want that sort of fun (?) in the first place; and in the second, you can't possibly go astray so often in the future -

I hear you say: "Humph! A burnt child dreads the fire." I am "booked" today for a lunch, a drive and dinner. Tomorrow for lunch, a

Oct. 11th, 1901

football match and dinner - Next day for the Chicago train - I am first going to hunt up a Cook & Son agent for Tahitian time-table.

I have an Oceanic S.S. Co's list of sailings -

First one to Tahiti - Oct. 24th - no good

Next " " " Nov. 29th - Oh Lord!

First available to Australia - Nov. 14th

Next " " Dec. 5th

One to Honolulu Dec. 14th -

I must think these dates out - There's a Str. to Honolulu Nov. 2nd.

That's pretty early - I might take that Nov. 2nd and you follow on 14th - but won't do it probably. From present outlook you can work into _____.

But no, if I name a later date you'll procrastinate! Ha! Ha! Have I got you there?

Yours in haste,

Barbour Lathrop

Will write further from Chicago.

Sent you a letter to this address
two days ago - But left out "N.W. "
Hope you got it.

University Club
Chicago
Oct. 21st 1901

My dear Boy -

The letters of credit are in my pocket - Your new trunk - a beauty -
Your hat box and an almost new silk hat in it are in my rooms - My stuff
is pretty much all packed, and I start for San Francisco tomorrow - I have
a "drawing room" on the through sleeper, and the section next to it is
to be occupied by _____ whom do you guess? Thomas Hughes,
the sugar planter who entertained us in Fiji - Affairs have prospered with
him - and he now holds a responsible position in Sydney -

You understand about dates - but I'll repeat - You must not leave
San Francisco later than Nov. 14th - unless I decide to wait for the Str.
to Tahiti - on Nov. 29th - Unless you hear to the contrary. Suit yourself
as to date of arrival in San Francisco - before Nov. 14th. If you go on
that steamer the chance is you'll have only a few hours in Honolulu -
but time will decide our stay there - I enclose you my cheque for \$250.00 -
Not that I want you to waste the money, but to guard against shortage of
funds - Come west by way of Fuma - if that be advisable. In that
event I think the Department ought to furnish your transportation - My expenses
for your beginning in San Francisco - But if they preach parsimony, I'll
foot the transportation bill to Frisco, also. Give my respects to the
secretary if you see him - Wish I'd met Mr. Galloway - In a hurry, as
usual.

Your friend

Barbour Lathrop

Bohemian Club
San Francisco
Oct. 27th, 1901

My dear Fairchild:

Your telegram from Washington arrived yesterday - and I am writing this in response - although there is really nothing to tell you; of any moment. Queerly enough, I have today one of my very rare "blue fits" - Born of fatigue and a slight indigestion, probably. At the bottom of it, however, is undoubtedly the fact that two of my old-time friends have died since I was here in May last - and that several others bear upon their faces the impress of approaching death - Thoughts of my own death never bother me - for I have an agreeable superstition that there will be neither annihilation, nor penalties to pay in the after life. I have had a jolly good time in this world - somewhat shaded here by sorrow, there by regret, and there by physical pain; and hereafter, in the great somewhere, my soul will surely float from place to place, as my body has done here. The world wanderer will become the celestial tramp; having already received his punishment to fit each crime, physical or mental. Should you happen to be with me during the final scene of my earthly performance, you will hear no whines of regret nor whimpers of fear. For I'll have lived my life, and so would be willing to live it over again - although, if given the right of censorship, I'd cut out some of the lives and some entire scenes from the play as originally acted. Were this not so, I'd have found my Heaven here - and any change could only be a hell, by contrast.

Humph! This is a rum sort of letter to be writing you - It shall have its uses, however; for the quasi philosophical part shall be copied for a moralizing lady friend of mine. She'll get no end of theological

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fun from an attempt to prove the errors of my heretical and most damnable theories.

