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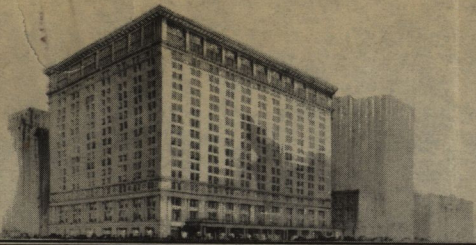
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# THE BAKER

A TEXAS INSTITUTION

DALLAS

Feb. 21 -

Dear Mrs. Montgomery -

I have not Mrs. Zlebovsky's address  
— am not even sure of her name.  
So will you please pass on this  
information to her.

When we arrived home after seeing  
you in El Paso, we found we had  
had the day before a very disastrous  
fire — \$10,000 clear loss. You can  
imagine what it was a blow to us,  
and still is. It means, among other  
things, that we have not as much  
present cash as we thought we had.  
Because of this, we hesitate to take  
on certain obligations which we had  
anticipated.

But here is a proposition: Mrs. Z. said  
her agency was ready to take care  
of that bill, financially, until the  
birth of the baby. In that case, we



will be glad to have her come on to us  
at Santa Fe arriving about March 5th.  
I will put her in the hands of our own  
physician, who will instruct her in the  
usual routine. She will help us in  
whatever way she is capable of, as long  
as she reasonably can.

When her time comes, I will see that  
she gets to a hospital. Whether it is  
better for it to be in New Mexico or  
otherwise I am not yet sure. If we  
take the baby, I might prefer that it  
be not Santa Fe. However, I will see  
that all is well with her in any case.  
I will try to arrange that she do not  
see the baby at all.

Unless something turns up, either with  
us or in the baby, that makes it seem  
undesirable, we will take the child  
on probation for a time until we  
have the necessary tests made.  
I hope no one has told her that we  
plan to take the baby. We much  
prefer that she do not know where it  
is to go. There is too much danger of  
an emotional reaction later on.

We would still like to have a Wasserman  
test of the boy. This Mrs. J. promised to  
get.

Ask Mrs. J. to write me at once, as  
I know how to plan. She can write





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to me at Santa Fe, unless she can get it to me. Go Mrs. Agnes Stacy, 1300 Alta Vista, Austin, Texas, by Friday of this week.

If she agrees with the foregoing she might at once let the girl know. Have her advise us of the time & means of her arrival, & we will pick her up. If she comes by train, have her buy her ticket to Lamy - it saves a little money, & is as easy for us to get her there as at Santa Fe.

Ask Mrs. J. also, whether she has made any inquiries re. a German refugee.

At any rate, I should like to hear from her.

Meantime, our thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Julia M. Seton }



March 2, 1938.

My dear Mrs. Seton:-

Because of Mrs. Montgomery's illness, your letter was delayed in reaching me until this morning. I have taken immediate steps to bring this matter to a satisfactory termination and have written to Mrs. Virginia Bruce to leave Los Angeles on the "Grand Canyon" at 11:45 A. M. on Sunday. She will arrive in Lamy 3:50 P. M. on Monday when you will please meet her.

If these arrangements do not meet with your approval wire at my expense.

The financial end of it holds good as per our conversation when you were here. Please let me know what it will be. I have also given instructions to get the test that you mentioned in your letter.

With reference to the baby question, she is entirely ignorant of any future plans that you or I may have for her. We will allow the future to take care of that.

I have made inquiries about the German refugee matter and think we will get favorable communication in that field. Will keep you posted.

Be free to write me at any time.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso, Texas.





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Mar. 11, 38

Dear Mrs. Zlaborsky -

Mr. Seton and I are planning to drive to El Paso next Tuesday. I shall call you up and make an appointment for the next morning.

Virginia has arrived, and is comfortably installed in our own house, but there are some things I am not quite satisfied about. Therefore I want to see you. I am not convinced that she is telling me the whole truth.

I took her to the doctor the day after her arrival. He was unable to find any heart-beat in the baby, but feels that there may be a good reason for that. However, she has felt no life since her arrival. Unless this changes, I am taking her back to the doctor tonight.

She is a sweet child, and I hope all will be well. I do not want to think that she is not being honest with me, and perhaps I am wrong. But this is too important to us (and to her, I should think) to take any chances on. On these things we will discuss frankly when I come. Sincerely

Julia M. Seton }



March 24, 1938.

Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Seton:-

The inclosed letter is self explanatory,  
and believe it contains the information  
you were seeking.

If there is any further information  
required, please call on me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.





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April 18, 1938

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Perhaps Rose has told you that I wrote her recently, with the information I gave her. In case she has not, I write this.

Vigginia is very well, and happy on the whole. She is having the best of care, and all should go well.

