

Rideau Club,
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My dear Walter,

I have your note about
the volubus tanks & am glad that
they interest you, but I think that
you may take too much trouble
about them & that the sort of artificial
lead you propose will be difficult
& probably not very practicable when
finished. Why might they not be merely
hung on the wall without any
attempt to place them in natural
position, or if this is considered
essential merely fixed to a plain
wooden block or bracket of some
kind?

Anna Schlimm proposes among at

Saranac Lake till about Christmas.
 & then returning home with Eric if
 some other room is not advised. Much
 will of course depend on the medical
 view of the case, but I have grave
 doubts as to the advisability of Eric's
 return to Montreal. As Anna
 herself says in a note here, he would
 then have to live indoors except for
 drives & this would I fear be bad
 for him. The household of children
 would very likely annoy him with
 their noise now that he has been so
 long accustomed to a quieter mode of
 life. Nor do I see how Anna
 would be able to give him nearly the
 same amount of care & attention as
 now. Again his presence in the
 house might well be without some
 danger to the health of the other children,
 particularly in winter, when everything

want to so much shut up.

The alternative would be I suppose
his remaining^{as} at present at Saranac
or going southward to some place
such as Asheville, but now in
either case Anna is to continue
her absence from home indefinitely
is a difficult problem. In fact
the whole thing is very difficult, but
I thought I might write to you
thus as to the pros & cons as they
appear to me here.

I hope that your own health is better.
If you should find my suggestions
of diet any use I do not see why
you should not after getting over
the trouble gradually return to an
ordinary regime slip by slip & in

So far as you continue to find it
Suff.

You speak of seeing my few people
in your new house. Why should I not
not give an occasional select afternoon
tea in your artistic drawing room?
Dinner parties & that sort of thing are
troublesome & not worth the bother when
one is not properly provided with
servants etc

Yours

George.