Despite a warmth of welcome here that sets my heart aglow, the fever of travel is on me; and my eyes long for tropical surroundings. The New Zealand-Tasmanian-Australian trip is a necessary concession to the proper process of tour elevation to the royal chair among plant gatherers - I grant it willingly - but for all that, I can't help yearning for waving palms; the nude in living bronze; barbaric architecture; brilliant colors in splashes, and masses; rude music to ruder chants, which bring throbs of pleasure to my uneducated ears - and for the pretty, quaint and even savage customs that harmonize so perfectly in my mental pictures of the Orient - If my "laugh holds out to burn," I'll turn it again upon those scenes before we end this journey - Tomorrow I'll dip into time tables of outgoing steamers - Keep me posted as to your telegraphic address - in case some novelty of travel should offer - Every room in this Club is occupied - I'm getting mine only because I wired for it. So you'll have to room in the neighborhood - Nov. 14th still seems your, and probably my date of sailing. Arrange your time on that basis - but keep me in telegraphic touch in case of advisable change - See that you have a pleasant time - That's what I want for you.

Yours as ever -

Barbour Lathrop

Bohemian Club
San Francisco
Nov. 1st, 1901

My dear Fairchild -

I have never judged you a shotless character - and yet have never dreamed your address would be a penitentiary -

Ah well! I am no fair-weather friend - So you may count upon my earnest efforts to secure your pardon for past offenses, and their present punishment - Is "George Brown" a scientist prisoner - or a prison official? Say, how in thunder did you happen to elect such a suggestive address - "Care Geo. Brown Penitentiary, Yuma, Arizona" can only mean to the one who reads that the addressee is an inmate of a prison cell - a truce to joking, however, as I have scant time today for discussing the serious question of steamer choice - These water way uncertainties have, as of yore, already begun to bother the old tramp - Here are the alternatives -

Tahiti - Nov. 29th - with 17 days lay over in Tahiti before the monthly steamer sails for Auckland. That steamer is the same beauty we travelled on from Auckland to Fiji - all of which obliterates Tahiti from our plan of travel.

Auckland, direct - Nov. 14th - Per steamer "Ventura" - Said to be a pitcher, a roller and generally uncomfortable - The captain is one Hayward - who commanded the "Mariposa" when we boarded her in Samoa. He is the damned old pirate who robbed me of my cabin, in favor of one of his "pals." "Pal" means friend in thief's pratter. I won't spend 19 days with such an unjust and ill-mannered captain - and especially not on a ship that is sharply criticized by experienced

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travellers - I don't much mind going on her as far as Honolulu - but no further, thank you -

The next alternative is to take the Ventura to Honolulu - arriving Nov. 20th - and sailing from Honolulu to Brisbane, direct, Nov. 23rd by steamer "Moana" - which starts from Vancouver - and is said to be quite comfortable - though oldish and only 4,000 tons. The "Moana" would land us in Brisbane Dec. 7th - which would be a better time of year than January or February in that red hot summer region.

Our last alternative is the new 6,000 ton "Hong Kong Maru" - a well appointed Japanese steamer to Hong Kong - Sailing Nov. 16th and stopping one day in Honolulu - one day, or 36 hours in Yokohama - one day in Kobe - one day in Nagasaki - two days in Sanghai - and arriving Hong Kong Dec. 15th. The ill feature of this trip would be the cold or coldish weather possible during the last 12 days. The good features would be the quick run into warm weather from Hong Kong - but more especially the opportunities offered for mapping out our China-Japan explorations next summer. If we go on the "Hong Kong Maru" our objective point would be Navancore, in Southern India - by B.J. Steamer from Columbo. Unless we found a steamer from Colombo to the Seyschelles and Mauritius - In which case we might run down there for a short stay - and return to British India, or go elsewhere, as steamer sailings and inclination might suggest.

Eliminating the undesirable, our choice lies between the "Moana" and the "Hong Kong Maru." - Nov. 14th or 16th. Which trip do you think would best advance the interests of our expedition? My inclination rather trends toward the "Hong Kong Maru" - but not markedly - for the

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Brisbane trip offers good possibilities for work - a fair amount of comfort - and some novelty of travel -

Which would you prefer of the two - as combining pleasure with work? I am willing to accept your choice, as I am not an impartial judge when the Oriental Tropics are offered in winter, as against any other part of the world. Think it over for a few hours and wire your conclusions briefly - If you think one trip decidedly better than the other - say so, without reservation - If not, state your uncertainty. In order to secure accommodation on the "Moana" it is necessary for me to wire to Vancouver. I have already reserved the best in sight on the "Hong Kong Maru" and the "Ventura." As soon as I decide on the trip, I'll send you word when to arrive here.