We have decided to send her to the hospital here in Santa Fe, as I can be with her much more frequently in that way. Also, the expense is less. Outside of her keep since she has been here until the time of her hospitalization (for which we want no pay), the cost will be about \$150. That includes her prenatal care by our doctor, her delivery, and her hospital room during the time she is there.

I am not sure whether I will be in El Paso again before the summer. If I am, I will let you know.

Meantime, my regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Julia M Seton*



El Paso, Texas,  
April 26, 1938.

Mrs. Julia M. Seton,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Seton:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
April 18th, and contents noted.

Rose failed to let me know anything about the letter  
she received. However, I phoned and asked what she  
intends to do about it. The poor girl is heart-broken  
because they are in such dreadful financial straits,  
and her mother is ill and destitute. Don't let Virginia  
know about this.

I have appealed to the Organization for the sum of money  
you mention, but without success. Their enthusiasm in  
the case seems to have died down. At the present moment  
I am up against a stone wall on the financial end of this,  
and am most distressed. However, I shall make every effort  
to secure the money necessary and will send it to you as  
soon as it is available.

You will never know how much I appreciate the help you are  
giving me. Somehow I feel responsible for this girl, or  
rather I should say, I shoulder the responsibilities that  
should be shouldered by El Paso Society. It is strange how  
the human race would rather condemn than uplift.

Asking your kind indulgence, and with personal regards to  
both yourself and Mr. Seton, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive St.,  
El Paso, Texas.



Santa Fe, N.M.  
May 5, 1938

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

I must say that your letter of April 26th is a shock to me. I had no idea or any intention to shoulder this entire responsibility. I have been perfectly willing to stand board and lodging for Virginia during her stay at our home, though even this I think is something to hold in consideration. She has had all the advantages which we ourselves have, living as she is, in our Guest Room, eating with us, being entertained with all our friends, and accepted as an old friend.

I did not, however, expect that I would have to supply her with what spending money she has needed, with necessary medication when it has been required, and with all expenses at the delivery of her baby.

As a matter of fact, we are being hit financially as hard as anybody; and we are not prepared to accept all this unsolicited responsibility.

If, as may happen, we do not care to accept the baby, who is to meet the bills? The doctor and the hospital must be paid promptly. Unless I have assurance of this, we had better call the whole deal off, and send Virginia back to California or somewhere else where we are not left holding the bag.

I know perfectly well that her mother is not "destitute", as you express it. She is receiving a pension each month to an amount which would amply take care of her and the little boy. The older son can surely take care of himself at least.

Not only is Rose refraining from answering my letter to her, but she is not even writing to Virginia. She is making things more difficult for me by worrying the girl with thoughts that her mother may be ill; and putting her into a physical condition which is adding to my doubts of wanting the baby.

I am very much disturbed over the whole situation, and hope you will write me again at once, and tell me what to expect.

Yours sincerely,

Julia M. Selton }



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May 6, 1938.

Mrs. Ernest T. Seton,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Seton:

At the request of Mrs. F. Zlabovsky, I am enclosing herewith check for \$100.00 as our first payment to cover expenses incidental to Virginia B -- who is now with you. We will forward the balance of \$50.00 in the near future.

Please be assured that we deeply appreciate your human interest and hope that you will get the genuine return that such a good deed merits.

If there be anything further that you believe we may be able to do at this end to expedite matters, kindly inform either Mrs. Zlabovsky or myself.

With good wishes and kind regards to you and Mr. Seton, I am,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) JOSEPH M. ROTH.

JMR:MKR

Permalife



El Paso, Texas,  
May 7th, 1938.

Mrs. Julia Seton,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Seton:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., and contents noted.

I fully agree with you in feeling as you do about the case, but I am sure that things will work out to the satisfaction of all. You will hear from Rabbi Roth within the next few days, who has succeeded in getting some of the necessary funds. Be assured that I am ready to cooperate in every way possible, and when I wrote you the last letter, I felt sufficiently discouraged to have written as I had. Since that time I have had more encouragement and cooperation.

Upon calling Rose over the telephone, found that she had been quite ill for the past three weeks, and this probably accounts for her seeming negligence. She tells me that her mother does send some spending money to Virginia. I would like to have that statement verified. You realize that Virginia's mother does not know of her condition, and it is therefore impossible for me to even talk to the woman about Virginia. Since receiving your letter I investigated about the pension, something I did not know before, and find that she receives \$67 monthly. Out of this she maintains herself and child, and with her illness, having to meet medical bills, one must admit it is a struggle.

If there is any way in which I can further help in this matter, please let me know.

With kindest regards to Mr. Seton and yourself, I am

Yours sincerely,



Lv Los Angeles. 11:45 a  
Ar. Lamm. 3:50 pm

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