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Tuesday, April 30, 2013 (2013 Letter # 6)

**MAY DAY** !

(The calendar date, not the French “Venez m’aider.)

If April rains were any harbinger, … May flowers should be beautiful this year. April ’13 was mostly good, with some bad. Saw lots and lots of family and have heard that a Sister-in-Law passed away March 24, in Dover New Hampshire. Sister-in-law was Marguerite Fiske. We had seen her a few years back, already in her 90’s, she was sharp as a tack mentally. She and pre-departed husband Lloyd have probably resumed their vintage discussions, These were in the *“Yes it is/No it isn’t”* classification. All one had to say was something like *“It is a nice day today.”* This would bring instant response from the other*. “No way, … it’s a terrible day today.”,* and they were off and running. Our Sara gives an excellent rendition of one of these classic disagreements. Marguerite was a great Vermont friend from the early 40’s on. (VT, Mass, NH, LA, FLA) Boy, … early Vermont connections are becoming fewer and fewer. [[1]](#footnote-1)[1]

Atlanta sibling sister Beth is overcoming multiple health problems and as always, maintaining wonderful élan. Daughters, Sons, Grandsons, Cousins, In-laws seen, … all in fine health. Two branches of the family were not seen, the Houston and Nairobi ones, and post trip we have heard from both.

Being on the road for 2 weeks drilled home one point. We are not getting any younger, Senile? Not quite , well we think not quite, but interested in finding out more about things which afflict the oldsters. Finished up April reading *“The 36-Hour Day”*, 5th edition. A family guide to caring for people who have Alzheimer Disease, Related Dementia and memory loss. Very informative, but also a bit scary in a way. In every Chapter there will be examples given and some of them evoke an.   
*”Oh Oh, … that sounds like me.”* Even the description of an evaluation exam. One of the tests, … *“Close your eyes and stand on one foot.”* Good Grief! Don’t think I’ve been able to do that since WWII.

Well, … time for Brandy & Chocolate in my new B&B brandy glass from Elizabeth City, till next month,

Ken & Lucille.

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1. [1] Hey, Barbara, Gladys, Pete, … you guys still out there?

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