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ROBERTA LOUISE FISHER FLETCHER, DAUGHTER OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER AND OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER, IS SHOWN ABOVE IN HER WEDDING GOWN. SHE WAS MARRIED IN BRYN MAWR, PA., ON AUGUST 6TH TO RALPH ANDREW FLETCHER, JR. AN ACCOUNT OF THE WEDDING APPEARED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF AUGUST 10TH. LOUISE WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 14TH: " \*\*\* AFTER RETURNING FROM OUR WEDDING TRIP WE HAVE BEEN BUSY MOVING INTO OUR HOUSE AT 14 PARK STREET, LOWELL, MASS. IT IS LOVELY, AND HOUSEKEEPING IS GREAT FUN, BUT QUITE A JOB. \*\*\*"

BRUCE KINGSBURY SARGENT, SON OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY AND JANET WYER SARGENT, WAS BORN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, AT 10 A.M. IN THE CARLE HOSPITAL, URBANA, ILL. WEIGHT: 8 LBS., 6 OZ.; HEIGHT: 19-1/2 IN. HE HAS TWO SISTERS, LESLIE, AGED 7, AND SANDRA, AGED 5. IN ANSWER TO YE EDITOR'S INQUIRY AS TO WHOM HE WAS NAMED FOR, JANET WROTE: "WE JUST LIKE THE NAME! FRED COMPROMISED WITH KINGSBURY INSTEAD OF JUNIOR. SO NICE TO GET YOUR NOTE. WE ARE OVERJOYED WITH OUR BOY! HE IS SO HEALTHY AND HAPPY, AND SO FAR EVERY DAY IS HIS 'SETTLING DOWN DAY'. THE GIRLS CALL HIM THEIR 'LITTLE OLD MAN', BUT ACTUALLY HE LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE THEY DID AS BABIES. I HAD THE REED METHOD, OR WE DID AS FRED WAS RIGHT THERE, TOO, AND WE'RE ALL FOR IT. IT IS A VERY THRILLING EXPERIENCE." FRED IS THE PEDIATRICIAN AT THE CARLE HOSPITAL CLINIC. THE FAMILY LIVE AT 1103 WEST HEALEY STREET, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

JOSEPH WEIR SARGENT, JR., WAS MARRIED TO MRS. ANNE WEBB MEFFERT ON AUGUST 12TH IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY. NAN HAS A YOUNG SON, WILLIAM LINCOLN MEFFERT, III. WEIR WROTE YE EDITOR: "PHERE HOWARD, DICK ALDRICH AND CHARLES WEBB ATTENDED CEREMONY, A SMALL GROUP OF NEW YORKERS ATTENDED

RECEPTION, AND WE LEFT FOR MONTAUK POINT FOR A HONEYMOON OF TWO DAYS. THEN BACK TO NEW YORK FOR OUR RESPECTIVE JOBS—342 BROADWAY (SARGENT & COMPANY'S OFFICE), AND ANNE WORKED IN BONWIT TELLER'S DURING SUMMER. WE EXPECT TO SETTLE IN CHATANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AROUND OCTOBER 1ST." HE IS NOW A SARGENT & COMPANY SALESMAN.

SARGENT & COMPANY HAS A LARGE EXHIBIT AT THE EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS., DURING THE WEEK, SEPTEMBER 18TH TO 24TH. (HOURS: SUNDAY 1 P.M. TO 9 P.M.; MONDAY 11:20 A.M. TO 9 P.M.; OTHER DAYS 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.) THE EXHIBIT IS IN THE CONNECTICUT BUILDING AND IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE DISPLAYS OF SARGENT PRODUCTS EVER PRESENTED. IN ADDITION MODERN ASSEMBLY METHODS ARE DEMONSTRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE "4500" LINE OF LOCKS. THE EXPOSITION HAS MANY OTHER FEATURES BESIDES DISPLAYING MANUFACTURED ARTICLES AND INCLUDES ALL THOSE OF A TYPICAL COUNTRY FAIR AND NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE AS IT WAS THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

THEODORE F. BABBITT, SON OF PEGGY FISHER BABBITT, HAS RECEIVED THE BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE DEGREE FROM YALE. TED HAS A POSITION IN THE ARCHITECTS OFFICE OF TALCOTT & TALCOTT, GREENWICH, CONN., AND IS COMMUTING FROM 401 HUMPHREY STREET, NEW HAVEN.

