

No envelope

4-sided folded sheet with letterhead

18 HOLWORTHY HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
Jan 7.1930

Dear Esty:

[Where are Esty's letters home? Alee? Maisie?]

Many thanks for
your gift. It was generally
acknowledged as the best
looking tie in all my horde.
I brought back 12 more than
I took with me from here.

[sic]

I guess mother can tell you
all my presents and how I
liked them. Maisie's pillow
is very popular here. The red
on the green couch is quite
flashy. Larry saw it and
showed me his two. He also
is quite pleased.

[Esty in the West. Why? How?]
[Can M remember anything about it?]

[Did Maisie make one or two for Larry?]

(to back)

You must have had a swell time.
How did you like the Grand Canyon?
Do you know enough about it
now to know where we climbed
and where Grandpa broke his rib.
Was there any snow there?

[This precedes the great Western tour, right?]
[When did people use "Grumps"?

There is more snow here, at
least there was when I arrived
than in Minneapolis. The main
thing I remember about the G.C.
Is that it was a rich mine of
agar bands, for it was at that
time that I was collecting them.

[Not 'agate' but 'agar' or 'agan']

Pat is asking Perry and me to
supper before a Brattle Saturday night.
She said she got a letter from you and
after getting your address from the
Hutchns wrote you one. I am just

[Emerson?]
[Brattle Saturday night was what?]

telling you in cae that you did
not receive it.

(inside left hand side)

This studio magazine that the Hutchins
gave me is different than others, is
an English magazine. Aunt Elsie
saw it long ago and thought now
I'd probably like it, and I do, better
than the International studio. The
color prints are better, there is more
variety of articles.

The apple cart is in town and
I shall probably see it if it
does not leave this weekend.
Sunday for the first time ^ I shall ^this year
go to Mr. Washburn's church.

[Must be a play, he does not capitalize name]

I forgot that print of Notre
Dame, a Christmas Card. That
brush for the fire place would be fine
here. What is Bish. Thurston's address?
What is the name of his book? Could you
spare a thermometer.

[Who is Thurston?]

(inside right hand side)

I have been swimming regularly.
Went the length of the pool underwater, 75 ft.
My wind is so poor I can only swim
the crawl down and back 3 times. Others
do it for 15 minutes at a time.

We have begun practicing
for Oedipus Rex. It is all latin
singing of a 2 act play, not
very pretty but hard to learn.
I have a week in between 2 exams
at the end of Jan. but not much
time at the end.

Love
Cog

Maisie comments 11 February 2009

Letters sent home to Mpls were read aloud by Granny at the dinner table,
then read aloud to Agnes, Bessie, etc. and mostly kept by Granny until
late in life when she distributed many to the original authors as she
disposed of stuff.

As I was unsuccessfully trying to find record of Esty going to G.C. I
found this note in my "Conc. By The.." book on tennis court business in

1929. Mrs Merriman sells to HPN other half tennis court land and woods west of lawn. A.D.Davis and a man survey, 4 bounds found. \$500.

My only imagined explanation of why Esty was out West is that Mrs Brown and the twins Lucian & Winthrop took her on one of the many trips they took together, mostly out West. Cog is referring, of course, to a June 1924 (I'm pretty sure of that year) date when HPN, CMH, MBNH, Alice & Collis went to Grand Canyon, HPN was thrown by mule, broken rib. I don't believe many people referred the Grandpa as Grumps, certainly not till later years.

I have no recollection of pillows; all I can say is that as a 7 yr old I was good at sewing (My mother's "sewing clubs" for me) and cross stitched that 1928 Sampler which Cog later framed. I could imagine doing something with Harvard red shield color;; I certainly knew about those colors from the windows education shields.

The agar in dictionary would not be something Cog collected, he must have been referring to agates it seems to me.

Yes, Pat Emerson would have invited them for supper. Don't know what a Brattle (St) Sat.Night entertainment ?? might have been.

Just Possibly Bish.Thurston might be Theodore Payne Thurston who was rector of St.Paul's in Mpls then later Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma, appears in history of St.Marks doings.

CPD impressed and helpful about Aedipus Rex, a secular oratorio written in 1927 by Stravinsky. The famous Harvard choir leader at that time according to cpd would be the kind to grab up a new Stravinsky for his choir to work on. (cpd does not remember his name).

Could not find "apple cart". Will be interested in what Nicky and her internet research comes up with. Maisie