Madison Sept 10th
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Dear Esther & Josh

After a successful and enjoyable holiday in Colorado, Wyoming and S. Dakota we are now back again. We had excellent weather every day of our vacation, cool nights and sunny days with temperature around 75 F. it was therefore as if we got a blow from a hammer when we came down to the plains again in Eastern S. Dak. – 95°F and humidity 90%. But now it is just pleasant early fall weather.

Highlights of our trip were the amount of beautiful flowers everywhere, the Mesa Verde Nat. Park and the large herds of Buffalo in the Black Hills. We really enjoyed the trip. We could not have spent the time better if we had gone to California.

After our return home we attended the Vitis meeting at which some good papers were presented and some funny if not very fruitful discussions were heard.

We have a little problem in relation to the last part of our stay in Madison. As you perhaps remember our departure from New York was supposed to be on Dec 10th. As we should like to stay in New York for about 8-10 days before that, our departure from Madison would after this plan be around Dec 1th.

Talking with Prydenberg the other day we understood that you were supposed to return Nov 12th, is that right?

Even if Esther was kind enough to say that we could stay together with you in the days between your return and our departure I always thought, and still think that this would only be possible for some few days. As we don't like the idea of moving once more to hotel before leaving we should like to know if you already now can tell us when you are supposed to be back in Madison. — If Prydenberg is right — Nov 12th — I think we should try to get a boat from New York about Nov 23-25. Perhaps this will not be possible at all and in that case we shall have to stay at "Claridge" or some other place in the 14 days after your return. — We are sorry to worry you with these problems ~~[illegible]~~ and we know that you are perhaps in a situation which makes it impossible for you to answer them now.

We hope that everything is allright where you are and that you are not having too much trouble with the Australian heating systems

Best regards from yours

John & Tuts