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Dear Laura: -

After some previous trying I've finally tracked you down through the Fine Arts Center where they tell me you'll probably be home before Christmas & remain perhaps six weeks.

I wondered if, during your stay here, you could take a picture of my husband? I've been anxious to have one for a long time, especially since his almost fatal illness three years ago. You may not wish to bother, having so many other things on your mind, but I decided it would do no harm to ask. I do so want

a really good one of him and
could think of no one who could
make a better one than you. I
have a notion that your work is
worth a great deal, & will perhaps
be beyond what I can afford, but
that too can be asked. I wouldn't
want an outside picture. Something
around 8x10. I would want at
least two pictures, ^(8 only one style) if possible, four;
and depending on the price, possibly
six. If you are interested, what do
you charge? And if not, who do you
think I should go to in Colo. Sprgs?
or even Denver? I was thinking of
them for Christmas, but they need
not be done before Christmas.

I've just returned from a
four weeks visit with my parents.

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Father is 85 + living in Seaside, with a practical nurse looking after him. He looks & acts twenty years younger - remarkable really! Poor Mother has been in White Plains (ten miles away) in a hospital since June 15th with a broken leg; her bones are very brittle & her convalescence long drawn out. Both are harassed with the terrific expense & no hope of getting competent enough help at home so that she can be removed there. I had not seen them in four years, so we were most happy to be together again. Unfortunately I dared not take Bert with me, & it

was well that I did not for the weather was simply vile; only two clear days the entire time! I never appreciate Colorado so much as when I go somewhere else.

Shall look forward to hearing from you either by letter, or when you arrive. If there is much flu about we may have to go away in Jan. but I'm hoping that we can stay home all winter.

affectionately,
Marian.