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1926

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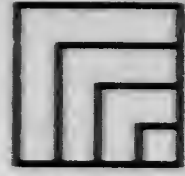
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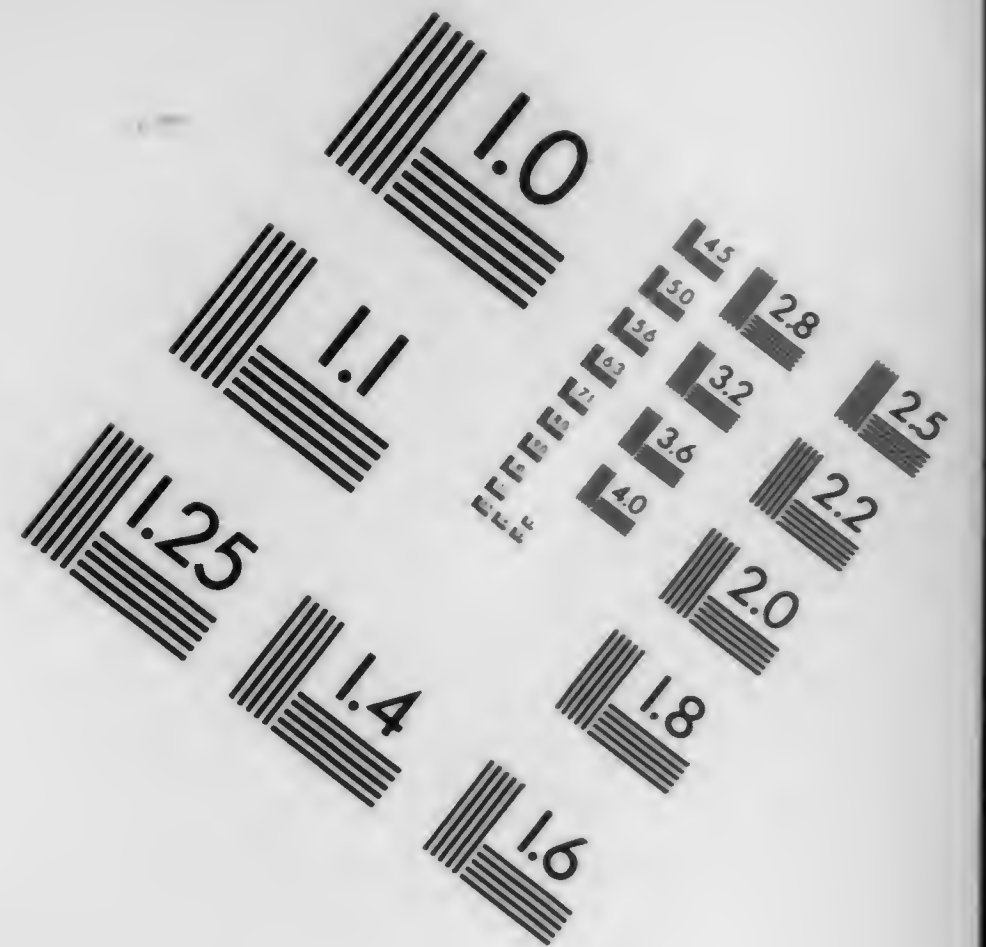
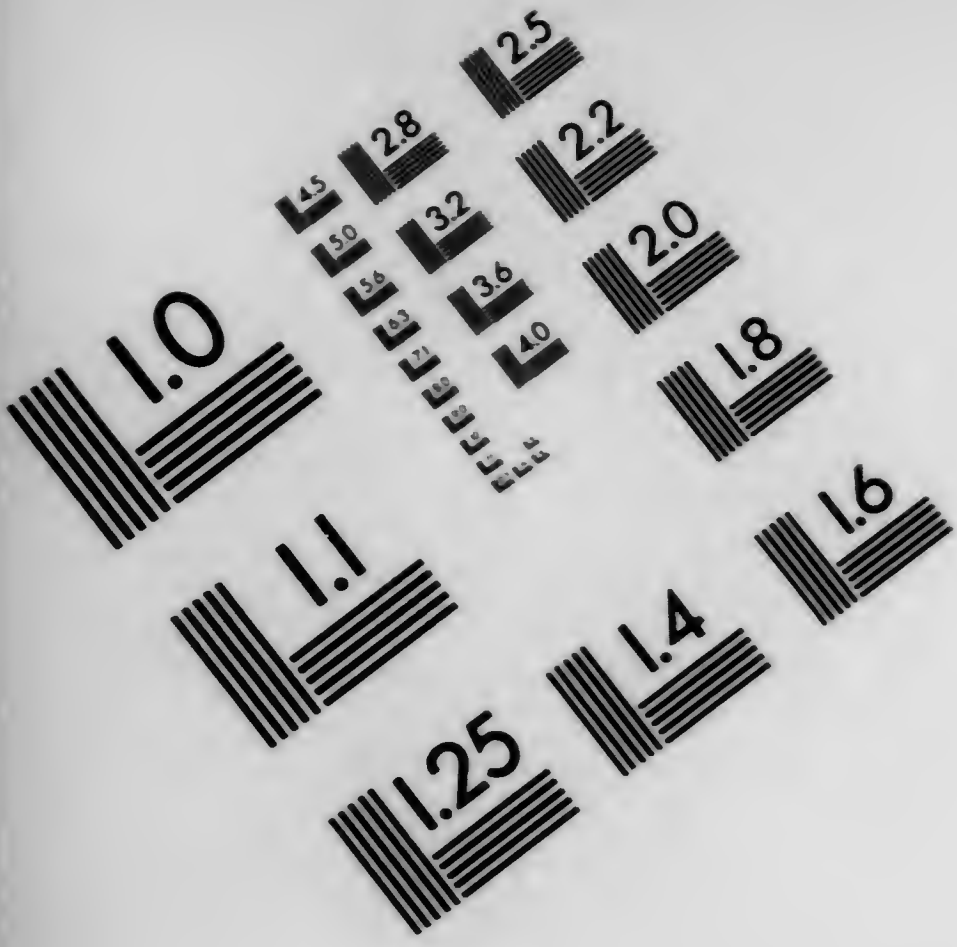
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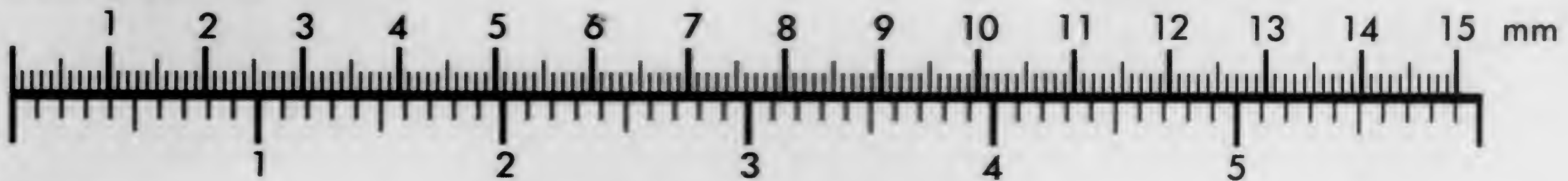
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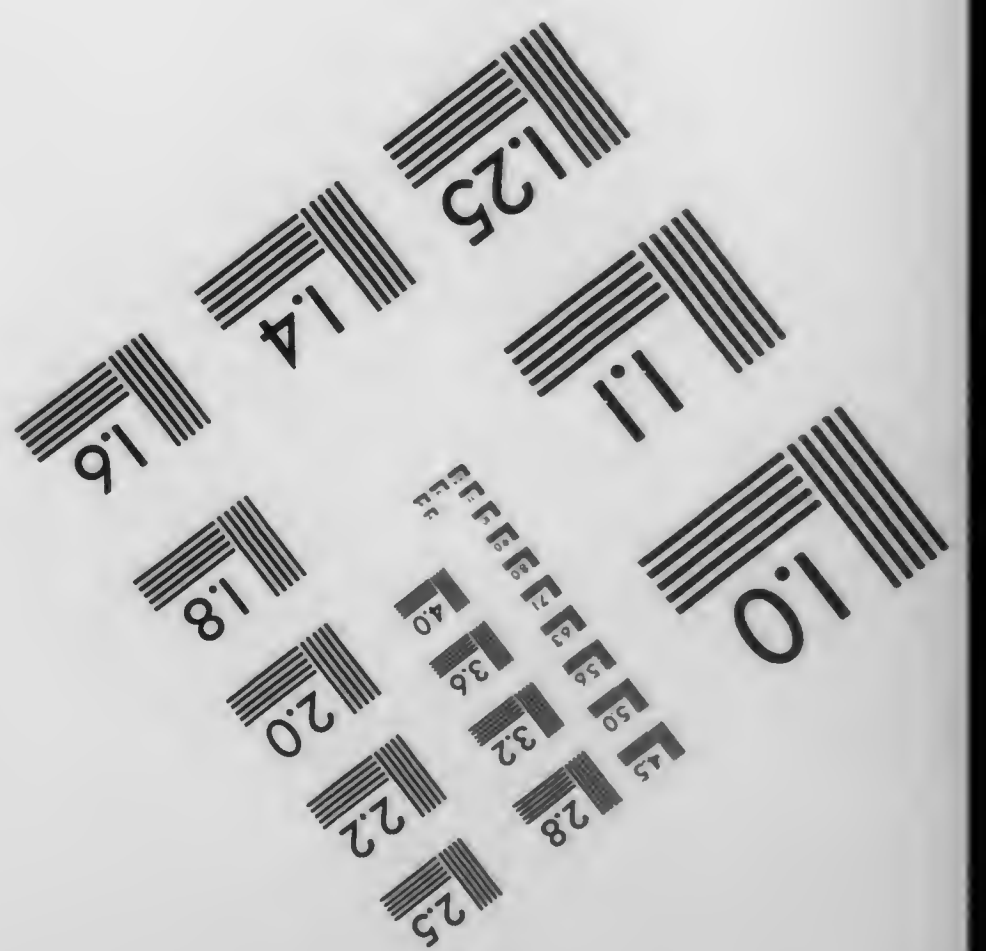
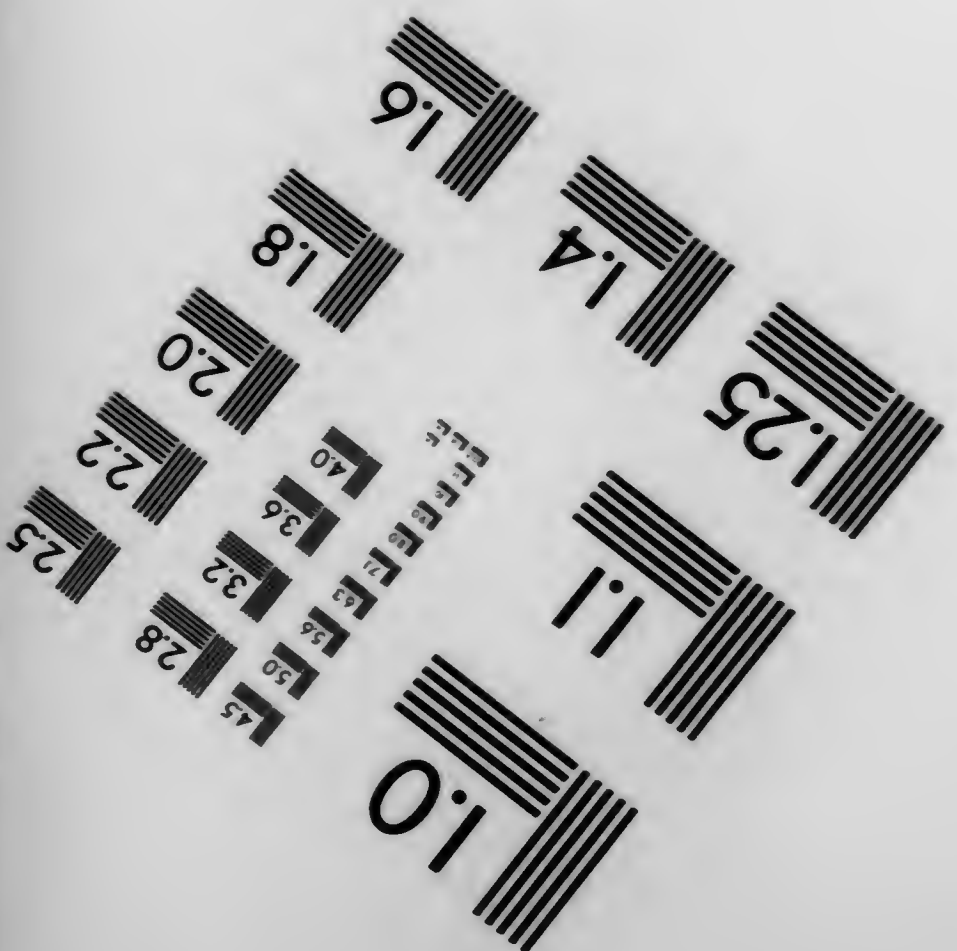
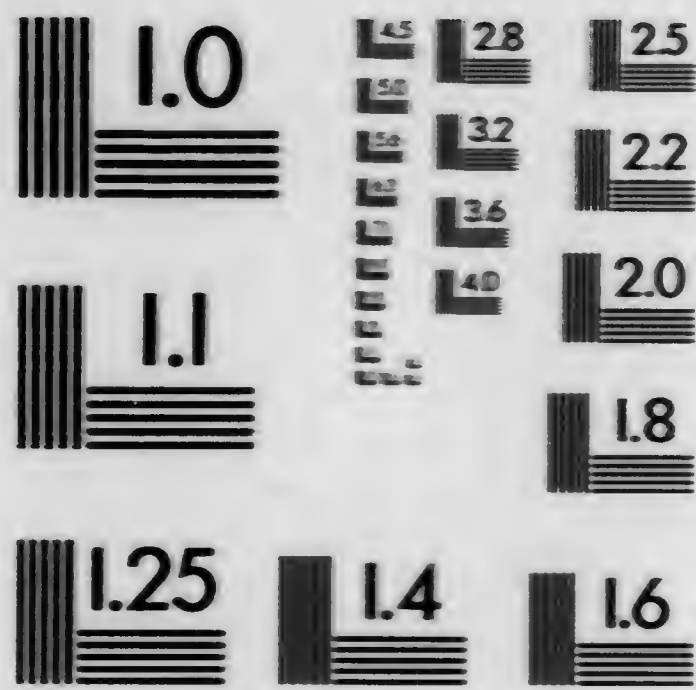
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Dear By Merriam

