

Kotzebue, Alaska

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Mr W.H. Shields,

Nome, Alaska.


Dear Mr Shields:

Many many thanks for the loan of your book. I trust it arrived safely. We enjoyed it very much indeed. I really did not mean to keep you from taking it with you and am sorry if I seemed so eager for a peek into it that you changed your plan regarding it. It is too nice a book to loan. I had never heard the "expression" "I will pay you until you are better paid" but that seems to be a popular form in this part of Alaska and so I use it, altho I am not sure if this is one of the places for it. I have not been to Nome!

Has anything been done in the matter of the Nilima children?

You have more than you need to keep you busy but ~~it~~ I thought perhaps it was now out of your hands. I feel sorry for Alice. But I do not consider her a fit guardian for the children. Lila is so attractive and is getting too old to be left with her mother, and Jim too needs better care than he receives here.

Please, Mr Shields, do you think we might have some aluminium tea and table or dessert spoons for the hospital. The kind we have now do not bear boiling and as I have orders to boil them each time I expect some time to find they have utterly disappeared. These rust very badly and are roughened by boiling. I also need very much a large double boiler for cooking mush for the patients. I asked for it in the inventory but fear I might not get it unless you approve and will ask for especially.

With regards to Mrs Shields and Miss Kenly, Sincerely
Louis M.  **COPY**