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ANGORA PEAK

THE LODGE

FALLEN LEAF LAKE

MT. TALLAC

LAKE TAHOE

FALLEN LEAF, LAKE TAHOE, CALIF.,

Very dear Traveler -

It is about six thirty in God's and your country - Vernon has gone to breakfast (we go singly because of the Blessing) and Jean sleeps her after breakfast nap. I am loving this air and the stars and trees more every hour. We sleep under two little cedars - That is V. & I do. Jean is not yet enough able to control her interest in the chipmunks and birds to be able to go to sleep. So the poor lassie inhabits a tent from 6 till 6. But the flaps are spread.

We might not be here with a cabin at Carnal, but there there is dust and fog and all V's working material. I could see that it meant no rest the whole summer so put this through, scarcely scorning the tyranny of tears. I suppose, in fact, I know some cautious Ladies thought I ought to stick to the cabin with Jean not yet a year old, but Vernon had been here five years ago and knew there was good milk, and for the rest I felt no alarms. And behold the result - She sleeps more, laughs more, gets more exercise and joy out of her young days than it would seem possible a real baby could. I bathe her out under a tree - water with just the chill taken off.

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Our Table maid is a Stanford girl who comes up in the afternoon two or three times a week and I go off tramping - other times he goes fishing or just loaf. He said yesterday he was feeling so well he was "crazy as a bat!" This is the first real vacation since we were married.

The half-year sabbatical is granted, as I wrote you, (I forgot to tell you Jean's upper teeth are through without lancing!) and we are going to try to economize in the cabin until December when we sail for London. Where will you be then? And what of this great adventure? Chili sounds alluring - do send us a card as often as you can - I have to hurry off now - will write again soon - I want to hear from Helen about her babe - We talk of you and tell Jean about you and love you more and more - good luck and may we soon be together again
Charlotte -

Nearly in camp your
every body is ready
is ready
Mountains of
California