I shall be pleased to meet

Mr Roosevelt at your home on the 23rd

& thank you for remembering me

Yours truly

Cleveland Abbe

I believe Mr. Roosevelt & I were neighbors
& flatmates in 20th Street New York City
in 1856-56 but he may have forgotten.

Abbot, Beth

1925-1938

granddaughter



... AND THERE SAT THAT "BROWNIE" ON THE EDGE OF THE ASH TRAY, LOOKING AS COMFORTABLE AND CHEERY AS YOU PLEASE.

December 5, 1925.

Dear Grandpa,

I hope you have
a very Happy Birthday and I
hope you have many nice
presents. I went out to
Thanksgiving at aunt Matty's

house and had a lovely time.
Mother and Daddy and I. We
had turkey, sweet potatoes
squash, icecream and lots of
other nice things. Did you have a
nice Thanksgiving? After dinner
we had nuts and raisins.
It was raining for a few
days up here. Mother and
Daddy went down to
New York to see the
Army and Navy game and

Mother brought us each
a game.

Lots of Love,
Beth Abbot

VERSO



July 29, [1926]

Dear Grandpa

I had to
send you an air letter to
loop to send you my love and
best wishes.

We wonder where
you are every day and
wish we were with you. I

hope that it was cool
for you.

Everybody sends love
and kisses.

Your Loving Grand-
daughter

Beth Abbot

Recd. Aug. 9, 1926
cm

VERSO

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
December 3, 1926.

Dear Grandpa,

Many happy returns
on your seventy first birthday.

It snowed yesterday
but not very deep and Merriam
went out and played in it.
He said that he liked it
very much but that he nearly
froze. It is very cold and the
temperature is 20° to 22° now. Early
this morning it was 12° above zero.

I like school very much
this year and I have a lovely teacher.

We wish we could be there
Sunday and Christmas.

We all send love

Beth Abbot

VERSO

6 Berkeley Place
Cambridge
Mass.

Recd. Dec. 6, 1927

Dec. 4, 1927

Dear Grandpa,

Many

happy returns of the
day and I hope this is
the happiest birthday
you ever had.

We all

had a perfectly wonderful
time this summer, and
we hope to go out

There again sometime.

Merriam say he likes
his school and I like
mine. I am getting along
pretty well in school now.

I am taking music
lessons now and I like
them very much. I can
play a few pieces but
not very well.

We all wish that
we could be

down there with
you for Christmas
because it would be
lots of fun

Lots of Love and
Merry Christmas from
d,

Beth Abbott

VERSO

Recd. Jan. 8, 1927

6 Berkeley Place
Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 27, 1926.

Dear Grandpa,

Thank you

very much for the lovely
book called "The Book of
Wild Flowers". I just love
Nature books and I hope
that sometime soon I
will be able to go out
to California where you
can teach me the trees

and the flowers and
the birds because I
would like to know
the names of them
very much. Merriam
and I would have lots
of fun climbing
the trees,

We have

the biggest Christmas
tree we ever had and
it has thirty lights on

it. It is very
tall and Daddy
had to use the
step-ladder to put
on the top light.

Merriam has a
big automobile and
he says he likes it
best,

Lots of love and a
Happy New Year
from
Beth Abbott

VERSO

1928

6 Berkeley Pl.

Cambridge

Mass.

Jan. 2, 1928

Dear Grandpa,

We all had

a lovely time
down with you

and especially me,
and also thank

you for the lovely book called Peter Pan and the capital of our country. I have not gone to school yet as Monday is a holiday up here.

The trip back was very rough and the train ^{brakes} were always squeaking and altogether it was uncomfortable. I wish I was down there.

VERSO

with you
because I have
such a good
time there.

Give my love
to Auntie and
Grandma

With love
from Bob

Monday

BETH ABBOT
6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE (38)
MASSACHUSETTS

January 30, 1928

I

Dear Grandpa,

Mother got

me my own paper with

~~my~~ name and I think

it is very nice.

I have a
cold and cannot
go to school to-day
but I think I will

be better^{II} tomorrow.

I am writing this letter while Merriam is in school and Mother in town and Odetta is down stairs and I am up stairs on the couch in the den.

How are you and Grandma and Auntie?
I miss you all lots

VERSO

BETH ABBOT
6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE (38)
MASSACHUSETTS

III

and lots.

There is a lot of
snow up here that
has fallen in the
last few days but I don't
know how deep it is
because I haven't
been out in it on
account of my cold

IV

You can be sure that
I want to go out and
play in it and it
was a great
disappointment when Mother
said Saturday that
I could not go out
it started snowing
Saturday.

Lots of love
from

Us all to you all
from Beth

VERSO

Box 7 Nonquitt, Mass
August 1, 1928

Dearest Grandpa,

I am very sorry you
are sick and I hope you will be
better very soon.

I have been in swim-
ming and have dived off the
pier. I have a rowboat that I go out
in all the time ^{and} I take Mother and
Blanche and all my friends out in
it too. It is lots of fun to go out
in it.

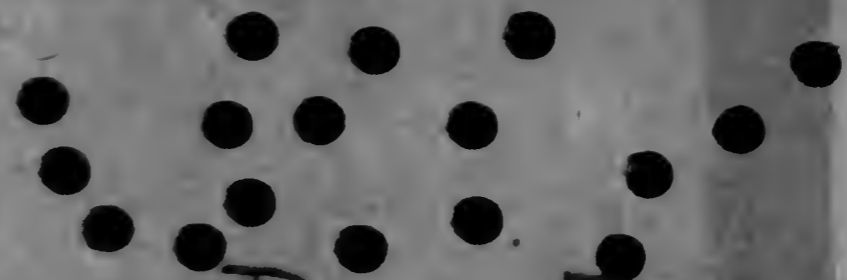
The little harbor or
cove is very safe and there are
no waves, so you see I won't tip
over on the account.

I am getting very brown and
that's because I am out in the
sun most of the time.

Give my love to Grandma
and Auntie and yourself,
Lots of Love

Beth Abbot

VERSO



Box 7, NORFOLK ILL MASS.

August 6, 1928.

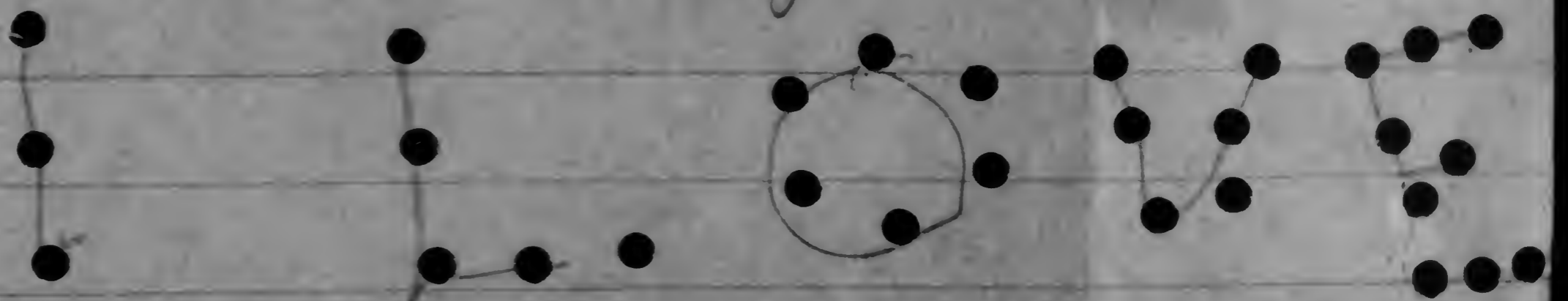
Dear Grandma and Auntie,

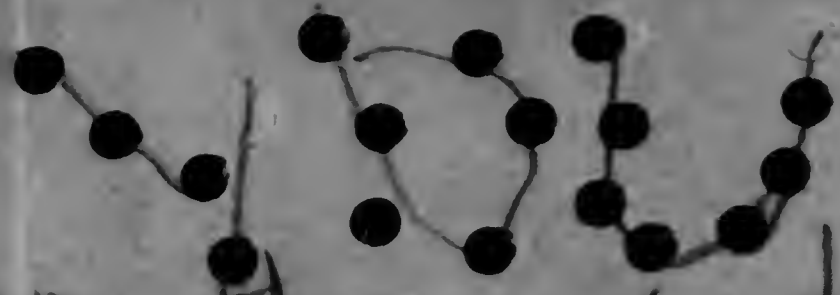
Thank you

both very much for the
~~lovely~~ lovely bracelet and
little necklace. I have
worn them several
times already and
I enjoy them a lot.

I have been
in swimming a lot
of times and the
water was nice
and warm. I have
dived off the pier
a lot of times and
had lots of fun in the water.

There is a
lot of Poison Ivy around
and it is dangerous to go





on the sides of the paths
because of it. I have not
gotten any of it though,
Thank goodness!

How are you
all out there?

