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3277 Pacific Ave.
S. F. August 31.

My dear friend

Your letter was
a real pleasure, as letters
from you always are.
Nobody writes just as
you do - nobody says
things in just your way,
but there there is a
warm heart behind
every syllable of yours
besides the strong brain.

Your modesty though
is dull! To urge me to
writing out my small
adventures and say they
might be expressive

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parallel yours - ah! you
dear, funny friend.

But I had no idea
you had been traveling so
far in a motor, though
I did ~~not~~ know you
had been in Los Angeles
through Mr Walter Barlow
a Los Angeles friend of
ours who was much
pleased to meet you there.
And now you are working
hard, and I wonder whether
you are remembering to
eat enough? I suspect
you of often forgetting
food. Where do you
suppose I have been

for the last two weeks? In
Los Angeles. The house
there was here as empty
as yours, for I locked the
door and left it when I
came away from it
last June, without even
a caretaker to inhabit it.
Helen Eellie and I (she
was with me) found it
rather amusing to range
about it ^{this time} and know
there was not another
creature in it at night.
Eellie put our breakfast
and we ate it on the
veranda. For our other
meals we foraged

where we could, and often
 dined with friends. Every
 evening I must come
 to the office and played
 business. woman, for
 our Barlow was off on
 a fortnight's vacation and
 I opened the mail, banked
 checks, and altogether
 behaved like a practiced
 hand. our Barlow will
 now give me a testimonial!

Now I am back here.
 I found Mrs Dickey in
 the house with Marion
 but she went yesterday
 up to Humboldt County
 to see the redwood
 forests. Donald is

somewhere up there and
 they will join press later.
 Next month I am
 going down to Los Angeles
 again to stay two or
 three weeks. Don't you
 think by that time you
 will need a vacation
 and had better go with
 me?

I am sending you three
 photographs I took on
 our recent trip. That
 lonely little Tunny pine
 interested me very much.
 Ellie sends you the picture
 of me and says if you
 like it keep it, but if

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you don't ^{think} think it a
good likeness send it
back to her.

Marian is hard at
work. She is off early
in the morning and
is away at Berkeley
 eleven times a day.
with affectionately yours
Katharine Hooker