TED AND BETSY HURD BABBITT JOINED JOHN N. (PAT) AND ANNA (CHUBBY) HUNTINGTON DEMING IN A TEN-DAY MOTOR TRIP TO CANADA, LEAVING NEW HAVEN ON AUGUST 19TH. THEY VISITED MONTREAL AND QUEBEC AND VARIOUS POINTS IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND. THE BABBITT BABY (THEODORE E., JR.) MEANWHILE VISITED HIS PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

THOMAS C. BABBITT, SON OF PEGGY FISHER BABBITT, GRADUATED FROM YALE LAST JUNE. TOM WENT TO EUROPE LAST SUMMER AS A MEMBER OF THE YALE GLEE CLUB. HE IS NOW ENTERING THE ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT AT YALE.

HORACE PETTIT, JR., SON OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT, IS ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AT TUCSON.

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER 1 - LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA BAILEY CUMMING  
 2 - (6TH) ELEANOR FENN, DAUGHTER OF CONVERSE GRAY FENN  
 (4TH) DIANA TREMAINE MACDOUGALL, DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY JOAN WISER MACDOUGALL  
 3 - (16TH) JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, IV, SON OF LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY  
 4 - PHEBE DOWNS SARGENT, WIFE OF JOSEPH WEIR SARGENT  
 6 - JAMES SARGENT WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER  
 15 - RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND, SON OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPERT HOLLAND  
 (25TH) PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT L. FISHER  
 AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER  
 16 - (16TH) DEBORAH LEWIS PETTIT, DAUGHTER OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT  
 (1ST) HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, JR., SON OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER  
 17 - FRANCES BARNES FENN, WIFE OF RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.  
 ROSEMARY MERRILL LORING, WIFE OF CALEB LORING, JR.  
 18 - FLORENCE HIERMANN SARGENT, WIFE OF HOWARD LEWIS SARGENT  
 22 - EARLE WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT  
 JOHN WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF JOHN R.W. SARGENT  
 23 - (6TH) ARTHUR NICHOLSON TURNER, JR., SON OF NANCY GROVE TURNER  
 24 - (14TH) RICHARD MAXWELL SARGENT, JR.  
 27 - LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY, DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT  
 28 - MOLLY SARGENT MCCANCE, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 ROXANA HOLLAND DONNELL, WIDOW OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT TATE  
 29 - SYDNEY FORBES SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 31 - LILAH OCTAVIA WALKER SARGENT, WIFE OF F. HOMER SARGENT

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER 1 - (4TH) PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND C. SPRAGUE PARKER  
 (2D) ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) AND WILLIAM CONLY DONNELL  
 4 - (8TH) SARAH FISHER AND WILLIAM M. MCCAWLEY, II  
 16 - (13TH) RUSSELL S., JR., AND FRANCES BARNES FENN  
 17 - (19TH) W. SARGENT AND CAROL BODMER LEWIS  
 20 - (4TH) DAVID C. AND JEAN THOMSON SARGENT



