

Letters, Notes May 2001 to
Feb 2002



Keep for
letters

Carbon copies of
letters and rough drafts
of letters to Jane,
family members

I reread the series on
May 11, 2012: some
that were not sent
(I think) are just as
interesting as
ones that
were
mailed

Keep: both for copies of letters that were sent
and for notes not sent



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Title

Fear

Nov 15

2001 6 pm

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Nov 11th

by Rebekah

5-6-01

Dear Benjamin and Nathaniel,

I hope that you had a good afternoon at your baseball game. I took a few minutes to look up that baseball poem, "Casey at the Bat." It was first printed on June 3, 1888 in a newspaper called The San Francisco Examiner.

It was published the same year that my father, your great-grandfather F.M. McPhedran was born!

Please come again Benjamin, to meet a few more poems. The Carolina Margaret

~~my father~~ and many other musical innocents to performances of the ~~St. Matthew Passion~~ ^{the B Minor mass} and ^{various} cantatas in Bethlehem Pa. ^{as well as people to} ~~structures among~~ ^{whom he myself} had been a regular part of his ~~greatest~~ ^{would be} ~~his greatest~~ ^{friend of} their childhood ~~education~~ ^{experience}. ~~I think~~ ^{The concerts} were an early bond between Jacob and my family. I'm glad that having a McPhedran score makes us part of your musical experience too.

Certainly you, Pastor Ludwig and your children are an ^{integral} ~~part~~ of our ~~Kenneth~~ ^{Kenneth} experience. I have been happy that through Margot we occasionally hear about you and have seen Anna from time to time. The card ~~you~~ on which you sent your note "my favorite among the Kirby's pictures."

5.06.01

Dear Mrs. Ludwig,

We were very glad to have your warm note of April 1st. This is ^a the time of year that I ~~never~~ think most often of my father's love of Bach's music. My earliest musical memory is of a single ^{phonograph} record with the St Matthew Passion excerpts played at full volume in a small house in Germantown, Pa. The speaker cone was mounted on the living room wall in ^{our} semidetached house. Our Graham Landlord also heard ~~at~~ the same music and ~~soon~~ ^{fortunately} learned to ~~love~~ ^{enjoy} it. Later ~~she was one of the guests whom~~ my father later it was ^{my} Papa's delight to take her and many other musical innocents to performances of the ~~St Matthew Passion~~ the B Minor mass and ^{various} cantatas in Bethlehem, Pa. ~~as well as people to~~ ~~among~~ ^{where the music} had been a regular part of ^{his} ~~guests~~ ^{would be}. ~~Jochen Meyer~~ ^{a friend of} their childhood ~~experience~~ ^{experience}. ~~I think~~ ^{the} ~~concerts~~ were an early bond between Jochen and my family. I'm glad that having a McPherson score makes us part of your musical experience too.

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On our most recent trip April 15-30
I was out in the woods to see Spring beasts,
troutfishes, shadblaw. I did not find trillium
but Rose Kirby to Cox Kirby brought ^{us} ~~me~~
one from her garden which I placed under
a ~~big~~ ~~s~~ one of the big spruce trees
which Jochen's father planted so long ago
as little ^{trees} ~~Christmas trees~~ which were ^{dressed in bright} ~~lights~~ ^{at Christmas}

I understand ~~how you~~ that you must miss
your greatgrandchildren although I must admit
that ~~my reason~~

Our own grandchildren
are ~~such~~ have so many activities, ~~so many interests~~
like baseball & soccer which to which Jochen and
I do not so that it sometimes is difficult to
make a ~~meaningful~~ ^{find common ground} connection. I find that
when I have ~~one~~ they are for the most part
~~based~~ Once in a while for a few minutes I
~~can~~ The boys would rather play baseball than
climb a mountain or play in a mountain

Stream. Today 5 year old ~~Leah~~ ^{to bring me a folded paper}
printed with butterflies. ~~It was my cat~~
read a poem to her about tonight's full moon. ~~There~~
Jochen and I will return to Kimmel

in another two weeks so that he can
complete repair of a ~~leak~~ leaking ~~bat~~
bathroom fixture and replace a bathroom
floor rotted by ~~5~~ ^{months long} ~~leak~~ at least 6 months
of leaks. ~~When~~ Once when I asked him how
he had acquired some skill, he said that he had
learned a lot following Tom Balabanian
the team.

