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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

April 24, 1926.

Dear Claude:

I had planned to go to England in June to work on my new book but I have decided not to. I shall meet Gracie in Germany in September or October but I'll spend the summer in Minnesota or Wisconsin on some lake. I shall leave here May 17th with a friend of mine and motor up by way of Chicago and you might be looking for me in St. Cloud about the 27th.

If you happen to hear of any good cottages in northern Minnesota (on some lake considerably wilder than, say, Birch Lake or Fairy Lake) you might make a note of it so I can talk it over with you when I get there. I shall want two cottages because some friends will be with me and at least one of these cottages should be fairly well equipped with kitchen and so on. The other, in which I shall work, ought not to be too near to other cottages. I could not possibly work among a bunch of cottages closely ~~danned~~ jammed together as are the cottages at, say, Sauk Lake. *jammed*

may/ The friends who are going with me are Dr. and Mrs. Birkhead and their son Kenneth from Kansas City. Dr. Birkhead is the pastor of the Unitarian Church here -- but although he is a pastor he is a Hell of a nice fellow. Kenneth is a charming kid of about the age of your girls and I hope that ~~May~~ and you and the kids will be able to come and join us for a few days this summer.

Do let me know about any tips you get about cottages. I shouldn't mind paying a fair price for a really comfortable place, and I must have at least a fair degree of comfort because I shall be working like the devil all summer.

Ever,

[Handwritten signature]

