

was all about news! It couldn't have
been so bad could it?

I was at a childrens party just
before coming down here. One of my
married cousins who has two daughters
had a party for them, and Majorie
and I came down to lend a hand.
I must say I enjoyed it thoroughly,
and marvelled anew at the noise
they can create and the astronomical
quantities of cakes, drinks and ice
cream they can tuck away. What
it is to be young.

Excuse the brevity of this note. I shall
report more fully on having etc. soon.
My regards to you all.

As ever,
Jack.

Langmuir.

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My dear Leslie,

Many thanks for your
long chatty letter. Glad to know you
like your bit of Scotland. In nice weather
it can look just like that - even lovelier too!
Here I am, sitting in front of a
nice warm fire, while the rain is falling
outside from a darkening evening sky.

Majorie, my fiancée, is curled up in
a chair having a fly forty winks across
the way. We are down home for a
few days, as I have nearly a week's
holiday at this time, and it always
seems to rain when she comes down.

We did have a walk this morning, but

it was not very pleasant out. Still, we can always discuss what we are going to do with our house - when we can get one!

I have two projects in view and shall know something definite about them within the next ten days. The next stage of course is finding furniture and carpets etc. to put in it, but I know some useful people who will be able to help me out.

How and you seem to have had a good look around Paris. I rather envy you having the house more or less at your doorstep, for I was only in it once, and it's quite impossible to see it all in a morning.

How is your French coming on? I imagine you will know much more than I do

now, though no American can disguise that accent!

I quite agree that it's better to have nothing to buy than to see all the nice things you can't afford. Here, you can also see that; for example, I saw a lovely bedroom suite, just what I'd like, but it cost in the region of \$2,500!

All prices have risen so much, particularly houses. As was you could buy quite a nice little place for £1,000 and now an equivalent place will cost anything from £3,000 upwards. What chance do young people have to set up a home nowadays!

Strange to relate, I can't remember what that awful problem you refer to