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October 15th, 1949

Dearest Laura:

It was good to hear from you, but very sad news about your ~~your~~ errors and assorted calamities. I don't see how you managed to get all the final interchanges with the publishers done with all that "stir", but you have the gift of keeping your eye on the ball ~~willy-nilly~~ willy-nilly...a most excellent gift it is.

Dillon and Betty would have barged in on you but I ~~thought~~ warned them that you were the busiest lady in the U. S. until after the magnum opus was in the bag, so they will just look forward to seeing you another time.

They adored Los Alamos, and environs, and took dozens of snaps...what a dramatic country! I really must see it before I become an Alice-sit-by-the-fire, (if ever)

Now the children are at the Un. of Ill. and Dillon is entranced with the set-up...only has four hrs. teaching weekly; then, freedom to research and construct on his atomic plans.

It was perfectly grand — glimpsing our precious Brandie, though so brief and hectic- I was tearing about trying to absorb some "New Thoughts for teaching. She looked very well, indeed, and I am so glad she sees the watchful and gifted ABC. ~~But~~ They keep an eye on each other often

I suppose B. has# written you about her work on the eminent masters of jurisprudence, of yester-year. It is a great distinction, tho' she makes nothing of it.

I had a very good time, after I got rid of that stupid pain, by somewhat unorthodox means. But it's gone, except for rare visitations when I forget the post-meridian precautions. ~~Excluding~~ The fresh, and very reasonably- priced session at N. H. U. was a valuable experience; and I saw people I knew in days of old; everything was kind of rugged and simple and I liked it. Then I loped around New England for wee visits to the Boys- (God save the mark, but they're boys in their joyous attitudes) ~~the~~ To ~~loss~~ *one glorious night of the Berkshire Festival, with her and Frank; and lastly to Anna and Archer for tea, which we extended into a week-end... and it was swell.

Can't tell you how proud I am of you and that superb job! Brandie says the publishers have been fine. They must be crazy about the book. Well, they ought to be.

This, I hope will reach you near Publication Day, but as usual, I am somewhat vague about the date, not having your pc at hand, and no time to hunt. I'm out in the backyard with the marigolds, and stacks of rusty leaves...It is lovely. \$

Dear Laura, I hope everything goes well, and# that the practical success of the book will ~~be~~ accord with its artistic merit.

Here's luck and love galore, from

Edna