LUCY HOLLAND PUTNAM, DAUGHTER OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPERT HOLLAND, MAILED TO YE EDITOR THE FOLLOWING LETTER, WRITTEN ON SHIPBOARD, ON AUGUST 12TH ON ARRIVAL AT HOBOKEN, N.J. LUCY AND GEORGE, HER HUSBAND, SPENT THREE MONTHS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. (AN EARLIER LETTER APPEARED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JUNE 23D.) "S.S. NIEW AMSTERDAM, AUGUST 8TH. HERE WE ARE ON THE SHIP BOUND FOR HOME. THE ENGLISH ARE HAVING A TIME MAKING AMERICANS HAPPY ABOUT FOOD, TO SAY NOTHING OF THEMSELVES. IF WE HAD NOT BEEN SENDING PACKAGES OF SUGAR, DRIED MILK, BUTTER, BACON AND TINNED TONGUE AND HAM TO OUR ENGLISH SISTER MARY ALL LAST WINTER, SHE AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN BADLY OFF THIS SUMMER. THE DROUGHT IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND, ESPECIALLY SUSSEX, HAS BEEN SO BAD THAT JUST BEFORE WE LEFT THEY WERE FORCED TO REDUCE THE MILK RATION. I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING FOR US AMERICANS TO REALIZE THAT IN THE FOODS I HAVE MENTIONED THEIR NEED SEEMS TO ME GREAT. OF COURSE DURING THE WAR WE ALL SENT PACKAGES, BUT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO KEEP ON SENDING. A LITTLE EXTRA GOOD CHEER IS A GREAT HELP WHEN THEY ARE STILL ON THE RESTRICTED AND LOW SIDE OF THINGS. I CAN VOUCH FOR THIS FEELING WHEN I CONSIDER HOW RAVENOUSLY WE SAT DOWN TO DINNER ON THE SHIP THE EVENING WE LEFT SOUTHAMPTON AND TASTED SUCH UNBELIEVABLY GOOD THINGS AS PLENTY OF BUTTER, FRENCH BREAD, ROAST LAMB AND A CONFECTION WITH REAL WHIPPED CREAM ON IT. THE ENGLISH LOOK RATHER ANXIOUS, I THINK, BUT THEY ARE PICKING UP THE PIECES AND CLEARING AWAY THE RUBBLE AND STARTING TO BUILD AGAIN. ONLY IN FOUR CITIES AND A FEW SMALL TOWNS LIKE CANTERBURY DID WE SEE THE REAL DEVASTATION OF WAR. MOST OF THE CENTER OF EXETER WAS REDUCED TO WHAT IS NOW ONE LARGE PARKING SPACE, AND THE CATHEDRAL CAME CLOSE TO ITS DOOM. BATH WAS BADLY DAMAGED, AND THE HOTEL FRANCIS, WHERE WE STAYED, HAD BEEN CUT RIGHT IN HALF. WHERE IT HAD ACCOMMODATED 75 PEOPLE IN THE PAST, THERE WERE ROOMS FOR 35, AND SOME OF THOSE ROOMS WERE ON THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE THAT LOOKED A BIT PRECARIOUS TO ME, BEING SHORED UP WITH FLYING BUTTRESSES OR TEMPORARY BEAMS. SOUTHAMPTON IS RAPIDLY RECOVERING HER DOCKS, BUT OUR TAXI DRIVER THERE SAID THAT, ODDLY ENOUGH, MOST OF THE BOMB DAMAGE WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE BUSINESS PART OF THE TOWN. LONDON WE WENT TO FOR A SHORT STAY, AND THAT IS THE FOURTH CITY WHERE DESTRUCTION IS EVERYWHERE. WE TOOK A TAXI (THEY ARE ONCE AGAIN PLENTIFUL) TO SEE THE GREAT EMPTY REGION AROUND ST. PAUL'S. HOW STRANGE IT IS TO SEE HOLLYHOCKS AND VALERIAN GROWING ALL ABOUT WHERE IN 1934, WHEN WE WERE LAST THERE, FAMOUS BUILDINGS LARGE AND SMALL CROWDED ALMOST UP TO THE CHURCH. THE LONDONERS ARE PLANNING TO BUILD AGAIN IN THIS GREAT CENTRAL AND IMPORTANT AREA, BUT THERE ARE THREE GROUPS WORKING ON PLANS, AND THEY CANNOT AGREE AS YET. WHEN YOU THINK WHAT LONDON CAME THROUGH AFTER THE PLAGUE AND GREAT FIRE OF PEPYS' TIME, YOU FEEL SURE THAT SHE WILL COME THROUGH AGAIN, ONLY IT IS EXTRA SAD TO THINK THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER IN OUR OWN TIME WAS NOT AN 'ACT OF GOD' BUT AN ACT OF MAN-MADE DESTRUCTION. WE HAVE HAD A MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCE, DEPRESSING AT TIMES, BUT ILLUMINATED BY THE THOUGHT THAT THE BACKGROUND OF SO MANY OF US AMERICANS IS DEEP IN THIS SOIL OF THE 'BRITISH ISLES'. THREE DAYS AT STRATFORD SEEING 'MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM', 'MACBETH' AND 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING', MAKES US ACKNOWLEDGE WITH HUMBLINESS OUR DEBT TO ENGLAND. \*\*\*"

