

MONTGOMERY'S NEWEST HOTEL

# The Whitley

156 Rooms

CIRCULATING ICE WATER

119 Baths  
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A. B. CANSLER, MGR

October 1, 1924.

Dear Margaret:

Your letter came just as I was starting with Dr. + Mrs. Smillie and Baby Louise for Montgomery. Dr. Heiser wired to me suggesting that I visit the Industrial Hygiene work at Birmingham. I expect to leave for that city to-morrow.

Alabama is much finer than your description of New York. At Andalusia I had a large bed-room with open fireplace, a bathroom, a dress-  
ing room and a porch. A room connected with the street was

(over)



a boarding house where ~~you~~ I  
received good meals, with the  
company of a boy of school-  
teachers and two young doctors,  
for \$1.25 per day. Soda-fountain  
drinks are still five cents  
each down there and the  
school buildings are fine with  
big grounds. The people have  
real Southern pride. The nice  
lady who rented me my fine  
room explained that she gave  
the money to the church, and  
the lady who gave me board  
told me how she happened  
to take in a few boarders  
to swell the household to a  
croquet size. They are nice  
people. There was an extra empty bed  
at the in the room. They suggested  
that I bring the family next time.

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Your letter has not increased my love for New York. If I had picked out the flat I would not dare to come home. As it is I feel more and more like buying a steamer ticket and deferring the agony of finding a home and cleaning it up, and then spending <sup>wasting</sup> one third of one's usable daytime in trains or underground tunnels.



Dr. Smillie lived near Princeton when he was stationed in New York. He liked it there.

(over)

I have no more faith  
in short-cut methods of removing  
bed-bugs than you have. There  
ought to be bed-bug specialists  
in New York to fumigate flats  
that are infested. It ought not  
to take much sulphur ~~to~~ in  
such small closed spaces to  
make the bed-bugs cough  
themselves to death. But what  
would the family do in the  
meantime? Anyway, you have  
the piano and victrola and  
"Old Black Joe" to gladden the  
occasion, and there will be  
enough people in each bed  
to keep them all warm this  
winter. And it will take only  
three quarters of an hour to go  
to the office through the mole burrow,

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and we may get sent to Japan  
in January. Everyone I have  
heard express an opinion, would  
like to go to Japan. Just  
think of reefs on a clean  
ship and after that —  
cherry blossoms.

Answer me one question.  
Why do things cost <sup>about twice</sup> ~~three times~~  
as much in New York as here?

Enclosed are three

vaccination certificates. If they  
will not do, I will  
try again after getting  
home. Even a flet with  
B. B's is HOME if you  
are there, Old Southeast

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You and Freda will have  
to ~~trip~~ <sup>trip</sup> around a bit while  
the rest of us ~~quack~~ take  
care of the flat. I can  
still boil eggs, and fry  
French toast; and you will need  
a vacation from the flat.

We are having a  
northerly wind + cold weather.  
It must be quite chilly in N.Y.,  
but then, these flats are said  
to be always overheated!

Did you know that the  
black belt of Alabama was  
named after the color of the soil? <sup>we</sup>  
<sup>crossed it this afternoon.</sup>  
Also did you know that your  
New Howe sewing machine was  
named after the American <sup>of the sewing machine,</sup>  
Elias Howe?

Good Night Sweetest,

Wilbur.

P.S. Did you know that "Sugar" was outrivalling  
"Honey" as a term of endearment. It may be "Sacharist" next.  
W.F.