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Tuesday

Dear Elmer,

We had a glorious time in Florida. The flowers were blooming, particularly the Camellias, and we were so pleased you would have thought we had done it all ourselves! The two full days there were taken up with entertaining friends from home, who returned our hospitality with a cruise to Pensacola on their boat, sleep five! Then Saturday unexpected friends came - so life was trix gay.

Monday we drove to Montevallo for the Margaret Webster Players performance of Julius Caesar and The Taming of the Shrew. It was a full day excursion and a rare experience. Caesar was in modern dress. We were all furiously drawing parallels throughout history.

even indulging in a stimulating argument in the car on the way home. Both productions were polished superb and there just aren't adjectives to describe them.

Thank you muchly for the dinner invitation, but I do think that would put it too late. We'll just grab a sandwich on the train to stave off our hunger - that would really seem most sensible.

Dancing sounds grand and Rosalie is looking forward to meeting your friend. We are prepared to wait in Houston and, if it is at all like the Magic City now, we'll fry as well!

We just got all our tickets reservations, stickers and tags today and are floating a few feet off the earth at present! Just a week from today we leave and I'll see you a week from tomorrow. Write soon.

Love
Augusta

via air mail

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Dear Elmer,

Oh my goodness,
I didn't expect you to
get all up in the air
about my letter. The
family, Mother in particular,
would be indignant
with me had she known
I even mentioned her
affairs in passing. I
did it only in reference
to the things I had
~~in~~ on my mind that
night. Don't give it
another thought. Even
if she is operated on -

and it is far from definite,
being only a possibility -
it is a minor operation,
so minor that we would
not even postpone our
trip. She is, of course, in
the best of hands. I
say she is worried. Quite
naturally so, knowing
her, because she detests
illness, the necessary
Confinement, doctoring,
nurses, and, of course,
the possibility that it
might be worse than
diagnosed. But that is
just Mother and she
makes a point of not
communicating her qualms

to us. For heavens sake,
don't worry. We aren't
really. It just came as
a surprise, being a
robust, vigorously healthy
family. I appreciate your
solicitude, but it is
not at all necessary.

As for Mil, we have
cancelled her reservations
and she is apparently
not going with us. Just
this morning she and
Mother were talking about
a spring trip in Virginia.
She wasn't too keen on
the idea of Hawaii
anyway.

But Rosalie is and

my plans are really
snowballing. yesterday
a friend of mine called
up and asked if she
might go to Hawaii with
us. Much as I like her,
it would make things
doubly difficult, what with
pooling out financial
resources and everything.
I could ^{not} even tell Rosalie off,
or vice versa, easily. Besides
there would be agreements
to reach, too. Anyway,
I don't know if she is
going, but it looks as
though she might. She
would visit friends en
route and meet ~~up~~ us
on the West Coast.

I have been working

for Dad part of this last
week and I can write
figures down with my eyes
closed now - and usually
do! (Note: the result) It
was at lunch with Dad
and Rosalie that I read
your historical letter and
they had to throw cold
water on me to make
me stop laughing. It
was so funny - especially
because I knew that
book by heart by then.
It reminded me of the
Post Scripts column in
the Sat. Eve. Post.

It isn't every day
I get an air mail special
at Sunday lunch and
in the presence of company

too. How unique! Quite a
delightful innovation, but
I hope it won't always
be because I mention
such drastic things -

I'll let you know
how it all turns out.
You are nice to be
interested and I do
appreciate it. I hope
I'll see you soon and
it does seem fairly
definite. But don't forget
that back-tracking I
mentioned once before.

Love,
Augusta