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Laurie Darlin':

Such a many-a-day since I've written - though you may have received lately a message from me via Fanny Robbins!

You dear! I felt pretty certain that lovely red heart was from you, but I always understood that etiquette forbade inquiring as to the senders of Valentines - & once having miss-guessed, I was coward enough to lay low & say nothing.

So sorry you saw that awful snap-shot of Puck the "Times" got hold of. All out of focus, the marble is, & they did something funny to the face, too. Made me mad, it did. And everybody's seen it - from coast to coast. Mr. Howbridge, the consulting architect, has taken some good ones, though, in the sunlight. And D. V. - someday you'll take some real ones for me.

Both architects seem very much pleased with it, I'm glad to say, & several sculptors whose opinion I value, patted me on the back for it at the sculpture society annual the other night, where we showed

slides of our work. There's a very good slide man here - Van Altena - who does work for the Metropolitan. Charges only 35¢ each if you provide negatives. Pretty cheap, what?

I'm panting to see the enlargements you're going to send me. Did you get a really complete set of "Ytemp" pictures. You said you hoped to.

I'm working away quite feverishly on you, trying to get her done before I leave for North Haven the last week in June.

She's huge, Laurie! Over life-size, a bit, & rather grand, I think. Have had to change the position of the legs, as they trailed off too weakly, also the drapery, which, though not much, must be right! My hands are getting quite rheumatic - working in wet clay all day!

Went out to the "farm" with the Hervey's on Sunday. Gray & showery, but lovely, nevertheless. Mrs. Hervey wants to know if you ever received a print she sent you of my wood-carving. If you did get it, do write her just a line as soon as you can. If you didn't, let her know, so she can trace it before it's too late. She sent it quite a while ago.

This isn't much of a letter, but it brings so much love from your Brendie