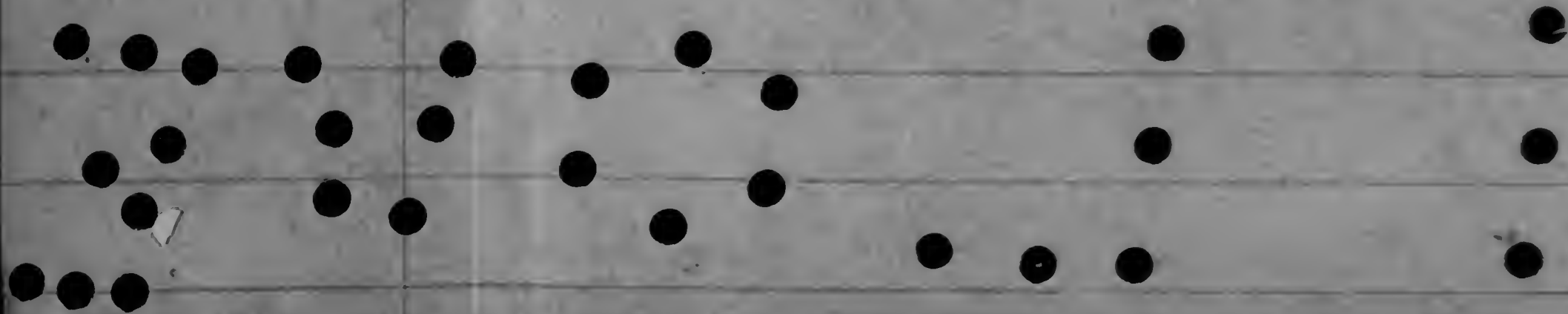
Have you
chopped any trees yet?
I hope you get a
lot of fruit from
your orchard this
summer.

Give my best Love
to Grandpa

Lots + Lots of Love

from
Bethabbot

VERSO



September 3, 1928,

Box 7
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Grandma + Grandpa,

It is very,
very wet outside today
and there are a

lot of puddles
in the grass,

I have
been down to the
beach and I got

my feet soaking
wet, but I changed
my shoes and
stockings.

When are you
going to tell me
about your
holdups? We are
very anxious to
hear about them.

Give my love to
Auntye.
Lots of love from
Beth Abbott

VERSO

"ABBOT COTTAGE"
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sept 11, 1929

Dearest Grandpa,

I think it
was wonderful that
you didn't get hurt
when you rolled down
the hill. We were all
glad to hear that
you got safely through

it all. My what an
awful experience to have.

Today is the first
real nice september
day we've had since
the fifth. The sky is
blue and so is the
water. The clouds are
as white as snow.

It will be lovely
when you all come

VERSO

"ABBOT COTTAGE"
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

back to Washington
because then we can
get letters more often
and we will see you
Christmas too I hope.

"Dodgie" was surely
a nice strong car
not to break into bits.
Lots of Love and kisses
and I'm glad you're alright
from
Beth (ABBOT)

Quod. March 16, 1930

6 Berkeley Pl.
Cambridge
Mass.

Dec. 27, 1929

Dear Grandpa,

Thank you
lots for the "keen" book
and the lovely handker-
chiefs that you sent me.
I know the book will be
very interesting but I
shall be afraid to use
the lovely hankies for
fear I would lose them.

Merriam and I
both got heaps and
heaps of presents this
Christmas. We got books,
toys and almost every-
thing you can imagine

I got a lock box to keep all my "portant" papers in so they won't be scattered all over the house like they usually are. I also got three or four presents of lovely writing paper. One of my very best presents was a two years subscription to "The American Girl," the monthly magazine published by the Girl Scouts Inc. It has stories, puzzles, jokes, articles on how to make things etc.

It was lovely to hear your voice on Christmas morning. It sounded as if you were only a mile away from our house. We all wished very

much that we could have been with you all that day but we look forward to the spring when I am sure we will see you.

heaps of love to everyone
from
Beth (Aunt)

VERSO

Box 7
Nonquitt, Mass.
July 22, 1930.

Dear Grandpa,

Thank you
lots for the check
and the lovely letter.
that you sent me. The

check is going to be
put in the bank pretty
soon I hope.

I'm having an awfully
good time this summer,
swimming, rowing and play-
ing tennis. By the way
there is a tennis tour-

ament next Thursday
and I'm just wild to
go to it. Three weeks
ago last Thursday there
was another tournament
and a boy and I, (we
played doubles) got the
prize.

I can dive fairly

VERSO

decently now and I can
tell you its lots of fun
to be able to. I wish
that you and granny
were here to watch us.
I got a lot of books for
my birthday besides a
camera.

Lots of Love - Beth. (Aunt)

Ans. Dec. 7, 1931

6 Berkeley Place
Cambridge
November 29, 1931

Dearest Grandpa,

just a scribble to
thank you for sending me the article
about Columbus and the one about
John L. Barkley-Hunter. At school
we are studying American history
and are just about in the
middle of the explorations of
Columbus so you see it is most
interesting to have an outside bit
of information. A history book
gets very boring after a while.
The story about the hunter-soldier
is certainly exciting as well as
interesting. I enjoyed most the part

spipped up.

I almost forgot to tell you - last night was the first dance for the year at Buckingham hall. I went to a party at one of the clubs here, after being asked by one of my friends and then we were taken over to the hall where I had a grand time. The place was simply jammed full but it was fun except when someone with hard heels stepped on my toe. This happened about once every five minutes.

Thank you again for being so dear as to thinking of me.

Love to you and Grannie,
Beth. (A.G. 40)

about geese and German snipers.

Today is nice and cold but we haven't had any sun for several days. About a week ago we had real summer weather. Can you imagine it? I think it was as warm as 77°. Of course we all thought it was frightful and we all nearly passed out with the sudden change.

Maddy has patched up the plaster walls in the butlers pantry and has put the first coat of paint on. It's a lovely pale yellow and we feel quite set up about it. The bathroom will be painted anon and ~~the~~ ^{the} kitchen too; then we'll be all

VERSO

Wed. Dec. 7, 1931

6 Berkeley Place
Cambridge
Dec. 4, 1931

Dear Grandpa,

Many happy returns of
the day - tomorrow, that is. How
are you and Grannie? All right I
hope.

Today certainly is a
dark and wet day. It is trying
to rain and instead it is almost
like a "London" fog outside.

Yesterday, ~~while~~ Meriam
was coming home from school
with a little friend, Harvey. The
boy ran across the street and

tried to cross again, but just before
 he reached the curb he
 was struck by an automobile
 which was going very fast. Hawey
 was taken to the hospital, of
 course, and came to later. ^{for a while} He
 has a fractured skull but the
 doctors say that because he is so
 strong and healthy that he has
 a good chance of recovering. A
 miracle I call it. Meriam was more
~~or~~ less shaken up when he came
 home but he was all right after
 a while.

Well, ^{Lots} lots of love ^{to you and Syannic} and a very
 Happy Birthday.

Reth. [initials]

VERSO

6 Berkeley Place
Cambridge,
Massachusetts
June 5, 1932.

Dear Grandpa,

Thank you just
lots and lots for being so
dear as to send me that
cheque. It was just lovely
of you to think of me. I
have the bike back now, and
I've already ridden it all around.

Last week-end we all
went down to Nonquitt, and I
went in swimming twice! The
water was quite cold too, and I

side. Last Tuesday³ we went on
the picnic, the Golds had won.
unfortunately^{and} because I happened
to be a Blue I thought it was
too bad. We just had a
marvelous time and went in
swimming too. The place we
went to was Swampscott - on
the North shore - hence the
water was as cold as ice, but
it was grand fun. About at
dusk we started back, but
on the way we stopped to
see "The Church," ^{"(near Marblehead Neck)"} a wonderful
sight. The waves slosh in for

thought I should freeze before
I came out. Now there we
cleaned out the little cottage
for the centers, and worked awfully
hard. We got it done though
and it looked too adorable
for words.

All this year at school
we have been having a
contest between the "Blues" and
Golds" to see which side
could keep the room the
neatest. Our room teachers
decided that whichever side
~~we~~ won would have to
give a picnic for the other

VERSO

about thirty feet of solid black
rock three feet apart, and the
spray is simply wonderful to
watch! I could have sat there
for ages I think. Several of
the girls were soaked when
an enormous wave splashed up
over the end of the chaisson, but
they didn't seem to mind, and it
did anything but dampen our good time.
We arrived home about quarter of
ten, hoping that we would be able
to have another good time like it
next year.

Thank you again for the
cheque, and give my love to Sranny.
Love,
Beth - (A. B. 1915)

And. Aug. 5.
1932

Nonquitt
Massachusetts
July 27. 1932.

Dearest Grandpa,

You were just a

dear to send me such

a generous check, and I

don't think it should be

so much these days.

Anyway, thank you lots

for thinking of your grand

on her birthday.

Today I played

trying to put ³ up his
little radio set and he's
having one awful time with
the wire so I suppose I'll
go and help him.

Give my love to Granny
and Auntie Z, and Uncle Tally
when you next go to see
him and - fact but far from
least - Lee (that is if you can
get hold of him for half
a second.)

Thank you again

²
four and a half sets of
tennis, and had a grand
time doing it. The boy
I play with is lots of
fun and he's also a
little better than I am
so we have a great
time together.

Mother and Paddy
have gone up to Cambridge
and we're down here for
the week. Merriam is

for your check, which, by
the way, I've just put
into the Savings Bank.

Love and kisses,

Beth. [Abbot >

Box 7

Nonquitt

Mass.

July 21, 1933.

Dear Grandpa,

You certainly guessed
right about that pretty little
card case. It made a great
hit and it goes just perfectly
with the cards. I bet a little

for lunch today. The big ones are quite good.

July 22.

Some of our friends just look us to a clamhake. We all just kept on eating and when we got up we could hardly walk. "as well satisfied

bird told you something about my needing me. Anyway, thank you heaps for it and the generous check from you both. It was fun having it match my age. Merriam has gone fishing, as he did yesterday (but with only catching some little ones) and we hope to have some more to eat

with those few mouthfuls" - etc.

Very foggy weather here lately, almost like rain, and everything seems damp and wet.

I'm going to bed pretty soon so I'll say goodbye and thank you some more for the card care and checks.

Love to you and Granny,

Beth. (Beth)

Recd.
May 9, 1934

6 Berkeley place
Cambridge, Mass.
April 27, 1934.

Dear Grandpa,

Some time ago (I'm
ashamed to say) we were most
mystified by a package from
the literary agent's publishers,
and when we opened it there
was the neatest little set of
encyclopaedias. Mother said
she thought you were the nice
person who had had them sent,
and sure enough she was
right when your letter came.
I just appreciate them ever
so much because we have
needed a source of information

inside, however, because there were only about two
thousand other people there too. But we saw
almost all there was to see, from outside,
except the engine. A week or so ago I saw
in some news-reef at our theater, that very
train, and the camera-man had taken pictures
from the inside looking out when the train
was going a hundred and seven miles per
hour. The way the telegraph poles and the
houses flew by was quite dizzying.

A guest mother told you I told they tent for
a drink because, and packed it, so now I go to

like those books for a long
time, and they're a nice convenient
size too. Thanks you very, very
much for thinking of us, and
I know the set is going to be
used a lot, as far as Murray
and I are concerned.

Yesterday we had the most
interesting experience. Had took
us into the now-splendid
South Station (the inside has
been done over and it is much
cleaner and ^{its arrangement is quite} intelligible) to see
the "Burlington Zephyr" which
arrived yesterday morning, and we
well, you can guess, just awfully
excited. We didn't wait to go

market for her, and up to get
merman at his school for
Dad. Now the next time we drive
to Calif. and I hope it will be
soon, I'll have a chance to
drive almost as much as I'd
want to I guess.

Wish we could be out there
with you all and see Antonio Z,
and Vase Tally and see too. He
must be one cute fellow from what
I hear.

I'm going to the Cambridge Dramatics
tonight and to a dance afterwards, so
I must go and doll-up.

Thank you again a lot for the
encyclopaedia set, and please give
everybody my love, including Mother
Lee.

Loads of love,

Beth. [Abbott]

Nonquitt, Mass
July 18, 1934.

