

226 Avenue Kai Albert.
Shanghai.



Dear Barbara:-

Of course both Uncle
Rylaud and I were delighted
with your letter - and your
paper was wonderful. The
pictures to say the least were
not flattering.

I'm sure if you are
lucky enough to have the
purse returned to you - you
will at once put it aside
to spend in China.

I'm sure you would be very busy and interested here - when it is cooler - I'm am going to explore every street - but suits the thermometer at nearly hundred - every day - I find it much pleasanter to do nothing.

Every night we take an auto ride for an hour or so - and go through many Chinese villages - you ride for blocks among fine homes - then you come to a cluster of Chinese houses - often - with stone walls surrounding them - and hundreds of men, women and children about - at present they seem to eat out doors - some at tables with feet squatting in any convenient place - and of course eating with chopsticks - no one wears many clothes - many children wear at all and some just a little pair of pants - that have no seat in them - cool and

convenient too.

We pass hundreds of graves -
some in huge mounds -
grassed over - others with
little brick houses built
around the casket - and
still others with grass mats
wrapped about and often
just the wooden casket
sitting in a vegetable
garden. They never disturb
a grave but cultivate around
it - and seldom is the land
sold - so in the best
residence districts you see
graves - across from us
they are many.



The dresses you see in the
shops for the Chinese children,
are awfully cut. bright
colored coats and pants and
such funny little round
hats - that sit on the top
of their heads. Of course these
things are for the wealthier
class.

The flowers here are lovely -
very the same as at home -
you see many water lilies -

and wonderful lotus blossoms in
pink and white. My gardener
has got my flowers, at present
I have geraniums - snap dragon and
French marigolds. Ferns are pretty
too - I have three pots of maidens -
Ladies ferns in the house - paid .90[¢]
Mex. for them - that's about .55[¢]
our money. - so you see they are
cheap too. Later on I'm going to
have some poinsettias - you see a
great many here - they are just
budding out now.

There's a Chinese school near here -
the children go about 8 and are
dismissed about 4 - they seem to
do all the foolish things American
children do - make plenty of noise -
and sing in a peculiar falsetto
voice - and occasionally I see
them fighting. When they greet
their teacher in the street they
make a most profound bow -
nearly touch the ground.

Well, I must write to you--
two-maybe you have some
questions to ask me-I'll
do my best to find out for
you-by the time you must
be in school again--glad
of course-and studying
and practicing hard.

Give my love to the
rest of the family.

With love

Ann Lusk

Aug 17.