



"Luxury for Less"

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I'm staying here. Have room 116 - very nice.

Dearest Patricia: This letter probably will not reach you till after I'm back in San Jose, but I feel like writing it, so here goes.

I wish you could be here seeing this beautiful country - the Willamette River Valley and the distant mountains on either side. They're closer on the west And I can see the snow that covers them.

The trip up by 720 jet mainliner, United Airlines was interesting but uneventful - We didn't crash or run into anything (except clouds) and the pilot landed us very smoothly at 5:28 P.M. about an hour and 25 minutes after take off from S.F. First we circled left, flew straight over S.F. and the Golden Gate bridge and turned north over the Pacific Ocean till we were north of Bolinas Bay. Then the pilot turned inland & took us over the Trinity Alps & the Mt. Shasta region. The "alps" were snow-covered - completely and beautiful. We saw the top of Lassen & all but the top of Shasta. The top was hidden in clouds. The pilot was picking his way in terms of weather, dodging a large stormy area but

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taking us through a few local rains. At
one time - over the Trinity Alps he said, "It's
45° below zero outside. We were flying at
31,000 ft & could see two layers of strati-cumulus
clouds - well separated - below us. No clouds
at our level. Over Oregon the plane gradually
dropped to lower levels - we dropped into the
cloud layer - apparently only one over Oregon, but
that one dropping a lot of rain. Saw nothing
more till we were within 20 min. of Portland,
when the air cleared to the left of us & we
could see the land quite well as we approached.

I decided to hunt up the Dammesch Hos-
pital at Wilsonville (18 mi. S. of Portland)
& arrived with only 25 min. left of visiting
time. But I knew where the place was then.

Decided to drive on down to Salem, only
another 30 mi. to visit my older sister,
Annie, who moved back here from Chico because
she missed her many friends too much. However,
she had not yet returned from Florida where
she went at Christmas (Miami) to visit my
youngest brother Paul. He is a cook & his
wife is a librarian. They prevailed on her to stay
a while but I thought she had recently returned
home. Apparently she's somewhere on the
way - by bus!

I looked up some friends & neighbors -
An. Ed & Nola Engelhorn whom I last saw
2 or 3 years ago when I was up here. They asked
me to stay overnight so we could have a real
good visit which I did. Both of them work for



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but a luxurious place.

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The State of Oregon in one of the Commissioners
at Salem (State Capitol). I didn't leave till
nearly 11, but that gave me time to get
back here & find a place to stay.

The enclosed items are some of the
beautiful & intriguing bits that I thought
you'd like to see & sniff, maybe.

The foliage is Douglas fir - the most abund-
ant tree up here & beautiful in all stages. I'm
bring' back to your mom a handful of the
lovely Douglas fir cones!

The oak leaf is from a "pin oak," I think
though it could be a scarlet oak. I think it's
pin oak because the pin oak holds its leaves
through the winter. They die, as on any deciduous
tree but the pin oak is one deciduous tree that
will not give up its leaves. I had to pull this
one off.

Then there is a bit of wood moss from
a shady spot under a couple of trees, and
Some male catkins (pollen producers) from
a hazel nut tree which both grows wild and
is grown as a crop tree in this country. The

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ones enclosed are from a wild tree.

There are lots of other beautiful things here but they are mostly too big for a letter. I hope you enjoy these, whether I see you again before they arrive or not. Of course I'll see you in your pictures that I brought with me.

My judgement about my friend Charlotte Chamberlin was completely correct. She has no special problem to present to me or discuss with me. She just wanted a visit from a friend. As someone to visit with, I'm doubtless doing some real good, but I'm not solving or helping her to solve any lasting problems.

Her sister has the flu & hasn't visited her in quite a while - probably since she had Charlotte put in the hospital here to "sober up" or as she says, "To pay for my sin." Charlotte is in excellent health now - has had nothing alcoholic to drink since she came. She will be discharged soon & will have her old problems all over again - unless which I doubt - she has got some real enlightenment in the hospital here & has decided that her future really is up to her. But she gives no sign.

Will see you soon - I'll get home before morning some time. I miss you intelligent love - Pearl