

3 Months before

Saturday Even?

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My dearest Lois

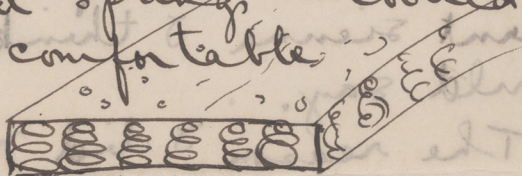
I am delightfully  
cheered up to find your two  
nice letters waiting for me.  
I am a little disappointed  
that I left the stove and  
lighting fixtures and some odds  
and ends but I was so dead  
tired after packing between  
200 + 300 pieces in 42 separate  
packages that when I saw the  
chance to get out of taking down  
the lights + of packing the stove

2.

I was glad to do it.

You have got my Thetford letter by this time, with reference to the birch bed-room set, you know I took one birch set (the one he made himself) in addition to the oak one. The birch one I have got is much the prettiest of the three - ~~stained~~ a seemingly about half stained a slaty-blue shade with the velvety wood showing through. All the furniture has a waxed finish so that you cannot scratch it. And it

looks nicer to <sup>3</sup> me than  
varnish. The springs of both  
are vertical black enamelled  
spiral springs, uncovred  
and comfortable.



Unfortunately there is  
only one bureau to each  
set - the kind with 3  
large drawers and mirror  
above. I think you call  
it a ladies dresser. There  
are also 2 chairs in each  
set. The birch ones are  
very pretty I think.

4.

The famed quartered oak is rather a dull brownish shade - a kind of smoky burnt sienna I think you would say.

The reason I did not take the three was because I thought perhaps when we decided upon a place of abode, whereas 2 sets might be adjusted into place, if we wanted a third the chances are it would have to be bought to fit whatever conditions on third room might demand.

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So that I only spent \$160<sup>00</sup>  
+\$15<sup>00</sup> freight + \$7<sup>00</sup> cartage  
and have left \$1071<sup>00</sup>.

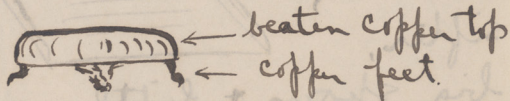
And I have still to pay  
cartage + storage at this end,  
which will amount to perhaps  
\$17<sup>00</sup> more.

Probably the only things we  
will want to get rid of are  
perhaps a couple of superfluous  
arm chairs and 2 or 3 rugs  
or mats. The ornaments, I think  
are your style a couple of  
heavy copper jugs and some  
brass bowls etc, I am almost

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inclined to include among the  
ornaments on copper bottomed  
clothes boiler whatever  
you call it, which I am  
told is very fine.

You see the lady expected  
to do all her own cooking  
and so bought the very  
best of everything for the  
kitchen. We have got a  
very artistic and efficient  
little electric stove, home  
made of copper - to go on the  
table and boil water for  
tea or anything.

I don't know whether or not  
I can draw it but I'll try



Only 2 or 3 inches high & 7 or 8  
inches in diameter.

It is a little difficult  
to tell you what the kitchen  
things are like except that  
they are all clean & first class  
and comprise, I think everything  
that is required. The kettle  
is blue enamel ware as are  
also several other pots and  
things. There is a rolling pin  
for you to chastise me with,

a good big bread-cake  
board,

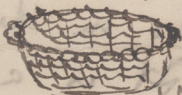


flour-dipper

sifter,

big sponges + little ones, bread-  
and-cake-pans, a clothes wringer

big clothes basket →  
made of that kind  
of woven sticks, I can't explain



There is also an electric-toaster,  
all the kitchen + dining-room  
china, some worn dish clothes  
to use for glasses, etc "when  
ours are too new to do any-  
thing with". I guess there's  
not much left out, although  
I can't remember it.



I believe as a matter of fact that I forgot to jack the kitchen table as we were using it right up till the last.

The arm chairs are all quite dark mission style oak — not black or greenish in tone but slightly brownish, if anything to go with the cushions which are all deep brown coloured leather. The living room table cover is more of a ~~brown~~ lighter brown or slightly copper coloured leather

The rugs are of course new, the ones for the bed rooms are alternately striped say a greyish white and next a blue or something - not carpet rugs you understand but just made like an Indian rug. I suppose you would say

Arts + Crafts style  
 it is hard to explain.



The other rugs or mats are nothing wonderful and perhaps we will send one of them down here to my office. They are that style

you see. Perhaps they will  
come in handy especially  
in the halls etc.

Yes, if you like I will  
meet you in Ottawa but  
be sure to make your plans in  
advance and wire me a night  
rate telegram so that I'll  
know in plenty of time to arrange  
my plans.

Well Pick has come down.  
It is 7.30 and we must run to  
dinner.

By the way I was very  
much interested in your letter

about the sailing. I have not done much of that acrobatic light boat sailing but I should like to.

With heaps of love

Yours  
Edward

I have a letter from Mother + from your Mother. We are going to have a rose wood table instead of walnut + mahogany other things.

Edw