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Dear Laura:

I have just returned to New York positively dizzy from the speed I have been going during the time since I left you. Now I find I haven't the words to tell you how I appreciate everything you did for me while I was in Colorado Springs. Yes, and ever after, as I did see Mrs. Simms. She very kindly picked me up at the station and took me out to her house where I spent a most charming evening with her, her husband, and friends. And then these beautiful pictures, which I shall treasure more and more as time goes by, if that is possible. And your dear letter, which reached me in Phoenix.

As you know, we were on one-night stands - at most two nights, in which case there would always be a matinee - so it gave me not one moment to put pen to paper. I flew most of the way as the trains were so slow and hot. But as I look back over those five hectic weeks, my happiest hours were spent with you. Now I ask you, how can I begin to thank you for all that?

More than ever I want a home where I might hope to someday repay you for all your dearness to me. But I must add that I will never be able to laugh at you, although I have high hopes for many hours in the future spent laughing with you.

Unfortunately I did not get to see Helen Freeman on the Coast. I flew from Phoenix to Los Angeles and spent all the time at Pickfair that I could while we were playing at Long Beach as Mary sent me back and forth by car. After playing San Diego I flew back and stayed 24 hours with her before taking the plane East.

Mother was waiting for me at La Guardia Field when I flew in, looking very pretty with her 104 pounds. She has gained 9 of them since her illness in January.

Word from Dorothy tells us she has completely re-

covered and they are in hopes of a long run at the Music Box Theatre in Hollywood, if the war and wheels do not intercede.

Please remember me to everyone who was so kind, particularly your sweet friend, and Boardman Robinson, who has completely recovered by now, I hope. I shall never cease to wish for the day that I may come West and take you up on the camping-trip, nor will I ever cease to be grateful, Laura dear, for all your goodness to me.

Affectionately,

Lillian

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