ROSWELL G. HAM, JR., STEPSON OF HILDA SARGENT HAM, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO YE EDITOR FROM VILLA CARLOTA, CHULA VISTA 20, CUERNAVACA, MORELOS, MEXICO, ON AUGUST 22D: "I SUPPOSE HILDA HAS ALREADY PASSED THE WORD ALONG, BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT AND PROGRESS IN LIFE FOR ME. FIRST, I HAVE REMARRIED: MISS BARLOW CUTLER OF WESTPORT, CONN. DAUGHTER OF CHARLES E. CUTLER, THE ARCHITECT. THE DATE WAS JULY 7, 1949; THE PLACE RENO, NEVADA (PEOPLE MARRY IN RENO TOO; AS A MATTER OF FACT THE WHOLE PROCESS AND CEREMONY WAS MOST PLEASANT AND ATTRACTIVE). AND WE ARE NOW IN MEXICO. NOT MEANT SPECIFICALLY TO BE A HONEYMOON, BUT FEELS LIKE ONE, AND WILL DOUBTLESS CONTINUE TO, THE WAY WE FEEL. OUR MAIN PURPOSE HERE IS TO WRITE ANOTHER NOVEL (I'VE DONE TWO CHAPTERS TO DATE). AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE TWO OTHER NOVELS KICKING AROUND AMONG THE PUBLISHERS: IT TAKES AWHILE; NOT ONLY TO WRITE THEM. LET ME GIVE YOU ALL A LITTLE SCOOP ABOUT MEXICO. FOR WHAT MAY INTEREST YOU. THERE ARE SO MANY INACCURATE AND OVER AND UNDER-PLAYED REPORTS ON MEXICO, THAT PERHAPS A REALISTIC REPORT WOULD BE OF SOME INTRIGUE. ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS, WHETHER YOU COME HERE FOR A SHORT TRIP OR TO LIVE, AS WE HAVE (FOR SIX MONTHS ANYWAY), IS THAT YOUR DOLLAR BUYS A BIT MORE THAN  $8\frac{1}{2}$  MEXICAN PESOS. AND 3 PESOS WILL BUY YOU JUST A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF ANY GOODS. IT FOLLOWS THAT YOUR BUYING POWER IS A LITTLE MORE THAN DOUBLED HERE—IF YOU ARE EQUIPPED WITH DOLLARS. THAT HELPS. IF YOU ARE SIMPLY ON VACATION, ON A VERY MODEST BUDGET YOU CAN ENJOY A VERY LUXURIOUS TIME EITHER IN MEXICO CITY OR AT THE SHORE—ACAPULCO. OR ANY PLACE YOU FIND OR CHOOSE. A WALDORF ASTORIA—BANFF KIND OF VACATION. YOU CAN EVEN COMMUTE BETWEEN THE TWO AT WILL. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU WANT TO SPEND THE FULL SIX MONTHS YOUR TOURIST CARD ALLOWS, YOU CAN UNDERTAKE A LARGE HOUSE WITH SERVANT, SUPPORT A WIFE, A DOG, AND AN AUTOMOBILE AS WELL, AND LIVE PRETTY LUXURIOUSLY TO BOOT FOR ABOUT \$170. A MONTH, AS WE ARE. LET ME TRY TO PICTURE CUERNAVACA AS IT IS TO US. THE ALTITUDE IS 5000 FEET; THE CLIMATE IS LITERALLY ETERNAL SPRING. PALMS; BANANA TREES, BOUGAINVILLEA, A LUXURIANT GREENNESS EVERYWHERE; TEMPERATURE ALWAYS IN THE HIGH 70S OR VERY LOW 80S, HUMIDITY UN- NOTICEABLE. OUR HOUSE SITS ON A HILLSIDE ACROSS FROM THE TOWN; OUR VIEW IS DOMINATED BY A 16TH CENTURY COLONIAL CATHEDRAL AND, ON CLEAR DAYS (OF WHICH THERE ARE MANY) THE GREAT MOUNTAIN POPOCATEPETL. ALL THE HOUSES ARE CREAM AND WHITE ADOBE—STUCCO TOPPED BY RED TILE. WE ARE ONE OF THEM; WE ARE OVERWHELMED WITH GARDENS, TERRACES, PORCHES, AND PATIOS. OUR SERVANT, JUANITA, IS PURE AZTEC. SHE HAS TWO CHILDREN, ONE FIVE AND ONE TWELVE. BOTH ARE A HELP AND A JOY TO HER AND US. SOMEHOW, EVEN WITHOUT BENEFIT OF GESELL, SHE MANAGES TO BRING UP TWO PERFECTLY BEHAVED CHILDREN AND COOK THE MOST DELICIOUS MEALS WE CAN REMEMBER AS A STEADY DIET. IN ADDITION SHE CLEANS, DOES OUR LAUNDRY, AND GENERALLY HOVERS ABOUT TO DO EVERYTHING ELSE. WE SHALL BECOME VERY SPOILED, BUT WE LOVE IT. MOST IMPORTANT SHE LIKES US, AND WE HER; ALSO SHE IS RAPIDLY TEACHING US SPANISH. SO EVERY DAY GOES LEISURELY. OCCASIONALLY WE DRIVE THE 46 MILES OVER A 10,000 FOOT PASS TO MEXICO CITY WHICH STANDS AT 7500 FEET ITSELF SURROUNDED BY BIG AND LITTLE VOLCANOES (ALL INACTIVE), AND ANCIENT SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS, AND FEELINGS. TO COM-



