Dearest Laura:

Well, first off, I can't tell you how many hours of pleasure and delight I have gotten from your gift. It hangs on my wall and reminds me of all the good things that are before me and the people from whom I can draw strength and understanding. I have been to Cove several times since I last saw you and each visit makes it more difficult for me to come back to Farmington and all it envolves. Then a glance to the wall, and I tell myself..."someday....soon....in peace". Thank you.

I am glad to know that you and Margaret are again feeling well. It must have been just too much activity over a long period of time and not much rest. I worried about you all the way home. Roz and Justine have kept me posted. Justine called Sunday and reported that Margaret still was not up to par. She may have had too much company and is probably not watching her diet at all. I will have to give her a talk on diet when I am back in October. I must get back to Oklahoma for at least a week and that is something that I have not wanted to do. It will be so difficult to "be nice" as Justine says.

I hope to get up to Silverton next week and see the Aspins in their fall dress. I have never seen such color in such magnitude before. Wish that you and Margaret could go with me. You will be much on my mind there. Take great good care of yourself and Margaret until I see you again soon.

Love, Roof.