It is good that he has so ^{May 2001}
Dear Mrs. Ludwig

Thank you very much for your ^{warm} ~~message~~ note.
I am glad that we ~~are part of the method and score of~~ ^{have some small share of} your
musical experience of Bach's music. My father,
whose name appears on the score you used, ~~loved to~~
^{shared} share his ~~joy in B~~ ^{feeling} enthusiasm for the
St. Matthew passion, the cantatas and the B. Minors
with many of his Philadelphia friends. Even our
Quaker landlady, in whose semi-detached house we
lived until I was 12 years ^{old} ~~often heard~~ ^{often}
willy-nilly ^{a little of passages from} ~~the St Matthew passion~~
^{one and single} ~~he~~ ^{played at full} ~~volume~~ ^{through a speaker}
mounted on our living room wall. She was ~~not a~~
~~was~~ a ^{generous} patient generous lady ^{who}
year later accompanied ^{my parents} ~~us~~ ⁱⁿ to a concert ⁱⁿ ~~Papa would~~
have loved to have your company. ~~In a sense~~
~~has been~~

Your card ^{Ellie Kirbys Springhall}
~~my favorite~~ ^{of Ellie Kirbys}
came shortly before we set off on our most recent
journey to Kinnaroch. ~~Our~~ ^{Our} grandchildren ~~had~~
had their spring vacation April 13-20 so
we all made the journey down ~~the~~ ^{beautiful} Route
81 ~~road~~ ⁱⁿ all its red-bud and Shadbush
~~decorated~~ ^{decorated} April beauty. Jochen and I
stayed another week ~~to~~ ^{do some walking and}

So he could begin with on much-needed repairs of bathroom leaks. We return later this month to ~~camp~~ ^{hanging out} so that he can complete ~~these~~ ^{these} repairs. Once when I asked him ^{Jack} how he came to ~~know~~ ^{learn} be interested ~~have~~ ^{acquired} so many skills — and to continue to ~~learn~~ ^{acquire} new ones, he said that he said that he had followed Tom Blenns around the farm.

This spring I did not manage to get far enough into the filtered light of the damp woods to see the trillium, but Rose Cox Kirby brought me a ^{white} plant which I planted under one of the spruce trees near the back door. ~~In ^{Kennedy} I also found~~
~~some day~~ ^{back} ~~trillium~~ and ~~Here in Belmont I~~
~~grow a few plants in an~~ ^{very} ~~increasingly~~ ^{dry, hotter} ~~climate.~~ Occasionally I have ~~the company of my~~
~~youngest grandchild~~ ^{we often think of you and Pastor Ludwig} ~~I~~ ^{very} ~~very~~ ^{very} vividly remember
Pastor Ludwig and you ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{few} glimpses
I had of your children so many years ago.
You ^{woven into} ~~are part of~~ our Knaprock experiences. I'm glad
that Margrit keeps up ~~the family~~ ^{the family} connections.

~~Our grandchildren here are~~
I understand ~~that~~ you must miss your
great grandchildren. ~~Our grandchildren are~~

^{Sometimes}
I am occasionally very busy with our grandchildren. Then do not see them at all except as they pass us in ~~their mother's car~~ on the way to music lessons, ~~athletics~~ baseball or soccer practice, skating lessons, etc. Once ~~in a while~~ ^{usually} I get a chance ~~to~~ On Wednesdays I am ^{usually} their ~~substitute~~ ^{substitute} for 12-13 hrs while both parents are at work. On other days ~~I may also be~~ ^{entails} the requirements change. It is fascinating, perplexing, sometimes exhausting opportunity to learn ^{many} child management skills that I did not master ^{when I was younger.} ~~as a homemaker, mother, or as a teacher.~~

Sat July 21 - Sat Aug 11th

5.09.01

Dear Laura,

Leah & I went to the library & returned a good many overdue books. Most of them withdrawn when I was with her. So I felt a moral obligation to pay the fines due. I have marked calendar for 5/23 when a new set is due. We may be in Knoxville again then.

I urged boys to get work done before the party. Nathaniel practiced piano; Benjamin made some effort but was much distracted by N. who interfered with him physically.

N did some homework. I dragged B through a couple of poems and told him to look for me Friday pm + Sat. We may be away in Lisbon all of Thursday.

