

of things from day to day, most  
of them small, but each needing  
attention at the moment.

Of course a lot of matters have  
accumulated, postponed until  
I could attend to them; and  
these crowd and jostle with the  
odds and ends that each day  
provides as antidotes for idleness.

I am now finally discharged  
as a patient, and have hence-  
forward merely to avoid serious  
strains and excessive fatigue.

Of course my strength is still  
"mild," and I doubt if I

Peterborough, N.H.

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Dear Walter

This morning's mail brings  
me a third letter from one  
of the best of correspondents;  
and they all are unanswered,  
though much deserving of  
answers. You have been good  
to me in my convalescence.

I haven't written, for, with  
my gradually returning strength,  
have come all sorts of demands  
upon my time. A multitude

could walk all over your marsh,  
even if I had the luck to escape  
the devilish man: traps that you say  
you set for some of your innocent friends.  
Nevertheless, I should probably accept an  
invitation to accompany you, if I were  
there. By the frost I haven't spoiled the  
collecting trip the time I return to  
Cambridge, I hope you will take me  
over the ground - if not over all of the  
ditches.

I have little news. I met Robinson  
on a train the other day. He seems to  
be well, and I judge he has been  
dealing rather actively in real estate  
in Joppa. The Jacksons have had an

excellent summer here, if their appearance  
is any guide. Sadly they have been twice  
over the hurricane table of moving their  
pieces and pieces from Cambridge to  
Peterborough, and probably they still are at it.

I am delighted to hear that Mrs. Drane  
has come out of her accident so well.  
Laura had a glimpse of the Mansfields,  
but their stay was a very brief one and



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*Walter Deane correspondence*

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