

p. 143--intensify Jick's determination ~~not~~ not to remember Marcella in library?

--add texture to graf where he looks in the library for Meriah and Riley?

next

add:

(like Mariah)

Angus McCaskill too had redk hair, I am told, of the dark shade the Scots
claim is the color of their fighting blood.

Sun in the Big Sky Shines Less Bright

NYT, Aug. 3, '81

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 2 (AP) — A rare layer of smog over western Montana valleys became so dense today that the National Weather Service put out a special advisory explaining to puzzled residents what the stuff was.

Visibility in Helena was only six miles this morning, opaque by Montana standards. On Tuesday afternoon, visibility was 40 miles.

The weather service explained that the dirty air was "a weather phenomenon usually seen in the polluted eastern United States."

"Generally speaking, high humidity, high pressure at the surface and a high concentration of industrial pollutants combine in the populated eastern United States to produce a milky, dirty sky during the day along with reduced visibilities," the weather service said in an advisory that goes to subscribers like radio stations or newspapers.

Smoke from Idaho forest fires drifted northeast and combined with unusually humid and stagnant air over the mountains to bring a touch of East Coast to the mountains.

*omit
use of*

28 June '89

MHS Library:

rearranged: periodicals corner now a nook, behind card catalogs: ^{not needed in final version}
pick up table overhead, but notes see, genealogist requests -
voices will waft over

- corner where windows open & sit in a breeze
- Small Collections - red binders; but pick up have to ck up names in black Cumulative Name Index
- Ma-Me will have McCaskill
- It is a binder by itself ^{used}

MHS

7 Sept '87

MHS library descrip.:

- ~~com~~ comfortable chairs in periodical corner ("corner & magazines," jick says)
- Big Belt Mtns out - bank of windows; State Cap'l behind
- cool & comfortable; have people riding sightseeing tram outside? air cond'g gentle on his back
- weather building up on - Divide
- mags inc: Montana Woolgrower
- lib'n puts jick @ a table, tells him how to use Archives readers
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June '89

used

Helena - capital cent'l pln display
- "17,600 marigold, lobelia & alyssum"

Meagher statue: Brig. Gen.

- act'g gov, Sept. 1865 - July 1 1867 "when he was dnd to Missouri
R. @ Ft Benton."

plaq, side facing capital: "born in Waterford, IRELAND"

IRE →
painted
white

← Land
painted red

on. brown metal plaque (orange)

Riley to Jick when missing hubcap is pointed out in Helena and he has to add it to expense acct toll of grill and ruined tire: "Is this trip some scheme to get your goddamn Winnebago rebuilt piece by piece?"

--Riley has been out running; Jick describes his running style--like dancing over hot coals. Asks him what Spandex is made of. "Money," Riley says.

decided against in Oct. '88 revise:

I didn't know why at the time, but when the library guy brought the long thin box of letters to me, I hesitated. Had Mariah and Riley marched in through the door right then, I am as certain as anything that I would have pushed that box away for good in favor of lunch. I suppose my thought was that to see these efforts at correspondence--"items" was probably the apt word--was going to constitute a kind of embarrassment. Isaac Reese was the only one of my grandparents I held any memory of, sitting gray-mustached and bent but still looking thoroughly entertained

pp. 158-9--more Jick-Mariah dialogue? more texture on the way to the Bago?

I decided to tag along with the newspaper aces when they went up to the state historical society to ~~dig for~~^{search out} old photos of that domestically-owned red-light district, Mariah at last having agreed to Riley's idea but ~~he'd better know what he's talking about and not make this just some dippy piece about whores with hearts of gold etcetera.~~ My hope was that the two of them would get their photographic digging over with in a hurry and we could head to the Two country while the day was yet young.

I ought to have known better. After a couple of hours, I had all

at UW, try either directory of European archives or bks in Danish-American history, preferably emigrants' letters, for name of a Danish archive where Isaak's letters cd have ended up.

World Guide to Libraries:

- p. ~~158~~ 160 - Det danske ~~Udvandter~~ Udvandterarkiv
(Danish Worldwide Archives) aalborg
- p. 161 - Dansk Folkeindesamlings Bibliotek
(Danish Folklore Archives) København (noe)
(Copenhagen)

Petrie

26 - skin trade

- 37 proprietor prostitutes, 1865-70

29 - Prosn by 1870 was "women's business grounded in women's property & capital!"

goosed up this dialogue, Oct. 27 '89

Her gaze at him stayed determinedly bright. "Mmm hmm. Well, I

wondered if you had anything tucked away we can use."

"Actually, I do have one idea," he ventured, spearing another biscuit.

"Trot it on out."

"I really truly think it captures the essence of early Helena."

"Sounds good. What is it?"

