

Ch'ung Tê School  
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Dearest Mother:

School is over and we are  
rest away in Peking for another two weeks.  
Mr. Pettus refused to let me stand any exams  
because I was not up to normal physically,  
but let me through on my daily recitations.  
He said the teachers complimented my work  
and he knew I had done my best, so for me  
not to worry about them. I got up and  
went to school Wednesday, and he simply  
tabooed the class room or room with pri-  
vate teacher for me, - and asked me to  
come back on Thursday the last day of  
school to play for the school. So that  
ended my examinations and the school.

My little teacher hung around to say  
good-bye and that he would write some-  
time. These Chinese men are so effeminate

Miss Miller is still with us enjoying  
everything she sees in Peking. She's a kid

in her enthusiasms, and screams so you wonder how she ever got by the Board of Missions to come out to China.

I am staying with her until the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. Then I go down in the scorching heat to Chikungshan, but all my mail will be sent me from Hankow. Be sure you send it there.

It is so hot here in Peking I hardly see how it can be warmer down South. The mosquitoes and sand flies fairly eat us up. We sleep under net all the time.

We are going out for a few days this week to one of the leather temples not very far away and spend the nights at the Y. M. C. A. camp. It is higher and cooler than Peking and we are expecting to enjoy it.

Miss Dexter is packed to go to Hankow tomorrow A. M. Then the 2 Canadians are coming out to stay the rest of the month with us. So our house will be full to the last minute. Personally, I wish some of them would go very soon. We are so many, we are always "stepping on some body's toes."

I went into the native city yesterday P. M. and bought lanterns for Dss. Hart. She sent \$12<sup>00</sup> to be thus invested. So after I bought hers I got one to take home when I go, but you'll have to have electric lights to use it over. Can you manage it?

They are beauties! Silk behind beautifully carved wooden frames, - the silk being painted in various designs. They are marvellous! They are so inexpensive, I would like to fill our house with them, - but they are also very fragile and break very easily.

We are watching the attitude of the Japanese toward the Chinese with very sad hearts at present. It seems that they are going to take all they want and then govern China as much as possible. They are gradually slipping in everywhere. You can't wonder at the hatred the Chinese have for them. May the evil day be delayed.

We had a newspaper editor speak to us Thursday on the relationship between the 2 countries, - and it is appalling the things that have happened. He said China

is doing everything she can to "hold face", and the only thing she could do to be fair & just and perhaps gain more favor with the Western World, - to declare herself bankrupt and stop borrowing money so extensively.

The ham has not been heard from yet. I just bet U.S. won't let it pass the border. It makes my mouth water to think of it. Some of these days if the war ends soon, I am going to order an ice cream freezer to come out to me. Ice cream can be bought in a few places, but you wouldn't dare eat it because of the unsanitary conditions you find it in. So all we can get is what we make ourselves, and to be on the safe side we cook the custard that goes in that. But my! It's awfully nice to have that when you can get it.

Don't worry about anything happening to me out here. If there should be an accident, you would be cabled immediately. And if my letters come irregularly you must remember that the big Empress boats have been taken off the Pacific, which lessens our number of mails considerably. Heaps of love,  
Venetia.