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Dear Laura:

You will be surprised to have a letter from me but I feel as though you will be interested. It is about Ida Hessinger the woman who used to cook for you. I'm sure you remember her.

I was a patient at Olockner Peurose Hospital six weeks with a fractured pelvis and Mrs. Hessinger was a patient there for a week or two. She has cancer of the mouth. She is now at a nursing home 78 Mrs Rogers 2717 E. 5th Union. I know you would like to send her a card. She is so brave and so calm about it all - really very "matter of fact." She had a great deal of pain but did no complaining what ever. I'm getting along fine. I went up to Snow Mountain forty miles west of Saratonic Wyo. to paint with Elsie Hayes Train, her husband Frank and her mother Mrs. Glen Wagner. (She was Mrs. Billy Hayes). It was Aug 9. I fell immediately and had to

come back by plane. I've really recovered very well. It was n't fun being flat on my back but I've been so glad it was no worse.

I had a visit on the telephone with Alice the other day. She is about the same. Has a hard time getting around but she keeps busy. I haven't heard from Hazel and Ruth lately.

I don't know any special news.

I'm sure Mrs. Messinger would appreciate a card from you.

The day they brought her in the hospital she said, "Are you Nellie Carroll who used to visit Laura Gilpin?" She spoke about the dogs. I loved them too. Her son & daughter in law live in Leadville and come to see her often. She may live some time. Those cases do, often.

How is dear Betsey? My love to both of you - Nellie.

Colorado Springs is beautiful these days. I'm sure Santa Fe is lovely in yellow too.