B

Dear Sanny,

Thank you jes' a peck for writing such a nice letter to me for my birthday, and for sending that all too-generous check. It's going in the bank as soon as Dad gets up to town, with perhaps a little saved out for odds and ends now. I had more presents day before yesterday! Mother gave

pocket book to match my new
silk suit that mother made -
the blue one. Dad gave me
some golf balls, which are
going to come in very handy,
seeing as how I'm always
losing them, and 2 Badminton
"birds" to go with our set.
Badminton is another name for
Battledore and Shuttlecock.

I hope you weren't down
in San Francisco during all
the rioting. We were, and are, very
much worried about it, and we
don't want any of our numerous
family to get into the mess.

Dad is putting a center-
board on our 10 foot rowboat

me two lovely² pairs of pajamas
and some silk undies and two
different kinds of material - one
a mill green silk-crepe and
t'other a dimity with little
pink flowers and orange blossoms
printed on it - to make up
for a dress. I got three
pairs of stockings too - "aint"
that nice? earlier in the summer
I bought a pair of navy
blue gabardine slacks, and as
a present I got a cute little
sailor blouse to go with it.
Josephine gave me a lovely
sort of tucked patent-leather

so's we can go sailing in her.
merriam helps him a lot and
he's learning things about
carpentry too. This morning
I was allowed to plane the
edges of the board so it would
cut through the water easily.
I really think I should've been
a boy because I'd much
rather do that sort of thing
than go a-sewing. That's what
you might call traitorous now
isn't it?

I must say I'bye for now
so thank you lots more for the
check and letter.
oodles of love,

P.S. - I like my new pretty dress mae + more.
Beth

Gillett House - 30
Northampton, Mass.
January 19, 1936.

Dear Grampa:-

First I want to tell you that
I'm sorry I couldn't write to you
the night I said I would in
mother's letter, but have been ^{so} [^] most
awfully busy studying for 2
exams in Government that I
couldn't set me down to write
any letters at all hardly. (Isn't
that sentence a model of good
English?!) Then I want to thank
you for your letter and the
checks. Really, Grampa, you shouldn't
do things like that for your all too

hope to do this afternoon if I get some time. The sophomore carnival scheduled for last night had to be post-poned till Feb 4 on account of the snow. There is skating on Paradise Pond at the carnival & I guess there was just too much to be cleared off. Rather wish I had some snow shoes to go ploughing through the uncleared walks with. Hope Merriman, by the way, is keeping up on his job when you all have snow.

underwriting gravel-daughter. But I do most deeply appreciate it, and the check is now in my savings account. Sure gives one a rather secure feeling to know that there's something there if I need it.

Friday night it started snowing, and has been going steadily ever since. Campus is a lovely picture of white with feathery branches silhouetted against it. And the snow is quite deep now, almost dry enough for skiing too which I

We have to dash now, but
I'll really try to drop you
and granny a line often.
Give her my love too, and
ever so many thanks again.

loads of love,
Beth. (Abbott)



Honquett -
July 18 - '38.

Dear Grandpa -
Your birthday
check arrived
right on the dot,
the 16th, and thank
you heaps for
it. Am sending it
to the bank very
soon now.

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Am so glad



Houquett -
July 18 - '38.

Dear Grandpa -
Your birthday
check arrived
right on the dot,
the 16th, and thank
you heaps for
it. Am sending it
to the bank very
soon now.

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Am so glad

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have enjoyed bouncing around - and even getting very wet. It has been too fussy to go out much though, so we've played a lot of tennis and walked a great deal. It seems so nice to be out in the fresh air.

I hear that our

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you had such a successful trip to Northern California, and the one to Mono Lake sounds wonderful too.

Yes, Merriam and I have been sailing. I know you don't think that's much fun, but we surely

little new cousin is
pretty cute. Hope
you'll catch some
pictures of her for
us.

We found a nice
home for the 3 pussies
we had to give away,
so Dad is taking
care of the big tiger
and the all-black one.

Dinner bell, so I must
run. Thanks again, a
with lots of love,
Beth.

Abbott, C. G. (Charles Greeley), b. 1872

1918-1938

Mainly written as the Secretary of the
National Academy of Sciences and of the
Smithsonian Institution.

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Washington, D. C., Feb 15 1918

Dear Dr. Merriam

I have entered your
paper on Big Bears. Shall
I assume it will have
lantern slides? Does "short"
mean 10 or 15 minutes
which?

Yours truly

CG Abbot

Recd & Ansd. Feb. 16, 1918

Dec 16 1918

Dear Dr. Merriam

Thank you for your
very kind note. It is appreciated

Yours truly
C. J. Coburn.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

OFFICE OF THE HOME SECRETARY
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 18, 1919

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences will be held at the Smithsonian Institution on April 28, 29, and 30, 1919.

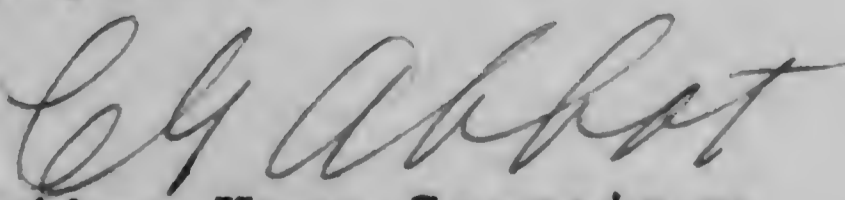
The President has appointed the following local committee to serve with the program committee as a committee of arrangements for this meeting:

Frederick Leslie Ransome, Chairman
Marston Taylor Bogert
Armin O. Leuschner
C. Hart Merriam
Ernest F. Nichols
Edward B. Rosa

Rule III (5) under which the Committee will act is as follows:

The local committee shall meet not less than two months previous to each meeting. It shall prepare the detailed program of each day, and in general shall have charge of all business and scientific arrangements for the meeting for which it is appointed except those specifically assigned to the program committee in the case of the annual meeting.

Very truly yours,


Acting Home Secretary.

Recd

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

OFFICE OF THE HOME SECRETARY
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

To the Members of the National Academy of Sciences:

The annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences will be held at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, April 26, 27, 28, 1920.

In order that a well arranged, well balanced program for the public meetings may be prepared, all members who propose to take part are urgently requested to send soon the titles, abstracts, time of presentation, and intention as to the illustration of their papers. Such information should reach the Home Secretary not later than March 31, but far preferably before March 1.

The Academy now contains nearly 200 members. They have little acquaintance with fields outside their own, and are as bored as the public by prolixity. Ten minute papers which primarily are generally intelligible, and which give results in broad outlines, leaving the details for publication, establish a high reputation for mastery to their authors.

January 12, 1920.

C. G. ABBOT,
Home Secretary.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

February 4, 1920.

OFFICE OF THE HOME SECRETARY
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To every member of the National Academy:

So far the notice sent out by the Home Secretary on January 12, requesting members of the Academy to submit titles, time, and lantern requirements, and abstracts of papers for the April meeting, has received exceedingly little response. One paper indeed has been proposed, but neither the time required, information whether it was to be illustrated, nor any abstract of it accompanied the title, and a personal letter to the author several weeks ago failed to bring them. I much appreciate that three members of the Academy have taken the trouble to inform me that they will be unable to give papers. The remaining 97 per cent probably threw the notices into the wastebasket without reading and have by this time completely forgotten that the Local Committee has to begin to arrange now in order to provide a well balanced interesting program that will not be sharply criticised when it is presented. I hope that you will impress on such of your friends of the Academy as you may happen to meet the earnest hope of the Local Committee that they will let us know what they desire to do in the way of papers at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully,

C. G. ABBOT,
Home Secretary.

Roads
March 9, 1920

Ans'd. March 11, 1920

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

OFFICE OF THE HOME SECRETARY
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 10, 1920.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am glad that you regard the memorandum of February 4 as entertaining for I would not for the world have had it offend you.

I shall put you down for 15 minutes for the paper on the Shasta Indians, with lantern slides, notwithstanding what you say about the abstract.

Perhaps I had better explain that the abstract was for my use and not that of the rapacious societies of which you speak, for I have the load upon me of helping Mr. Butman to prepare a notice of the meetings for the press. However, we will make an exception of you, and indeed most people make themselves exceptions without saying anything about it.

Very truly yours,

E. G. Abbot
Home Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

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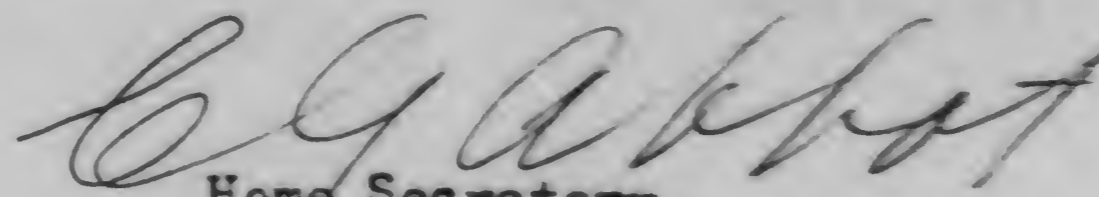
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 3, 1922.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am sorry that your request was overlooked. I have directed Mr. Brockett to make the change, to inform the chairmen of the Sections of Zoology and Anthropology, and to drop you a note when he has done so.

Very truly yours,


Home Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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May 3, 1922

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have your letter of May 2, 1922 and am notifying the chairmen of the two sections - Zoology and Animal Morphology, and Anthropology and Psychology - that it is your desire to withdraw from the former and to become a member of the latter.

Very sincerely yours,


Home Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

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Recd. Feb. 15, 1924

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February 13, 1924.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

May not the star which you speak of be Canopus? This is the second brightest star in the whole heavens, and is so far south that it is only just visible in the southern half of the United States.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Assistant Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

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*Added in negative
May 24, 1926*

May 1, 1926.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

In connection with the preparation of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1926, will you be good enough to send me before June 1 the titles of one or more articles which seem to you suitable for this purpose. These papers should be, as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress in science, written in a style to attract and instruct the general reader interested in scientific matters. They should be from 4,000 to 12,000 words in length and preferably accompanied by a few good illustrations.

In order that the Report may cover as nearly as possible the entire field of science, it is highly desirable that all those connected with the Institution cooperate by submitting titles for consideration. If you are unable to suggest any possible articles, I would appreciate a note from you to that effect.

Very truly yours,

CG Abbott
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
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Recd Aug 3, 1926 & emissions agreed to

July 21, 1926.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your paper on "The Classification and Distribution of the Pit River Indians of California", and also of your letter accepting the suggestion that the cost of printing be paid from the Harriman Fund so that this Fund may appear on the title page. I note that a letter should be sent to the Director of the Geological Survey requesting the Survey to engrave and print 2,000 copies of the colored map. This will be done at once.

Regarding the matter added in the introduction since we first saw the manuscript (marked with pencil in the margin of the enclosed pages), I wish to say that it seems to us that you have adequately given on pages 4 and 5 the reasons for the system of writing Indian words which you have adopted. The further discussion is of a controversial character which we hesitate to introduce especially since we also print the works of the authors criticised. You will recollect the parable of the house divided against itself. It seems to us that this matter is better suited for publication in some such journal as "Science" than in one of the Smithsonian series.

Believing that you will see the justice of this view, may I ask if you would object to omitting the part marked on pages 5, 6, 7, and 8?

Sincerely yours,

CG Abbot
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunites, Marin County,
California.

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August 11, 1926.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your manuscript and letter of August 3 received. I turned it over immediately to the Editor, and it has gone to press.

You certainly made great time out to California. I would not have believed it would be possible to go so quickly by auto.

We have had very hot weather since you went away, but for the last few days there has been some relief.

Secretary Walcott is just leaving for the Maine coast. I sent off my African expedition a day or two ago.

With kindest regards to all,

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. D. Abbot

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Calif.

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December 17, 1926.

