

Letter from  
father to  
Doctor Hornsley?

Ovid Mich.  
April 10, 1924

My dear Doctor:-

Your letter of late March with enclosure of grand children grand elephant and grand old man came to us as a grand surprise.

My face has saddened down many a time because I had had no reply to a letter addressed to you a long time ago. I thought I had offended you in some Sallip and I had been dropped for all and good.

When it struck you must have been in the doldrums and you - like myself sometimes-didnt care a hang.

I would have replied to you at once only I was under a spell of flu that settled right where I hold my supply of stuff that I write with and it had me.

I note your sentiments about Miami. Are you writing from Hearsay or have you been there of late? I have to believe it's even worse than St-Petersburg, where Mrs. J. & self spent most of the past winter. That place reeks with people stinging & being stung; but we were on the little island of Anna Maria 18 miles south of St Pete where we were 5 years ago and where, most of the time, we were ~~not~~ loved by speculation and speeks of humanity.

We stopped in Washington going & coming and renewed our acquaintance with the "old Boss". Have you seen him since he has taken his new quarters in a great case and all to himself? My, but he looked grand, and I recognized him on the instant. But they stitched up the holes I made with the boar's - so carefulee I couldnt find em. What a pity his dear little wife - so sleek and smooth - is not by his side with her two lettle white teeth shining above her "Snoot" and with her little paw resting on his broad shoulder so loving & restful. Eh!

You mention that you will be 3 score & 10 the coming autumn but, dear man, you are a baby as yet. Fancy, I am 9 years older than thou and still live --- after a fashion. See the years of clear brain ahead of you yet! You may get wobbly on your legs but I doubt your head going wobbly. Too bad but, I am the other way. I can stand a lot of rest right in my thinker.

Garring eating too much, I am thoroughly temperate, no stimulant whatever, and --- no fun.

Very thoughtful of you to send the group picture -- my, you have one grand child larger than our largest. When the fit time comes we will group

up a bit as a return but what will we do for an animal?

Been reading your articles in the Companion and can <sup>ASSURE</sup> accuse you that children of an older growth can enjoy them as well. Still digging in the apple business but am afraid it's going to be overdone. Much interested in a scheme to outwit nature-i, e:- ~~the-the-shape-of~~ a simple device to knock a sitting hen cold in her organs of incubating heat and restore her to her friends in 48 hours.

It's patented in the U.S. & Canada. This is the third year of trial and it grows all the time. But I have written all this before, no doubt. Mrs is busy trying to keep young and the girls are all going strong. Rejoice to hear of your good Healths. Remember us to all.

Yours forever

C. D. Jackson

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