PARE THE CITY, THOUGH I SUPPOSE IT IS INCOMPARABLE, THINK OF THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE COSMOPOLITANEITY OF PARIS, THE AIR OF DENVER, AND THE BRISK CLIMATE OF A FINE FALL IN NEW ENGLAND. DURING THE CURRENT RAINY SEASON, WHICH IS TAPERING OFF, IT RAINS OFF AND ON FOR AN HOUR OR TWO EVERY AFTERNOON OR EVENING; OTHERWISE THE SUN SHINES ALL THE TIME. THE ONLY DISADVANTAGES ARE THAT FOR QUITE A FEW WEEKS AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY, THE ALTITUDE, FOOD, AND WATER HAVE THEIR EFFECTS. YOU TIRE EASILY; YOU TEND TO FEEL IRRITABLE, YOU SUFFER A SHARP FOUR OR FIVE DAY CASE OF DIARRHOEA (NOT DYSENTERY) WHICH IS CALLED TOURIST SICKNESS, BUT WHICH ISN'T REALLY MUCH TROUBLE, AND YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK MORE THAN THREE ORDINARY-STRENGTH DRINKS AT A SITTING. BUT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO DANGER FROM EITHER THE FOOD OR WATER IN THE POPULATED DISTRICTS OF THIS COUNTRY IF YOU GET A FULL RUN OF TYPHOID SHOTS BEFORE YOU COME, AND IF YOU MAKE VERY SURE NOT TO EAT OR DRINK THE DELICIOUS LOOKING CONCOCTIONS SOLD ON EVERY STREET CORNER. IF YOU CAN'T RESIST THESE LAST, AT LEAST HIRE A TAXI WHEN YOU BUY THEM, GIVE THE ADDRESS OF A GOOD HOSPITAL, AND EAT THEM ON THE WAY. YOU'LL BE READY. ALSO TAXIS ARE VERY INEXPENSIVE. A FEW PRICES: CIGARETTES, IF YOU'LL SMOKE MEXICAN CIGARETTES, MANY BRANDS OF WHICH ARE VERY GOOD, RUN ABOUT FIVE CENTS A PACK. AN EXCELLENT MEAL WITH A FINE WINE IN THE VERY BEST RESTAURANTS (FOR INSTANCE THE JENA, MUCH LIKE '21') FIVE DOLLARS FOR TWO, BUT EXTREME LUXURY. IN JUST A GOOD RESTAURANT, TWO DOLLARS FOR TWO FOR EVERYTHING. BACARDI RUM 75 CENTS A LITER; EXCELLENT MEXICAN GIN, 55 CENTS A FIFTH; ENGLISH GIN FIVE DOLLARS AN IMPERIAL QUART; OLD TAYLOR BONDED BOURBON  $2\frac{1}{2}$  DOLLARS A FIFTH; CANADIAN CLUB  $1.65$  A FIFTH; ANY FINE SCOTCH  $7\frac{1}{2}$  DOLLARS A FIFTH (NOTE WHAT HAPPENS TO ENGLISH IMPORTS). A DRINK AT THE BEST BARS 45 CENTS, AT JUST THE VERY GOOD BARS 35 CENTS. FILET MIGNON, 40 CENTS A POUND, SIRLOIN 30, LAMB 40, CHICKEN 25, ALL FRESH VEGETABLES 4 TO 8 CENTS A POUND, FRUITS THE SAME. WHEN THEY SELL YOU FILET MIGNON, YOU PAY FOR THE MEAT ONLY. 80 OCTANE GAS (ONLY AVAILABLE IN MEXICO CITY, HIGHER TEST THAN OUR HIGH TEST) 20 CENTS A GALLON (19.7 ACTUALLY); 72 OCTANE (NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS OUR HIGH TEST, A SHADE BETTER THAN OUR REGULAR, LIKE SUNOCO), 16 CENTS A GALLON. MEXICAN REGULAR IS UNFIT FOR MOST AMERICAN CARS, KNOCKS LIKE THE DEVIL