

**Fisher, Margaret
Collier -
Correspondence
with Garret P.
Heath**

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541 LINCOLN ROAD
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

July
Twenty-eighth
1938

Mrs. Margaret C. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Fisher:

I want to thank you very kindly for your letter of the 26th. instant, enclosing check for \$125.00, in full payment of Mr. Garrett Heath's account.

I sincerely trust he is feeling fine by now, also that you too are enjoying the best of health, and the cool breezes up there.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Harrison A. Walker
Harrison A. Walker, M.D.

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June 28, 1959

Dear Margaret

I received your letter yesterday
The only thing to do with the Packard
Car is to have it jacked up, and ~~drain~~^{drain}
Radiator and flush it out, and drain
Carburetor of all gas, also tank cause I
expect it gets hot in there all closed up
lock car but do not loose the keys.
Fill con. with math flakes.
I do not no of any thing to do on the
ant side but take the gas and water meters
out.

I have finished painting the windows in
The cottage and have put up the light wires
to it. vacuumed the W. Forest house this
morning and cleaned the garage.
I have all ready settled this question about
May, and Ruth. I almost sent them on last
week end. Ruth tight every after noon and
evening high as fine gets in in a week

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I can not come in to the house and
rest in any place I would not stay
another week for love nor money
Margaret if you bring this woman back
out here do not expect me to stay
here any longer
Hope things are going all right with
you down there

Yours Truly
Garrett

P.S. am sending those bills

Miami Beach, Fla.

September. 4. 1939

Dear Margaret:

Well it seems you have me behind the eight ball. and that you havent got the say about Mr Fisher place. I went over to Mr Fisher's place and told the colored man that I wanted him to come over and help me handle some shutters. but he did not show up at all he is working for Baber . there so I want to no where and who is boss. and why do I take orders from other wise I will drop the place. and start over here where I can get something done with out getting balled out. Mr Humpage gives orders what to do with the place before he left to Fred Hoerger I learned this morning. from Fred which is all right with me and you gave orders to me what to do so every thing is in a mess and no one is getting any place. so I wish you would wire me and let me no what to do as the place needs quite a lot of work. some of the grass at 5005 has died for the want of wa water instead of chinch bug.

I took some of the shutters off 5013 today and the paper in where Virginia stayed is fading out at first I thought it was dampnes. I seen some moth in there last night so Will spray tonight after dark as the moth seem to get out more. no signs of them in the rugs as I looked alll ready. I opened the guest house took off three shutters. and it is in good shape. but needs to be aired out. will take six shutters off of 5005 in the morning so I can get some air through it, it is in fine shape. have no car yet but Lee was up and told me to meet him at the office at nine in the morning. I sure have some cold that I caught on the train. no more trains for me, maggie is coming over in the morning to wash for me.

you gave me her address as 6th and it is 3ave
it is sure hot here just what I need changed clothes three
times today it even runs down in my shoes,

Yours Truly

Garrett

Montauk, Sept 7th, 1939

Dear Garrett:

Hope you got the car alright. When I wired Lee to have all the house keys delivered ~~from the office~~ to his house where you said you would pick them up Saturday AM; I did not mention anything about the key to car - since, you told me before you left, that you would not need the car - in fact, you would not want to use Mr. Fisher's car because of possible criticism. I told you that was a foolish idea and that you would need a car to get about for food and to the properties. So..... you see, once again I was right and you were wrong..... I asked John where the keys to car had been left; he thought in kitchen cabinet, but Mr. Humpage says John gave them to him before he left for Miami and that they were in box with other keys at office. Anyway, I hope you have the car running. Mr. Humpage ~~had~~ given instructions at the office in accordance with my conversation with him. Mr. Berrie, at the office, had been instructed to look the keys in vault and unless told otherwise, to deliver them to no one ~~except~~ Lee Appleget or myself. He is evidently one of those people who mind what they are told to do. I'm sorry to put Lee to all that trouble, since I know he is not very well. How is he now?

