

Dr. Mergell

March 29th '09

Dearest Sois

I can't tell you how glad I was to get your letter of the 25th today.

I hope you are successful in your drawing for the "lottery". I should think it would be a very hard thing to come first in an open competition, though it will be all the better if you win.

I'm sorry to say that Mother has not written to her little son for many moons.

I'll surely have to go on strike to see you and the spring "creations". This business of doing next to nothing is very trying. It leaves me too much time to think of Montreal and of how slowly I am getting on. I'm glad

to be let into the secret and would like to congratulate Ted and Ruth, — when you give me permission. I'd give several things to have \$1500 or \$2000 a year and I want to work hard to get it but darn the luck I've just got to stand round and watch other people work.

Do you think if I were to take a holiday this summer that Mrs H. would let me go to the same place for a couple of weeks?

Eva and Miggys think you'd make a good "married lady" do they? I'd like to suggest Owen for the leading man. With a grey wig and side whiskers he'd be very good.

You know partners in private theatricals are the very dickens. — I had mine for a sister in about 3 days.

I discovered a (marvellous?) tune when I was torturing the piano last evening (in everyone's absence). I think

it must be a chorus, from the sound of it
All you've got to do is to invent a
verse to go with the chorus and supply the
bass and your fortune is made.

I know I'm a philanthropist to give
it to you but I simply can't help
being generous.

Things are on the rocks here. I'm
doing about two hours work on my busiest
days.

My sparring partner (the skipper) is going
out to the silver country and I have felt
very much like going with him but I hate
to give Warnock a raw deal. I know it
would cost him something considerable
to get another man and send him out
here.

By the way. I've got two of your
letters to answer, haven't I. The other

one was when Owen was "sitting on the window-sill with a wreath of orange blossom etc.

Tell Owen if he wants to get married he'd better stay in Montreal. There are no gold-bricks out here.

Oh, about those school-marm's; I'm afraid I won't be able to find another. I've been looking carefully about for 3 or 4 months ~~but~~ ^{and} I could not see one that I liked as much as the last one. Still while there's life there's hope.

I enjoyed seeing Dr. Greenfell last Monday and Tuesday. He appeared glad to see me, and I had 3 meals with him. He gave me some new photos and promised to send me an autographed copy of his latest book. I have helped to form a "Greenfell Association" here and people are very enthusiastic. One man handed me a \$10⁰⁰ bill after the lecture on Monday evening and I had handfuls of \$2.

Well! Good-night Dear old married lady. With all my love & Best wishes from Yours truly - Edward.

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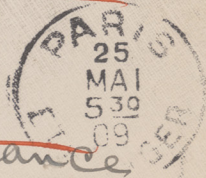
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