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Dear Dr. Merriam:

We have been using every effort to rush your paper on the Pit River Tribes so as to get it out this month as you desired, and in order to do this the Editor tells me it has been necessary to return each proof immediately to the printer after you had made your corrections thereon. Of course each proof has been carefully read through for typographical errors, but the editorial office has never had an opportunity to compare the proofs with the manuscript, as you requested that the latter be sent to you.

I have no doubt that you have had the proof carefully read with the manuscript and that it will be all right, but as the work contains so many Indian names, I thought it might be well to explain these circumstances to you before the paper is finally printed.

Very truly yours,

Chy Abbat
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth Street, N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

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May 2, 1927.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

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General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1927
will you be good enough to send me before June 1 the
titles of one or more articles which seem to you
suitable for this purpose. These papers should be,
as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress
in science, written in a style to attract and instruct
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possible the entire field of science, it is highly
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cooperate by submitting titles for consideration. If
you are unable to suggest any possible articles, I would
appreciate a note from you to that effect.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Associate in Zoology,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

*Replied in negat the
May 18, 1927.*

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November

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*Recd + copy sent
by messenger Nov. 21/1927*

Dear Dr. Merriam,

It is desired, with your permission and that of the publishers, from whom permission has been asked, to include in the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1927 your appreciative biographical sketch of the late Dr. William Healey Dall, which appeared in Science of April 8, 1927.

If this reprinting meets with your approval, will you be good enough to furnish the Institution with a copy of the paper?

Very truly yours,

CY Abbot
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

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November 30, 1927.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

I beg to thank you for your letter of November 21 giving the Institution permission to reprint your appreciation of Dr. Dall in the 1927 Smithsonian Report, and for the copy of the paper that you sent. Proof of the paper will be submitted for your examination in a few weeks.

Very truly yours,

Chas. D. Abbot
Acting Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

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January 13, 1928.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Thank you for your kind letter of January
11. You have had so long and so distinguished service
in association with the Smithsonian Institution that
your feeling in the matter gives especial gratification
to me.

Very sincerely yours,

C. G. Abbot

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

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Added - Reports
May 25, 1928 - C. M.
May 1, 1928.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the preparation of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1928, will you be good enough to send me before June 1 the titles of one or more articles which seem to you suitable for this purpose. These papers should be, as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress in science written in a style to attract and instruct the general reader interested in scientific matters, and may be either original or taken from journals that have not too wide a circulation. They should be from 4,000 to 12,000 words in length and preferably accompanied by a few good illustrations.

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Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Associate in Zoology,
U. S. National Museum.

#2203 K. St.

May 10-1928.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

After you left Charles handed me four beautiful books & said it was for me! Thank you so much. It was very kind of you to number me among the proud

possessors, and I'm sure I shall enjoy
reading it. So sorry we had the
engagement last evening. Hope you
can come again before you leave for
the west.

With best wishes for you and yours.

Very sincerely

Lillian Moore Abbot.

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October 20 1928

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have pleasure in sending to you, under separate cover, thirty (30) copies of your paper, "William Healey Dall", reprinted from the Smithsonian Report for 1927. As soon as it is received from the printer, a copy of the Report volume itself will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

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Recd. June 13, 1929

May 1, 1929.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

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June 14, 1929.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I hope that you and Mrs. Merriam will have a pleasant and profitable summer expedition, and that Mrs. Merriam will quickly recover from the unfortunate fracture of the kneecap.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Ch. Abbot

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

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May 1, 1930.

Recd. June 2, 1930

Dear Doctor Merriam,

In connection with the preparation of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1930, will you be good enough to send me before June 1 the titles of one or more articles which seem to you suitable for this purpose. These papers should be, as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress in science written in a style to attract and instruct the general reader interested in scientific matters, and may be either original or taken from journals that have not too wide a circulation. They should be from 4,000 to 12,000 words in length and preferably accompanied by a few good illustrations.

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Very truly yours,

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June 6, 1930.

Dear Doctor Merriam,

I thank you for your letter of June 2 suggesting Mr. Judd's article on "Present Status of Archeology in the United States" as suitable for reprinting in the 1930 Smithsonian Report. This will be given careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
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*Recd. July 22, 1931
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July 9, 1931

Dear Doctor Merriam:

May I add my contratulations to those of your other friends on your being awarded the Roosevelt Service Medal.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Lagunitas
Marian County, California

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March 3, 1932

Dear Doctor Merriam,

In connection with the preparation of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1932, will you be good enough to send me before April 1 the titles of one or more articles which seem to you suitable for this purpose. These papers should be, as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress in science written in a style to attract and instruct the general reader interested in scientific matters, and may be either original or taken from journals that have not too wide a circulation. They should be from 4,000 to 12,000 words in length and preferably accompanied by a few good illustrations.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. G. Abbot".

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
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May 22, 1933

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In connection with the preparation of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1933, will you be good enough to send me before July the titles of one or more articles which seem to you suitable for this purpose. These papers should be, as you know, authoritative accounts of recent progress in science written in a style to attract and instruct the general reader interested in scientific matters, and may be either original or taken from journals that have not too wide a circulation. They should be from 4,000 to 12,000 words in length and preferably accompanied by a few good illustrations.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. G. Abbot".

Secretary.

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April 9, 1934.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to Mr. Green, thanking him for his gift of Buffon's Natural History, as suggested in your letter of April 7.

Very truly yours,

CG Abbot
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

April 9, 1934.

Dear Mr. Green:

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, on your behalf, has donated to the Library of the Smithsonian Institution the fine series of Buffon's Natural History, revised edition by Dombenton dated 1773-1775, comprising 17 quarto volumes, well illustrated and in the original bindings. Please accept on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution my thanks for this valuable donation which will be treasured by the naturalists of the United States National Museum under the Smithsonian.

Very sincerely yours,

C. G. ABDOU

Secretary.

Mr. Morris M. Green,
Ardmore, Penna.

Added
July 1, 1935 - cam



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May 8, 1935

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May 15 1935

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In response to your request of May 8,
I have pleasure in sending to you, under separate
cover, two copies of the paper by Mr. Harrington
named by you.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot

Secretary

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, California.

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*Recd. April 29, 1936
C.M.*

April 1, 1936

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*Recd. from Lagunitas, Calif
June 10, 1936 - dm*

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June 3 1936

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Enclosed please find a copy of letter of May 22, received from the City Bank Farmers Trust Company stating that on account of default in payment of interest on Rio Grande Western Railway Company 4% bonds due July 1, 1939, the income of the Harriman Trust Fund will be reduced \$1,000 per annum until there is some change in the income situation.

I hope that some change will come about and the usual remittance received.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin County,
California.

C O P Y

CITY BANK FARMERS TRUST COMPANY

22 William Street
New York
May 22, 1936

In reply please
quote ADMR:JGG

Smithsonian Institute
Washington
District of Columbia

Re: Ttee. Mary W. Harriman u/d.t. 5/13/10

Gentlemen:

We regret to advise you that due to the default in the payment of interest on the \$26,000 Rio Grande Western Railway Company First Tr. mortgage 4% bonds due July 1, 1939, the annual net income earned by the securities held in this trust fund now amounts to about \$11,000. As you know, we have up to the present time continued to remit \$6,000 semi-annually and as a result the income account of the trust has a debit balance of \$976.36. In order to cover this debit balance and bring the remittances within the amount of income which is available to cover them, we are arranging to remit only \$5,000 on July 1, 1936 and a like amount on January 1, 1937 and \$5,500 each six months thereafter, at least until there is some change in the income situation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ S. R. Walker

S.R.Walker
Trust Officer

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April 1, 1937.

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It is the Institution's purpose in its Annual Reports to present to the general reader as many as possible of the outstanding current discoveries and developments in all branches of science. In your own field of investigation, for example, there is probably known to you some important piece of research that would be of interest to the public if properly presented. Will you please, therefore, make a serious effort to locate readable articles covering such discoveries and give me references to them.

The Smithsonian Reports are very widely used in libraries and schools, and I hope that all of our staff and associates will give adequate thought to this important phase of the Institution's work in the diffusion of knowledge.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Secretary.

Requits -
April 15, 1937 - cam

Dr. C. Hart Merriman,
Associate in Zoology,
U. S. National Museum.

returned
May 8, 1937

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May 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Merriam:

There is a correction that I wish to have made in the little pamphlet "Ten Years of Smithsonian Affairs", mailed to you April 15. Would you be good enough, therefore, to return your copy in the accompanying franked envelope.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Oliver A. Abbott
Secretary.



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Dec. 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Merriam

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severe it must be.

May I add that this event reminds me vividly of the strange tale of Dr. Stejneger in which Mrs. Merriam figured so prominently, and which you told so imitably at the Stejneger dinner. Your story seemed to me by far the highest light of that fine occasion.

Yours sincerely

Charles G. Abbot

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April 4, 1938.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

May I ask your cooperation in making up the contents of the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1938. These Reports, each of which forms a survey of the year's advances and developments in all branches of science, constitute one of the Institution's best means of aiding in the general diffusion of knowledge. The British journal "Antiquity" for March 1937 said editorially of the Smithsonian Report: "No better general conspectus of the annual progress of science can be found anywhere."

To be sure of getting for the 1938 Report the best articles in each branch of science, the Institution needs from every member of the staff one or more suggestions of recently published articles suitable for the purpose. The requirements for acceptable articles are that they shall be:

1. Written by a recognized authority in the subject treated.
2. Written in nontechnical and interesting style.
3. From journals not too widely circulated. (For example, it is undesirable to reprint articles from the Scientific Monthly, which is widely known by, and readily accessible to, just the class of readers who would use the Report.)
4. From 5,000 to 10,000 words in length and preferably illustrated.

If you will send me by May 1 a list of articles in your field, either original or reprinted, that you think may be suitable, you will aid me in the attempt to cover as many as possible of the major discoveries and outstanding developments in all branches of science.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Abbot
Secretary.

Ans'd Apr. 28, 1938

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Associate in Zoology,
U. S. National Museum.

1904 - 1910

Abbot, Dorothy (Meriam)

(Mrs Henry Lenon Abbot) - daughter

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L

Skyland,
Sept. 13, '04.

Dearest Daddy;

It's just too bad to have to stay home so long and can't you get away soon? We will be home the last of the week, - Saturday night, - but will you be there then? I know it's just tiring our dear daddy out to stay so long in the city and work so hard, and we want him to get away where he won't have to work so hard.

Mamma hasn't performed on the soukrys yet but J. has. She

and the little girl she plays with, Elsa, get the donkeys and ride all morning, and sometimes in the afternoon. They certainly do have a good time.

And don't you fret about mama not eating enough! She eats three big, square meals a day and is always hungry for them. I told her she oughtn't to eat so much if she wanted to get thin and she'd say, "Well, can't I eat my dinner if I want to?"

I play tennis now, when I can get any one to play with, or go on walks.

The bugle has blown for the

mail so good bye, with lots of love and kisses,

From
Dorothy.

1919-16 St.,
Oct. 25, 1904.

Dearest Daddy,

I got your nice letter this afternoon, and was so glad to hear from you, although I am so sorry you have been sick. Don't work too hard, but keep well and strong.

The pen hasn't come yet, and here it is, over two weeks after its top arrived. Mama discouraged me by saying that it never would come, now.

I have just finished studying about the 'powers of Congress' and

the Constitution, and like it so
much. I think the Constitution
is easy to learn. We have nearly
finished Article I, and I know
it so well that I do not believe
I could be caught, on it. Forty-two
questions were asked, the other ^{evening}
day, on it, and I could answer
of them.

We took up subtraction in algebra
yesterday, and had 6 examples
to do tonight, that we had to
make up.

Sarah came down Saturday and
let me beat her at tennis, but
the court is so bad and the poles
so wobbly that it takes a long

time to 'get ready' to play.

To-day Miss Chubb's room had a
'debate in Congress', and the signing
of the Declaration of Independence,
like we had last year, and as
I was one of the almost perfect
scholars in department this
month, having only talked once
in school (this month), I was
allowed to go up, with several
others, to hear it. These pupils
did mighty well, but I don't
think they beat us.

