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Dear Cousin Laura,

I am so sorry to hear about your recent bouts with doctors and hospitals. Lewie told me about it and that he had been out there to see you. I certainly hope that you will be well on the road to recovery by the time this reaches you. I know that having to stay put and to obey doctors' orders must be most annoying to anyone as active as you have always been.

Daughter, Page, and I just returned Monday from a five day trip to Massachusetts where we attended, and photographed, the "Ledyard '75 International Horse Trials". You may have seen or heard about it because this was the event in which Princess Anne and her husband, Mark Phillips, took part. Page, being the horseman in our family, was going anyway because it is the biggest event of its kind held in this country, so I decided that I would go along too and take pictures of it. It was most interesting and I'm glad I went although there was a lot of driving on the trip and the days there were long and tiring. One aspect of it worked out very well. We spent a night with brother, Doug on the way north and a night with Lewie on the way home.

You may be interested to hear that after all these years in photography I have finally in just the last couple of years become very much interested in using the view camera. I have a 4x5 Calumet with a 90mm, a 150mm and a 300mm lens. I use it a great deal both outdoors and in the studio and it has really become my favorite piece of equipment. Any words of advice you could give me on the subject from your vast experience would sure be appreciated.

Nancy Lee and I keep saying we want to see something of the West so, if we can ever put aside enough time to take to take a trip out that way we would love to come see you. Meanwhile I hope that this note will find you feeling much better.

Love,

Howard