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Saturday evening 19

My dearest Marie: We have just come up to our rooms after enjoying a delicious dinner in an especially attractive dining room where a canary in a cage hung in the middle of the room has been carolling most melodiously whenever the orchestra in the corridor outside was not playing. Nathalie thinks this has also been a quite perfect day. It began rather inauspiciously, for we arrived nearly four hours late. What the cause was I could not learn, but a little way the other side of Baltimore we were halted for a long while in the night, then hauled back to Wilmington, Delaware where we were transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. tracks, and came to Baltimore over them, arriving at about 8.45 instead of 5.20 when

we were due according to schedule. I told Nathalie it was no use to complain and that likely enough it would turn out all right - as it did. The only gain, had we been on time, would have been that we would have got our breakfast. As it was we had only a few chocolates until luncheon. We preferred to go without ^{breakfast} rather than not go to the White House with Ned Clark. When I called ^{him} up, which I did as soon as we got to the hotel, Mrs Clark answered saying that Ned has been transferred to Chicago for the next six months, that he would leave on the 1.30 train this afternoon, that she was herself in the midst of packing up but would be here for some days yet and would be delighted to go around with us tomorrow. She then said that Ned had gone to his office, which is just a stone's throw from the hotel, to close up things there, that he expected to be free at about the time I telephoned.

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and that he wanted to see us.

On the strength of this we hastened to the office, met him in the corridor on his way to the hotel to look us up. He said he had everything done except a few odds and ends and that he could comfortably spare the time to take us to the White House but was very sorry he could go to the Capitol or the other places he thought we should see. We therefore accepted his offer and walked around to the White House with him. On account of the President's unexpectedly early home-coming the house was being hurriedly made ready for him and it was impossible to see it. We could however see the business office, where Nathalie sat for a moment in the President's chair, and then we went into his private consultation room and, finally, and then to the Cabinet chamber,

where I sat for a moment in the Presidents chair at the head of the table! Then we went back with Ned to his office, which was quite bare of furniture save two chairs and the telephone and the typewriter which his stenographer was using to print up some last letters for him to sign before leaving. He then telephoned to the Capitol and arranged for a ticket for us to the "reserved gallery" of the Senate Chamber, so we could hear the proceedings at today's session. As the session was to begin at noon we bade him good bye, thanked him warmly, and made our way to the Capitol. Ned says they will be at 62 Cedar st where he has been lucky enough to secure a fine front room. I told him he was very fortunate indeed -

The Senate proceedings were not particularly interesting, but we saw and heard most of the prominent Senators except Borah, or Johnson of California. When we had heard

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enough we went down stairs to the Senate lunch room and had a good luncheon. Then we explored the building, listened for awhile to a discussion of the bill to regulate cold storage warehouses, which is under consideration in the House. After this we adjourned to the Congressional library, spent the better part of an hour going through it & seeing the exhibits. Next we walked through the Capitol garden, then to the National Museum where we enjoyed the exhibits in both the buildings until the closing hour arrived, at 4.30. Being a bit tired from walking upon the hard floors we sat down on a park bench for awhile, then, as the building of the Freer Museum was only a stone's throw away we went over to have a look at it, found the Architect's Superintendent of Construction in his office, and, when I had introduced myself, we were taken inside the enclosure and shown through the entire structure including the attic where the very elaborate ventilating apparatus is located. I was very glad to

see the building which is within a few months of completion, and I think Nathalie enjoyed seeing it also. When we were through it was quite time to come back here, rest a bit and have dinner. Really I do not see how the day could have been more successful. The weather was absolutely heavenly.

Tomorrow I hope it will be the same sort, for I want to devote the day to seeing outward sights so to speak. We shall take Mrs Clark with us, and if I can get an open car we shall see the city and the parks quite thoroughly. Ned says that Mrs. C. knows the city & its surroundings so well that we could not have a better guide. I ~~have~~ asked her to dine with us, & very likely shall have her for luncheon also. The details of the day's doings, will, however, be arranged by telephone in the morning.

When we got back to the hotel we found your letter with the enclosures, including the beautiful letter from Dr. Webster. I don't know when anything has touched me more deeply. It certainly is a beautiful letter. I knew he liked me, but to be put first on the list of those he cares for is more than I was prepared to hear. I shall write him as soon as I get back home. I could do so now, but I prefer

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to wait and think it over a bit, and tonight I want to get to bed early to make up for my somewhat broken rest on the train.

Yes, I think Dr. Webster's decision the right one, but I am grieved that it should be necessary for him to make it, and his going away from Chicago cannot help being a great loss to us all, as you say. I shall miss him very much.

This is the last letter you will get from me on this trip, as it is the last one I could hope to get to you before I am at home myself - unless our train from here on Monday should chance to be two hours late in reaching Philadelphia, which is not likely, though anything of the

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kind seems possible just now.
As I have a milage book instead of
a ticket it would not involve any
reclamations if I should miss the
Chicago train. I don't therefore
expect to miss it, but if I should
& have to take the next one I
will telegraph you. I don't know
just what hour I shall be in Chicago
so I cannot say whether I can be
with you for breakfast. You might
telephone the Un. Station & find out.
Or you could call the U.S. Railway
Admⁿ. General Ticket office & ask for
"Information".

I do hope I shall find you feeling
better, but I am afraid the cleaning
of the basement won't help your
hay fever.

Good night now, beloved

Always your devoted

Frederick