We went to cooking-school this
morning, and I was one cook. We
~~made~~ cooked some horrid old
cauliflower, but, for a wonder, it

didn't leave or make any odor in
the school, at all.

Lots of love, and bushels of kisses,
from Dorothy.

P.S. - Come home soon! When
do you think you can
possibly start east?
COME HOME !!



1919-16th,

Oct. 27, 1904.

Dear Daddy,

The pen has come after all, and wasn't I glad to get it! It is just lovely, and it seems so nice not to have to dip it in for ink every few minutes. Mamma filled it for me, and it works just splendidly. The other dip pen is fine too, and writes like a stab.

J. is delighted with her pen and thanks you for it as much she says, as I do you, for my pen.

Mama has gone out to Hyatts-
ville (?) for the evening to one of
the young ladies' houses ~~that~~
who were on the mt. this year.

I mustn't write any more to-
night as I must get my lessons.
I have to learn a whole lot of
definitions & other things so as to
be ready for an algebra exam.
tomorrow.

Lots of love & kisses, and many
thanks for the lovely pens,
from Dorothy.

P.S. Z. said she wrote you long time
ago & told you that she'd received
the top, but perhaps you hadn't

received it when you wrote.
D. H.

Come home soon!!

Dear Papa,
I got the pretty pencil you
sent me yesterday, though I
guess you expected it to reach
me before. I especially like the
purple led, because it writes
so nicely.

I have just finished my
lessons, and am going to bed
now.

With lots of love and kisses, and
thanks for the pencil and top.

from Genaida
(How long before you are coming home again?)

P.S. No. 2, Give my love to mine

Kitty and the rest of the
family, and don't forget - 1919-16 Street,
get the cats and their
lively friends,

Recd.
Nov. 16, 1905

November 5/05.

Dearest Daddy,

Your dear letter came some
days ago, and I know I'm a
very naughty somebody not
to have written to my daddy
before this. But now, I'll have
just lots to tell you, if mama
hasn't done it for me.

First, because it was the big-
gest thing and most scared
the life out of me, was that
story I had to write. One day
while I was dancing at recess
one of the third or fourth year

girls come up to me, asked if it was
I, and when I told her it cer-
tainly was, she informed me
that I ~~was~~ had been recom-
mended, as she called it, by
our English teacher, Miss Stutz,
to write some sort of a story
for the "Western", our school
paper. Then I was at my wit's
end, because I didn't have
an idea what to write about.
But the 'inspiration' came all
of a sudden, (and I took it)
and you'll see what it was when
you read the story, which I am
sending along too. I made this
copy myself, although the one

I sent in, which I typewrote partly,
I spaced better. The "Western" had
n't come out yet, but we expect
it to before very long.

Western is just the finest school
that ever was, even if the lessons
are long and many. And all of
my teachers are very nice too; -
Miss Perkins, my Latin and class-
room teacher, Miss Stutz, English,
Miss Mc Knight, algebra, and
Mr. Hodgkins, history. I think
I like Miss Perkins, and Latin
best. Isn't Latin just splendid
though? I almost love it. In
an ^{Latin} examination not long ago I
made 100%, and in one a week

before that, 95. Hope I can keep
it up all the year. — In English,
we have been writing no end of
letters till we I dream of it
"unity, coherence, and emphasis",
which three things we have
to pay particular attention to
in all our letters. I have
been very fortunate so far, ^{as} far
as subjects for them have been
concerned. Once we had to write
a descriptive letter from Paris,
and I was able to get lots from
Aunt Marian that no one else
had, or could get unless they
had been to the city itself. An-
other time, a list of some twelve

on fifteen cities ^{2,}
choose one from which we
wanted to write, on the same
plan as the Paris one. I looked
the list over, and there at the
bottom was San Francisco.
I almost gave a whoop, I
was so glad. My! how those
other girls envied me! Still
another time, we had to choose
a subject of our own for a letter,
one that would particularly
interest us, individually. The
one I thought of right away
was, 'a Trip to California via
the Sante Fe', and so there I had
something else I could easily

write about. But luckily for my stock of "write-abouts," our last friendly letter has been written and now we shall begin on the business ones.

We're having a great review in algebra, of all last year's work, and in history, we're studying all about the ancient Egyptians, Persians and Greeks. This is all very interesting, but I never did like to study history anyway, and our teacher is so funny too. Did you ever see a picture of Ichabod Crane in Irving's "Sleepy Hollow"? If you have, you have quite an idea of our history teacher.

Every Thursday morning from 10:20 to 11:10 we have gymnasium. We all enjoy this hour, except the getting dressed part, which we have to do in 5 minutes or less. Would you believe that I could get out of my gym. suit and into ^{all} my other clothes in exactly six minutes by the clock? I did it, though, but the usual time it takes me is 5 min. Then the same afternoon we have basket-ball practice from two to four. This I like better than all else! Oh! it's such fun! I want to "get on the team" if I can, and I've played once or twice with the first and second

teams just to "try" me. But these girls have played for three years ~~and~~ at least, and as I never did so before this year, I have to work hard with them. So much for the girls' athletics!

But how happy we all are! Western has won the championship in football this year! Isn't that fine? We haven't had such an honor for many years. So far, in the games we have played, we have nothing scored against us, and in the game next Tuesday, with Business High, which has the poorest team of all the schools this year, we are sure that we

won't have ^{3.} any opposition at all. I never have been to a football game before this year in my life, but it isn't so terribly awful when once you get used to it. But I do hate so, to see the boys hurt. They are the funniest looking right the next day after a game with their noses all scratched up, and some with black eyes. Poor things! One of our "heroes" has a broken nose but he doesn't seem to mind it. In fact he feels quite distinguished, and tells his friends that it's a very fine souvenir of our glorious victory over Central.

We beat this school 11-0, the
greatest surprise we ever had.

The funny thing was that
Sarah came down that evening
and staid to supper, and, poor
girl, it was so hard not to
tease her too much. She goes
to Central you see, and we were
so happy over this victory,
because Central & Western
have very well-matched teams
and we had expected the game
to be a close one. Next Saturday
there is to be a supper and
~~dinner~~^{dance given} to the team and all st-
players of the Western team, in
honor of the championship.

Every Friday we have a concert
or musicale of some sort, from
1:15 to two, for Miss Westcott
says that good music is as
much of an education as other
lessons. I'm so glad we have
them for I enjoy them so much.

We have all been to see Dr.
Allen, and J. didn't have to
go at all. You ought to have
seen that girl! She was so
delighted she didn't know
what to do. But I had to go
a few times and now he's
through with me for some
time to come, for which I'm mighty

thankful.

I went up to dinner at Auntie's today and she and uncle both send their love. Mrs. Chapman (the old lady) was there also and wished me to send her best regards to you. She has been here in the city now about five weeks but starts tomorrow for Florida. I just wish you'd hurry up and start in this direction for we certainly do miss our daddy. When can you come home?

Lots & lots of love and kisses
from all of us,

Dorothy.

P.S. Please come home real soon.

Camp Agassiz

ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

August 7, 1906.

Dear Daddy,

I certainly am glad you sent those one centers for I've been wanting to send half a dozen postals but couldn't get any stamps. Mr. Price only has two cent ones. Any more will be very welcome!

Your letter leaving mamma to decide about the Lake Co. trip has disturbed her mental equilibrium. I wish you'd come up here first, then go off if you want, and have Miss Eastwood take us back. She said she would willingly do so, in fact offered to, and I think

it would be great fun. Marion leaves next Wednesday, so Mrs. Gilbert says, for Yosemite I think. They have been planning and arranging the trip for some time, and are at last going.

We've been thinking of making ^{over} an overnight camping trip to the Angora Lakes the last of the week, & I just wish you could be here to go too, if we do. Miss E., Z., mama, & another woman walked to the lakes yesterday and went in one, bathing. Then instead of coming back by the trail they came down the face of the mountain. It had taken them some two

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TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

hours to go up, and they roared they came down in five minutes. They looked like it, anyway.

Last night we had a bonfire up in front of our tent on the hill, & Miss E. came up and spent the evening with the girls and us. We ate some of those good figs, but the crackers have long since disappeared. They're awfully, (very, I mean), "more-ish"! If you really have a superfluous stock we'd be very glad to remove the burden from you!

We thought we were going to have a storm
this afternoon for the sky in the - oh dear!
I don't know which way of the compass it
is, but it's toward Tallac - clouded up
real black, and we all hustled over bed-
ding into the tent and were prepared
for a downpour. But none came, and we
had five o'clock tea instead, out under
the trees.

J. & I do have the terriblest times get-
ting up mornings, or rather waking up.
I seem to sleep for ever, and I can't wake
up. Then when I do, it's usually late, &
when we finally get to breakfast we have to

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TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

Take our chances of getting anything to eat. You see we have no stock in our establishment. When the Pidgeley girls left Monday, we moved into their tent, as we have lots of room, now, and everything to ourselves. Tho' it certainly was lovely of Marion to share their tent with us. We shall miss her and her friend, Katherine Smith, when they go.

Zenaida went off for a horseback ride today with one of the boys here, and

didn't get back till after supper time.
Mama of course, had spasms for fear
something had happened to her and was
too funny. They went up past Glen
Alpine, and had a fine time, she says.
The horses here are very steep, $3\frac{1}{2}$ per day,
but J. had mairies, which the latter
lent her.

~~Tomorrow~~ The folks go to Grass Lake
I expect, and it just makes me mad I
can't go.

The candle is almost out now, & mama thinks
we're run of and left her. So bestest love
to our darling daddy and please come up soon!!!
your "garrulous" child, *Courtney.*

P.S. - We all
Thank you
for the bay-
dawn, she
already
taken on
choice! ^{hmm}
is real talked
with the
"heart" one.

Camp Agassiz

ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 10, 1906.

pleasant sladdy,

We're having the most de-lightful
weather here. It simply pours every day!
Every afternoon now, for several days it has
clouded up very suspiciously and first
thing we knew there was thunder & lightning
and we had to fly for our tents.

We have planned to go to the Angora Lake to-
day and camp over night but it looks doubtful
now, whether we'll go or not. Yesterday the folks

went to the lake of the Woods, & mamma had quite
a "thrilling experience" sliding down a snow-
bank. She did the slitch or some other kind of
roll, over & over like a barrel & then shot
head first into a bog. The girls said they
nearly died with laughter & mamma has
convulsions every time she thinks of it. But
they'll have to tell it to you, as it was too funny
to be put on paper.

We are moving down off the hill today, as mamma
doesn't want us to be up there alone, when Mamma
goes. Now don't you & mamma go off and stay a long
time 'cause we'll miss you like everything anyway,
& if you stay too long, we won't let you go again!
But love & kisses, from Dorothy.

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Camp Agassiz
ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE
TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

After supper,
Aug. 10-106.

Dearest Flocks,
Your letter came today, with the forwarded ones, and I'm glad to hear that you've started. For that means you'll be back sooner!

There isn't much to tell, as I wrote you all the news this morning to S. F. This morning I worked on the handk. linen while J. read, then I helped Miss E. with her sleeping bags. They leave early tomorrow morning, & Marion says they won't be back until the 3rd or 4th. If you can't get back we'd like to go down alone!

This afternoon Katherine, Miss E. & I went in the

lake, & what do you think? I can swim five or six
strokes alone! Isn't that great? I just got real
courageous & struck it alone, & kept it up, even if
I did get wet more than once, until I succeeded.
It is an expert; she dives, floats, swims under
water, & does other crazy things, and she
encouraged me greatly by saying I did it al-
right, & with a little practice, could swim
quite a long distance. So now, the two desires of
the summer are fulfilled; skating & swimming.
I wonder what the next one will be!

In a little while Mr. Price is going to have a
big bonfire and Miss E. will give us a talk on
Chaparral. Won't that be nice?