OVER

give the GV line, Geo Volente, to Riley in his Gros Ventre dawn column?
--this could be set up by Jick asking Riley, during their drive back to Missoula from Helena when summoned by the BB, what DV means.

--if this is done, maybe move Isaac's 2nd use of DV (or make it his 3rd) into the last letter Jick reads, about Angus.

Isaac's letters can mention that Adair has gone back to Scotland, after seeing birth of Jick. Thus she laid eyes on him, but he has no memory of her.

check capitol lawn in Helena, summer '89, to see if there's a centennial
logo flower pattern at base of the Meagher statue, for Mariah to photograph
Jick against.

--mentioned in Montana 89er Feb. '89, in Mariah ideas file

Mariah's pic to go with Helena prostitutes' story: brothel pics, that is, the women clad but flirtatious, in sepia, overlaying the buildings they owned.

Riley's words: house not just a home but an investment property...

Jick has never seen pic of Angus--imagines him looking like Mac, but in old-fashioned clothes

DANCING, 31--Helena firebell tower like top of lighthouse

make the point that Isaac seemed a kind of lummoX of language in his broken English; but was fluent in the letters of his native Danish.

The Martians

Jack Leams - born letter, diary of a Se Heaven neighbor, translation
from Danish of Isaac Reese? - what happened to Angus & Anna
in 1919 & after?

dialogue

H. T. Gisborne: /older 3-4, Mar 24, '48 letter

"(information) which I will otherwise take with me across River Styx."

- have Isaac use?

MHS, 9 Sept. '87

Autobiography by Jorgen Jorgensen, b. at Horsens, Jutland, Denmark, Nov. 25 1856
d. at ~~Ingomar~~ Dagmar, Oct. 26, 1940

6--"a lovely, lively girl"

12--"I must also relate an incident that happened..."

14--"I don't know what there was in the way of money..."

14--...I wasn't permitted to put my feet on a chair because ~~he~~ then he would say,
"Where are your feet going, Jorgen," and then I would answer, "They are going down."

16--"Now it was time for me to attend Citizens' School."

24--"...turned out to be a man with a heavy dark mustache and a thick crop of hair."

--"...~~H~~ he...let it be known that he would just as soon I went back home again."

25--"(I) don't just know what happened..."

26--"I don't know how I got the idea that..."

--"On the contrary I know that such was not the case..."

--"we had much fun together"

27--"What in the world should a person answer to such a question?"

39--"Soren was not very particular about..."

40--"I have mentioned two reasons why we wanted to move but there was a third."

--"...and what if one of them should..."

41--"we availed ourselves"

45--"but soon found out otherwise."

--"hit upon the idea"

45-6--"We lived in this house for four unforgettable years--years that

witnessed much joy ~~but~~ and also much sorrow."
48--"not even he was present at her deathbed."

MHS, Sept. 9 '57

black MHS Arakines binder, thick as catalogues, has cumulative (Alphb'l)
name index, which in turn refers to smaller red Small Collections
binders by entry #. Ex: Rees, John E.

SC	
106	

possible SCs: #508

*178

360

MHS

9 Sept. 4 '87

The First Fifty Years: glimpses from the Dagmar community, 1906-1956

10--"What do you think of the soil?"

"It is as good as the Lord can make it. If he were to do it over, he would be likely to spoil it."

11--"Where can coal be found?"

"Only one place, and that is where you happen to stand."

I suppose they were shoed toward America.

Isaac's letter to his sister in Denmark shows ~~th~~ not only that he knew about Anna and Angus, but that he believed she eventually would have chosen Angus.

Jick thus realizes that his mother must have known too, and that was the reason for her coolness to Angus/Adair (cited in Eng Crk).

Isaac's letters: use Dad's remorse that soon there will be no more flowers to take to her grave. (This hits Jick hard.)

in Helena, Riley goes to MHS to look up pics of whorehouses, makes Maria join him in the search. His point is that the women were early capitalists, their story deserves telling too.

--Phone call comes to MHS from pub'r, Jick takes it (Riley and Maria are ~~at~~ somewhere in bowels of bldg), pub'r says to tell them to get their asses back to Missoula, he wants to talk to them in the morning. Riley's response: how'd he know what we're up to? (with prostitute pics)

Jick about Angus: his name contained in mine on my birth certificate, John
Angus McCaskill.

about Angus and Anna, meeting at the Two Medicine: although he was starving to,
and I believe she was just as hungry. Two starvings.

Isaac's accented jabber

--contrast with elegance of his letters in Danish

Isaac Reese: says "wizzle" for "weasel".

the four walls of a house

- see - Jack at ranch

Every once in a while,

--You damn well better think about death--it's thinking about you.

Just, during Bago ride to Helena & Mariah?

Born, lived, died. Tombstone words.

