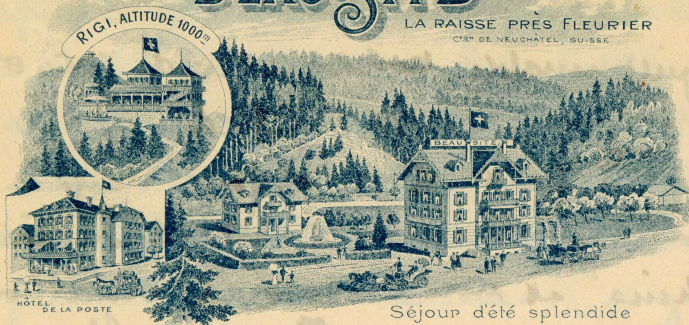


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July 27th 1905
Dear "Mrs. Archie"

I have just written a letter in French to Mack Bell but I'll spare you that. It seemed such a pity to simply write an exercise and throw it away that I made my exercise serve two purposes.

Thank you very much for the splendid long letter which you sent me ages ago it must be now. We can't exactly say about being good correspondents the Machuchan family and I. However one prizes letters all the more and they come more as surprises when they are infrequent.

To set your minds at rest I may as well say at once why I am here. I came about a week ago to sojourn with a schoolmaster in Dijon to learn French and the day after I got there we all came to this little place to spend a fortnight. It is in French Switzerland about 10 miles from the frontier and on the line between Pontarlier and Neufchâtel. The Val-de-Travers as the valley is called is a winding flat valley about a mile wide & 800 m. above the sea, bordered by ranges of hills about 200 to 300 m. above the valley. The mountains are steep and rocks outcrop a good deal particularly near us where the valley forks and the trees are nearly all spruce with a few hardwoods. I cut a splendid ash-stick yesterday. It has a bulky handle but unfortunately is not very straight. However I have left it with a wheelwright and he is going to try to straighten it by soaking and pressing it. The air is cool and lovely and there are beautiful walks. one can hardly say climbs for there are wide paths everywhere.

I left England on Monday week having been a week with Gerrie. Her captain has been at home since the 10th of June and they have been having a glorious time. Cam fishes most industriously and he and Hughes are great chums. We had a grand time last term. Ethel was there nearly all the time and Alice Bell, Miss Duffus and Hilda Slayter were with Gerrie in or about eight's week. Dick Temple came over for a day or two and I had about four luncheon parties in one week but unfortunately New College went down two places. However we may pick up again next year - and one can't stay here forever.

At the end of the term I stayed up for our ball & bonfire. The ball was splendid, 500 people, a floor & marquee on the "slope", i.e. the grass between the old wall & new building, supper in hall the gardens illuminated and a splendid night. Unfortunately I danced too much with the same girls. For I dined with some men who had people up and one is expected to dance a lot with the girls one meets so. With those girls and one or two more I knew

before I realized the situation I found that I was quite unable to dance with lots of nice sisters of men. I knew I liked -

Then I spent three or four days in town, during which I went and looked Indian with the "redskins" at the Galescourt Exhibition. They were nearly all ~~from~~ ^{from} the Garden River near the Soo but there were some from other reservations. Some of them knew friends of mine and they were delighted to be asked if they were hungry or if the little boys were girls and so on. I saw young Allister Sizer one night, at Lord Strathcona's July 1st party, but I was going away next day & did not make connections.

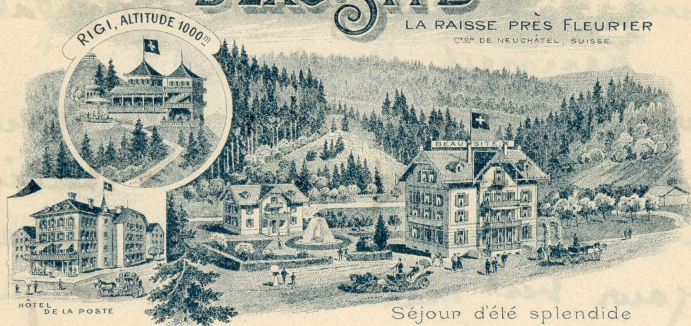
Then Monday saw me in Oxford trying to find one Kendall of Cambridge Mass. I found him eventually and we set off next day to Wenley. Billie our waterman had taken my canoe down and had taken rooms for us near Wenley so we were quite on the ground floor. We hunted together on Tuesday, then Brown, a nice big Dartmouth man at New College met us for Wednesday and on Thursday we joined forces

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with the Gossages who came from town
and did the swaggar thing ending
at the Leander club enclosure so
we saw the whole show. The weather
was lovely and the racing extremely
good - in fact the whole show was
superb and such crowds of boxes
I have never seen. On Friday and
Saturday we paddled back to
Oxford. 47 miles it is and we
did the last 32 in Saturday.
It was too much for comfort but the
river is lovely in spots and I
enjoyed it very much.
Then I stayed with Gerrie and
came over here on Monday week -

Tuesday morning after having collected everything for a start I spent with the sculptors. They are all very well.

Howard was in Germany and they expected him on his way to England to sail on the 16th. Then Will is to be there on the 8th after paying off the Aridus and perhaps Mrs. Parthey. Charlie was in the thick of entrance exams to the Beaux Arts. He had passed in everything then and there were only some vivas left. If a man fails in one subject he is not allowed to go on so one knows soon after an exam how one has done. I may go to Paris for a week or so if Charlie Macdonald or Ethel come over.

Charlie had a long stay in London having his nose attended to and lately he has been staying with the MacGregors. and is now in Edinburgh staying with cousins.

Some one told me he had seen that Dixon is going to Birmingham. I am sorry for you will miss them. But I am glad Stanley Mackenzie

is going to Daehouzie. I saw him
in Cambridge at Christmas and
I like him very much. He doesn't
seem like a cousin for I had never
seen him at all.

I am anxiously waiting to hear
what Dean Lockyer is appointed
to. Gerrie did not know where they
were going when she wrote last and
his leave is up now.

Isaac is in Dijon a good
while I suspect. probably all
summer and then I'll go back
about the 1st of October to show
up at New College on the 13th.
I must go to dinner now, 12. M.
and I'll finish this afterwards.

There has not been much news
from Halifax lately but I hope
you are all well and that this
epistle will draw a reply from
you or the Prof. I always was
very glad to get the papers he sent
me and I hope a few numbers
of the Times and the Greek play book
arrived all right. Have you heard

anything of the Seagewick boys lately
or of Kenneth Mackenzie?

Shirley wrote to me at Christmas I
think and spoke of going to Halifax.
If she is with you will you please tell
her in your best manner that though I am
far from suggesting that she owes me a
letter still she has not written to me since
I last wrote and I should love to hear
from her how the world goes.

Your girls must be growing inches
in a month now. Give them all my
very best love. I hope to see you
all next summer. - Now I must
stop. Thank you for your letter
and with love and the best remem-
brances to the Prof and to you
and to the Adlons when you see them.

I am, as ever, delighted
to be described as your friend
and may describe myself with propriety
as affectionately yours
Esiebert S. Stearns