I had routine arguments with N about question of riding bike to party, to baseball. I said no esp. since I don't trust B to pay attention. Traffic on School st and elsewhere is v. bad.

I once more tried to get across
to the children how strongly I ^{feel} ~~feel~~ about
wasting food. I've done this with

To Laura

May 9 2001

jokes and with serious questions and arguments. Today I asked Nathaniel if a song of grace makes any sense. if you then throw the daily bread (blessed by God?) down the Disposal. I hope that you will give this your serious consideration. ~~I~~ The older I get, the more intensely I feel about such matters. I know you don't want anyone to overeat. When I ^{have} prepared the oatmeal and served it to Benjamin, he has once asked me to take some off and on another occasion has eaten half of overmodest sorcery! You are in a hurry. But some problems ~~are~~ ^{are} worth taking time. If you think that I have overlooked another facet of the food problem, please tell me. We all seem to be too busy even to talk to each other.

Margaret

from Kinnawach

Friday, May 25, 2001

Dear Klemens & Laura,

The peonies and iris at the point of the lawn triangle are just beginning to bloom. I am interested to see that these fragrant little peony blossoms are not covered by ants as are the ones in my back garden. That old plant probably goes back to the early Kenville times.

The mountain laurel is also in bloom though the shrub is much more open with more twigs than flowers showing.

Jacken has put down the center tiles in the pink bathroom, must now wait until the are firmly in place before cutting and placing the edge tiles. The solidity of the floor tiles emphasizes the tawdry effect of the flimsy Salmon-pink wall tiles.

I hope that you will have time to help Benjamin with his poetry collection. I know that he is not especially interested in it, but it is an effort ^{Worth} making. Klemens, if you have time, look on my poetry book shelf for ~~my mother's~~ poems in a blue binder

Would any of these have meaning
to Benjamin?

The poem "Footprint on the Air"
is in your Oxford Book of Children's Verse.
The poem that he has chosen for his
memory passage, "Dust of Snow" is
certainly a good one, probably much
better to keep in your mental library
than a long verse of greater length.

Love,

Margaret

6.03.01

Clothing left in Kunnarock: in upstairs walk-in closet, except for one sh. sleeve shirt:

Several, probably 8-10 wearable long sleeve shirts

About 6-8 sh. sl. shirts, about 2 OK for trips to Lowes, grocery shopping.

No trousers except badly stained, or sooty
Work trousers - 3 - in basement.

1 pr of old black work shoes in basement.

(These do not give much support)

Underpants 3-4 (some v. base) in plastic bag suspended from hanger

A few pairs of socks, mostly paint ^{stained} ~~stained~~ ^{unwashed}

Old sweaters in box. Also 2 pr work shorts.

For Margaret: bright green pants (tight)

Old blue double knit cotton skirt & cardigan

3 long sleeved shirts, mostly badly worn

old stockings, 1/2 stockings & foot covers, socks

some underpants, black sweater & red acrylic sweater

new 1/2 stockings, some foot covers

hiking boots with red laces. | 16 San. napkins |

Food Staples in Kinnaroch 6.08.01

5 lb of gran sugar | 3 jars of applesauce

Some bread incl $\frac{1}{2}$ bag of Italian

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb of promise marg. + 1 B+B tub

Frozen veg incl spinach, peas, fesi beans

Small amount of cool whip.

What we need for next time:

plastic bags: sandwich size, quart gallon size,
tall kitchen size / crackers, jam, peanut butter
baked beans, Tuna fish, pickles?

potatoes, onion Cheese Cranb juice, of
hamburger, chicken | instant soup +

Heath Valley dried soups | Betty Crocker cran-orange min
yogurt / cottage cheese / cool whip

hand brushes / Eucerin (small amount there)
toothbrushes.

Sunday June 3 2001

Returning to Belmont
approaching Hagerstown
about 2:15 pm

Dear Margrit,

I left another slim paperback volume of the poems of Dennis Levertov (name escapes me at the moment)

in our bedroom. In general, I prefer poetry with a more traditional pattern, but I like this poet heartily. His feelings expressed, which echoed and express the same themes as in her volume of poems, Tesserae. In the ^{Jarvis Bader} paperback which

I left for you, I liked ^{anyway} these poems; three in memory of other poets ^{writes} Mandelstam,

Pasternak and —, one about a walk with a blind man. I also noted with interest the verses about the Eichmann trial — not your average doctrinaire liberal. This morning when I should have been packing, I read verses about taking down the blowing laundry on a city rooftop, a new home.