Since you say in your last letter that Maggie was coming last Tuesday - I suppose you must have had my letter, giving you her correct address. When I handed you the slip of paper here before you left, giving Nellie's address; you will remember that I could not find my address book, giving Maggie's street - I only copied down from memory - you said, you would know where to find her anyway - which I knew you could do, if you had a car. Remember, I handed you the slip with the addresses, also another slip giving train information, as to time of leaving New York. Anyway, you got Maggie over, so that is the most important thing.

About the colored man at 650 - 51st Terrace. As you recall, I told you it was necessary to change the man I had employed while I was there. Mr. Humpage had asked me about the grounds - what, or who I wanted to take care of them. I found that Fred had been looking after the grounds for Mr. Fisher and saw no reason to change that arrangement until I returned this fall. Of course, I had expected that you would return when I did - and not being at all times a mind reader, had not thought you might return there in September. I told you that you could go ahead with fixing up the lawn at 650, also the other properties; but that I wanted you to keep the expenses down as much as possible - which, of course, I know you will do. Also, told you to let the colored man go, if you found you did not need him, or think it necessary to have him around the place to guard at night. I understand Mr. Humpage had arranged to have him do some yard work there; but, I think it must be in early morning or late evening, since I understood he was employed during the day. That may have been his reason for not coming to help you with the shutters. Anyway, you can show Fred this letter and that will be your authority to proceed with the yard work, as I arranged with you.

Thought I had some blank notes here at the house, but do not find any. May go to East Hampton this afternoon, if Mr. Humpage comes and I finish talking with him in time to go. It is now 12:20PM. Think he is going to miss that ferry connection today. Anyway, you will have your note in a few days. In the meantime, I'm sure you must have enough cash to carry you along. If not, let me know. I may have to wait until I come down before I can make this expense account and statement to show just how your account stands, as the statement I gave to you last January. However, I can make the note out for \$400. and the balance can be adjusted when I return South. I would rather this note not be payable before the first of the year; but, if it is necessary for your convenience, I can arrange it some way. As you recall, I already have an account that will take care of most of it, but, as I explained to you; you should have your savings invested someplace and I will pay you six percent, which is probably more than you could get from other sources, for such time as I use the money. Let me know about this, if it is okay with you.

We are going to Ann Odell's for dinner tonite. Sally and Owen, Jr. arrived in New York yesterday from London.

Remember, you said my rock moss would not amount to anything this year..... well, here is evidence which I am enclosing. Been having blossoms, even on these chilly days.....

MRS. CARL G. FISHER
MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Sat. Sept 9th
11:15 AM

Dear Garrett:

Enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Barrie regarding the colored man at 650 - 51st Terrace.

The Packard battery had run down a couple of times on Mr. Fisher, and it was necessary to get a rental battery from Dallet's the few days I was there. Mr. Fisher had intended getting a new one after he got back from Montauk. You can check it with Dallets, but I think I will have to get a new one; will leave that to you to make the selection.

Had the oil in Ford drained at 56 miles and changed to #20 Quaker State and have one quart extra in car to keep filled above level. They tell me #30 is correct until after #1500 miles then change to #30. Is that right?

Have just boxed your laundry and the chamois skin and will send by parcel post when I go to the PO. The bill was \$2.00, which I take care of and deduct from your account when we get to settling that.

Ruth and I going to chicken farm and E.H. Mrs. Odell has ten blue blocks - good looking too. I still have my cold too. All now,

Monday evening

Sept 11 -

Dear Margaret:

Well my prospect faded out I sure thought they would take the house as they wanted four bed rooms. six. salesman had him to day. J.F.Burch brought him over I felt so bad I even did not go down and eat tonight, this Burch seems like a nice sales man but he did not have much to say, he also told me he was working on some people for the corner house, well I layed 1700 ft of sod at 650 this after noon and I am all in finish in the morning, still hot not a breath of air, Fred said I do not see how you stand it, the way I sweat is terrible. it sure has done me a world of good, have lost twelve pounds but feel like a million, I think if I were you I would write some of these real estate men and let them know you have some one here to show the houses as there is a few people coming in as

school opens soon and that brings a lot of
folks here sooner than they would come if they
had no children, how is Howard and Suit
am sending you some alligator pares Ann also
they leave in the morning express they are
sure fine ones nine cents each at the A.P. ha.
ha. he get's them from my barber. so I picked
them out my self. please send me some money
as I only have seven dollars, and will need
some top dressing here the last of week.
and six sacks of fertlize, how are you and the
Ford makeing out, how is the frogs did you
find them yet ha. ha. am going to hit the hay
by by now. xx.cxx

Yours Truly

G.P.H.

Friday, Sept 15th, 1939

Dear Garrett:

Well, you never can tell about those "real estate prospects" just when you are sure you have them... you never see them again, that is, sometimes... You did not tell me, if it was a lease or sale they were interested in.

Had been thinking that I would write the Realty Board and announce what the houses could now be shown; but was a little in doubt as to them finding the key, if you should be working at 5812 or 650. Think tho if I announced the keys could be found at side door or garage apartment at 5013 it would work out alright. Then, when you are away, you could pin a note on the side door (porch) saying where you could be found. I am writing a letter which I enclose herewith; so, if you think that plan would work out, you can drop the letter in the box and save some time.

Had a letter from Florene written last Sunday. She is delighted with the idea of going to Miami Beach. I told her she could go on down anytime she was ready, but to let you know so you could have the room opened up. She said, "When you write to Garrett again please thank him for his kind interest and, if he hears of anything to send me an S O S - I'll be there." Thought Lee might know of some new building or some place she might get a start at something. Her address is Florene Gioscio, 131 N. Noble St.

Gotta go to the PO now.

So, all now,

While the weather is so hot, why don't you stay inside the house in the middle of the day and take your working hours in early morning and late afternoon?

What is bitter blue grass - never heard of it? But, if the chinch bug does not like it, I'm all for it. Don't do too much replacing of shrubs at 650 until I come down, I may want to make a few minor changes.

Mr. Kohler came by yesterday with a smoked eel, smoked bass - and a fisherman friend. He is going to bring his new rifle over, when it comes, to demonstrate the paper flipping target.

I'm enclosing a note for \$400.00 - could not find a blank note like I wanted, but this will do temporarily. Will give you another one when I come down, to replace this one. As I wrote you before, will have to wait until I come South before adjusting balance of account, from you the records you left, it is not quite clear to me.

Had Mr. and Mrs. Ringwood for dinner last nite. Mr. Humpage is expected to arrive today. Howard cannot come this week end, because of business and visitors. Mrs. Odell is leaving in a few days for Pittsburg, but expects to return here within a week.

Have to run along now to PO and marketing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. R.', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Think your red headed friend may be up here.

Mrs. Odell and me stopped by the other day to see Mrs Baker - we were really looking for Keys house (just next door) but visited with them a while. I met Bobby Hoerger. Certainly looks like Fred. Mrs. Baker said if she had known you were going down, she would have sent Bobby along.

Miami Beach, Fla.

Sept. 21. 1939

Dear Margaret:

I wish you would settle with this soil man. cause he went a little out of his way to weight on me, and he even made some of his old costumers weight.

5013 Delaware ave. 4.loads. 16.Yds.	20.00
5005 Delaware ave. 4.loads. 16.Yds.	20.00
5005 Delaware ave. 100.square Ft sod	2.50
5812 Alton Rd. 3.loads. 12. Yds.	15.00
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	\$ 57.50

am all through with the top dressing

Monday
Sept. 25th, 1939

Dear Garrett:

Have your letter of recent date, also one enclosing statement for top soil, for which I am mailing check today.

Howard and Art came out on Friday and went back yesterday evening. They did some fishing, but not any luck. ... anyway, it is gorgeous weather.

