

Coast Guard Cutter Modoc —

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Dear Friend Woe —

Glad to hear that all goes well with you and that you are enjoying your Cottage on the hill side of the Androscoggin Valley.

The Modoc reached its home port early in the afternoon of the 9th. Since then she has remained quietly at her berth preparing for further activities.

Leaves of absence are being granted to officers and crew. Soon the ship will be dry docked to have rust and barnacles, etc. removed and the hull surfaces beneath the water painted. This is done every six months or the ship would not last very long — besides the marine growths if allowed to accumulate would materially reduce the speed of the ship which means extra cost in time lost and excess of fuel to drive the ship through the water.

I found my little family on the dock well and smiling upon our arrival. We had been away four months lacking 8 days. I too was happy that we had successfully accomplished our mission — viz — no vessel struck a berg during the patrol and thus no lives were lost because of that deep menace to the mariner.

I am finding much that is new and interesting in plant life down this way. Please, when you write again, tell me the name of that book you have on trees of the U. S.

Yesterday I ran across a pitcher plant quite different from the one you and I know up North. I am pressing one or two of them for you. It is called the Trumpet Plant here - no doubt due to the marked resemblance of its leaves to that instrument. It grows in the open in sandy boggy fields or clearings. The Texas Flytrap is now in blossom but so far I have not located it in bloom. The Crepe Myrtle is a glorious tree while in bloom. It is now at its best here. I found an orange colored blossom growing by sandy roadsides which in shape resembles the formation of the milk wart - it probably is one of the family. I am pressing some of it for you.

We plan to go on a vacation in August - about the tenth. I think we will go into the mountains of North Carolina near Asheville where I am told the country is very beautiful. I have been granted thirty days leave of absence for the purpose.

We are all fine and dandy and find the ocean bathing down here wonderful. I am including with my own the best wishes of the family for a happy pleasant summer for Mrs. Brown and yourself. As ever yours.

W. W. Hunter



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