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Green Bank, W. Va.

Dear Schuyler:

Your letter of the 3rd arrived recently. Some of the things you say and do are incredible. Please look on your receipt from Saul's and send me his address as well as the receipt number and date. It still may be possible to recover some of the things you turned over to him.

You don't seem to realize that your frantic efforts to delay and avoid me, merely whet my curiosity as to what is going on over there. Instead of making me press you step by step, why don't you, of your own volition, invite me over in a pleasant way and offer me a liberal part of all those things I still retain a half share?? It would be much nicer and more pleasant that way.

Green Bank is in a valley 2600 ft altitude with hills rising another 1000 to 1500 ft all around. The valley bottoms are cleared and put to a few crops but mostly sheep raising. The slopes and ridges are covered with second and third growth timber. We have had intermittent snow for the past month but fortunately not much. During the past ten days the temperature has dropped to near zero every night. This has turned out to be a colder place than I expected. Fortunately I'm well supplied with heavy underwear & shirts. How do you like Memphis?

Merry Christmas

Grote