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Wine-jar-bronze
C-1055 Porcelain \$800=*

Pasadena, 19 November '31.
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My dear Friend,

You have no idea what a pleasure it was to me to have you here; though I much regretted to see you suffering from your accident. Why, why is there sickness and why are there all these trials and tribulations that seem part and parcel of this existence of ours? It is a question that so often comes up in my "question-box"! And to which I can find no satisfactory reply! So often those, who seem to try the hardest to please god, seem to suffer the most, and again y question-box queries: why? To be sure, I knew, all we have go to do is to do God's will, and all is well with us, but this does not answer the question to my satisfaction. So many explanations may be advanced, especially by the non-sufferers, and still, being as we are, we bear comparisons and we are not satisfied that we have not got more than our fair share. Still, let us be thankful that matter are not worse—they surely might be, you know; and let us be thankful for the good God sends us, though it is not always easy to rejoice.

Sorry, my good and loyal and dear Friend that I am not in a more cheerful mood to-day when writing to you, but this constant sleeplessness takes it out of me. Still I know all will be well, in God's own good time and way and in thinking thus I am not thinking of myself alone, but perhaps more of you; I feel so sorry to see you suffer and to know it had [] to [], but patience, patience, it will surely come all right! I liked your friend, Mrs. Richardson, but I have not asked her or or anybody else for that matter, as I wanted to find out first what the effects of my new surroundings would be, so as to be able to know and to feel what was due to so-called nature, and what was due to the practitioner's efforts, but I must tell someone, for it is getting too much for me again. I am not going to ask Mrs. Richardson or anyone else till I hear from you in reply to this, so here goes my "question-box"! Are you satisfied that she actually helped you, or are you only wishing to do her a good turn? In other words, do you consider her an efficient, successful practitioner? If you really feel she is, well and good, I shall ask her, and in that case, please send me a note. If you do not feel sure and confident, I shall try someone else. Now my dear Friend, think the matter over and act accordingly.

Mr. Hanes is kindness itself, and comes in every night from time to time, when he [] and [], the attacks are too much for me. Nobody could be more truly kind and authentic than what he is in every way. (C-1054) He is in this moment packing the Sung Tzu Chan wine jar with cover that I am sending you. We are sending the jar in one box and the cover in another and sending them in plenty-big boxes, securely and well packed. It is one of the finest specimen of this kind of Tzu Chan ware, and with the exception of one [] pair that I have, the biggest and finest I know of in this country. I got it from the Emp. [?] the antique stand was [], and there was no time to get a new one made. It was, or rather is, one of a pair, but someone has had particularly reworked this pair, and as I [] you to have the best one. I have divided the pair. I had originally included to give you 2 small ones of the same family, but as I looked all over my auxiliary collection, I came to the conclusion that I wanted to give you what I considered the

best. I can only that it will be appeal to you as it does to us who have seen it and appreciate its quality and value.

And so, enough for to-day, I am getting tired, and I want them to go by to-day's mail. The parcels are going also, and are being sent y the American Railway Express, Mr. House tells me.

All loving and kind and true thoughts and wishes to you, my dear Friend,

Ever your good friend,
Normann Munthe

(*Mrs Warner told me in 1933 that she paid Gen Munthe 800.00)

1931

Wine Jar loan

Jar

Mrs Murray Warner,
University of Oregon,
Eugene,
Oregon.

From

General J. N. Munthe
923 E. California Rd
Pasadena,
Calif.

Correspondence, Notes, Expense List, and Invoice for Objects Obtained by Gen. Munthe and Shipped to Gertrude Bass Warner in Eugene, Gertrude Bass Warner papers, UA 022, Box 05, Folder 06, Special Collections and University Archives, University of Oregon Libraries, Eugene, Oregon. Transcribed by Tom Fischer.