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Dear John:

In these troublous times our
hands are instructed for
the embassage of our friend-
ships. So much that we
lose and cherish, ideal-
visions, hopes for the future
seem to be swept away
in the whirlwind, but we
unwillingly cling to those to
be our assurance for -

I have not heard directly
from you since you got
back to New York but I
read your fine article
about the children's outbreak
and have also picked up
occasional items in the P. & B
bulletin.

Did you see - something in

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Quinn do you read?

I am a great believer in
the value of direct sun-
light on the bare body,
and feel that those treat-
ments, persisted in, could
keep you ~~as~~ out of
any trouble. At Poy River

Camp we have a tent
practically dark just big
enough for the two of us
to lie down - In the forest
faded garments - ~~we~~
look like a pair of
a three year old - we
bark every day for an
hour or so, with the water
of the Lake lapping below
us, and a wide expanse
of glorious sky and clouds
over head. There is no one
but the bull-frog to see
us, and only the chirp of
crickets ~~at~~ the silence.
We go to camp on the

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fourth of July which is
just around the corner.
I have just finished
a year's work to my
autobiography, if so finished
a record can be dignified
with such a serious name.
It has been a great few
re. living only the better
days. I hoped for a bit
with you when I was
receiving our Switzerland
day. So few details come
back after ~~one~~ ^{two} years
only a general recollection
of a superlatively good
time.

Walter kept scrap books
of all my affairs (which
I smiled at at the time)
and they have proven

incredible in furnishing
data and suggesting
stories.

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You were to make a
part of those early days
back in Europe and New
York that you keep wonder-
ing through the story with
me.

You start the "July War" in
appreciation of the work I saw
starting on a wholly new
bit of work. "My Beloved
Book" under every friend
to warrant another. Surely
lectures, especially from simple
fact, experiencing appreciation
and thanking me for some
help they had derived
from that A.B.C. primer
in the Special File, prompted
me to write to the biggest
paper in the South
and ask if they would
like me to run a very

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short article in each num-
ber, (along descriptive lines)
You see I am used to
putting things into our
pages for my Oxyphthal
friends, and I know many
of their problems.

The suggestion was promptly
accepted, so I am to do the
leaf column each month for
a year, and then the
material will come out
in book form.

"The Progressive Farmer" has a
circulation of over a million,
and goes into book woods
rooms where the only other
reading matter is "Sears
Roebuck's Catalogue". The poor
farmer's voice seldom buy
books, and have little chance
to come into contact with

means quite worst while
things can take to faulted -
It's going to be simple,
a labor of love, but I
and quite near, about
it.

Camp affords a perfect
place to work, and I shall
be glad to get away from
telephone, door bell, gas -
and radio. The reception in
the mountains is so poor
that it's not worth working,
with the instrument, and I
am not altogether sorry.
The car runs over our
machine for months, and
I stand it as long as
I can and then give
to my little garden to get
away, temporarily, from that
steady flow of disastrous
cases.
Just you think we all
run the risk in our case

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interest in his greatest
dreams of all time, of
becoming so absorbed
with news papers, radios,
and endless conversation
in forgetting ~~her~~ is
she beautiful and knowing
left in ~~the~~ world?
And of ~~us~~, ~~one~~ in Amer-
ica do not ~~that~~ there
things alive, who ~~would~~ be
left to do it?

Agnes Demlak, my cousin
in New Rochelle, said ~~papers~~
to get you out for din-
ner with the Kriebels.
She has heard we talk so
much about you, and be-
gged meeting you so
much that she is ~~eager~~ to
have you in her home. She

would send her over for you
any time you can come,
and send you home.
She is just now reading
the Westchester County
Red Cross Drive, with a
quota of over a hundred
dollars.

Have to dear Martha
Friday? I had such a
brave note from her.
Don't try to answer this,
for I know it's difficult
for you to write. Just from
time to time put a few
lines on a post card telling
we love you all, and
love you all -

Our funds devoted last
week mine. We speak of
you often and love you
always -

Yours as ever
Diana -

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