

P.S. We do not know how to guess on the election - we get the paper here Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune & so to date they seem to feel it is about an even race.

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Dear Nancy & Harry.

Your letter was very much enjoyed, and it sounds like you both are back at your busy life again. I think Harry it is wonderful you print "the Merry-go-round" was accepted in the Metropolitan National Watercolor Print & Drawing Show - Congratulations from us all - we are very proud of you, as I know your father and mother must be. We will go to see it as soon as we get back and the show opens. It has been quite a while since I have written, we have been seeing and doing many things. We have a very good trip over to Switzerland I don't know if I wrote you since we went or not. He took four day vacation left on Saturday morning for Geneva, & came back to Paris on Sunday - went by train which took a lot of time - but we wanted to see the country through France & into Switzerland by daylight and this was the best way. We loved the beautiful Swiss Alps - it is all such a grand sight I am not able to find words to describe - but the Alps are so high - covered with snow - & the valleys so green, with the little Swiss chalets - & towers in the valleys so orderly & picturesque - all have tiled roofs - mostly dark red & then the chalets are built of stone or stucco - every gap flows all around the houses - window boxes everywhere - and 1st & 2nd & 3rd story window - full of bloom - I don't believe the Swiss people ever have anything but order - very neat & no weeds, look as if every available space is cultivated many heads of cattle - we didn't see sheep - as they are higher up in the mountains - so many blue lakes both small & large - Geneva is a beautiful garage city - with Mt Blanc as a background - the city built around Lake Geneva - took a trip up the mountain side - (and 5000 feet in a power street car) - called it - set of a cable car - what a thrill & a sight to look down on the city - then we reached the top - there was a large shelter house - with restaurant - many people take the trip - we packed all around & took pictures - There is a road to drive up the mt & plus a hiking trail but we decided this would be the most fun - May repeated it. Then we walked & rode the funny trolley all around the city - visiting the League Nations Bldg. the city proper & a beautiful Cathedral - Swiss chocolate delicious - also the cheese - the next day we left for Evian - by train - a ride around Lake Geneva - it was raining when we got there - so we didn't get to see as much as we planned. Evian is very pretty, and on the lake - The country surrounding Evian - is very much agricultural - one sees the houses & barn & a complete barn to milk the cows!! - I saw many teams of oxen driven by women in modern coats most of the manual labor in fields & barns is done by oxen & mares were working together - The herds of cattle & oxen all wear bells - that have a tinkling sound - like a music box - very sweet - can be heard a great distance - due to the mountains - there are

many glaciers built away up high on the mountain side
wordy low the live so far away - from everything - must be just
fore the hermit life - of course some of the shepherds & others just love the
high altitude. I'd say it's all right. We went on to Bern Switzerland & spent the day
& night there. This is quite a nice city - being the capital city. Here's a school
and the old the new building - very bldg built before the city was chosen a school
capital. We took a sight-seeing bus - I learned much of the early history of Bern.
most all of the commercial Bldg. are built with arcades - at street level
very practical & interesting - all have many stores & shops under the arcades - no
sidewalk - street cars & trams come right by beside the arcades. Every bldg covered with
window boxes - all dept. stores - hotel etc. - all have them filled with geranium
& all uniform in color - They are a great country for uniformity. The style of the
Bern Bldg. is everywhere - Pava a guy old Town clock - 15th century & still used.
all mechanical now - We came back to Paris Friday evening - tired but very
much pleased with our trip. I can see why it is a wonderful spot for
skiing - This is really a national spot - & the windows are filled with ski-
toys. We have been here as much as possible to see the interesting
places here in Paris - We went to the Museum of Modern Art last week -
a real collection - They had a special showing of George Rouquet painting - We
enjoyed it. Then we did the rest of the museum - I don't think it's a Paris -
several Picasso, Bonnard, Matisse, Utrillo etc. etc. all quite fine - bought some
postal cards & some of the things we saw - for one collection of pieces of Paris
& people. Soon we went to see the Museum with the works of the famous artists -
Cézanne, Courbet, Manet etc. We get a real thrill out of the things here -
wonderful productions - beautiful stagings and both the soprano & Baritone
have had splendid voices. We have seen La Traviata and others - long at we
go to see the indes. talents. The symphony orchestra with the opera production is
also very fine - just thorough enjoyment. It is a very magnificent opera building
all the marble staircases - & crystal chandeliers of wonder when they are
come from, they have recently renovated the interior - so every thing looks very
clean & fresh. I may find I took the Tour de Auto bus - with about 40 other
persons & saw Versailles - Home of the King of France - They seemed to like
in luxury & splendor - no wonder there was a revolution. We hope to go
to Fontainebleau - (Home of Napoleon & Josephine) we get a good sunshiny day.
A week ago - gave two other men from the office drove down to the Air
base which they are designing - to rebuild near Chartres - so they visited
May 1st myself to go along - about 50 miles from Paris - a fine drive - there a
very good farming section of France - lots of wheat fields - mustard fields.
We had the famous Cathedral of Chartres - a magnificent edifice - but the most
wonderful part to us - were the many stained glass windows - gorgeous blue
& rose & yellow. People like jewels. We were there at 10 A.M. - so got a chance to see
the High Mass - quite interesting - a lovely organ music. - We all had dinner
together at an interesting old hotel & drove back to Paris past the famous
race tracks at Vincennes - This was about the end of the season for racing.
but there seemed to be a huge crowd.
We are beginning to get homesick and ready to come home - It has
all been interesting on many ways & I believe Mary has enjoyed
but she misses her school & playmate - & of course her French
is not so I can not converse very intelligently - Daddy get along.
Beautiful too that helps a lot. We tried to get Mary's in the American
School in Paris - near us - but they are so crowded & can only take pupils
in the services (army navy & air corp.) - The French School is difficult - without
a knowledge of French - So we have a French tutor for the past month.
She has that her lesson in the morning - getting along pretty good - then
in the afternoon Mary & I go walking, shopping & sight seeing. - We wanted
to pick up quite a few things - but everything is very high - so all the other
to visit the great trees & the same thing - I'm having lots of fun
looking at the beautiful shop windows & picking up some odds - Nancy
everyone has their hair cut Paul short & with a rather natural wave.
& many have their hair bleached - The French girls all have
very shiny hair - I mean the new one anyway - they wear
a great deal of black - accentuated colored scarves - gloves - etc. -
you black suit sound darling - I'd be so anxious to see you both -
we just have to make some plans as soon as we get back - we
have plans to sail Nov. 14. on the "Berthe" getting home Nov. 20. - Gene says
to have all his gear gone - & we are looking forward any way to getting
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