More time has been given this letter than I had time to spare. I'd have written day before yesterday had your address reached me. I'm having a bulligant time - but am anxious to begin our real journey. Remember me pleasantly to the other prisoners - and especially to the supposable convict Geo. Brown.

Your friend as ever,

Barbour Lathrop

Bohemian Club
San Francisco

Nov. 7th, 1901

My dear boy -

No time for more than a hurried scrawl - You don't deserve a letter anyhow - but that shall be explained later, you dilatory rascal - I wired you last evening on getting your wire when I returned to this Club after midnight - Give what time may be necessary to studying plant possibilities - provided you reach here on Sunday next - I'll want three days with you before leaving the country - I shall certainly go as far as Honolulu on the "Ventura" - leaving this port on the 14th - and board the "Hong Kong Maru" there on the 23rd - If it is thought advisable you can leave here by the "Hong Kong Maru" on the 16th - My personal affairs are in good shape - I can get a room in this Club for you for three days and for double that time if no member applies for the room. Wire me at once on what day you'll arrive here. Make it Sunday if convenient to your present plans - and I'll take you to the Band ... that evening - Get there early enough in the day to change your clothes and reach a 6:30 supper - If it is important, you need not reach here until Monday - But then sure. That's all.

Your friend as always,

Barbour Lathrop

Hong Kong Hotel

Dec. 17, 1901

My dear boy -

There is nothing in the way of news for you, other than the fact that this dentist business for several days, anyhow, and very possibly until the day before our steamer leaving. My objective writing is to say I feel a bit ashamed over having growled about your not being in your room yesterday - for I'd have probably done just what you did - about the tins. The fact is that after several weeks of almost unceasing tooth-ache, almost any trifle will "get against a man's nerves." If the tooth carpenter patches me up in time, the probability is - "chance," is a better word, perhaps - that I'll seem up to canton for a couple of days. But that same "chance" looks dubious just now. Meantime, "keep arooting," as the footballers say. I sent the telegram, and I hope you got the room - Also a man of some sorts as interpreter. If you need more money, change some of your English money - for it will be troublesome to get money to you.

You'll do good work up there anyhow; so it is useless to dwell upon the need for your so doing - during the short time at your disposal. Stay as long as you deem best - but don't fail to be there at latest by Tuesday morning next - if that will leave sufficient time for packing and shipping whatever you may have gathered - In the event of there being any question about that - get there Monday morning - But suit yourself as to the day - and return earlier if you prefer.

Yours as ever

Barbour Lathrop

Hong Kong Club

Dec. 19th, 1901

My dear Fairchild -

As said before, suit yourself about the date of return. I'll be glad to see you any day. I'm having the devil's own time with my teeth, but hope they will be in fair I hope before our day for leaving. At present I am living on "spoon vittles." I am sorry you couldn't get a better interpreter. I know no country where a first class interpreter is more needed - for investigating work.

Your tins arrived and are all right - I suppose. They look so, anyhow. Are you sure those water-chestnuts are not cultivated near Canton? - or between there and here?

Hope you are having a good time - for one of us ought to, at all events - and the Lord knows I can't "have a good time" with a combination of aches on hand - on head, I mean. Nothing serious - but most damnably uncomfortable.

Good night, and luck to your search -

As ever,

Barbour Lathrop

Carl called on me - but I was out. I have been mapping out a trip for next spring or autumn in Formosa. In theory it seems all right.

Fujiya Motel
Hot Mineral Springs
Miyanoshita, Sagami, Japan
July 22, 1902

My dear boy -

Just got your letter and have bare time to catch the 11:30 mail.
Your reply to Ferguson was excellently worded. I'll write to him tomorrow.
Don't think Hokkaido trip will be made. Relations with J. government
are somewhat strained and I wish to avoid any possible interference with
our other plans. Yeudo's declination of Hokkaido trip was probably based
on personal grounds - but may not have been. If I find any overt
interference with our work, I'll raise H___ if I have to go to Washington
to do it.

