

Gertrude and I enjoyed our visit to Old Mexico and I think visited most of the states or divisions of Mexico. We did not go to Durango because it was somewhat unsettled at that time. I was fortunate in meeting some worthwhile people, among them being the wife of the correspondent for the New York Times and her sister, both blonde Mexicans.

The next time you are up here, you had probably better look at that beautiful shawl that I bought for Gertrude. I would hate to have it injured by moths.

Gertrude and I had many joyous trips together. I remember well when we had Janet and Dorothea with us at Lake Louise and upon getting my bill, which naturally was rather high, I turned to Gertrude and the girls and said that instead of feeling that I was extravagant, I felt a debt of gratitude to those who had built the hotel so that we might have the enjoyment thereof for a time.

I am glad that we did these things when we could. At this stage of the game, my age and health would prohibit such trips even if Gertrude were here to join me. It is my remembrance that we had visited every state in the union with the exception of Oregon and South Carolina. That covered a lot of territory. I hope that you and Pat will make as many trips as possible while you are able to enjoy them, and I think it is quite wonderful that Mrs. Maloney, Sr. is able to make trips and to enjoy them in spite of advancing years.

The newspaper men had a meeting here yesterday, but I did not come down. I would rather they would remember me when I was young and vigorous than an oldtimer. Some years ago there was an old gentleman who published a newspaper in western Kansas who used to make these trips and I knew him, and thought it was fine that he had the strength and energy to keep in touch with things.

Everything seems to be moving along very well at home, and I think I am fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Scott with me.

I am very happy over Pat's recovery. Give my love to him and to any of the children.

Lovingly,

Dad

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