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Dear Nanna.

Almost a month ago I sent to you two suit lengths (7 yards each) of raw silk material. There is nothing in stock now exactly like those shirts of mine which you liked, as is usual with Chinese things, they have to repeat exactly. At the time of mailing, I was told that there was no American Import Tax on raw silk, also I know that some which I sent to a friend in U.S. went in duty free. However, some time later I went to the shop and was told that there was 60% duty, which I hope that you will not have to pay. The cloth was 76¢ and \$1.00 respectively per yard. (about 23¢ and 30¢ U.S. Currency) I also enclosed some samples of stenciled cotton material like that on those large boxes which you got from me. The price is \$1.18 per yard which would make it about 6¢ U.S.C. There is 20% duty. The colours are unfortunately not run fast, tho I had some on sun exposed windows for two years. I am extremely fond of the patterns, and hope you will want to try some. They would be especially suitable for cushions and covers on a porch.

I use them for table covers and even for napkins.
Also I sent to you some small pictures for
that long talked of screen, I'm afraid they're
not very good. I can try again if you
don't like them. And I have on hand some
larger pictures for you but then again I don't
know if you would consider them worth
framing..

Here it is almost a year since we parted
and it seems to me I promised to be back
about this time but I still linger on without
plans. Some friends from Hollywood have been
visiting here recently and have started my
mind again working in the direction of Southern
California. For the moment I am buried in
my childrens book which at last is coming
along in grand style and should be pretty
swell if I can keep up my present mood
to the finish. I'm getting fed up with my
pupils, and am going to cut them down to one
class instead of two a week. The winter has
been mild. the Spring thaw is on, and strangely
enough practically no dust storms, and I'm
often out for the day sketching, by bicycle,
I've not ridden horse back since Alusna
had to be shot because of my laming him

Life has been quiet - a week's visit from my German friend von Schow, who is advisor to the Minister of Communications in Nanking at Chinese New Year time (Feb 10-11). ^{The story of} ^{My} book, by the way, takes place on New Year Eve.

I hear from New Year that business is booming. I suppose it must be so for the Duponts anyway. Is it improving all over the country? Please ask Stan what's the best thing to do with \$1000 oo I have on hand for safe investment. With all that long drawn out shipping strike I guess the Pacific Terminal has rotted and the bonds are worthless.

I don't seem to be in letter writing mood these days so I send this poor scrawl with apologies - and affection as always.

Scho.

A good friend of my Bill Drummond, engaged to Elsie Perkins a niece of Mrs. Russell has just left here hoping for wedding bells in the U.S.A.