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The Ramble

Dearest

A year since I last wrote & you are just recovering from the Pastal. I have been with you today in Forty and hope you have closed up on Balto for Barbs. I hope the wire - minus the News series, did not disturb you. Shall I be chronological or verse. Perhaps summarize. Left S.F. 11 - no sleep but glorious sunrise at 4:30 at S.L. Chapman 7:10 & off again 8:30 in a single motor across Wyo to Billings Mont. see map. By 10:00 into above side - Drury Riddle met me in his hotel & after lunch took us off 1:15 in to Cody good roads. more sleeping & mail & then over the hill so rough in to ranch. sent misc. on 7:30 after supper all fine. Did. Place wonderful Half-breed Road, all & again 8:00. 20 miles & more up steep grade down steep grades thru wood, fields, magnificent view. I am tired & so beautiful so. Hotel good 2 boys got 3:00 today & so not be going. Some nice people & one family came from New Rochelle. Phyllis belle of the ranch & adorable on her horse. conference, affairs and apparently delighted to stay the next 5 weeks. It seems to me a great deal of "King of Francis". I wonder what the horses think of it. Little Mrs. Frey house keeper. Mary Ann says "I don't get you nowhere". NOW to vital things Mail, 3 letters from you one with 12<sup>th</sup> other 21 & 22 & 118. So, I sound very nice. "Our list" will bless & be blessed. Note Barbs OK.



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I shall be proud of yr fine clothes for  
clothes finer than I will always express  
the real you of many words. We shall  
always keep the hair ribbon girl & take  
her out for exercise of the soul. - Incidentally  
I acquired a & helmet & wore mode a bit  
back. - Burr & Phyllis have been into this one good  
night - adorable.

What a hard time you have had with  
the hellish weather - yr last summer in N.Y.  
I wish I'd have picked you up & sent you away.  
I am glad the lined news flopped the sorry for yr  
work - not wasted but not immediate saving  
wearing. I hope you will cast all care aside  
at Blowing Rock & simply loaf & loaf it up.

Living the girls your secret best.  
I love yr simile of Xmas eve.  
What a good idea to give Jensen & Consuelo  
the job of cleaning up.

Re Schenck I will send out today other  
letters to insure any one good getting there if  
Hornstake doesn't arrive.

So sorry re the flying job. It was no joke to have  
you but how easy it is to face the inevitable infernal  
will I am finished flying for the present.  
With no carbon copy dear cling to the thought there  
is nothing we have to do, & no plans we make we  
cannot break if we want. We shall get yr 3  
chickens trucked in. & the greatest essential done  
& do whatever want God bless you dearest. I am  
tempted to take a nice train down & motor  
up with you.



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In fact I see no reason why I should  
can use Chicago ticket to N.Y. + call  
I don't need them and join you at  
some point south of Washington. If I had  
only bought a ticket back via B.O. I'd  
lose nothing. As far as I can see my  
present schedule puts me in Chi. All  
of Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and I think then via  
line Chi. to Atlanta or Chi. to Charleston  
that goes thru or near B.O. rock  
we could take two days to coming  
up and see a first or two ever route  
How long it takes to think clearly  
If you care to fuss over time tables

I will call Del Cody do so.  
+ write me but Del Cody do so.

This mail leaves Thursday All +  
next one week later.  
My present plan is that we leave  
3 or 4 days before the 6<sup>th</sup> and motor to  
the Park + I do not attempt to come back  
but take the train directly having O.K. west  
of them Cody - N.Y. first. I might even  
get a site of B.O. well I don't it is  
9. + I did get to bed this is what ranch life  
does. all good men fine office we shall  
join all 3 just as run for their money next  
year. Till morning. - But I have to  
much to show + tell you.



6:30 AM 7/25 Awake since 5. cold - but sure on me  
+ am sitting on cabin porch to get this mail + then  
go fishing. Hey dear, there are things you have not  
dreamed of here to see feel + live. I know you, Flaming  
Rock by what I hear here. only a bird note + the rush  
murmur of the stream back there the quaking aspen.

Now Plans I have studied the auto map of AR but have no RR.  
Arriving Chicago about 8 - the 8<sup>th</sup> I ed. @ Fly to Atlanta  
+ then to Charlotte + be with there by yourself car.

(B) Train to nearest point to BR + be met

If I ed be cli in ALA + get to Atlanta at noon  
I ed seem boys + take a mile train to stop nearest on getting  
off at 7<sup>th</sup> A study indicates Atlanta nearly 350 mi from  
B. rock making this less attractive.

otherwise I imagine the trip from cli to a point  
near B.R. is like to say 24 hrs. + you ed meet me ALA  
of 9<sup>th</sup> Charlotte or Asheville etc.

If you approve of the plan spend a day at BR  
office + work out some schedule for me. If that  
doesn't work out. Let me hear + I will work it out  
in cli + wire you or phone thru.

I should be very glad to see the two girls before  
we sail + might be of help if the trip abroad

for Beth is under consideration.  
I hope it can be done for I think it would  
enrich both lives + can be done as reasonably as staying  
home).

Another thought I have toyed with to beat the gun  
+ get married in B.R. Sometimes all the great temptation  
I don't feel we want to do it impulsively but want the  
picture of a certain kind of dignity etc. However if it shows  
appears the dignity there - but no again history + ~~more~~ partly  
lets make it the new deal for both at new fare  
I hope you will approve of the trip up championed  
by me.

Now as to letters. I imagine this will take until  
the 30<sup>th</sup> to reach you the sub air mail + my  
movements are uncertain next this Yellowstone  
trip. The only safe address for letters  
may be % Station Agent Northern Pacific RR  
St. Paul Minn. where I stop 20 min. returning



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of 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Northern Pacific Sta. Apt. Billings  
mont. who would have any mail for me  
arr. Billings Air mail afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup>

This means being <sup>7 am. 6<sup>th</sup></sup> a day behind schedule  
In gen I might be a day behind each day  
if it made no diff to you but think each day  
now with something in getting things done - and  
besides???

Are you carrying all ancient matter of Foster? No  
+ don't let anything I write indicate it. I chew things  
over + the words seem broader of the trees - but there not.

Eleanor wrote me she was sending Xmas. list of  
registered mail + I got a box with only an undelivered  
film in it from Doris Co.

I don't know where the other is but it will  
all work out.

Love & go forth.  
always JND