

Sypher House

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Dear Walter.

Possibly you have a map on which is shown Nova Scotia - I do - it may show you on the northwest coast a very narrow strip of land running south west from Digby, separated from the mainland by a narrow strip of water ^{St. Mary's Bay} and washed into other shore - by the Bay of Fundy. If you look closely - (and you may have to use your magnifying glass) you may make out "Sandy Cove" - about half way the length of the "Neck" on the St. Mary's Bay side. And if use a higher power glass - you may make out the little village - and even the small, tidy, white house on the village street with the above title -

Beyond that, you must use your imagination - if you would discover Charlott and me comfortably established - provided with considerable more than the necessities of life. We find the house most tidily kept - the table well provided with food excellently cooked by Mrs. Sypher - and served by a country village lass. We are in the land - waters rather - of fish - the catching and marketing of which in earlier years came more than now - was occupation to the people of the region. Already, after watching the incoming motor boats returning from 3 or 4 hours trawling - from an observation point on a bluff from which we could faintly make out in the clear distance Grand Manan - some 40 mile away - we have visited one of the fishing piers, to see them unload a 1700 lbs catch of cod & haddock - which work is done most deftly.

The "Neck" - it has little - relatively little level ground upon it - lying in its area - made up mostly of hills - with much outcropping basaltic rock - which last is very conspicuous at

shores, which, in many places, are precipitous -

(If you see a few blots now and again - you may attribute them to a mother Kitten who is inspecting inquisitively my writing)
As planned - we left Boston July 1 - docked at Yarmouth at 6 - next morning, entrained at 8 - for Digby - where we were met with auto and driven 20 miles to the Cove. As compared with the

hectic life at Philbrosas - we find it quiet - This is no surprise - as it is what we anticipated. So far we are the only permanent summer guest - or permanent guests of any sort. Apparently the season is late for summer guests. Our days are passed pleasantly - and our long nights equally so - Until today when is very rainy - the weather has been fine. We really are having a sea voyage - with something more of stability in that which holds us than in the characteristic of some marine conveyances - The room very pure and delicious - the temperature has been very comfortable indeed - There is no thermometer about by in the day - the mercury can hardly have gone above 70° - and the nights it is perhaps 60 or 65 -

It is early for the botanizing of most interest - ~~vegetation is late in developing~~ - and the ponds are high - with water meeting the marginal bushes - So far I have noted few things new - altho, according to Fernald - whose reports of N.E. botanizing I have with me - the Province has many things of interest to one who has been concerned with N.E. flora. All the same, I am enjoying looking about and shall doubtless see things new to me - as indeed I already have in a few instances - In a few days, I shall visit some of the boggy areas farther down in the "Neck" and may have something to report from it - But, as I say, it is early for the things I have hoped most to find. - Such as, for example, *Lophiola* and

Before leaving here we expect to see something of the attraction Annapolis valley - Needles to say - we think of other friends whom we are accustomed to meet at Shelburne. Especially do we have in mind the Little House - where so many times we have shared in its comforts in which you and Miss Brown have so generously included us. Those things are not here - we did not expect they would be - Shelburne - Philbrosas - cannot be duplicated - we do not expect it. But we can hold our pleasant and grateful memories of it - and gain friends there - Charlotte joins me in cordial messages to you and his family - and to those of his guests whom we have come to know. Sometime you will visit me who are there and what you are doing. We shall probably remain here until the 22nd at least - to reach Boston not later than the 30th or 31st and up to Devonshire St. on August 2 - Should you chance to see the two young ladies who occupy the two rooms at the South East corner of the main house - Please give them our special greetings - Best wishes to Miss Brown and herself. We shall think many times of you - and see in our mind's eye the honey scene is so familiar and - Faithfully Yours - Rob -



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