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FRIDAY....

Dearest Mother:-

I certainly feel derelict in not having written more often for the past two weeks but for the last seven days I've been in St. Pete steadily, making up Packing House News. Our printers are so careless that I have to stay over them all the time to avoid foolish errors creeping in.

I thought it very odd indeed that you'd~~dx~~ been making a Confederate scrapbook as I was at the same time reading the Photographic History of the Civil War. I have~~x~~ a deep interest in the war and hope you will add to your scrapbook all the available data you or the family have stored up during the years. I have often wished during recent years that Mamma would write her memoirs of the war and post-war times for me. Your father's county history ought to be carefully preserved also.

I haven't been able to get The Constant Nymph down here nor Barren Ground either---the latter title precisely describes the Tampa library. They have about the sorriest I ever saw, particularly so since the Jax library is so good and the people so affable and efficient. Tampa, you know claims to be bigger than Jax by the new state census---which is a most ribald joke and a splendid example of the purblind babbity of the local business populace. O lord, to write a satire on the state theology of the Floridian; the pen-insularity of its press, to revive a pun I once pulled at

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the expense of a T&U editorial writer. I explained the point but since it concerned neither railroads, taxation nor child labor he was totally befogged.

If Dad will write down all the anecdotal matter he can think of by way of elaboration on Sykes, I'll try the story--with Charlie's authorization--on the American mag. Feel sure that I could place it.

I like your determination to come here to live. I am going to try to persuade Dad to either remove the Demo, plant bodily to some live little town here or else establish another plant in Florida. I am trying now to make contact with some people in Punta Gorda and other towns where there are good opportunities. Wish he'd hurry and come on down. I sent him two page ads that Jet Bowden had in the papers down here. Jet must be making something, and he's not the class man Dad is. Beside, I think I can make Dad a profitable connection as soon as he lands here; provided he doesn't wait until Frank Bryson goes away for a couple of months on his vacation.

Trust Dad will be down here not later than June 1. That will be just five years since our late lamented debacle of 1920 which occurred, as I well remember it, on June 25.

Mamie and I are thinking about taking the Whole Grain Wheat agency for Tampa and thought you might be interested in that sort of a business down here. Will inquire if the agency for St. Pete, the bigger health resort, is already taken. Believe we could make some money out of this product.

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DID BOB HENRY EVER FIND MY FISHING ROD AND REEL ? WRITE!

I certainly hope you're well by now and that the gigantasaurus jaw has subsided in size. Why not come down with Dad and recuperate for a month or so.

Well, as this is written during office hours suppose I'd better knock off and do some PHN work.

With much love for yourself and to the family,

DEVOTEDLY,

Wm