

Back where we have never been this mood of ^{used}
exploration was...

winter

Grandma noted in her address book the 1st big storm of year.

Mark Wyman's letter, Dec. 3, '78, about being in Chi for 1st storm.

Our snowstorm came before winter--an aberration of autumn, I count it. No, for my first real snow, I will go to it: to the mountain. (use as ending for an entry, the next one will be at Forbes' cabin at Mt. Rainier.)

Forbes cabin: the woodshed which the firewood will fill waits, open but sheltering, several yards behind the house, and a small shed-garage is ~~down~~ below by the road. Like the cabin, these outbuildings have been cedar-shingled, a uniformity which fits the forest's regularity of trunks and branches.

Forbes cabin: in front, the biggest boulder stands out with the size of
a large crate.

the cabin tented over by high forest and at the hem of the great mountain.

Cabination, a proper scholar might call it...

Forbes cabin, Wed. Jan 24 (day 35)

Snapped-Checkers - forest, patches
branches, giving them new wood
outline; like a white blurring motion
got out of hand & covered
- 0 2" of fluff
sw - in ch. d. s. trunk

Big 60' wide - 6 ft, ^{reached 1 yr}
bashed open a dice & cleared
away 9 vacation homes - 1st house
4-line stands alone, still a little
stand at over escape
- river rattles along at 9d pace
- sw-typ 7 tree 1 distinct among
thousands it sits among

1st to have @ upper end of
dice sit close 2. ^{could} swim where
'river us, still among of
thinness of the escape

Forbes cabin:

Faded purple-and-gold pennant of Company 2622 of the CCC, memento of Howard's teen-age years in it. He has told me that when he and the other CCC boys began a reforestation project in Wisconsin, they struggled at first to plant 500 pine seedlings apiece a day--and soon could do twelve hundred, nearly three a minute.

Forbes cabin:

Much escapes from the handful, but what is left identifies without doubt.

If our everyday houses are built to hum, cabins are built to doze.

The ladder-look of the mullioned windows.

Other details: living rm, small Spanish wineskin on end of bookcase; profusion of candles; assortment of easy chairs for five persons (two heavy wooden-armed recliners, a director's chair, a broad wooden rocker and the snowshoe chair) and a green couch for three more.

Oval braided rug covers nearly the entire living room, its concentric rings of three separate greens like ripples in green pool.

Living room is about 16-22, with 10' ceiling.

Black stove with fire screen, copper kettle atop it.

Cuckoo clock above cross country skis stashed in cornerx.

is waiting out winter near a window, and in everlasting full flight

on a wall behind the stove is Howard's purple-and-gold pennant from

Company 2622 of the Civilian Conservation Corps of forty-five years

ago, and the rest of the room is kitchenware.

add: quaint coolies from London and Paris