I do not expect to leave here - to go anyplace, until I feel more rested than I do now. After being under the strain that I had been the past year or more, it takes some time to get out of the nervous tension. Of course, you may not understand this, having had very good health most of your life. Your lousy temper has caused you most of your trouble, quite likely.

My brother is not very well, and I would like to go out there for a few days, if I feel like making the trip, Would most likely go by train.

Have no definite plans for leaving here yet; but expect it will be about the 20th. I would like to be there sooner on account of work on the houses, but, if anything of importance comes up, I know you will keep me advised. I can have an air mail letter in less than 24 hours time.

Have not heard from you about the motor number of the Packard. Let me have this, as I want to place insurance. Have not heard from Lufe - guess he must be after Hitler, sure enough!

My dahlias are gorgeous (you said they would not amount to anything).... Mr. Thomas is coming this week end to tell me what to do with the water lillies and dahlia bulbs.

All now
M.C.D.

The kits are almost "cats" now - can they other stay around the pool most of the time, chase up the

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SEND ME HUNDRED DOLLARS TOMORROW BY WESTERN UNION=

G P HEATH

Thursday
Montauk, N.Y.

Dear Garrett:

Howard is out of town for a few days and important mail is forwarded. Since they could not immediately locate Howard, they decided it might be a matter of importance, so sent the wire you addressed to Howard on to me. Copy enclosed.

What in the world do you need with one hundred dollars, at this time? And, why, would you ask Howard for money instead of me? I can not think of any necessity you should have for putting up that much cash, just now. I have sent you a sufficient sum for food - other items, such as gasoline, cooking fuel electricity and water are charged to my account; so, it seems to me, you should be able to get along as well as the rest of us do.

I am wondering if you have in mind taking a plane ride up here. If that is what is in your mind - forget it. Everything is going along very nicely here and I do not need any more help or suggestions. We have the cottage closed and the DeForrest almost finished; maybe one more day there. I am just taking my time about it, and in the meantime, getting some rest and quiet that I have needed for some time.

As I wrote you before, I expect to go to Ohio before I go South, either by train or motor, have not decided yet; anyway, will be at the Beach about the 20th or 25th of October. So, having my plans made I do not expect them to be interfered with by any one. All I want you to do, is take care of the places down there - show the houses when prospects come, if any - and improve your disposition, if that is possible!

Mrs. Odell met Sally and Owen yesterday; and they have many interesting things to tell about their trip from Australia.

Going to P O

All now,

Send the following message, subject of telegrams on the lines of, which are hereby referred to
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GEORGE W. E. ATKINER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
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Monack, N.Y.

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby accepted, 1939

Dear Garrett:

That was a cheerful letter that came yesterday - it reminded me of the old story about the farmer who returned home to find the house, barn burned down - and numerous other calamities. Do we have more bugs at 5013 and 5005 than any one else has - or, do they just like the place for some particular reason? I sometimes wonder if we do not use a little too much fertilizer. Speaking of fertilizer, unless it is necessary now, would rather let it go until later. I have numerous little expense items that amount to quite a bit; and unless it seems important, let it slide by for a while.

The glass in the solar roof should be replaced immediately. If you can not do it; then get some one who can.

I would like to have those palms transferred from the Bay Front lots to 5005 on the south side; but you may not remember the locations; I wanted one down by the guest house, near property line, to screen double windows; one ~~between~~ to screen croquet court; a third near (but not in front) of the main side entrance. These you understand, are all outside my yard on the street line - in line with the other palms. If not too late to set when I come down; let them go until then.

Hope we can get a start of the pinks - maybe you can get some slips from Mrs. Allison's place. The seeds I want - Portulaca, you likely will not find them; so I'm going to look them up in a catalog and may send some other seeds too -- if I find something that looks interesting.

I'm sending a check for \$25.00 - that should keep you in food and gas for three weeks; I do not want you to pay bills from there, send them on to me for payment here. By the way, what was the amount of the bill for the colored man at 650; and at what rate per day or hour did you agree to pay him. I do not want you to get in any more extra help - just do what you can by yourself, the rest can go until later.

