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My dear Dade: My last letter to you was not very needed. I feel itinside thinking that I would receive it after I look in my little book to see what number it ought to bear. However, I forget.

I am just in receipt of your 26th letter. About a month ago I was just "Mirth with" about 2 weeks, and I was going to send you a 2nd to myself in particular.

Life here in China is not so easy, life here in China is not so easy, life here in China is not so easy. For one thing, I must write with. For one thing, I must write with. For one thing, I must write with. For one thing, I must write with. For one thing, I must write with.
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condition is. And then too, you know

how such a hot temper that it

needs great effort to control myself. And

then of course with father ill, there is to be

cheerful, although at times it does seem that

I want to burst forth or flare out. Father

is very very patient for an invalid, but

as the same time like all invalids, he is

irritated by the least thing. For instance,

he insists on wanting to eat what the
doctors forbid him to.

You see, it is almost more than I
can bear sometimes to see him so thin;

but of course he is trying to pretend that

he is better. If of course is not very

enjoyable when every day the same shadows

hang over us.

I give him a massage with olive oil

every night, as his skin has become so
dry that it is like parch-meat. It is so

bad for him to be losing his strength
Now up to the past few years, he has been in the very best condition physically. I have tried to keep you informed, as I have a beautiful Remington for a present. I am taking lessons in typing, hoping to be able to write you or miss in another couple of months.

So you want to know about "the man on the boat"? Well, there was a awful row with the family, because they refused to let him come to China. So now they are afraid that I am going to marry him. If he comes, and who knows but they are right. Have I told you that since the last three times, I have refused to see N.K., haven't I? What is the use of "keeping off" when there are now positive facts that I do not care to marry him? I have seen him, you once or a party, but we both studiously avoided looking at each
I believe that the dinner I am going to on Saturday will be just as fancy, for he is invited also. I think Thos. avoided going to parties when

Thos. would be likely to attend.

at present. There was very enthusiastic about going out, for will falter in such a critical condition if it isn’t

you to play around. I feel like burying my head on the fellows on your coach, and cry.

with love,

Distraught,

Daughter.

P.S.

Keep the money I gave you, for late or very likely I shall want something else.