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Don't mind these 13's

Dear Hortense,

Your fine fat letter was enjoyed I can assure you, though I really haven't had much time or energy to tell you so along with the latest Ithaca news -

Why I chose tonight to write especially was to tell you that Miss Moon went to the Dispensary today and will be operated on Wednesday or Thursday for goitre, and will be there for about 2 weeks. If you can Sis send a jolly letter would help make some of the minutes go faster. One and possibly two of her

2/ Sisters are coming. She is dreading it quite a bit, Dr. Minix — Harry too has troubled her a great deal as the result of the fall at Bear Creek. She has an X-Ray taken the other day and it seems that the Periosteum was injured — He thinks by rest it will heal — Hasn't She had hard luck though?

Now for Lab-news —

Ann & Lucy are here of course and it seems mighty nice and natural to have them — Other inhabitants are Miss Platt (an occasional visitor, for She is working on her minor now) Mr. Ping ("Escape how?" Well, he found the way, and left the Sky Parlor some weeks ago (☺)), Mr. Clemmons a new Assist. in Biology, the man with

3/ the "Proboscis" so D. Needham dubbed him. It goes something like this) – rising inflection at the end! He seems very nice, though quiet. Mr. Crawford came back about two weeks ago from his Mexican trip, and left tonight for good. He has been made Vice Pres. & Manager of this Fruit Co – It sounds like a fine opening for so young a fellow –

We have heard from Miss Stafford since she reached home, and she seems very happy getting her wedding trousseau ready.

Now for Sky Parlor news – Mr. Gilmore is here for the Summer and he comes up in kakis occasionally to be a trim to our Uncle Sam. They have wielded hammers and saws vigorously in the past making trap lanterns – then carrying them up to Fair Haven in a canoe. Uncle has had a hair cut – and made a stylish one. He is now a true Cupid – His sides and back are shaved except 2 little patches on his shoulder blades which look exactly like Valentine wings – His master has bought a motor cycle lately, so that he can make speedy trips to his trap lanterns at McLean & Michigan Hollow – Ann Morgan & Shade both had rides on it – He strapped a sofa pillow on behind & which we sat. It certainly was great fun.

I started out side saddle but 4th "the shades of night were following fast". Soon went astride & enjoyed it a lot - We went out toward McLean & covered 24 miles - It certainly was great fun and Ann felt the same the next night after her ride - This is the substitute for the auto - He has mentioned getting roller skates for Uncle to pull him along behind - ☺

Mr. Knight is here for a few days visit - He is working up at Batavia this summer. We need hams have gegangen and we do miss them a whole heap. I am glad though that the Dr. has gotten away though, for he seemed very tired at the end.

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You should see the new store room on the 4th floor — There is some "class" to it — a window in it, where you go up and might imagine you were purchasing tickets for a theatre and come to find yourself signing a slip for a bottle "2 ℔ worth of cheese cloth" etc.

Brother Tyre and Doll went to Washington for a trip a few week ago — He is preparing a lecture to give before his Lodge! Wouldn't you like to attend!

Barnum & Bailey came to town a week ago. Lucy, Anne, Nancy & I took in in to the full. Almost all of the Profs. must be twins whether they owned children or not.

6 Mary's box has already gone for Constantinople and she will follow about the 25th of Aug. I imagine though the exact date isn't set. I wonder if it won't seem right without her here will it? It will be a wonderful experience though for her - just think of seeing a "sure enough" Harem!

Occasionally I hear Brother V. Z. - and Miss Georgia swearing about J. C. B. - The other day Brother confided to me that he hoped if that Bradley ever did get a wife, she'd be the kind that would make him toe the line every day!

I have such rich things to tell you about J. C. - next fall for example to took Ann to the theatre one night and appeared in Dress Suit, gray suede gloves, pumps, and tall silk hat! (C.C.)

These days are full trying to scribble something for a thesis, Miss Platt, Mary & I hope to have done the deed and leave Ithaca by Aug. 15th

I shall be anxious to see pictures of your garden pets etc. I hope that your mother still continues to improve.

Here's wishing you the very best kind of a summer - and the fall will soon be here - Do write though what you are doing - Gute Nacht, Schlafen Sie Wohl - Ich bin schläfrig!

With best wishes from Mary & Alice Ayer.