Someone sent mama a map of this region, wis-

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Camp Agassiz

ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

dearly Uncle Karl, because Miss E. has one similar from him. She also got a very interesting letter from him today which she let me read. He is interested to know of the fate of his poor Panama - in fact told Miss E. all about it, etc., and she is going to tell him who owns it now. He, as ~~you~~ you'll see from his letter to you when you go to S. F., is in Ithaca with Mrs. Comstock.

One of my letters today was from Ethel Fisher and she sent me one of the pictures that Mrs. F. took of us all on the front porch one day before we left.

Do you remember? Well, it turned out very good;
also heard from Cornelia, Martha & Sarah. I wrote to
Auntie again today. There were some fine postals of
the country here, 25¢ per dozen, so I got half a
dozen of those, & four of the 2 for 5 kind, but as
Mrs. P. owed me 10¢ the last was counted square.
Also, Mrs. Thomas helped take up a collection for
Mr. St. Huss, as he had done so much & been so
kind to us all, yet no one wanted to tip him
outright. Every one gave 50¢ or a dollar, so I thought
you'd think it best if we did too. So we donated
fifty cents. She collected \$7.50 which ^{Mrs. P.} gave
to him, ~~the~~ with a note from the camp saying it
was in appreciation of all he'd done, etc. Wasn't
it alright for us to do it too?

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Camp Agassiz

ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

Today a party went over in the launch to the little cabin where Miss E. and I went yesterday, and they staid all day, getting back just in time for five o'clock tea. And to delight dad's heart, we had another nice sweet juicy watermelon for lunch today! I know you'd eat one if you had it, out in that hot country. Is it very suffocating? The sun warms here today more any day previous, but is cool tonight as usual.

All the envelopes of the other kind, seem to have

given out, so please don't send me the way I
fold this paper to fit this funny little square
one.

The little sick boy got back alright and is doing
splendidly a letter from Mr. Van Adulung says.
The father, Mr. Clayton, met them at Dallas, and
they were carried across the lake in a private
yacht.

It seems as if I had forgotten something that I
wanted to tell you, but it's slipped me, so if I
think of it later, I'll write it.

Miss E. sends her love, and says she'll ^{to write} try you a
line in the morning if she has a minute's time
before she leaves. Marion sends her best love to dad, (+ mama
too) & says she expects to see you here when she gets
back. Don't miss us both, ~~lovingly~~

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Camp Agassiz
ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE
TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 28, 1906.

Tuesday evening.

Dearest Peoples,

We certainly were delighted to get the transportation and know definitely when we're going. I'm ever so much obliged to you for ~~getting~~^{arriving} the permit, although one of the ladies who was here and is staying at the Tavern, said she would get it for me if I wrote when I'd be down. I'll ask the apt at Truckee when we get in ~~the~~ ^{the} miss

Pentecost goes down Friday too,
tho' I don't know how far the
it'll be so good to see you-
again

I was bad about the cars. How
long will it last? How long you
had to stay up so late with
our letters! It must have been
awful!

Had a postal from Miss E. to-
day, from Yosemite, where
they arrived Friday. They were
to leave Monday, yesterday, so
I expect they'll be back here
by Sunday.

We went in swimming to-
day, but it's been too cold
for two or three days. My! it
was good, and I just wished
dad had been in with me
so I could have tried to

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ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

go out far. I'm kinder "hesitant" tho'; to go
too far, by myself, for fear I'll give out. J.
 is learning too, and can take several strokes
 now. While I was swimming today, she
 came out behind me, and held onto my
 leg. Well, I all but went down her flop,
 and can't imagine how I didn't go
 head first. Big monkey, isn't she?

Tonight we are going to have a 'flap-
 jack' party in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Lquire

who leave tomorrow. That is, make
pancakes around the camp
fire. Won't it be fun? Last
night I went to bed at dark,
I was so sleepy, yet I'd slept
all morning. J. "sat up" later!
We're just dying to go rowing
& I just wish you hadn't
said we mustn't. It's so
shallow along shore, and we
wouldn't go out far. We've
gone out often with others, but
they always did the rowing,
which is the part we want
to do. J. says, "The idea of
being up here for a month,
at G. There, a whole month
& not hauling to row!" It is
dreadful, isn't it?

My bloomers & two pairs of stock-
ings are so gone, in fact there's
nothing but a whole where

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ON FALLEN LEAF LAKE

TALLAC P. O., LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

The main part of my observations were, that I think it won't be worth while taking them back. However, I may change my mind, if I can find any way of saving what's left of them together. ~~For~~ Its going to be lots of fun packing up, but I hope I'll do it some where near correctly! Its just great to be going down alone! Will you ever meet us, or not?

I heard from Ethel & today and they have gotten a house right across the

corner, on 7th., opposite the
grandma's house. Also heard
from sweet many Dugh,
the girl dad liked so at my
lunch, your friend Euid Flagg,
& Miss E. Am enclosing a
letter from G. K. G. which I
accidentally opened.

Its too dark to write more,
so good night.

Love and kisses to you
both,

Howdy.

P.S. - Every night before dark we
all (only eleven!) play bean
bags out in front of the
dining hall, & its lots of fun!

Miss E. and to have her pass extended, &
from what she said, did not expect to
go down on ours! Marion says she'll look
us up in the city, as she has our address,
& arrange about the homeward trip.

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P.S. - Just got
a long letter
from Miss E. from
Granite, & they
hope to be back
in a week. Am
sorry we shan't
see them then.
Good bye till
next Monday!

Camp Agassiz,
Tallah, Calif.,
Aug. 29/06.
(waiting for
reply!)

Maunt Forks,

It was very awful
of you to write me such a
terrifying funny letter, and
I've seen many such would
send us to St. Elizabeth's. As
it was, we nearly had hysterics.
It certainly won't be our
fault if we get wet on the
way down, & we'll try not
to walk into the lake! I was
ticked into jumping five

single one of our clothes, down to the
last handkerchief, are clean as
can be, with the exception of
our night gowns, ^{& J's dress} which proved
to be more than we bargained for, so
we left them to take back &iled.
also, my Peter Pan, but that's all!

Last night the flap jack party was
a great success, tho' poor Mrs Baldwin
has been sick from it all day and is
living on milk & rice now. Each cake
was the size of the flying fan, but
even if we couldn't eat many, what
we did certainly tasted good. J. + I
had a hard time putting away
one & a half a piece.

I'm sorry you misunderstood, I thought
J. has not gone places too. She has been
every single place I've gone, except that
first week when she couldn't, but I guess
you thought the "we" meant ~~somebody~~
& me. It makes me feel very bad that
you never think right of me.

Nothing else has happened that I can
think of since I wrote last evening, except
that I lost my ring when I happened to
put it on, out of the bag, & J. found it. ^{logically,}
D. M.

with the hair ribbons, for
she most certainly needs them:
I had put them down on
my list for one thing, to get
in S. F. You ought to have
seen her beam! As for the
hat ribbon, I fixed it on
for her, and it improves the
look of the hat greatly.
All our collars, etc., are clean
but unironed. I wanted to
iron them today, but it
rained, of course, and now
they are all packed. Every-
thing's done been put in but
what we have on! Isn't that
great? Now we won't have
much to do tomorrow. All very

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last handkerchief, one clean as
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Recd Xmas.
Sept. 17, 1906

"The Crescent"

Sept. 13, 1906

11:30 A.M.

Dearest Dad,

We've just come out from breakfast where we had to stand in line for an age, and as we gained our horse at North Platte we met lunch time now, instead of ten thirty. We are an hour and fifty minutes late, but the conductor thinks we'll make up of it up before we get to Omaha tonight, & then leave there on time. I do hope we won't miss the eleven o'clock B. & O.

All the way from L. F. this has been a very heavy train

and at Odgen it was split
into a third section. Even now,
there are sixteen cars, and all
of them full. And, unfortunately,
most of those in our car are
women. But they are all very
nice (but one) about the dress-
ing room, so we don't have
to wait long mornings, 3. &
I go to bed soon after supper,
so get a fine long sleep. The
lovely & cool too. Last night
the heat was turned on, &
mamma asked the porter if
he wouldn't have it turned
off, and when another of the
ladies asked him for, he
did it, so we slept very com-

fortably.

"You" mustn't never call
your 'old woman' old again,
for what do you think?
She was taken for our older
sister by several of the
people in the car, & they
were quite surprised
when I told them she was
my mother. 3. & I have
been now by calling her
sister Liz.

We are fairly flying along
now, thro' Nebraska, trying
to make up some lost time
I guess, and it's terribly
jiggly to write. We'll be at

Grand Island soon, where
the conductor is going to
telegraph to Chicago for tickets
for us. He said not to wait
till we got to Omaha because
the Chicago offices would be
shut after six, & we'd not
have any other place to get
them.

We're all having a fine trip
only we miss you so much
next time you're just got to go
back with us! Now! Its lov love -
come without our daddy dear

I'll mail this, with Mamma's,
at the first station I can.

Write and tell us all about
your trips, & every thing else, little
or big.

Best love & hugs & kisses from
us all,
Dorothy.

1919-16 St.,

Nov. 6, 1907.

Mein lieber Vater,

Es freut mich sehr, deinen Brief zu bekommen dass etwas deutsch darin hatte, und ich wünsche dass Sie mehr schreiben werden. Nun, in der Schule ~~haben~~^{müssen} wir immer auf deutsch sprechen, und wenn wir schreiben, auf der Tafel oder auf Papier, muss es immer in ~~deutsch~~ ⁱⁿ deutscher Schreiberei sein. Wir lernen das Subjunktif und das Konditionel und wir finden sie sehr interessant obgleich auch, sehr schwer, zuweilen. Gestern Abend habe ich meine Lehrstunde gehalten weil ich nur ein französisches Zeitwort und etwas englisch hatte. Ist das nicht gut? Und nun ist es nur viertel nach acht! ~~Gestern~~!! Heute Nachmittag ~~und~~ auch heute Abend regnete es, aber es steht es nicht mehr.

Zuf. hoffe dass Sie sehr bald nach

Hause kommen werden weil wir
nach dir verlangen. Wenn werden
sie, oder wenn können sie zurück-
kommen?

Meine Mutter hat das Esszimmer,
die Bibliothek, ihr Schlafzimmer und
das Zimmer waged, worin das
Klavier und die Gemälde stehen.
Ist sie nicht sehr klug? Sie ging
ins Bett um sieben Uhr und
bald, ging ich auch da, nicht wahr?

Gestern spielten wir "Fußball" (?)
mit der "Central" Schule, und sie
gewannen (?) - 5-0! Ach! Er hat mir
~~keine~~ Leid!
Das ist genug für mich wenn, so
wende ich nicht mehr schreiben.

Jetzt, mit vieler Liebe von uns,

Ihre liebende Tochter

Stoffy.

Recd. from San Francisco
Nov. 15, 1907. cam

P.S. -

Als ich meiner Mutter sagte, dass ich dir auf deutsch
geschrieben hatte, sagte sie "Armer Mann! Warum
hast du es gethan?"! Ist das so, Vater?
M.

"Mimicoke" 27

Big Run, N.Y.

Aug. 16 - 08!

