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Miss Laura Gilpin P. O. Box 448 Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Laura:

The photographs are wonderful and all those who have seen them have agreed with me that silver has never been done better. I believe the portraits turned out very well too.

When you mentioned your great adventure in starting off, I almost felt the cool morning air and wanted to take a breath of its freshness. There has been a change in the personnel headquarters of the Air Force so I have no special date set but be assured that if I can come in the direction of Santa Fe I will.

Now we need to know the photographer you would recommend for more work. Mr. Niemeyer has a friend who has just lent us two of the most wonderful pieces of silver I have ever seen. The owner thinks they were made in Russia but all I can say is I would have given almost anything to have known the craftsman. They are the caliber of the gold boxes but not so restrained. Anyway I would like to have them photographed to use in our exhibition.

I certainly should have written Fanny Robbins long ago to explain that I wanted to work her stones with silver chain and all the chain companies I know are doing war work so I have been held up. Also I must admit that your piece comes first and everyone I have started seems to be inadequate. Maybe I will make a dozen pieces so you can choose what you like best.

No doubt you have heard it has rained here every day for weeks and I am grateful for the cool but I also miss the sun. Have a good time and I will be thinking of you in your new job. With my warmest personal greetings,

Sincerely,

Margret Craver (Miss)

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