The wind was blowing briskly in Kannasch this morning. I was glad for the few minutes I had to stand by the packed car, while Jordan turned off the water and left some notes of explanation. ^{here}

to megal 6/3/2001 (2)

Another memoir of a different kind is
W. H. Hudson Far Away & Long Ago, which I
often read in part when I am in Konnarsch.
It is on the lower shelf of the bedside table.
Except for my mother, I have known only
one other reader who was really intimately
acquainted with Hudson. Perhaps her father
was too.

Yesterday afternoon we had our walk (Jocher
only outdoor exercise - except for mowing the lawn).
We drove up to White Top and, to my satisfaction,
I managed to holdle all the way down to
Bazzards Rock. Coming back uphill is easy compared
to walking down. Our only company was the wind
and a few crows who conducted a comical
interrogatory conversation as they sailed back &
forth high above us. Near the top of the trail
were a few deep purple violets and many
Queen Ladies (*Monarda*) prettily shaking
(quaking) on their very stems as the wind
blew waves through the grasses. As we
drove down in the meadow enclosed by the
first curve, we saw a doe with her
tiny spotted fawn. She wanted to band off

About deer

6.03.01

but had to turn back for her wobbly (3)
baby, very small and awkward, perhaps only a few
days old. Jochen commented on how quiet Kennecott
is this time. We have heard only one or two
jet airplanes. As I stood waiting in the
Sun and wind this morning and listening to the
Wren, I realized how few places are left that
are so still, the silence broken only by natural
sounds.

Except for our bed linen and towels, I left no
clothes to be washed. The trousers and oilstained shirts on
the clothesline in the drying room should not be
laundered. Jochen will use them again when he
returns for further work on the furnace late this
summer. Our other clothes I took to the upstairs
walk-in closet - except for a few items in the bottom
right dresser drawer. The shelves in the
blue bathroom closet where shampoos, soaps etc
are stored are pretty scrambled. I did not have
energy to cope with this. I intended to put
the hand brush on a shelf there. Would you
put it in the closet unless you need it.

Jochen can't use gloves for ^{some} ~~much~~ of the
furnace work. The spots ~~on~~ on the kitchen floor are

from Jochen's dripping, still greasy hands.

When we called Klemens this morning to get him to try to fix our refractory answering machine, he said that the children were better and were all fighting with each other, cited as a sign of restored health. Neither he nor Laura had (yet) caught the infection. When I telephoned Rose, she said that she had had a very bad gastro-intestinal spell for three weeks. Like the weather, perhaps it travels from south to north.

Jane came up for a few minutes Friday evening. Lindsay arrived Sat afternoon by plane escorted by an expensive chaperone, according to Herman. She is to stay until 6/28.

As I think I told you, I had an agreeable 30.40 min. visit with Eva. We talked mostly about her flowers and her sick daughter. a little about the funeral dinner. Eva had been very ill. I think that she was pleased by my admiration of her handwork on her front staircase. I hope that she enjoyed the time we spent together as much as I did. I also had a few minutes with Ralph and daughter Ted. I had a brief glimpse of his flame (Zulus, see the

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(from Belmont) Monday June 18, 2001

Dear Margrit,

I enclose the newspaper clippings from N. Y Times which you asked Tochen to return to you if he did not want to keep them. He had no particular amount. His current pre-occupation is the landscaping of the drainage system and slopes at the entrance to the addition ~~and~~ on the East side (back garden, adjacent to old apple tree). He has been doing a lot of digging: sinking big timbers to form a retaining wall, plans to lay black pipes (similar to those he used to carry water from downspouts away from house in Knockock. These pipes will be ~~buried~~ buried in gravel, gravel piled around them. It is physically demanding work and the weather has been hot and humid. Last night we had a heavy rain, and the weather is better. I won't bore you ^{with} further details of an architecturally important, but inconspicuous feature.

This morning I went up to Nathaniel's graduation from 4th grade at The Burbank School.

