

Written after very bad  
episode of sciatica

9/29/99

Near Boston

Dear Margt.

I'm just beginning to feel able to sit upright for 20-30 min at a stretch in the car so I'll send you a couple of notes that I would have otherwise left for you yesterday.

You must have been relieved to arrive and find no housekeeping notes by Margaret. I only hope that I did not misplace too many things. I could not put things away in undercounter cabinets very neatly.

The heating pad cover was already somewhat yellowed. I don't think that I made it much dingier. We used abt 1/2 of one of Rose's 1/2 pound cakes and some of still large supply of bread in freezer. Thank you!

When I was up in the night, trying to stretch and to get my leg more relaxed, I put in a nightlight in living room so that I could

move around safely with good vision of furniture but not be so stimulated as full illumination ensures. That way I was able to return to bed a couple of times and fall asleep. If I had found more night lights I would have used them. One mild full-moon night I walked up and down on the sidewalk outside the kitchen. The crickets were trilling, and much lower down the scale the cicadas continued their mysterious calls, answering each other from tree to tree. In spite of the full illumination from the moon, I could clearly see the Big Dipper and Orion. The latter constellations I really

~~new~~.

One housekeeping note (from a Belmont library book) which I have found useful: Lemons, anyway cut lemons, can ~~be~~ be frozen, defrosted and used quite successfully. A good note on which to end. Love Margaret