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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Dearest Julie:

Instead of the shawl I told you about, I am sending you something I think you will like better. It is an old Turkish towel I picked up in a Bazaar in Constantinople. I hope it will serve as a tea cover, and add a bit of color to your room. Some old embroideries are getting rare, and the new things look very tawdry in comparison. This little gift comes from Cleo and me

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with the folk that is always
here.

We found things running
smoothly at home, except
for a delinquent house-man
who, after having been paid
four wages during our
absence elected to get on
a big spree which resulted
in his dismissal. Mother
has the house all beautifully
cleaned, and everything
ready for our welcome.
She is still full of energy
and eager to do things, but
she has so little strength
that she gets very discouraged.

Of course there was plenty

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of work waiting for me. But I am trying not to plunge in too deep, as I need very much to keep well, and not slip back as I did last Spring.

October in Kentucky is always glorious, and tempts one to stay out of doors instead of settling down at a desk and pushing a pen. How I wish we were all starting off again with Mr. Fortune for a week's tramping! As soon as I can I want to have Pen over for a week end—

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Cass is busy with a travel anthology from Europe in seven volumes, to be called "The Pilgrim's Script." We have seen the MS. and it promises to be one of the most delightful volumes of world wanderers that I know.

I have just done an article for the Near East Relief telling some of our experiences in Jerusalem.

There is a ray of hope of our making you in Washington this winter, but it is only a pipe-dream as yet. Dear Julia, take care of yourself, please. With love always — Alice.

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