I'm mortally ashamed about that water buffalo article. The sole
excuse being that I have really been too much under the weather to be
fully responsible for what I have done or left undone. Send it up, of
course - and I'll return it promptly. I may run down to Yoko Thursday
morning and stay till Friday afternoon. Please see Dr. S[nupto] -
Dentist - ask him to give me appointment Thursday afternoon or Friday
morning - or both if possible. Wire appointment if made. Not earlier
than 10 a. m. Friday.

Smith can be pointed out to you in ... H - probably. His office
is beyond town tailor, same street.

Weather better - hope it will last awhile. Thanks, old man, for
your kindly note.

As ever

Barbour Lathrop

Fujiya Hotel
July 24, 1902
Thursday p. m.

Dear Fairchild -

I asked in my letter to wire me if Dr. Smith could give me an hour this afternoon. Instead of wiring, you wrote - and I got the letter at 7:30 this evening. Your letter was written yesterday - and no matter what hour it was mailed, there was no chance of its reaching me in time for the morning train. Not hearing from you by wire, I naturally concluded no appointment had been made - and stayed up here. I have just written Dr. Smith I would of course pay him for the hour appointed. You, therefore, by not obeying my request to wire have saved me twenty-five cents, and cost me twenty dollars - and the tooth is still lacking treatment. I'll not go to Yoko now before Tuesday morning. Haven't read your letter yet - So can't answer it.

Yours,

B. Lathrop

The Overland Limited

Sept. 17/16 ¹⁰²~~102~~

My dear Boy -

Sorry you had to go through without your dressing case. ... I have decided to go into print again, "one of these days" in an article called "Fairchild as a Luggage Loser - Or advice to Tenderfoot Globe Trotters."

At all events you have learned how to get back the lost things, - which is an improvement on your old time habit anyway.

Thanks for Mr. Falloway's letter to me. His hint that I may order limitless bamboos for departmental handling is, as they say in California, "not good enough."

I am not going to risk your reputation as a plant explorer and my money and reputation.

S.S.

June 1905

from Kaiserin Augusta Victoria ~~Hill~~

To Marion F. My Dear Fairchild

... This last globe-trotting has been least interesting of all - and no one could understand how greatly I have missed the plant gathering and the plant-gatherers.

[Signed] Uncle Barbours

opening of the } Bolivian Club, S.F.

14 November 1905

See here! Young Man-in-love-with-his-Wife.

Am a bit put out with you.

It is true. I had no hope that after your marriage you

would write me as frequently or as voluminously as you for years have done. Whenever we were separated but I did not believe you would almost drop me from your list of correspondents - as you have.

If you were an acquaintance, or ordinary, as called, friend it wouldn't matter - but after all I have not lost interest in you, or in your affairs.

I know you don't intentionally slight me, and forgive being temporarily forgotten - but, Hang it! I really do not want the forgetting to become chronic.

Hence this wail!

You ~~do~~ probably don't realize how almost absolutely I have "been in the dark," as to your wherings & doings during the past three months. I shrugg'd my shoulders and said: "Oh the boy will come to earth again some time, and recall the fact that he has a lovely old friend 'on the tramp'."

By Jove! You've still kept your wings at work, and have flown clear out of my mental sight - as you seem to have entirely left me out [of your] mental calculations.

I am not angry; only somewhat hurt; and really anxious to know if you and Marian are living, where you are living, & how you are living. Since the beginning of August you have sent me one note - size 8 page - two 4-page notes & one postal card. Among the things you have told me nothing about are these - Nothing whatsoever with regard to Marian's condition after I left Washington.

No reference to Old Mr. Bell's death - which I happened to hear casually mentioned as long after ~~that~~ that I shrank from

writing to Dr. Bell at that later date.

No reply to any one question [of the] questions I have asked, and no acknowledgment of my rather carefully worked out suggestions for travel & prolonged leave. - The last you may not have received before you went away, but it surely should have followed you within a week.