I went late; because of my cough; I had planned just to skip the whole thing. I sat near the back. Klemens

Turn page over

made

June 2001 2

1 Video pictures, so we will all be able to see the
flickering artificial life of Nathaniel's trumpet obligato
performance with the chorus. Anyway Nathaniel saw me.
I accompanied Klemens to the classroom, imported,
Nathaniel's pictorial efforts on his Nova Scotia
project, his choice in the study of Canadian
provinces. I saw, did not meet, the thin, quite formidable
teacher of this group, one of 4, 4th grade section. Next fall
Nathaniel goes up the hill to the rebuilt Cheney
Middle School where ^(probably 5 & 7 section) Peckham will be in 7th grade.
Loah starts Kindergarten in Sept.

I am re-reading Passage to India, more for myself
than for the grant, probably frivolous, movie-oriented
discussion June 29th at the Senior Center.

About your clippings I have a couple of
comments: You said to me in a telephone conversation that
you were spending too much time reading everything in
the N.Y. Times. I agree. I could if I were more
aggressive and thought it in my best interests.
I get the daily & Sunday N.Y.T. from next door. Instead
I glance at whatever is there when I am next door
and look over the library copy when I
visit the library - usually spending no more than
30 min. on selected items. There is a lot

(to myself)

11/10/10 (3)

of quite ephemeral information and some really foolish nonsense: On the reverse side of one of the pages (depicting the little cottage (?) in the big shed) is an advertisement for a white ~~grosgrain~~ grosgrain ribbon gown priced at \$4.715. If you admire one, you probably would be happy with the other.

The Sea Ranch development is another matter. The story tells me that ~~set~~ planned communities run into unforeseen problems: your modest cottage's view is later blocked by other houses. Even in Kinnarock, one's life is drastically changed by one's neighbors and one's view is impaired by wonderful trees, ferny (ferny) giant ledges. The lost view is somewhat compensated by birds, butterflies that would not come to the bare hillside.

To some extent one must adjust to the changing circumstances. Even rich people don't always buy happiness. Nor do they deserve to.

If you don't want a response, don't send the occasion for the reply. Choose another church.

Lucy Murgel

Reverse side: copy of letter to Margrit²⁰⁰¹
about NYT newspaper clippings on architectural topics

Notes for card to be mailed today or tomorrow to be sent as addendum, correction, to preceding letter

Dear Margrit, I do keep copies of most of my letters, and in rereading ^{my severe words} what I said to you about the NY Times and your squandering so much time on the NY Times, ~~it is a~~ ^{an} explanation for such self-indulgent and time wasting occurred to me. Often in moments of depression, I have found myself reading ^{quite indiscriminately even advertisements in} trash such as copies of Family Circle (sent to us free of charge by its advertisers). Such reading is a distraction from painful & possibly insoluble problems. Perhaps that's why you were, as you said, reading "too much" of the NY Times.

Such family reading is ~~certainly~~ ^{better} than eating chocolates or drinking dulling the pain with a box of ^{cookies} chocolates or a bottle of strong drink.

We had a dramatic ~~thunderstorm~~ ^{rainstorm} last night with thunder, lightning and a 2 hr power "outage". ~~Then~~ I was exhausted by my bingeing ~~to~~ ^{to} catch a 9:00 train. Tjaden put on his galoshes & went to 178 to help K. & the children with a bucket brigade. Since the pump was not working without power they had to ~~pull out~~ ^{use} soap water from the ~~po~~ well in front of the garage.

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7/28/01 12:50 left Sinoco Station
in Belmont.

3:50

left Turnpike

5:20

Arrived gas station Fishkill

5:45 Left Gas St.

9:40

arrived at Mt. View Motel Grantville

? 11 went to bed

Before 5 Awoke very early. Left motel at 7 am.

Return trip August 11-12th (date deferred from 8/8
on account of ~~heat~~ extreme heat, possibility of
car ~~prop~~ problems. Left Kv 11¹⁰ am. arr. Grantville

7:30

pm. Sunday Aug 12th up at 5:30 Left motel

6:50

Driving through Pocono 12th Aug.

11 Satire: object: Margrit June or July
Margrit! Imaginary monologues. Not shown to anyone.
This is my friend, Jenny Grundbaum. She's
a gardener too. We've just been to visit
Jan Gubler's garden at the Fox Hill Inn and
Jenny agrees with me that it is absolutely superb,
that everyone ~~must~~ should see it. Jan's giving
a party tonight to show off her
night-blooming cereus plant. We hope
that you will come.

