

often watched the effort being made. He is at least trying now to be on our side as against the mighty ~~Hamic~~ ^{Hamic} elemental which they have fostered so sedulously, and that is half the battle, in spite of the constant failures. I am trying also to conquer the slang and the babyishness, but with only moderate success so far. He has eaten no sweets at all (or "candy" as he calls it) for over a month, and is much the better for that abstinence, physically as well as morally. But I am afraid it will not be possible to keep up to that level when he is at home again! Even the vegetarian diet will be difficult then, I fear, though he is quite used to it now, and never thinks of animal food except when he happens to see it at table. And he is so much healthier without it! When one has to cook one's own food, it distinctly tends to simplicity in diet.

Basil cut out all these extracts, Robin pasted them on the slips (seven sets of twelve slips each) and I wrote the comments, so we have all had a hand in them. Please keep them until our arrival.

Mr. Chidester's suggestions seem very reasonable, and I will see what I can do to meet them. We leave here at noon on the 14th, and shall probably take "The California Limited" the same evening, if our excursion tickets are available by that train. By the way, the order for Robin's last ticket (from Lincoln to Chicago) will be just out of date when we reach there. It expires on the 21st, whereas we shall want to use it about the 28th. Could it be extended to that extent if I return it to you, or must we just take a full ticket for that part of the journey and say nothing about it? With all heartiest good wishes

I am ever

Yours most cordially

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