

STUDIO

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Dearest Laurie:

Have I been awful about writing? I've just plain been too busy, even for a note to my Laurie. Think of it!

How is that cold of yours. You write me you're in bed for a couple of days, but you write Mrs K. You've been in bed for a week. I don't like it. Tell me it's vanished.

Poor Mrs K. ! Her daughter telephoned me this afternoon that she'd been knocked down by a taxi, unconscious and with a deep scalp wound, but no bones broken, and apparently no internal injuries. She came to before they got her into the ambulance, and insisted on being taken back to her apartment, where her pet doctor attended her. Of course, the shock, at her age, is no slight matter, and I think after this it will be harder than ever for her to live and go about alone. I suppose she can't hear motor horns at all. I am to see her tomorrow, and will keep you posted.

I'm pegging away, and getting some things accomplished. The bust of Casals is practically finished, though I am to have another sitting next Sunday. And concerning the bust, I shall have a surprise to tell you all about, after next Sunday, but I'm not allowed to breathe a word of it yet.

Have just finished building the armature for the life-size Faun, and believe me it was SOME job. But as I saved about a hundred dollars by doing it myself, instead of haveing Ettl enlarge it, I don't begrudge the hours of muscular strain.

Have just finished a little standing baby I think you might like. It will make a good

small bronze to show in exhibitions, galleries, etc.

My class is full, and very busy and eager. I go to them on Monday and Thursday mornings, and usually to the Borghum School on Wednesday afternoons, though A.V.H. and I are supposed to alternate up there. So between them, they do take quite a bit of time and thought away from the studio here.

Now, to talk seriously, and strictly between you and me, for no one else must know about it just at present. It may happen that A.V.H. will have to go out of town quite early in the Spring. Nothing is settled yet, but it is quite possible. Now, are you planning to come East this spring, and if so, how soon do you think you could get away? I'd rather you didn't consult the family definitely just yet. Just give me a general idea what you plan, will you? There's a dear.

Must get to bed now, as I've got to get up at the screech of dawn and take some brownie pictures of thing in the studio tomorrow morning, before I go up to my class. Also, take my Lincoln to be framed. Yes, she gave me one for Christmas, bless her. It is even finer than those from the earlier plate. It's larger, and much more contrasty.

Did you know Mother was going abroad for three months with Mary Herr on Feb 15th? Grand bat! That's one reason why I want to know your plans.

Goodnight, dearest dear---

You Brendie

P.S. The portraits of me have come back from the Art Center. Shall I send them to you or keep them to delight people with until you come East?