See above: Imaginary monologue

12 "Jochen! This is my friend, Jerry Grundbaum.
He has a lot of interests in common with
you. He has been teaching philosophy
at ~~the~~ Michigan State University, and he is
working on a book about modern philosophy.
He also dabbles in architecture and built
his own cabin by Lake Michigan with
a composting toilet. ~~Also~~ he wonders
what you would say about the spot he's
been seeing ever since he fell off a
ladder last week. He's worried because his
father went blind quite suddenly 5 yrs before
he died.

[my comment on re-reading this page: It is
obviously an imitation of Margrit's conversational
efforts.]

Aug 10, 2001
Kannurack

Dear Margrit,

I'm sorry that you could not get back from Bristol to have supper with us tonight. I'll leave you a few samples. The red cabbage is probably much too sweet especially for you. I improvised, using the basic short recipe form in Simple Cooking. I used only one slice of the Howard hard salami as a bacon-fat substitute. The apple did not quite cook down, but I like it that way. Please freeze whatever you don't want. I'll probably take some along. It might be acceptable even cold as a sort of salad substitute.

A practical matter that you should know about your bathroom: the continuing leak seems to be coming from the shower wall. Tuchen thinks that the water runs down inside the wall to collect on the floor there. He does not think that occasional use of the shower will hurt, but asks that you mop it up after use. The replacement of the walls (all three) is a major project for the future.

Some botanical notes: the mystery plant that Buck planted with the snapdragons - like blossoms, perhaps Rose would know its name. I'll take back a sample, but my connections to Botanists in Belmont are meagre. I might find it in a book.

I went down in mid-afternoon to look for butterflies in Bud's garden. I saw a couple, but nothing like the hosts that assembled in previous years. Today I could not blame excessive heat or dryness. It's probably the absence of the glorious Zinnias. Then I realized that the reason that they did not self-seed is a matter of design by the seed producer. Almost certainly the flowers planted by me in previous years came from packets of seeds patented by Burpee Company - and ~~there~~

Continuation of
letter to Mgt.

August 10, 2001

• Crop of flowers has been specially treated to render the seeds sterile.

I've been sitting at your picnic table to write this note; It's a remarkably big fine evening. I don't need to take my round the house walk because I did that early in the morning and feel the better for it despite a rather short sleep.

Like my mother, I have already unpacked and repacked, looking for a missing essential article of clothing, my foot-socks. Finally I found a couple. I want to check on what I have stored in the Walk-In Closet: too much, but I'll try to get to that next time. I was impressed by the agreeable neatness and arrangement of things — also in other areas of the house which I did not mention, e.g. the cabinets in the kitchen. I'll try to do better in my own house in Belmont: where all sorts of middens await me: household and office.

As I sat by the kitchen door this morning putting on my elastic stockings (as I have done almost daily since 1962?) I heard the crows calling and realised how much better I like the distant, sound in the Konnawick, N.J. or used to keep a quotation from Emerson or Thoreau about the distant calling of crows as heard in the New Hampshire mtns. I'll show it to you when you come. Love Margaret

8/12/01 Sunday In two weeks we may be
again riding through fog on way to Nantuxet boat
to Nantuxet. Plan to buy clothing:

beach shoes for Jackson?

wash/fast dry under pants, socks?

junk faster bag

jumper and or wrap skirt

becoming pull on pants

foot covers || Insulated food bag

small packets of shampoo.

New sunhats with chin straps

Telephone Mr. Perry. Miss Hesselhalp

Miss Robbin. (These were some of
the patients - to be
scheduled?)

Dear Jeanne,

Thank you for the tomatoes. They added
fresh variety to our meals on Friday. I did
take some along for the trip. As you said,
the little plum tomatoes are excellent.
I ~~would~~ call them picnic tomatoes
because you can eat them along with a
slice of bread and cheese or meat ~~or~~

~~I have~~ On the long drive
back to Belmont, in my memory I
replayed ~~the~~ ^{the} porch stories ~~that you told~~
~~me about~~ ^{that we spent}
sat together and watched the hummingbirds
in the hоста flowers. Probably the
"critter-catchers" are also
reminding each other of the pretty lady
who hired them to put the baby
bird ~~back~~ ^{back} in its nest - and
make them wear rubber gloves to
do the job.

