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Dear John,

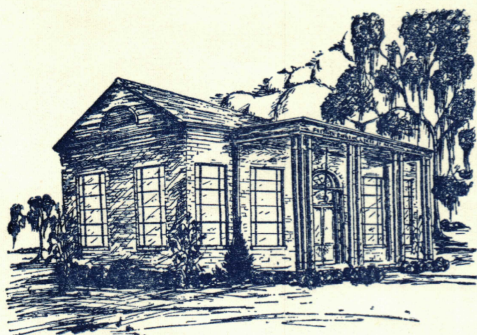
We really have a "dilly" of a worker in Peggy!!! Mary and I find that she is extremely hard to work with as she simply will not even discuss things with us--just tells us what~~h~~ she will and will not do and that is that! Mary checked that tiny error in tax and net that she made one day last month, and Mary says that she felt that Peggy resented the check. She corrected the tax, and Mary asked me to write a note when I was there Wed. asking her to correct the net as she did not want to do it. Peggy has no 'phone so that is the only means of communication which we have. I had already asked her to correct that day's report so wrote her as Mary asked and left it there.

The first week after you left she did not bring in the reports at the usual time and I did not know what to think. Finally at 8:30 P. M., she called ^{John} and said that it was not convenient for her to bring them before 9:30 as she had other things to do. I was at a meeting, but got home in time to see her. Again she told me that she had other things to do and could not always bring them by here. Then I told her she must bring them as I could not wait several hours every week, not knowing just when to expect her so she does come on by now. Of course there may be times ^{when} she cannot come by, but I consider that part of her job--to see that the reports are brought in on time.

Then she complains every week about how hard it is to work out there, how much she has to do, and how hard it is to sell. In other words, nothing is just like she wants ~~to~~ to be!!

I wish you had told me about the passes to the Museum which you left and instructed the girls to give out. We did not have those when I worked there and you had never mentioned them to me. We always let any person in free after he(or she) had been there once and paid if she brought guests who paid when she returned. There were so few people then that it was not hard to remember those who had been there previously. One lady from Orlando and one from St. Petersburg came several times, and as they would leave, each would remind me that she would come back soon and bring me some more business. So I understand completely why you left the passes, but ^I knew nothing about it.

When this new management took charge of W. W., I was told that no one--not even an employee of W. W.--could go into any attraction without a pass from the office; in fact, I had to get one myself to see the show Wed. P. M. I had heard that Peggy let some people into the Museum who told her that they were accustomed to coming in free.



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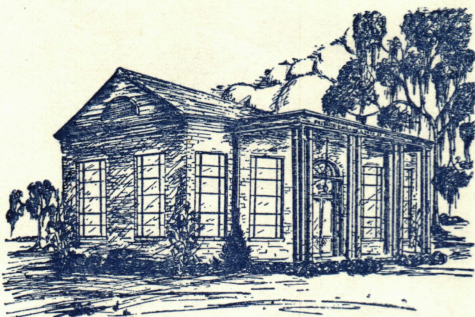
Mary told me about a man having a press pass for himself and wanting to use it for himself and friends with him, but she sent him to the office for a pass. SO I thought that I should tell Peggy about that. I wrote a note and left it for her, telling her that it was the policy of this management to issue passes and that she should send people there who wanted to go through free. She came in last night and would not even discuss it with me--said you had instructed her what to do about passes, had told her to tell Mary what to do about them, and she expected to do just that!! You can imagine my embarrassment when I learned then about the passes you left. However, I was not talking about the same thing, but you simply cannot discuss anything with her, she acts as if Mary and I were working for her and lets us know that she will do things her way only. She is the only person we have had that both Mary and I find that we cannot talk things over with and reach an agreement in an easy manner.

The reason she came by was to bring me the telephone bill--said she brought it as she wanted me to be sure to pay it Monday and not let it run overtime.--if she waited until the end of her working period, I might not pay it on time. Well--that surprised me. I appreciate her interest, but I have taken care of your business for several years and have not ever let a bill become over due. Anyway, it is not overdue until the 16th and her working period ends on the 14th so there was no rush. She also brought in some money and told me to be sure to take care of that bill at once.

Her whole attitude is almost that of non-cooperation. I think she sells well, and I don't have to see her often, so I can put up with her peculiarities, even her "griping" about the way you operate the Museum, but I do think she might know that I am in charge when you are not here, don't you? Every time I offer a suggestion about anything, she immediately tells me that Mr. May told her how he wanted things done and that is what she will follow.

In that, she is entirely correct. She should follow your instructions as it is your business and we are all to do what you tell us to do, but sometimes I pass on to them things which you write me to tell them. But I cannot tell her anything, according to her, it must come directly from you. In fact she acts as if she had charge of your business and that she tolerates my being connected with it!

So you see, it is not a happy situation. However, as I said, I can put up with anyone who can sell well. I would appreciate it, however,



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if you will tell her that I am in charge when you are not here.

Things are all right at the Museum. Also, my books and the ones at the Spring are the same this month as I called in whenever there was a mistake and also asked the girls to correct their reports. As I wrote ~~you~~, there were very few mistakes this month.

Mary says that Mr. Hamlet looks after the spider all right. Peggy complains that he does not come over as often as she thinks he should. However, I feel sure that he does look after the spider. So long as Mary is out there, I feel sure that she will check on things carefully.--Oh, yes, the light bulbs were there all the time. Mary did write Peggy a note, telling her that there were bulbs under the desk; she went up stairs and brought a few down and put them in the trunk at the back for convenience; but still Peggy did not find them and bought more until Mary put a note on the package of bulbs.

Well, enough of this--I hope that you had a good trip and will soon come on down to see us. Business seems good, but there are not such crowds as last year. The day I was out there, there were not many people in the show and Mary sold 101.

Kindest regards to all,

Maryette

I have another issue of Life (Sept 5, 1960)
for you. Shall I mail it or hold it until
you come? One of my library patrons
brought it to me from N.Y.