AND LOUSES UP THE ENGINE IN SHORT ORDER. THE 80 IS CALLED SUPER MEXOLINA, SOLD OUT OF WHITE PUMPS WITH A RED BOTTOM, 72 CALLED MEXOLINA, SOLD OUT OF WHITE PUMPS. A HOTEL ROOM FOR TWO IN MEXICO'S FINEST IS FIVE DOLLARS A NIGHT—THE DEL PRADO, FULLY AS GOOD AS THE WALDORF, SERVICE BETTER, MODERN DESIGN. YOU CAN PAY AS HIGH AS 60 DOLLARS A DAY THERE FOR A HUGE SUITE WITH SIX OR SEVEN SERVANTS AND YOUR OWN PRIVATE BAR AND BARTENDER AMONG OTHER THINGS—INCLUDING VARIOUS ENTERTAINMENTS. A GOOD HOTEL ROOM IN JUST A FIRST CLASS HOTEL RUNS 3-4 DOLLARS A DAY. AMERICAN PLAN IN ACAPULCO (ALL YOUR FOOD) AT A VERY POSH BEACH RESORT FOR TWO RUNS 10 DOLLARS A DAY. NOT MORE, OFTEN LESS. THE FINEST ALLIGATOR HANDBAGS 30 DOLLARS. AND THERE AREN'T ANY BETTER. AND IF YOU WANT BEAUTIFULLY HANDMADE FURNITURE, AS WE DID, YOU CAN FIND HIDDEN LITTLE CARPENTERS IN SMALL TOWNS LIKE CUERNAVACA WHO WILL BUILD WITH EXQUISITE ARTISANSHIP. A SOLID MAHOGANY TABLE SIX FEET BY THREE FEET FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN DOLLARS. NOT AN OUNCE OF METAL IN IT. ALL MAHOGANY DOWELED. SARGENTS WHO KNOW HOW HARD MAHOGANY IS TO WORK WITH WILL APPRECIATE THAT. IN ANY CASE THESE ARE A FEW POINTS ABOUT MEXICO NOW, AS WE HAVE SO FAR SEEN IT. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A FEW GENERAL IMPRESSIONS, A LITTLE FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO COME DOWN AND LIVE FOR AWHILE, A LOT FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT WANT TO COME FOR A MONTH OR SO. IT IS REALLY A PLACE TO BE THESE DAYS. ABOVE ALL, LET NO ONE BE FRIGHTENED OF THESE APPARENT HEALTH AND ALTITUDE THINGS: MY INSIDES ARE NOT GOOD AT BEST; ALSO I AM A NERVOUS TYPE TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT, WITHAL, I HAVEN'T SUFFERED GREATLY, AND MY WIFE SEEMS STILL TO BE ABLE TO PUT UP WITH ME. FINALLY IF THERE ARE ANY IN THE WHOLE WIDE PANORAMA OF THE READERS OF SARGENTRIVIA WHO WANT ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION, OR RESERVATIONS MADE, OR THINGS LIKE THAT, HAVE THEM WRITE ME; I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP; ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW I CAN FIND OUT BETTER HERE THAN IS POSSIBLE IN THE U.S. THERE ARE, INCIDENTALLY RUMORS THAT THE PESO MAY GO TO 7 TO 1 SHORTLY. THAT WOULDN'T HURT AMERICANS MUCH AND WOULD HELP MEXICANS. IT PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN ANYWAY. NOTHING EVER HAPPENS THAT HELPS MEXICANS ECONOMICALLY. WE WILL BE HERE UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AT LEAST."

