

the public a taste of your quality,
as it were, and make them yearn
for more. Could it be done, or
would it be too expensive?
Babcock's cover is very chic and
tasteful, but his drawing hardly
gives the feel of the place.

I particularly like the type &
set-up of the title page. It is
beautiful - Laurie - with that
little flower & all.

When do you go to the U.S.A.
you said June, didn't you? I'll
be thinking of you -

I shall spend about a week
with Shirley and the baby after
I leave Mother with Mrs. P., and
then must get back here to work
on the new sundial - which I

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My dear Laurie:

I've been wanting to write
you so long, and there just hasn't
been a single opening for a letter.

Mother's been back with me
for over a week now, and I've been
pretty busy marketing, cooking, dish-
washing, etc. Besides which, I've
suddenly acquired a very rich and
very enthusiastic pupil, a Mrs.
Egan, who insists on daily 2 hours
lessons, and keeps me jumping
every minute. She's very interesting
and decidedly worth while financially,
and I quite enjoy her, but she

makes lip holes in my day.

Next Tuesday, the 2th, I'm taking Mother up to Mrs Perkins' summer place at Woodstock, Vermont. I hope she can stay there for a month or six weeks, for this old hole is no place to recuperate in, as you know. And the weather has been so cold, Mother's hardly able to get out at all, and she needs to bask in sunshine. As getting a wonderful well, though, considering.

About ten days ago the telephone rang and I was told Atlantic City wanted me. Of course, it was Betsy — We had a nice talk over the 'phone, but I

couldn't persuade her to come up to New York. Said she was on her way to Baltimore. I was sorry to hear that the old skin trouble had appeared once more, but otherwise she sounded as though she'd been having a nice time of it. Hope she gets back to you refreshed and well. It was nice of her to call up!

Many thanks, dear, for the extra lines Books. How are they going, or is it too early to tell until the summer tourist becomes rampant? You know, several people, including myself, rather wish that in the next edition you would put one of your points on the case — to give

new sun-dial pedestal, but I can't seem to get any little prints with a brownie that will give it in the correct relation to the figure, so tomorrow & next day, between shopping & packing for Mother, I shall try to make a drawing of the complete thing. Then I'll photograph that & send it to Dr. Waring. He must have given up all hope of hearing from me.

By the way, I did finally send that story-book out to you, didn't I? Did you ever get it?

The Pilgrims Progress M.S. & drawings have been returned for the sixth time, so here's where I give up. It was evidently not to be, that's all. Don't see anything of E.W.B. these days. Everything is quite dead there, except a fond & foolish memory for me, and an ache or two - just as well, I guess.

There! I must stop! your own
Brendie

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have just landed. It will mean at least three months work to model three four life-size babies, and if it is to be France at the end of September, it looks as though I'd be here 'most all summer. I don't mind. It's not so much rest I need, as freedom from interruption and peace of mind. No one can give me that, but perhaps I can find it in steady work - and a temporary respite from "family". There's been quite a dose of the latter. Dad has been here this week again.

Last evening the Hervey's came

down to celebrate my birthday!

I think of their remembering! (and Dad had quite forgotten it.)

Mrs. H. brought me two photographs of two of John Angel's figures - very well done - both sculpture and photography. And dear Mrs. H. brought me a wild violet plant from the "mountain", remembering how I had loved the sight of them when I went out there with them in the pouring rain a few Sundays ago.

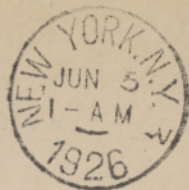
I do like him so much, I wish Dad & Mother did, too.

He seems to bring out the best there is in me. A not very usual

quality - And what he has to say is so learned interesting, always, yet because he says it in a ponderous and rather consciously pedantic way, they think his not interesting. How silly!

You'll probably be seeing a hearing from Mrs. Thawkin about the time you get this. She left yesterday a day before I do with I could have seen her again, but it was just plain impossible. Tell her, please, how very I am about it all. Hope she'll all well again.

I've designed a small model for a



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