Best of all though, I like to
think of you and the beautiful
raccoon staring at each other through your
living room window. ~~It is~~ It is a

Continuation of

August 20, 1941

rare experience to return
the gaze of a wild animal.
~~You will remember it longer than~~
~~the raccoon does~~ You will
remember it, the animal will not.

I went back ^{several times} to the
Volunteer flower garden. The ~~plants~~ ^{orange cosmos} that self-seeded from flowers
^{variegated} you planted last year. There were plenty
of bees but almost no butterflies.

Finally I figured out that the
missing flowers the special Sunflowers

After my fourth visit, always puzzling

Finally I realized that the ~~special~~ ^{variegated}

Sunflowers with different faces. The ~~variegated~~ ^{variegated}

~~remarkably~~ intensely unusual zinnias

~~could~~ did not self-seed

because they must have come from

packets of specially treated seeds which

will only produce a ~~generation~~ ^{single} crop.

~~no~~ 2nd generation.

In a few days I left with ~~these~~

Please thank Herman again for the ~~seeds~~ ^{fresh} from
his garden. Tell Brenda how much he enjoyed her.

you all to go
visit them later
can be

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leaves enough

variegated
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the

en route to Belmont
from Aug 12 2000

Dear Margot
At 3:30 ~~the~~ we are ~~on~~ the ~~main~~ ~~train~~ ~~pass~~
~~Deserth~~ ~~pass~~ ~~we~~ ~~have~~ Appledan
Travel over pass

Thank you for the gracious
going-away gift of the Perry Farm
assorted cookies ~~one of two survived all the~~
~~to~~ and two large white peaches.

The cookie box was empty by the time we
crossed the Hudson, and the peaches
will ~~perhaps~~ be part of supper tonight or
Monday. ~~Do~~ Have you ever eaten a peach

just picked from the tree? Last night
~~I had~~ Sandra Clark, our hostess at
the Mt View Motel offered us some from
her little ^{15 ft} tree that grows on the
wide unpurched tree between the row of
cabins and the ~~main~~ ^{main} ~~lane~~ highway. ~~They~~

Carbino and the ~~2~~ ^{one} ~~last~~ ^{highway}. ~~They~~
I walk. There ~~has~~ ^{have} been about 30 ~~40~~
little yellow & red soft, heavily juiced fruits,
each ~~most~~ ^{of the} small enough to enclose in ~~the~~
wrist ~~the~~ ^{one} ^{bag}. I took ^{just} ^{one}.

It was soft warm, fragrant
scent. The professor has a special
regard for Toad because ~~he found~~
he found the place in the midst of a
power outage. ~~the~~ From the car I saw

Thank you also for those
~~little~~ gifts of ~~food~~ fruit &
needed groceries, and the "dropdy" books,
which I use both in Belmont & Co.
On the long trip back ~~I often~~

We thought a lot about you.

~~hoping that I hope that we~~ I
~~also thought about Motti, the problems of~~
~~my relationship with her were mostly~~
and explored various avenues of our
own characters, memories. I don't want
to give any general explanation now.

I puzzle, and wander through a maze

I have some regrets too. One of them
is that ~~Bea~~ I/we could not
share or walk further afield. The

reasons for this I don't want to
try to unravel, but ~~they have to~~

~~so~~ they do not involve Tochen.
lie rather in my physical & emotional
state. Perhaps when you come in to

tell me could attempt some
common activities, I ~~could~~ ^{we could visit} show you a few
special places in Belmont, like the Garden Club's
wild flower garden

my when with a



Tuesday 8/21/01

Dear Leah,

Aunt Margrit telephoned tonight and she will probably call you tomorrow to ask you a question:

She is still in Kannarock. She will be going to Michigan soon to take care of the little children of friends. Those friends are actually in Kannarock now visiting Aunt Margrit.

Aunt Margrit hopes that you will agree with her that she should send the little "fish" table and chairs along with her friends so that the little children can play with them. That way the little table and chairs would be used often by these children.

It makes me think of Hitty, the doll who waited so many years in an attic until she was found and loved again by a little girl.

...don't

August 10, 1901

I look forward to seeing you
and your brothers tomorrow.
I have some left-over cauliflower
for you.
I hope that you and
Benj + Nathaniel will have
some stories to tell me about
your trip and your second
visit in Readfield.

Love Grandma Margaret