Adair's fate given in Jick's ruminations on finding Isaac's letters? (Some remembered comment from Beth?)

changed in Oct. '88 revise

My own ~~name~~ ^{debut} reads John Angus McCaskill, born Sept. 4, 1924, Gros ^{town of}

Ventre, Pondera County, Montana, on the certificate, but I have never
seen any reason to pack around two given names when one will do.

Helena

KOA 4 mi. north on Montana Ave.

28 June - dawn, Helena

- Rob wishes he cd ring. fire bell, bring everyone into . sky, to be
- 1st Lucas
- they ~~sit on~~ ^{go to top} stairs of fire tower
- patches of cloud - bet'n gold & pink @ 1st; purple dots of old just above B Belts
- blue outline of eastern mtns
- Mt. Helena & others already distinct at 5:15 (plenty of light)
- no trees in vis'd section as now
- Mt. H timbered to d. top, bare summit
- tops of post office over H. school & other bldgs @ . 7 hrs
- brick bldgs below them
- giant on his back, more in air
- patches old across . sky
- sprawl of Helena, bare valley beyond

Helena dawn/2

- mild breeze du L C Gulch & up: backs of the necks
- mtns beyond: lat range of hills, such as Mt. H. - layered
- big tunnelled houses under slopes of Mt. H
- land is drawing color out of sky
- 5:30 - sunrise near, small cld @ B Belts gold coals in std of purple.
- small mtns all around them, contrast to R Mtn Front
- red light dist behind them to the right
- sharp rocks, blade-like of fire tower hilltop
- " shape of hill; grassy top
- few barn swallows

Helena dawn / 3

- a & R climb. 2 flights of tower steps, lean on 2x4 railing to watch sunrise; they are above. well
- white & gray feathers of cloud above sunrise (5:40)
- fire tower of thick beams for legs & braces
- much light even before sunrise; light-filled land
- 5:45: actual sunrise, penumbra of gold above middle of B Belts
 - begins to look like $\frac{1}{4}$ circle of gold, hard to look at
 - shadows of trees at Mt. H top
 - light in to 1m before sun $\frac{1}{2}$ above mtms
- shadows of backs (like shadows?) of knolls low on Mt. H
- 2 towered hses in a row, as in 1890 bk pic
- saw in sides of LC Gulch, as if shovels cut / or the beds to be dropped in

28 June - Helene cemetery

- "on. old Benton road" (to Ft Benton)
 - 1880s burials in NE corner nearest nr track
 - draped gravestone (1/2 pic of: John Kenia, b. Dublin, Ireland
1837 - d. 1887
Kenia in raised letters @ base
- tomb-like

- papers on near nr track?

- cemetery beside road

changed in Nov. '88 revise

"Why? What's on his tiny mind?" she asked warily.

"You know the BB. Even when he talks in words of one syllable
you can't be sure what the hell he's saying. And this time he wasn't
even trying to say. He sounded like he was too busy concentrating on
being mad."

Adair's fate: tell it in MHS letters scene?

insert into MHS scene, maybe when they arrive to capitol grounds and park the
Bago, mention of the Centennial floral design (in Mariah ideas file) and possibly
the General Meagher statue.

p. 141--add more texture to scene of Mariah eyeing Riley abt his ~~whore~~ whores idea?

not used in ch. 1 (because of Isaac's ~~later~~ later remark that he has never mentioned Angus McC before)

18 Oct. 1893

...Yesterday I was called on by the new young schoolman from the next valley over, who desired to buy a saddlehorse. When I led out for him a fine gelding, of a striking color approximating dark gingerbread, he was much pleased with the mount until he inquired of me the horse's name. In all truth I replied 'Scorpion'-- whereupon my customer and the friend with him both backed away precipitously half the length of the corral, as though the horse might sting them! I was able to explain that the name derived from the horse's brand, a fanciful ~~and~~ longtailed M perhaps indeed spidery to certain imaginations-- --and the transaction was duly concluded. Such are the oddities of the commerce your Montana brother is engaged in! I am, however, thriving, and, D.V., may this letter find you in fullest health and spirit as well....

unused because Jick's name is earlier explained in pitch game.

That paragraph held me. I re-read and re-reread. ^{cut} (Although for
longer than I can remember I have been nicknamed Jick, ever since someone
wise in the ways of cardplaying remarked that my presence in the family
reminded him of the off-trump jack, the jick--same color but different
suit--in the game called pitch,) my rightful name is John Angus McCaskill.

p. 144--add a line or two to Jick talking himself into genealogy?

p. 145--last graf: add "I closed the binder"?

- , sound it makes a goodbye salute to his notion of genealogy?

p. 118--improve last line, abt use of D.V.: "Your grandfather must have had some education (been an educated man), to use the Latin abbreviation."

- or cut: line & just leave. "God willing" explanation?

"People with

some education said it a lot in their letters then."