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Katharine Hooker

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The ~~Examiner~~

[13]

Los Angeles, April 27.

1911

My dear Mr. Miner

The morning after
you left us I went away
bright and early to Balboa
to join Ellie and Maude for
a week. It was a happy
week, a picnic-like rest!

But today I came back,
and where are you? I can't
tell you how empty the house
seems without you. Your
room is swept and
ungarnished, the parrot-
hollow and bleak, and there
is no place where to sit
beside me at the table and
give me the sensation of
a friendly, affectionate
presence in this discord

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Only think! that old camera with which I tried to make a likeness of you Sunday afternoon was out of order and "fogged" the plates. I am so disappointed, for the little picture of you would have been good. Out of the blue I cut the postage stamp above, you can send it to Helen.

My list of books from you grows and grows. I thought I would send it to you as far as it has gone. I have been having a pleasant sort of argie - just buying whatever I wanted most - which was what I thought you would want to do. I feel rich, and the best of it is that

they will always be held the clearer for being your gift. I like my books to have associations.

I am sending you a letter from Marian. Parts of it will be of no interest to you, but others you will like to read. It is so like her to apologize for having any recognition of her hard work given her! Once when she had taken honors in something in college and I was pleased at it she said "mother, if I had been properly examined I should not have taken honors at all." (!!) I say I am not to let it

letter be seen ^{by} the family,
and I have it. You alas,
no longer belong to it, and
anyway, I know you
will like to see it.

Goodnight. I hope
you are having a
happy journey eastward.

Affectionately yours

Katharine Hooker