Not one word about your professional prospects, or conditions in the Department [of Agriculture].

I could go on, but that is enough, when the fact is added that you ever have not written since you landed ... giving your present residential address - thus leaving me in doubt as to whether you were living with Dr. Bell, Miss Hubbard, or in a flat.

Of course you have not your former leisure ~~time~~ hours for private correspondence, but I have done enough for the Department to warrant your giving me enough of the Government's time for occasional letters.

Bear in mind that while my heart rejoices over your own happiness, this very happiness, in its forgetting, has made me a lonelier man than ever. I don't ask you to write long letters, but I do ask you not to let the long intervals go between the short ones - and to tell me something of yourselves in them.

... I ~~have~~ haven't time to read over this letter - but hope what I write doesn't seem cross, for I don't feel in the least cross, only I don't want to be left totally ignorant of what happens to you and your charming Frau.

I leave for Honolulu on Saturday, 4th instant, on "S. S. Sibiran".
... I was well enough to receive, weeks ago, a suite of sitting room, bed

room ~~and~~ bath room. I had the same accommodations last December on the "Korea." A real suite, this, and very comfortable. - not like that fraud affair on the "Hong Kong Maru."

With much love to your participation in epistolary crime,
Your staunch friend

Barbours Hatthrop

Nov. 9th /05

... If the Secretary doesn't appoint you to Peter's place when he resigns, he - the Secretary - will be more kind of an ass than even I thought he could be.

But for your singularly fortunate marriage, you would have found life along my Pacific Coast lines fiercer & happier and, I firmly believe, more successful than any probability the Department could offer. Now, your lives, all pleasantly outside of business, anyhow, must naturally and unquestionably, run in a Washington groove.

Miss you greatly, and the agreeable play-works we ran together, but for your sake my heart rejoices that your affairs are as they are.

The Bellevue-Stratford
PhiladelphiaOctober twenty-third
1 9 2 5

The Doctors in San Francisco would not let me write letters, nor will the Doctors in Philadelphia let me write letters, even those letters demanded by decency of correspondence. But all the same, bless their over-anxious souls, they are an intelligent lot, a kindly lot and a very friendly lot to me.

Perhaps, they are right after

all - for I have had a bit of an upset - more than a bit, in fact.

Sometime ago, I was attacked by a chill - not a little baby chill - a real well-loaded "shake 'em to pieces" chill; not a chill but two chills. My bones rattled like a Ford car over cobble stones and the bed, in indignation, shook itself almost to pieces. Then for three days a temperature of over 103, an assortment of temperatures since - none above 101 but none below 99. Yesterday and today it is 99 and better results than that are expected soon.

In the meantime a measly hiccough started in - why it came I don't know - where it came from I don't know, but come it did and it has been keeping up steadily for five days but the spasms of these attacks are becoming fewer and less body shaking by far. Today the Doctor told me, with reasonable care, that two days later would find me in fair shape again. Probably and hopefully he is nearly right because my head Doctor is a medical wonder and a personal friend.

One day I grinned when four

Doctors assembled here on the same morning and looked solemn as I began to joke them and they said, "You're alright, you'll pull thru."

This morning all four appeared again but not in consultation and said I had been right from the first and there weren't enough Doctors in Philadelphia to kill a man of my spirit. Three of them departed and the medical in charge alone remained.

They didn't want me to write any letters but I made up my mind to write this wobbly epistle in order to

The Belfrage-Stratford
Philadelphia

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let a few of the people I love know
that I am still in the land of the
living, practically certain to be so
for countless moons to come. This
will show that I am feeling pretty
well and that I have not had, nor
now feel, a single moment of
anxiety. Death has no terrors for
me but I have not the slightest
intention of dying just now. I want
you all to know it, so I am going to
have this one poor epistle copied
and a copy sent to a small number of

people and want them to feel that I think of them and wish I could send to each and every one a loving greeting and something sensible.

So here's to each one of you and may the Lord bless you and not call for you too soon.

Affectionately and lovingly,

Uncle Barbour
or Barbour Lathrop
(As the case may be)

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