ACCORDING TO THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND, ASSIZE ROLL, 5 HENRY III (1221) AN ELIAS GIFFARD OF BRIMSFIELD WAS SUED BY THE ABBOT OF CIRENCESTER FOR ERECTING A GALLOW AT BRIMSFIELD, WHICH THE ABBOT CLAIMED TO BE WITHIN HIS LIBERTY. ELIAS GIFFARD DEFENDED HIS RIGHT TO HAVE A GALLOW, AND STATED THAT A CERTAIN OSBERT GIFFARD, HIS ANCESTOR, WHO CAME AT THE CONQUEST OF ENGLAND, HAS HELD THE MANOR OF BRIMSFIELD, WITH A RIGHT OF GALLOW, AND HAD HANGED THIEVES THERE, AND AFTER HIM ELIAS HIS SON HAD THE SAME LIBERTY AND HAD HANGED THIEVES THERE, AND AFTER HIM ELIAS, THE SON OF THE SAID ELIAS AND THE FATHER OF THE DEFENDANT, HAD HELD THE SAME LIBERTY AND HAD HANGED A THIEF THERE IN THE REIGN OF KING HENRY, THE KING'S GRANDFATHER. ELIAS, THE DEFENDANT IN THIS SUIT, DIED IN 33 HENRY III (1249) AND WAS THE ELDER BROTHER OF OUR ANCESTOR, OSBERT GIFFARD (D. ABOUT 1239) WHO MARRIED ISABEL DE BOKLAND (SEE GIFFARD GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF MAY 25TH, PAGE 4). AS DEFENDANT IN THIS SUIT ELIAS OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT HE WAS THE FOURTH, NOT THIRD, ELIAS IN SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS.