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Dear Nancy:

I have a daughter who is not quite old enough to use or wear some of the beautiful things I see on my travels--notably in Italy.

If you will talk with your mother and father about this idea I had this morning, it may fit everybody as something worth doing.

I wish for you the very maximum of happiness in the big life business that you are about to undertake. You may have heard how much I respect your parents.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Nancy Nelson Brown,  
3363 Inwood Drive,  
Houston, Texas.

George Brown's daughter

May 28, 1949

Dear Herman:

You have been neglecting me. I wrote you sometime ago regarding "Red." You didn't answer.

I have checked into Washington two or three times and find a certain elderly bankruptcy in the Democratic party. They are even using George Meade, age 68, a retired paper manufacturer as their economic stock pile adviser. I am sure Red Thompson should go to Washington in charge of oil. A certain Johnson, the defense camp, is little more than a Farley and now that Forrestal is gone we cannot afford oil with the prime trust in material matters within our country.

Get yourself the list of securities owned by Atlas Corporation and you will see what I mean.

I am leaving for South America on the 4th on the SS Argentina. You may send me a basket of fruit except that I can't eat it because of an alleged infirmity. The most serious infirmity now concerning me is a lack of assurance in matters of romance. When one loses such assurance he plays two pair poker and plays safe with gentle women.

So as an old bull I am leaving temptation for philosophy and observation in the ABC countries, while Carnegie balls carries on. Perhaps Carnegie will be seeing you without a tin cup in his hand when he next comes into Houston. Should I come back by air from Buenos Aires or possibly Santiago I shall stop at Quito to visit your old friend the cardinal, who seems to won that country with over half the real estate not paying taxes because of bequests of the dying to to the Catholic Church.

It is possible that Mrs. Jones will drop you a possible itinerary but it won't be right if she does as I am almost certain to change my mind when I hit Montivideo.

So just consider me a trap de luxe hoping freights and going somewhere fast without knowing where he is going. I might move from B.A. by air or boat to Europe with the thought of sticking my nose into Germany and Austria and hopefully into Budapest. If I get a steamer note from you that you would like to take the Europe end of it I will meet you at the Maurice Hotel, Paris the first week in August before I move eastward and you might go with me as a suitcase carrier and gin rummy companion. My very best to Margaret and hope you enjoyed the wedding of your niece.

With the very greatest respect from your humble admirer, I am,

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

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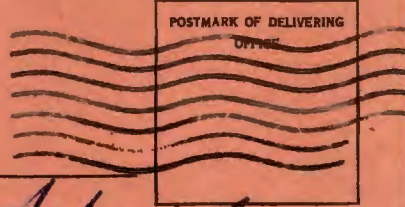
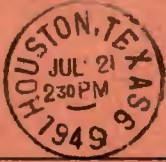
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Hotel Asturias Palace,  
Sevilla, Spain,  
October 1, 1949

Dear Margaret:

I am greedily grasping a place for myself at Claudia's table. She did a black mantilla something for you at Granada and I butted in for Louisa. She will carry on to Houston.

But at the moment just before going in to breakfast, I want to tell you what good buyers have been developed. Sevilla and Granada have very strong competition in this lace business. At Granada lace girls get about one cent an hour, while I think the Sevilla girls get about one cent and a half. It is all piece work, sweat shop, take home and cash advanced so they can eat before delivery.

A lace capitalist owns from about twenty to seventy girls who are generally in debt. Since the items that we purchased were perhaps the best available, one item taking about two months for one girl, we felt that we had cheated Madame Asta and that you would get the same effect. Naturally we bought at the home of the lace capitalist with no silly commissions or mark ups.

Claudia spent the money saved on all her lace purchases with a small bit of self-denial and cheap living in Spain, by meddling with the economy of about eighty of these lace girls in Granada--things like penicillin and shoes and new dresses for the over-patched ones.

Well, I have talked to you. Don't expect over much for your head and shoulder ornament. We think it is the best in Spain, but the best in Spain is not the best in Venice.

To both you and Herman our wishes that you can fly to Sevilla even if you have to go right back. Claudia is my Boswell. She will write or see you.

Sincerely,

Note from Claudia: We have missed you both. So many times we have been looking at something and thought how Herman would have loved the building. And all through The Prado in Madrid I kept wishing that Margaret were there. I have never seen such a collection in my life anywhere. Sevilla is the best of all we have seen in Spain except for The Prado. Be sure to let me know when you come to New York. We plan to fly back next week from Lignon.

October 15, 1949

Dear Herman:

When you left us in Venice to go home, you asked me to write you when I got back giving our status with you after all that financial juggling we did in Europe.

According to the sketchy records I kept on backs of envelopes, we owe you \$651.88 for linens and CEM's Paris shirts, and you owe us \$1410.00 for cash advanced, cameos, and Fortuny dresses, which leaves a balance due CEM of \$759.00.

Whenever convenient I would be glad to receive a check because you can imagine that we arrived home in a dilapidated condition as to his personal account!

A very welcome letter from Margaret came yesterday. I am glad you had an interesting trip home. We flew and it was easy and quick, but seemed a long time on a plane and we were both tired.

My love to Margaret and the children and I hope we will be seeing you before long.

Sincerely,

Claudia E. Haines.

October 17, 1949

Mr. Herman Brown  
Brown and Root  
Houston, Texas

Dear Herman:

Arriving Houston Monday afternoon the 24th.  
Would appreciate a two room suite and a single  
at the Lamar Hotel.

I would like to see you if possible Monday  
evening around 6:00 o'clock.

Would also appreciate reservations for three  
on a commercial flight to Austin Tuesday morning.

If you are tied up Monday night suggest Tuesday  
morning breakfast.

Tell Maggie to collect a couple of scarves as  
room rent.

Regards,

Charles E. Marsh

November 4, 1949

Dear Herman:

Have not been able to improve on sapphire which I asked you to have valued locally for insurance estimate. I got the same in South America with funny money with a job lot of other things. Will you have it sent on to me at 6 East 92nd Street Attention: Mrs. Jones, registered.

Thanks.

Charles E. Marsh

P.S. If anybody got a retail valuation make a note of it and enclose. If your immediate family had a hissy over it I'll try to find another one.

November 16, 1949

Dear Hermant:

Received the ring in good order. If anybody got it valued by a Houston retail jeweler, have a line dropped to Claudia as she is going to insure soon--probably before a projected trip to India December 20th.

I have not heard from Sao Paulo so presume that his candidacy for President is taking up all his time, or that he may be a careful operator who does not put many letters out. So I presume we better rub this one off our list unless I hear from Colonel Jones at Rio to whom I expect to write today.

Have asked Claudia to enclose excerpts from a letter I have just read from the wife of the Governor of Jamaica. She will "wow" Houston socially if her trip to Texas includes Houston. We will check that one, but will not write Maggie unless Peat, her lecture agent, has booked her in Texas at Houston.

If you are headed this way before December twentieth for theatres or Christmas shopping, please have someone drop us a line as promptly as possible as I want to save a bit of time for your datings up here. Claudia also would be pleased to service theatres if she hears promptly from Maggie.

The high cost of living has put South Pacific to \$20.00 a seat with solid bookings through the year. It is almost as bad for the ballet. Even the operas are banking up. People seem to have decided to spend it.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Mr. Herman Brown,  
Brown & Root,  
P.O. Box 3,  
Houston, Texas.

3335 INWOOD DRIVE  
HOUSTON 19, TEXAS

Dear Claudia & Charles:

It was a good trip  
to Europe, wasn't it? And as  
I said several times the  
presence of you two helped  
to make it so. Without you  
it <sup>might</sup> have been a dull  
affair, a humdrum one.

The children still regret  
the love birds. I think Mike  
prays that Papa has been able  
to win Mama over, not only  
on to his side, but close to his  
side.

There were some interesting

Conversations on the Queen Elizabeth.  
a thirty five year old M. P. Fimate,  
pretty, and articulate. Representing  
the textile interests and elected  
from Manchester. Naturally a  
Socialist. A young Jugo-Slav.  
As naturally, a Communist. An  
undersecretary of Propaganda. Also  
articulate. A Maharaja  
(There is no one on every hot boat  
now, I am told) who had been  
at Beauvieu with Barbara  
Hutton, and whose sole  
acquaintance in New York was  
Harry Winston.

Herman's cold hung on for  
many days. His sinus drupe

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up to date. I feel so sorry for  
him with his cough. Woke in  
the early morning, just before  
day, when every body wants to  
sleep.

Charles, you are a Pan, a  
Mystery, a fascination to the  
children. "Have imagination like  
Mr Marsh, Aunt Mussy". They  
reproach me.

I shall wear my black  
fortune dress next week. I  
need a tiara.

affectionately  
Mussy Brown

Herman Brown  
Brown and Root  
Houston, Texas

Telegram

Dec 1, 1949

Ralph Ingersoll and I arrive Friday afternoon. Would appreciate Lamarr suite as Ingersoll sonres. Will go to hotel and enquire for reservation of letter from you as to where to go. No answer necessary

Regards,

CEM

Mike Studs

Dear Claudia:

Thank you for the recipe of flum sufla.

Aunt Maggie says that she is going to have  
flum sufla pretty soon. I think they will be  
very good. I think they are better than fries  
potatoes. They are very good with  
lomb chops.

Love  
Mike

Brown

**MIKE STOKES STUDE**

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Shaw Park Hotel,  
Ocho Rios, P.O.  
Jamaica, B.W.I.  
December 30, 1949

Dear Herman:

My last letter of the year is to clean up a few thread ends of the past year and to make you a proposition for the coming year.

1--The Brazil situation is active but by-passed Houston. There was a contact in New York and is to be another one here. Apparently the civilized and prosperous part of Brazil south of Rio and centering economically and intellectually in the states of Sao Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul are coalescing against national control by the religion dominated Dutra, who would dictate a successor out of the Rio federal clique. From Minas Geraes north there is a restless oscillating battle for control between the shoeless and the well shod, between the civilian and the military, between the economically progressive and the church conservative. A fair prediction is that the shadow of Vargas reaching from the extreme south, is the most single powerful force in the 1950 elections. The same shadow also dominates in the picking of the southern leader for President. This leader probably will not be military nor particularly approved by the church, but will be representative of the great expanding southern economic groups. The essential slogan is for a bigger and better and an expanding Brazil rather than the nationalism of the past. This should help sane American business economics when applied to Brazil. Forces in Sao Paulo are the contact point. Naturally the Truman point 4 will be implemented through the State Department, but any wise business leader seeking Brazil for an outlet should know how not to neglect the real forces in Brazil which in a measure correspond to the real forces in the United States post Civil War which developed in the west, and think of post world war II instead of our Civil War when you see the city of Sao Paulo as a Chicago of about 1900.

Note: The actual personalities now politically showing up in this south progressive group, are the two Governors of Sao Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul, and Vargas as senior dominant. These three centers have been conferring in recent months.

2--This is a small matter but locally to you might be worth activity. Technology has solved the hard pine and other wood varieties in the making of pulp. A mill larger and more modern than Lufkin goes into operation on the Coosa River south of Birmingham on water freight rates and probably actual navigation to the Gulf. Kimberly Clark

operates and expects about half the pulp to go into commercial uses such as Kotex and other tissues, by trans-shipment to the Kimberly Clark Memphis plant. But in the field of rayon, cotton linters and wood pulp are complimentary and interchangeable. A major need is sulphides and chlorines. You have all these things in the Houston-Lake Charles area, plus world water shipment. I foresee this area as a great textile possibility with a better base than the Piedmont section and with the use of the labor resources of Louisiana and east Texas. The next great Houston dominated development based on oil and carried through into heavy industry, should go forward into the vastly greater man use which light industry requires.

While in Havana for Christmas with Charles Wolff he told me he was to spend a month's vacation in January in the United States. I feel he has more technical knowledge of such matters than anyone near you. He certainly knows textile manufacturing and distribution through his operations in east Tennessee over twenty years, and through having just completed the most modern rayon plant in the world at Matanzas, Cuba. He may grow restless vacationing and get in touch with you for a day of industrial projection. My only interest, of course, is to spark the suggestion of job creation under the general slogan "Men at work."

3--After six weeks of reading and working my muscles back into shape, I expect to move into India and Indonesia for a look. Just how much time I have will depend on a business recheck about February 15th-March 1, at home. I may look at the Near East (Egypt, Persia, Turkey) or I may jump over through direct to Karachi. If there is more time, I shall touch at Sidney and HongKong, possibly Manila and Japan. Do you want to ride with me?

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

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