

Letters

To the Editor of *Spritsail*,

As I was reading my Winter 1997 *Spritsail*, "A Quissett Summer Romance" the graphic of the letter from Arthur (Morse) to Maria on page four caught my attention. The *Outlook* letterhead, I have seen that before. I went digging through the files left from when my husband, Jack, and I were in business as the Village Printer. There I found the enclosed, self-explanatory, copy of a proverb dashed off on *Outlook* letterhead stationery. I remember the day when Raz Parker, of Parker's Boatyard in Cataumet, came into the shop with what was obviously a precious bundle tucked under his arm and asked if we could reproduce "this" and make it look as much like the original as possible. Raz told us of his visit to A. Metcalf (Metty) Morse at Hurricane Hall, where Mr. Morse had invited him to sit behind the "Roosevelt" desk while telling him about the senior Mr. Morse and the ex-president's days at the magazine. I did find it interesting that on the graphic of the *Outlook* stationery on page four, the address of the magazine is 13 Astor place and on the "Roosevelt" letterhead it is 287 Fourth Avenue. I very much look forward to and enjoy each issue of the *Spritsail*. Please keep up the good work.

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Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

*Do not teach your
children to avoid
difficulties but to
overcome them,*

Theodore Roosevelt

*The original of the above was loaned to me by Mr. Arthur Metcalf Morse Jr. of
Quisset Harbor, Falmouth Massachusetts.*

*After he was President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, along with Mr.
Morse's father were on the staff of Outlook Magazine. Mr. Morse eventually
inherited the furnishings of his father's office and also the desk and the above quotation
from Theodore Roosevelt's office.*

I am grateful to Mr. Morse for allowing me to make copies of his original.

Ransom Parker

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