

and had to go to a hospital. I was in Indianapolis at the time, and she phoned me about it, and was somewhat distraught for they publishers were nearly ready for it. So, I sat down and wrote one myself, and sent it to her Air Mail, and the publishers were so intrigued with the idea of a mother writing a "Foreword", they said it would be perfect, as it was a novelty and would be more of a hit than any well known writer doing it.

One man liked her book so well he bought 24 copies (at \$2.00 per) and made her autograph every one on the spot. She said she had writers' cramp when she got thru with that job. It was a limited edition but it went so fast that an old friend who has plenty of money, bought them all up, so she could dispose of them as gifts ~~to~~ at her pleasure. So now she has the only copies extant. I know she gave Julia one, and I think, Grayce, but I don't know whether you had one or not. I told her she had relatives who would disown her for having that word, "hell" in it, but the damage was done before I could do anything about it. Julia was a good sport about it. She reviewed it very well, and said she was only sorry Vera couldn't have done the reviewing. Vera, by the way, was a great favorite of mine. She had such a marvelous sense of humor, and she was a sweet kid.

Well, you'd be surprised if you knew how many letters I owe, and here I am going on like Tennyson's Brook, about practically nothing.

But I won't be writing you very soon, maybe never, except to tell you when I get my pictures back. I said, "Maybe never" because life is short, and who knows?

With love and all good wishes,

Your garrulous cousin,

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P. S. As a parting shot, however, where did you get the idea we were threatened by Hitler, until the "Artful Dodger" went around, flourishing an empty gun? When every body who thinks about it now knows that we were not in any danger from anybody but Japan, and we have been marked as a target for her, for at least twenty years, and many people knew it and warned us. But Japan hits us, because we invited it (by not being prepared) so we go and fight England's battles, and now we have made Europe "safe" for Russia. If we are able to fight all the battles everywhere, or on all the battlegrounds, then it stands to reason we certainly could have used the men and materiel we have sent all over the world to make our own defenses impregnable, so that no one would have dared to attack us. As it is, we have shed our precious blood and spent ~~our~~ our resources all over the globe, and will, in the end, probably have to fight Japan alone, besides fighting the enemies within our own household, and the Bible says those are the worst enemies we have, and how true that is. Wait until you see what happens at the "peace table" if any.

Do you ever listen to Upton Close? He certainly calls a spade a spade and analyzes the situation day by day. And he deals in FACTS, not OPINIONS. We talked to an English woman who was married to a Jew, a very fine woman, by the way, and SHE said she couldn't help but say she was glad when we were attacked at Pearl Harbor, because she knew then we'd get into the war. And remember the remark of a famous Englishman, who said, "We have no FRIENDS; ONLY INTERESTS." (I think he said, also, NO ENEMIES. Did you read what "Cotton Ed" Smith said about the New Deal & that he was beginning to think pretty well of the Republicans, as they could be depended on to uphold the Constitution! That from a S. Carolina Democrat! He said a lot of other things that you probably read. Of course I know you have exchanges, but you can't read everything. God bless you.