

Mrs. Ernest W. North

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My dear Mrs. North:

Did you ever know a worse day
than Tuesday? and I was in a rush all
day. I was so surprised to arrive
in Boston alive on the N. H. & N. R. R.
that I didn't mind the temperature;
I really was freezing, and Wednesday
morning had that sickening cold
which I have not felt for years.

But I've and he have seen through
the roughest day, as our dear old
Shakespeare says, and I put my foot
at last on the boat at the ferry
and I have been comfortable ever since.

There was a nice colored lady on board
who brought me a steak which even
Ernest would have respected. and young
Dallak was aboard with his pleasant-
wife and three children - all Hebrew
with a distinguished look of a Spanish
ancestry. There was on the dock and
so were my luggage, and there was a
very pretty and very wholesome looking
lady waiting for me on the hotel
mandat. and it is very lovely and
cool and quiet. Yesterday afternoon
his Excellency the Ambassador to the
Hague came for us in his new

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motor boat, and in the proper dress of a yachting
a demerit gloriously amateurish and
took us for a dash through the
islands and up Sommes Sound.

He is a fine fellow and if you
remember that he dresses for his
brain his clothes are not too striking
nor his ornaments too heavy. He has
been overstocked with talent; why shouldn't
he overdress if he likes it? It is
then every which way some of us
critical.

That was a very delightful way you had
with the homeless man who lived happily

among your trees for his days. There are

some people who, in always being

their simple selves, give themselves

to their friends instead of giving

only food and shelter. It is much

to give comfort; but it is a great

deal more, infinitely more, to give

that compassion which is the

only refuge from loneliness in this

very lonely, lonely world of ours.

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and your mother always seems to be there,
just out of sight but never ~~out~~ out of thought;

an immortal, smiling over the invisible barrier
and saying "why waste such a speciality of
being alive; it's the simplest thing in the
world; of course we are alive."

My love to Gibraltar; love, both of you,
and God's love.

Yours faithfully,

V.W.W.

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