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COPY OF MRS ERIC CLARKE'S LETTER

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(Ruth Johnson Clarke)

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I want to sell those things because I need the money invested in them, in order to make this trip of ours to America this next month and to do all the things we want to do at home. These scrolls, illustrate the great Chinese novel "The Dream of the Red Chamber" (I will bring home the story in detail when I come).^{the} as I said they are most perfect pieces of embroidery I have ever seen. They are truly museum pieces and one can place almost any value on them. I have not seen anything like them in these parts for years. They were valued at \$ 5000.00 gold for the eight, (four years ago and are really much more valuable now as things of this kind are really impossible to find)

but I will be perfectly satisfied to sell them for \$4000.00 that's a 20% reduction, if you would like to buy them for the Museum. It seems a lot of money but just wait until you see them. Now my plan is for Mr Clarke to send the suitcase with all the things in it by registered ~~mail~~ insured express at Eugene and you can see the things for yourself and keep them there until we get home and if you don't want them then I will offer them for sale elsewhere. But I would like you to have the first refusal of them. They are so beautiful that they just mustn't be had by one who does not appreciate their beauty and value, even it mean that I never sell them.

You see Eric and I are planning now to sail on the Empress of Canada which sails from Yokohama on the 23rd of May. We go direct to Vancouver and ~~we~~ plan to spend June and July there with our dear friends the Walkins. Our address will be 57 Water Street Vancouver B.C. % mr W.H. Malkin. During the time we are with Mr Malkin, he plans to drive us to Portland and

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and I was wondering if we could go through Eugene and if you would be there and if we could see the museum. Then also I could take the things in the suitcase that you did not want.

I am going to enclose in this letter a note to Miss Jones,

Mr Clarke's secretary authorizing her to send ~~the thing~~ you

the suitcase of things, as soon as she receives the instructions

from you. I hope it won't be a bother for you to do this Aunt

Gertrude of mine for it will be getting the things out to the

West in good hands, so that I can take them over from you when

I arrive. The other things in the suitcase might interest you

as well and of course you could have them at the same 20%

reduction. The prices are all marked on the goods. There is one

lovely old brocade coat in gold thread brocade of the 100

children at play on midnight blue satin, that is a perfect beauty .

I am longing just to look at it again. It is my "coat of happiness"

as it signifies the most perfect type of pure happiness; the

games and laughter of children. The old books are also very

rare and I am sure they might interest you.