

who were in the room who might have fussed with it. He said I do not have the right kind of a screw driver to open it. He said also you need a key to turn it. However he said through the little holes in the side I can reach in with a small screw drive and adjust it one way or the other, and we will see if that won't keep it from getting quite so hot. So he did so.

Yesterday the heat again got up to 84° in the afternoon and was extremely uncomfortable. I wondered whether the man with the screwdriver had possibly turned it in the wrong way. During the afternoon Mr. Seegan came in, and asked how the heat was and I told him about it. He immediately pulled something out of his pocket== a particular kind of screw driver out of his pocket and took off the cover of the thermostat. He said, last fall we adjusted all these thermostats so that those in the other rooms would not put == would keep rather low in rooms that we don't use but we set this one for 68°. He said evidently either the thermostat is not working or == something wrong with the thermostat or else down by the boiler it fails to work. If it is down there there is nothing we can do about it, until sommer. But he said ~~Wt~~ it may be that the thermostat is not working. He said, there are in the building here some new thermostats. I will put one of them in on in place of this one and that ought to fix it. He then looked == took the theomostat off. As soon as he did so there came a great sound like wind coming out. He said that is the air pressure simply coming out of it. He looked at the thermostat and he said, Oh that thermostat is all covered with dirt. He said, No wonder it isn't working. The inside of the thermostat. So he put it where the air would blow the dirt off it. Then he said, I believe this will fix this thermostat so that it will work all right and we won*t need to put a new thermostat on. So he put the old thermostat back on.

I do not know yet whether this will work as he had hoped or not. However, I do see that if I had been a bit more urgent on this matter of thermostats several months ago, there is no reason why the thermostat might not have been cleaned then. If so we might have had far more comfortable afternmons during the past four months, and in addition to that we might have saved ~~and~~ quite a bit on heating costs.