I'm writing Nellie today, and suggesting that I may want her to come to me by the 15th; Florene will likely be there by that time, or if she comes before, I will try to get Nellie over then. Maybe hear from her today. Got to go down for the mail now.

Sept 26th, 1939

Dear Nellie:

Wish you would drop me a line and let me know, if you are still working. If so, you may as well keep on for another week or two, at least.

Garrett Heath is down there now, has been since the 1st of Sept. and has partly opened the house where I lived last winter. I told him to wait until later to clean the house; possibly about a week before I come down.

Think I may leave here about the 20th of October. In that case, would want you to come with me by the 15th.

Let me know if that is alright.

Very sincerely,

P O Box 845

Oct. 1, 1939

Dear Garrett:

Enclosing check for \$125.38. I have tried to check your expense account, but do not know that I have it correct - it will have to be gone over when I see you, as there are several items I do not understand. As I have it checked: when we settled this account in January, you had a balance due of \$300.00, - you now have a note for \$400.00, and since January, I have given you \$350.00 on salary account. As I have figured it, this check together with the note you have, clears your account up to Oct. 4th. If there are mistakes in this, of course, it may be corrected when I have a chance to talk with you.

Going to PO now.

Hope everything is alright about the properties and that you have gotten over your cold.

All now,

Fri. Oct. 6th.

Dear Garrett:

Just have your letter about the vine on fence between garage and house at 5013. I told you last spring, it seems to me, the vines should be cut back in May and kept cut back until about this time of year. That would save the odor you speak of, also whatever dampness is held by the vines that will eventually rot out the picket fence. Would like to have you cut them back and see if they will not come back again for this season. If you do that now; we can see what has happened to them by the time I get down.

As long as you are not having much rain, it would not seem to mow the lawns quite so often. So, if you do not have time or energy for the four places that you usually do, just cut down the time on each place and do the best you can about it, until I come down.

Mrs. Odell says she is trying a deep dish pudding like Beulah's tonite and wishes you could have a piece.

All now,

Oct 1939

Mrs. CARL GRAHAM FISHER
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Mon. evening

Dear Margaret:

I told Suite to cut that vine back before I left but he did not do it. I also cut it back some before I left my self. he has not done a thing I told him and after this you can tell him your self as it seems lately that I am always in the wrong what ever I do. you should no these lawns has to be cut once a week rain or no rain, the cut worms are about to eat all the grass up and I have been trying to keep them down. and I have run out of arsenic lead and now I am afraid to go and by any more to poison them, so I am leaving this up to you Margaret I need about six to eight pounds. so if you want me to go and get it please let me no, these worms are hatching out from the ones we had last winter, they are not here alone they are every place I also thought no one else had a key for 650. W. 51 Terrace but you and I find that the nigger there has had one all the time that puts me in a nice fix if something is gone. I put small sticks in the screen doors and one has been removed the back kitchen door where there has been any body in there I do not no,

but his key fit the back kitchen door and I am delivering this key back to the office with a tag put on it.

Yours Truly

G.P.H.

MRS. CARL G. FISHER
MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Oct. 11, 1939

Dear Garrett:

Still think the yellow vine should be cut back. Can't you do it without any help from Suto? I could, if I were there. If it does not come out again by November, it can be replaced with something.

There are four lawns to be cared for. One day on each should be sufficient to keep them trim looking - each week. That would give you one day for odds and ends, and a couple of days for vacation.

Thought you understood you were to make whatever purchases are necessary for the upkeep of the property, such as arsenate of lead for killing out worms. Have it charged at Farreys as you did last order of Sept. 29th. I will take care of bill from here.

No one is supposed to have key for 650 51st Terrace, or open the place. I will do that when I come down. If you find any other keys floating around, please turn them into the office.

Going now to dig potatoes -- suppose I may need a truck! Weather grand here. Indian summer, I guess.