

forbet his gain was better
health and a determination to
make his place in the sun in the
city. The general depression
made business chances very risky
but he finally found what suited him
although he had to wait eight
months for the building to be
completed. And strange to relate
the little pigs are with him! Our
center of town has just started to
move five blocks up "Main Street."
just four blocks up, between new
theaters and office buildings the
Standard Oil decided to settle and

Oakland California
January 23rd '23.

Dearest Laura: I am not wishing
you any hard luck but if
going to bed for a day means
such a good letter from you -
I will put the Gypsy's curse
upon your head if you neglect me!
However I cannot blame you for
my letters are of a necessity dull.

I can imagine how beautiful
Colorado Springs seemed when you
returned after so long an absence.
Even Stacy cannot give you a

sky so blue or clouds so white
and where you would find
mountain and prairie meeting
in such majesty of height and
space, or dressed in richer
brocade for autumn? If I
am not careful I shall say
poetical and then Heaven help you.
But as your beautiful Colorado
moves me.

This past summer (perhaps I
wrote you so) I spent two happy
weeks in the high Sierra nearly
eight thousand feet up. Although

it was August spring was in
full blossom, just as it is
then in Switzerland. I thought
that someday when I get that
own house and own car I am
going to take you to Tahoe.

It begins to look at least as
though that time of independence
would merge from a dream into
reality. Long ago those fat pigs
on the farm went into sausage.
His month was sufficient to
convince Howard Miner that the
losses ate up the profits on a small
farm. But if he was out of

just read your letter again and
I feel like tearing this up and start-
ing over again. You make me feel
like a fire-cracker which has an
urge to go off in all directions!

H.

the ground floor of its building
was made into a market which
is the aristocrat of markets, all
white tile and marble and glass
protected counters with a mezzanine
floor of shops and offices looking
into it. Howard has the exclusive
lease to retail hams and bacon
and a full line of imported and
domestic foods - cheeses from all
over the world, smoked & pickled
fishes from Norway, olives from Spain
sausages from Italy ect. He
has seventy five feet of counter space
three pretty girls and a fat cook

present place
Personally I like the Lumsden plan very much but
I can see the unpleasant features of it

Do not hurry home but come as soon as you
are through

How did you like the Can? You have not said
a word about it. Have you shown it to any
one? How about the handles? If you could get
me the address of some dealers in fine wood
inlays etc I would greatly appreciate it there
must be some one in N.Y. could telephone with
you being to run around looking things up

I want two conventional designs to put in the
blanks end of the dish (Satin wood.) Then come
already made up of veneer and can be either any
various piece also must have some narrow strips
of inlay Satin wood or Holly or any hard white
wood used for that purpose

Can get no more big skin here for cane handles
So I am about out of material and don't know
any body to write to who can get no more cane handles
here - Do you think the Cans would sell? I don't
the one I sent you to some dealer. In what they would
pay for one or two dozen. If I can get the stuff
to make them of. The ferrules you sent are all right

My dear Lewis.

C. 1928
Your last letter was a delight but
as it sounded as though you were well again
I had a letter from Brenda about the dish.
I will make the one I am at as I can easily sell
it. It is impossible to sell at 200 as the
inlay work takes too much time. Mr Carpenter wants
me to make the one plain which I start on right away
will be much easier.

I don't know what I would have done this winter
without this work. It has been a life saver.

Mother's knee is much better with only less days
real rest she is out every day and often twice a day.
I have tried hard to find a new story house
but so nothing but the Elvans. Lumsden Cottage
where Mother turns down the bed rooms and
kitchen are pretty bad especially the kitchen.

I do not want to take a little cramped place
if it can be avoided. I have had in mind one
place where you and I could work together. I am sure
that I could do a lot of the simple work on
your photo making as well as the photographing
I could work at my trade at the same time
I would like to get your opinion on this point. I am
trying not to move until you come home. I do not
want to take another place right now until the