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Answered

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Probably 1908
Aug 24th

My very dear Julie -

We are in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where are you? Just before sailing Cale saw in the paper that you had gone to Europe, and we rejoiced and were glad in spite of our regret that you couldn't have gone with us. That talking day must come in time, for we know some adorable nooks of the world that we long to show you -

How good it is to think

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of you actually taking a play time! Do tell me where you went and who were your play-fellows, and if you had any such exciting experiences as occurred on another memorable trip.

I think Cale wrote you of our strenuous Spring, and his series of catastrophes. I was trying to finish my new book and what with anxiety about Caleb and various other distractions I had some trouble doing it. It was really in rather a wretched way, and completely worn out with months of pain.

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But no sooner had we started on our long trip than he began to improve and he has been gaining steadily ever since. The Red Mother and I are bound for Japan where we pick up Jennie Mae- Enlay then we all go junketing around through Korea, China, Ceylon, and on into Turkey, Greece, and Sicily, getting home or rather to Red York somewhere about the first of February.

"And we go-go-go away from here
On the other side the world wire over dere!
And the road is clear before you
When the old Spring fret comes over you.
And the Red Gods call for you!"

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I left a lot of absorbing things behind me,- some unfinished stories, my sentiment in the Cabbage Patch, which is growing wonderfully,- my garden which was the joy of my life, and much beside. But a day will come when we can't hear the high seas, and follow the call of the Red Gods, and it will be time enough then to strike deeper root.

We have had fourteen days of diamond weather, the most wonderful sailing one ever knows. We sit on deck all day in the thinnest of muslin dresses, and

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Steamer rugs and wraps are unnecessary even in the Evenings.

Our only stop was at Honolulu, where we loafed about for a couple of days under a sky of heavenly blue, and watched the surf breaking under the palm trees, and feasted on fresh pineapple, and bananas, and papaia, and alligator pears, and mangoes. The colors and atmospheric effects about these Hawaiian Islands are

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simply indescribable.
Don't know any where
in the world where
Every sense is so com-
pletely gratified. Delicious
odors assail you the
minute you land, entic-
ing vistas of cocoanut
and date palms, and
flaming scarlet poinsiana
trees delight the Eye.
It is a sort of Lotus land
where it is always after-
noon, and "what's the
use" seems the fitting
answer to Every question.
I am sure a year of it
would reduce me to
a jelly-fish.

Before I forget it I want
to tell you how thrilled
I was over your article

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in a recent American about the young girl who gave her life in social service. I've forgotten her name, but I can't forget the way you handled the material, and the splendid story it made. I read it with a quickened heart beat and a lump in my throat. It had grip. A few nights after reading it I was at dinner with a former Louisville Mayor, a splendid fellow who has been in the thickest ranks of reform work in local politics. He asked me if I had seen your article, said it had stirred him pro-

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soundly, and that such things were an inspiration to speaker who were trying to help along the good cause. In fact I find myself invariably stimulated by the American, especially the part devoted to interesting people. Those articles often serve as a call to arms to others who are fighting similar battles.

I suppose you know that Georgia Martin has undergone a very severe operation, (removal of the gall duct) and that she is just pulling up after a long hard siege. I saw her at the hospital just before I left, and had the doctors' assur-

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ever that she stood a splendid chance to get entirely well. It seems that her recent ill health has been caused by complications arising from a floating kidney. She has made a desperate fight to keep going but all the odds were against her.

If you have the chance do send me a good letter, telling me all about your summer. Our addresses

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will be as follows:
Until Oct 1st Shanghai
Until Nov 1st Colombo, Ceylon
After that Naples, Italy.
All care Thos. Cook & Son.

You will probably be back at the office by the time this reaches you, so I can safely send my warmest regards to Mr. Phillips and Bert. We often speak of the cosy four-hours that we always have when we good fellows get together. There are always a host of good friends whom we enjoy seeing in New York, but our best and most sat-

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isfying times are with you -

Cole sends his best love, and we are both hoping that you have had a beautiful restful summer, and are in fine form for the strenuous winter ahead -

Good bye + good luck to you -

Alice -

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