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Dear Gardiner Folger,

Thank you
for all your nice letters, etc.,
which have been enjoyed far
more than it might appear.
Perhaps one has been too
restless in recent weeks to
be much of a correspondent.
With leave approaching
and one not knowing where
one is going or for what after
that, it's not always easy
to be philosophical and to
keep from becoming restless.
Though the remaining number

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of days before our vacation
have seemed to ~~have~~ pass
slowly - with a speed
somewhere between creeping
and crawling - Time has
in some respects melted
away. This being particularly
true of leisure time, and yet
we haven't been overworked.

The summer was really
unpleasantly hot down here.
Though Sundays at the beach
were rather pleasant. October,
however, while not actually
cool, has proved to be very
pleasant. There are no more
hot nights even if some of
the days are overly warm.



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Many local birds have left the woods, and many more have migrated through. but some "winter" birds have stopped and more will. One migration of redstarts (The woods were almost literally full of them) was the most remarkable of perhaps any warbler I've seen. One trouble with the Florida peninsula is that it misses all the birds that migrate up and down the Mississippi Valley, so many of our northern avian friends are

never sees even though they
do winter in Central or South
America. I've been rather
disappointed at what I've
seen of an ornithological nature
from the air. Too many
times one is too high and
going too fast, but I've
recognized vultures, eagles,
pelicans, gulls and a few
other birds.

Well, in a little over a
week I should be at home
after eleven months of absence.
It won't be for long (two
weeks), but it will mean
much. Perhaps I'll get a
chance to visit Gardiner.
Love to all
Toots