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P.S. Bill wrote to
you a little while
ago I hope you got
it. I think ^{at} ^{the} ^{right}, the mail
box is a little
uncertain.

Kareoossee
W. Kisminee
Oct 8th

that the cottage gardening
book will do nicely, it is sure to be
very useful to us just at starting. We
have ordered some seeds, a few of several
vegetables just to see what does best.
We simply can't get any fowls anywhere
near, so Bill is going to write for some
to a place called Key West, somebody
told him he could get very good ones
from there, the ordinary Florida ~~fat~~
hen sits for three parts of the year, so
eggs are awfully scarce, I never see
one by any chance and it is very hard
to cook without them. I had a long
letter from Rose the other day, she has
certainly been roughing it in Norway,
far worse than I have ever done out
here, only of course she knew she

was able to go home whenever she got tired of it. There are three ladies just come out to Harcoossee, they are really going to live at a place called Runny-mede two or three miles from here, but their house was not ready so they are renting Mr Davidson's until it is, Bill, Mr Murray (a friend) and I are going up to call this afternoon, we are going in a crowd to protect ourselves from shyness, I hope they are nice, their name is Thompson a mother & two daughters. I really don't know what to do about Emmie Daniel, I don't think she wants anything at present as a newly married sister has just come out to her from England and another thing I think she would be almost offended, everybody out here expects to help any one down on their luck, and to get paid back in the same way when their turn comes,

though of course very few would have done as much as she did for us. She is coming out to stay with us directly, and I will see then what I can do.

Fancy Edith getting engaged at last, is her Jean Jameson any relation, I mean a near one) to sky blue Jack. Did I tell you that Bill shot a rattler nearly six feet long about two hundred yards from the house, he skinned it afterwards, such a brute. Have you heard Georgie Wilson is engaged to be married, I saw the announcement in "Modern Society," fancy little Georgie married, I expect the girl is a regular six footer. I heard from Herbert last night he is very festive and began his new work on 1st Oct. so he is alright. Bill is still hard at the fence, he is putting in the posts, but it takes a long time to fence in five acres by yourself properly, if you have to cut the posts and all.

How is Bertha I have not heard from
her for ages, the dear baggies are too
interesting I expect, too busy with
the Snarley dog's feathers, I often
think of her and the fuss she makes
over those old dogs. Poor old Feudall I
expect to see an awful account of his
death, caused by explosion or some
thing in that way every day, Hughie
will be the death of him somehow
to a certainty, you are sure Tommie
him though, only Ned left now. I
wrote to Geazie some time ago for a photo
of Lillith, I heard she had been done,
but up till now I have had no answer,
so if you get a chance get hold of one
for me if you can, I would like to know
what she is like. Love from both to everybody
Yours affectly Helen F. Warner.



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