

July 23, 1901.

Dear Grandfather,

Your letter of July 20th came all right and I answer at once. In last week's examinations I made 3.2 in Algebra, 3.4 in Arithmetic, 3.2 in Geography and 2.9 in Punctuation and 3. in World's History. This shows good improvement in arithmetic.

My mistakes in arithmetic had been only in multiplication, etc. and my principles had been correct. The examiners here grade very hard and mark the papers low as possible so as to get the pupils to study and the grades that I have made are considered very good here.

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We have just finished the work on the first of three pamphlets of exams and I will send them to you and show you just where I made mistakes in my arithmetic exams, and will also do a problem in contracted multiplication, division and cube root. I have learned these short methods now and have no more trouble in arithmetic. By looking in the third pamphlet you will find a problem about oxen eating grass. This is a very knotty problem but by methods given by Mr. Werntz it is solved easily.

In the arithmetic exams any kind of solution will be accepted just so it is correct.

It is very warm here and for the past week it has rained every afternoon.

As it is only about two blocks down to the water, I go swimming sometimes after I have finished my work. This is the only exercise that I take and then I put cotton in my ears to keep out the water.

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There are five boys on our floor and Sunday evening we shipped in fifteen cents apiece and hired a sailboat for about four hours. My roommate understands sailing a boat so we were all right in that way. When we started out we were only going around in the harbor but there was such a fine breeze blowing that we started across the bay to Kent Island. This was fifteen miles away but it only took us one hour and a half to go over. There is a fine beach there and we went in bathing for a half an hour.

The sail out there was the first real enjoyment I have had since I have been here.

On the way back I got seasick and there is only one thing that

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I can say is that a person does not know what seasickness is until he has had it.

We left town at 5 o'clock that evening and came back at 8:30 having sailed thirty miles and staid in swimming half an hour.

My best love to everybody.

Your affectionate grandson

[signed]

Chester Nimitz