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Laurie Dearest:

Zowie - but I'm relieved that that shipment finally reached you! Didn't look as though they'd ever get that shipping-office emptied! Please don't think I was crabbing about getting them off! I only thought you ought to be warned of the conditions in case you were contemplating shipping equipment ahead of you (or behind you) on that trip.

As for the check - Bless you - are you sure you can spare it now? Oughtn't you have at least waited 'til the Jackson's Hole job was done + paid for? I have plenty - + if

you don't let me know p.d.q. if you need
the \$200 anytime, & let me return it, I'll
— I'll never speak to you again,
so there!

And as for that glorious bonanza —
the box crammed with indulgence
of my vices, it's just a wonderful
present, & I do thank you, muchly.

Has the sale of that property finally
been consummated? I do hope it's
all settled. Also hope the visit to
the Denver oculist is just a routine
check-up & not really trouble with
your blessed eyes. I've been having
a bout with mine lately — conjunctivitis —
caught, I imagine, out of the filthy
city air. My oculist is clearing
it up. Also the dentist is hard
at work. He believes those old

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Shingles in some way upset the balance of things so that calcium is being deposited in my finger-joints, while it is being rapidly withdrawn from my teeth. A big (but hollow) molar came out last week, & another probably on Monday. Maybe I'll be clicking false teeth at you when next we meet! Anyhow, the "neuralgia" was not imaginary -

I expect to leave here July 24th for two weeks with Dad (Just Case of H. P., Cape Porpoise, Maine) - & then a few days with Molly Moore at Hancock, N. H. Mrs Grevert will come in & feed Pinto each day while I'm gone, & he'll be happier here than shut up in a cage

at the Sets'. Dad would not welcome him,
& the travelling would be a problem.

I'll have only a day-coach seat on
the night train. No Pullmans for trips
under 500 miles now.

Have got some swell photographs
to brighten the pages of my Comp.
Anat. book, & they help a lot,
I think. Been binding the whole
works in a respectable, loose-leaf
binder today, & ~~it~~ it begins to
look almost professional enough
to submit to a publisher.

Hope you hear good news of
Betsey, & that she's continuing
to gain.

Cheerio, darling, and
thanks again for everything.

On Monday I'm mailing you
an old "Geographic", which has

an article & maps on the Rio Grande.
might be of use, if only to show you what
not to do! Brendie