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## Pennington to Carol Simon, July 27, 1965

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July 27, 1965.

Dear Carol:--

Your very interesting letter came yesterday, and both your parents (grand) and your aunt (grand) and your great-grandfather enjoyed it very much.

I share your wish that I might come east and see you again, but that does not seem likely. And I certainly share your hope that you may all be able to come to the Pacific Coast next summer. Of course at my age I cannot be too certain about how I'll be a year from now, but if I should be as well as I am now it would be a joy to have you all here for a visit, and to see some of the wonderful things that we have in Oregon.

We do not have as big a waterfall as Niagara, but we have some that are a good deal higher. And we have higher mountains than New York has, a number of them that have snow on them in the hottest days of August. And we have the Oregon Caves, where you can be hundreds of feet below the surface of the ground, with stalactites and stalagmites all around you. And we have Crater Lake, with water that looks almost unbelievably blue. This lake, miles across, in the crater of an extinct volcano, has a secondary crater in a volcanic cone that sticks up through the water, and in the spring and summer there is a tiny lake in this secondary crater; so there is a lake in a crater inside of a lake in a crater, and I don't know where else on earth you could find that sort of thing.

I'll be glad to see you do some of those magic tricks that you are learning; and I shall try to see if I can detect just how you do them.

Two cats and four kittens, and it would seem that that would be quite enough for one family. Rats and mice must find it advisable to stay away from 38 North Nicholas Drive. And what interesting names you have for those kittens!

Once when I made my first trip to a city of more than 10,000 people, I saw a big sign on a big bill board, that looked like this:

FAT QUAKER CATS

That's all there was, and people everywhere were wondering what the sign meant. Fat Quaker Cats -- who on earth ever knew that there were Quaker cats, or Methodist cats, or Catholic cats, or Jewish cats? Can you guess what it meant? Well, I couldn't. But one morning everybody saw that there had been a little more added to two of those letters, and now the sign said:

EAT QUAKER OATS

It was the first time that cereal had been put on the market, and everybody now understood the sign which became the advertising slogan of that product: EAT QUAKER OATS.