

November 2, 1938

My dear Hans:

I have been intending to write you but it has been so hot down here I did not realize how time was flying.

I am just wondering how much you have gotten done with the boathouse? Of course, you understand it is not necessary that the building be completed until some time next summer.

The addition to the servants' house does not need to be started until we arrive next summer, although it might be well for you to sort out such logs as we have on the place that could be used for construction work.

You have put Wild Rose, or John's cabin, on skids, and when I left it was my understanding, and still is, that some time after it freezes up, you would get Hanken or maybe the County tractor to drag it across the frozen meadow up on the hill, passing through the horse lot. The permanent location and erection of this cabin can await our arrival in Colorado.

The floors in the boys' dressing room, the boys' sleeping porch and the new room on Brown Logs, Mrs. Stark would like to have scraped of the rotten looking varnish that Montgomery put on them. We would like to have these floors re-finished in colorless Valspar Varnish, with two or three coats, whichever seems necessary to you. Also clean off the floor of the entrance gallery where we pile wood. We would like to have these ready by the time we arrive about the first week in June.

Since returning home Miss Nita has been very much under the weather, and has been confined to her bed. I am happy to announce now that we have reduced her blood pressure and swelling, gotten rid of the headaches and she is now walking around upstairs. This is more improvement than we accomplished all summer, and needless to say we are very much delighted. Everyone else here seems to be well and happy as far as I can find out. The ducks and geese are beginning to pile in on us, and I would not be surprised any day after the season opens on November 15 to have my Colorado friend from Holmes' cabin come by for a duck hunt. I hope that Roy has improved and that the rest of you are in good health.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. L. Stark

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