

ever I approached an exceptionally outstanding scenic treasure I held myself in tense repose and in constant fear that the object would pass by too quickly before a mental saturation of its features were recorded.

The second incident of importance enroute was at the National Wildlife Refuge in the Sacramento Valley near Marysville. The graceful American Egret dominated the bird life in those endless marshes, adding an animate touch to the country that no other bird could possibly replace. The Egret symbolizes the finest in the artistic aspects of life. I thought at the time how worthy a contribution one could make in perpetuating these bird forms for our present enjoyment and for those who follow.

The beauty of Southern Arizona and New Mexico is exemplified in the desert aggregation of cacti and other desert-like plants and of course the physiography of the rugged mountains and graceful lines of the confluent alluvial plains.

The cacti, in particular, are noteworthy and represent forms of life relatively new in my experience. One is forcefully impressed with the idea of adaptation of the vegetative forms to the conditions of their environment. They must represent the final expression of the response of adaptation to the desiccating elements of this desert. Here again is another spot that I would like to revisit. Am sure that there will be something more to be found than was picked up from the train at 50 miles an hour.

Back to Berkeley again. The sun is now shining with prospects of a change of weather. The Texans assure me that the last few days have been the exceptional in the states history. Was pleased to hear and see the operation of a real live and vigorous thunder storm as compared to the somewhat delicate and monotonous liquification of the Northwest. In just 10 minutes of concentrated effort by one cloud the camp was completely inundated with torrential streams where ditches were meant to be. During such periods the mud is tracked into the barracks and for a day or two there becomes no distinguishing separations between the barracks floors and the outside. The walks after a storm build up from the accumulating mud dislodged from the shoes. To combat this situation a special implement has been provided to shovel and scrape out the mud in one simple and