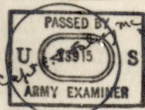


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Hello.

Every one who writes, comments on the Spring storm. Must have been quite a surprise. The only snow storm that amounted to anything came as I was touring Stirling Castle in Scotland. The guide pointed out a seat from which Mary Queen of Scots watched the sport on the playing field far below. I tried the seat and found it not only cold but very uncomfortable. Hence the discovery that there was a business like reason for all that clothing worn by the women of her century. Those castles are a cold and gloomy spot even if they do have atmosphere. The thick walls and the slits used for pouring boiling oil on attackers were really impressive. What stories these courtyards could tell.

For a few days we thought Spring was here but not for long. I can readily see why they named our section of the country New England. It is surprising how rural this over-populated country is. I expected to find an ultra ~~modern~~ modern, urbane population—super-duper homes and such. What a let down!! The London shops are not modernized like our big city stores. But you go to one store to find each particular item. There are very few American type "drug stores". It is an education in itself.

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