Harriet Fochs's,

When I wrote that
last hurried note, I didn't
dream of the excitement that
was coming to us within
6 hours. We left about 2,
passed Chase's Lake, and
took some as far as the place
where the Crystal Lake road crosses
the road we were on, when the
old driver, an "inert and
trustworthy man", so the livery
man said, lost the direction
or something. Anyhow he didn't
know where to turn, so down we
drove to the right a half mile or so to a
saw-mill & back, but everything
was shut up & not a word to be
seen. So we came back & that
colder driver on the field of hills

on a road which lead to the woods
It was sure that was right till he
reached the edge of the woods,
then changed his mind & back
we went, cut across lots, etc.,
in search of some sign of
life. We had passed several
houses but no one was there.
It was then 5 o'clock & we
chased around for 2 solid
hours, finally spying a track
of smoke way off. We made
for it, & saw an old woman
sitting in window on opposite
side of house, smoking a pipe.
Driver went in & asked her if
she could tell us how to get to
road to No. 4, but she paid
no attention to him. He repeated
his question & still no answer,
Thinking her crazy or just plain
cranky we turned to go when
we met the man coming back, &
on speaking to him, learned

after eight, where we phoned to
the Fishers to tell them what had
happened. They said the road
was so bad from there on, that
we'd better not attempt it that
night, but stay at Bahere!
I didn't exactly know whether
I'd like it or not, but we too,
decided it would be better, as
we had had nothing to eat but
a few crackers. The horses
were tired, & before all of us
could get fed it would be
too late to drive on. So the
daughter - a nice looking girl -
gave us a very nice supper about
9 o'clock, of 2 boiled eggs
apiece, fried potatoes, tea,
bread, blackberry & the
most delicious cream, &
cookies. Then we went into
the parlor while she fixed up
the room, well, you know -
what those country parsons

2.

that both he + his wife were
dead + dumb!! So she had not
heard us, nor seen us, till we
drove away, when she came
running after us. I produced
this pad + a pencil + he ex-
plained what which way we
should go, + then offered to
drive over with us himself +
show us. He took us back over
poorly marked the same route to
the road leading to the woods,
partly where we'd been 2
hours before! We gave him
something for his trouble, for he
had gone a long way out of his
way + was tired, as he'd walked
from Lovville + was just returning
when we met him. Wasn't
it nice of him tho? We
certainly did appreciate it.
Well, we finally got to
Crystal Lake + Babers little inn

probably be more comfortable
alone, esp. after our long
hard drive. I discovered that
the sheets etc. had not been
changed for some time (?) but
was too tired to care much.
Nevertheless pinned a napkin
on my pillow, for I drew
the line at putting my face
on that pillow case!

Slept like a log, in spite of
the squeaky bed, tho 2 &
1/2. had quite a time getting
to sleep at first. In m'g.
had breakfast at 5, &
left at 9. — I was the
only one of the three who
had any money at all, &
goodness only knows
how I happened to have even
that! But I never like to
be entirely penniless, so the
last minute took care
along, thinking I might spend

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along, thinking I might spend

4.

a little of it, perhaps, we
forgot! ~~wasn't that~~
luck? Our bill was 2.75
(the driver paid his own + the
horses, of course), + I shall never
now, go anywhere without
some drinks. — The 5 miles
from Crystal Lake to No. 4 was
pretty hard for me, for the
conditioning road was awfully
bad. It took us 2½ hrs. to
make it, so you may imagine
how glad we were that we
hadn't done it at night. It
certainly was an experience
staying there all alone that
night, + I wouldn't have
missed it for anything.
The driver didn't like the idea,
of course, for he didn't
want to show any more than
necessary, that he had gotten
lost. — Clarence + Old Puffer

met us at the boat house on Big
Beaver, & showed us over to the
camp where we got about
noon. Mrs. F. & Rachel were
glad to see us & of course wanted
to know all about our ad-
venture.

It is certainly lovely up here,
Dad knows all about that
part, tho', don't you daddy?
Do you know the location of
the Fisher Camp, tho'?
It is high up on a long
narrow peninsula 250 ft.
broad (approximately) between
to on Big & Little Beaver Lakes.
There is a big 12 ft. veranda all
around the house (see me sit
up & take notice!) & from the back
we are right over Little Beaver
& from front, Big. Isn't
that ideal? There is a big
living room with a great
huge fire place, where we

5.

sat last night & kept warm till bed time, before a roaring fire.

Yesterday afternoon we moved over to a little island on which Mrs. F. has just built a dandy open camp. It's a dandy, & some time we're going over to stay there all night. Then we paddled around & down Beaver river a ways, & turned up Alder Creek for half a mile or so. It certainly was lovely.

This m'g. Z & H. paddled me around from Bigint Little Beaver & I took a snap of the cottage from the lake. We got a lot of water lilies on our return.

Z, & I have a dear little room next to Mr. & Mrs. F's

on the 1st floor, for which
I'm very thankful just at
this particular time. It is
right on me. It is just
glorious.

This m'g. I got up before
anyone but Puffer, & came
out & wrote some letters
before breakfast. It was too
obvious to sleep. In a
little while we are going out
on the lake again. I'm per-
fectly happy when we are
paddling & poking round
like that. I just love it.

We get mail every night about
9. Puffer goes over to Lenton's
to get it after supper. The
stage comes thro' from Louisville
everyday except Sunday so
this won't go till tomorrow.
Auntie Flo & Mabel Cole are
coming out Tuesday & then
we certainly will be jolly.

6.

party.

Last night Mr. F. took us off down the trail a few hundred feet to show us a big pine that had been struck by lightning. The whole tree had been split up into kindling wood & the top lay sprawling in the water. It was just wicked, for it was such a lovely big creature.

There is only one other camp on the lake, & as Mrs. F. owns both lakes & several miles around them, & only leases camps when she wants to, we have the place pretty much to ourselves.

There is a dandy beach on the east end of Little Bear where the folks go in. Of course I'm dying to canoe!

can't.

Puffer sure can talk, & incidentally talk cootz! He made us some elegant pancakes this m'g. & the best huckleberry short cake for dinner that you about ever tasted. I ate two pieces. (P I & Nightingale !!)

Please write us often & soon to Fisher Cottage

Number Four

Lewis Co., N.Y.

Bushels of love, & oh how I wish you were here. M. & Mrs.

Fisher both send their love & "them, same senty words!"

Travelling,

Worothy,

P.S. - I've worn my flannel shirt so much that it's all fuzzy & stringy around the bottom.

W.M.

P.S.

7.

I forgot to tell you that the Fishers are trying to agree on the name Minicooka (between the waters) for the camp, but as its pronounced "Minna-chokah" Clarence says it might just as well be "hally throttle us"! But it goes Minicooka, for the present.

The Van Santfoords (people at other camp) just moved over to call. They seemed very nice. They have a regular house party of young folks - 14 in all - so are having lots of fun. They come up here in winter & have house parties, going out skating & tobogganing (?) on the lake. It must be nice & cool, with thermom. 30° below.

(over)

On our wall is a ^{big} picture of
David Harman + Meason Beckins
in the yard when David told the
Meason that the horse was
"stand in that hitching."
It's great, & makes me smile
every time I look at it.

one side of the harbor on the other, with only a small stretch of sand between. Then we built a little fire & cooked some bacon on pronged sticks, till it was time to come home for supper.

In the evening, we went down to the beach & lighted a big bonfire which we'd laid last week, but couldn't have, on account of the rain and fog. Then we danced the Virginia reel on the sand, and came home by bright moonlight. By the way, mother said would you send me one of the electric hand lights, if you haven't already sent the other package? It's dark as pitch when there's no moon. There's one of those lights in

ALLIQUIPPA HOUSE

SMALL POINT, ME.

ARTHUR F. KEMP, PROP.

July 27, 1909.

Dear Daddy,

It's a glorious sun-shiny day, and the tide is in, so it's beautiful. The tides are so big that when they go out, part of the harbor is left a bare horrid mud-flat.

Yesterday afternoon the Matthews - very nice New England people with 2 little children - rowed us up to Head Beach, up the harbor a mile or more. When you get up there further and around an island or two, it looks just like one of the Adirondack lakes. When we got to the beach, we had the ocean on

next to the top drawer of my big bureau - back
in left hand side, but it's burned out.
And daddy, before I forget, please don't take
my brown short coat suit out to the Indians
this year, unless Auntie will rip out the
tan embroidery in the front of the coat.
I want that very much, even if it is worn,
so please don't take the suit unless that
is set out. Now don't forget!!

Saturday afternoon we walked over to
the Point, where all the pretty cottages are
& got caught in a storm. Luckily we found a
tent that some child probably played in,
& I wish you'd seen us inside of it, one
holding the main pole while the others
propped out the corners with sticks. It
was lots of fun, but we got soaked, just
the same. The sun was glorious & we
stayed a long time to watch it, so had to
hurry our mile and a half walk home to
supper. I stopped long enough however, &
cut a big bunch of wild rose buds. They
grow in the greatest profusion everywhere,
& are very much deeper color than ours.

This afternoon we're going out with
some of the people in a motor-boat to
New Meadows - a couple hours' ride outside

three times a day, with
lobster salad & steamed clams
thrown in for dinner, now
& then. I & I don't care much
for that kind of food, but
mother is happy, and you
ought to see her appetite, esp.
for breakfast! You'd be
glad to have sent her so
far away!

We get two mails a day -
one at noon by stage, & the
other by ^{the} boat - "Alliquippa" -
which runs down from
New Meadows landing at
6 P. M. Lots of little & big
motor boats come in past
here & up the harbor every
day, & yachts often stop here
for shelter over night. The
other day a huge big yacht

ALLIQUIPPA HOUSE

SMALL POINT, ME.

ARTHUR F. KEMP, PROP.

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she may be seasick so isn't
going to risk it till the
Chapmans come, which
will be next Sunday. I do
wish our daddy was here
too - it would be so much
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Give Auntie & Edith lots of love, & please hurry off daddy dear.

With buckets of love & a big hug to
our daddy,
Dorothy.

three times a day, with
lobster salad & steamed clams
thrown in for dinner, now
& then. I & I don't care much
for that kind of food, but
mother is happy, and you
ought to see her appetite, esp.
for breakfast! You'd be
glad to have sent her so
far away!

We get two mails a day -
one at noon by stage, & the
other by ^{the} boat - "Alliquippa" -
which runs down from
New Meadows Landing at
6 P. M. Lots of little & big
motor boats come in past
here & up the harbor every
day, & yachts often stop here
for shelter over night. The
other day a huge big yacht

ALLIQUIPPA HOUSE

SMALL POINT, ME.

ARTHUR F. KEMP, PROP.

of the bay. Mother is afraid
she may be seasick so isn't
going to risk it till the
Chapmans come, which
will be next Sunday. I do
wish our daddy was here
too - it would be so much
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our daddy,
Dorothy.

2) feel equal bit today. 3. is still asleep, tho' its real late for here - nine o'clock!

The last couple days its been muggy and hot, and we wondered if you all were nearly roasted down there. When can you get away? Have you finished Miss A's bears yet? Oh I do wish you could get up here for even a few days of weather like it is today - cold and clear, & windy enough to blow out all the kinks. The bay is full of white-caps, and the water is a deep rich blue.

Yesterday we rowed across the Branch and started on the Hermit's Walk. Its a beautiful trail thro' the

Alliquippa House,
Small Pt., Me.,
Aug. 10-09.

Dear Daddy,
Mother and the folks - Mrs. Romney, Miss Strigles & Miss Hollicter - have all gone up to the Small Pt. Beach to finish a detective story they're making, so I don't expect to see them till dinner time. They had planned to take the "Alliquippa" Steamboat at seven this morning, to get a shore dinner there. Then they were going on up to Brunswick by trolley to pick time till dinner. Mrs. Romney however, had such a wretched cold that she didn't

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woods for a mile or so, when all at once, you burst right out onto the rocks at the ocean. It began to rain tho', so we had to come back. But a few days ago we all went over there & had a little afternoon tea (in the morning) of slices & crackers, & watched the tide come in. The sun is splendid on a day like this, and pretty soon I'm going to follow the folks over to the Point to watch it.

Sometime last week a boat load of 8 from here, & 12 from Bald Head - went over in Capt Poy's motor boat to Sequin Island where they took us up the lighthouse. My what a view! It was quite rough coming back, & that with the smell of the fish boat was too much for six or eight. I & 9 have as yet behaved ourselves, & are believing that we're pretty good sailors. The part of the Bald Heads come back here to supper & we danced afterwards & had lots of fun.

Just a week ago tonight three same people joined forces with us in a hayrack party to Parkers Head - about six miles from here. After the dance we all drove home by moonlight. Thursday we walked a mile to another country dance & they

The dress etc came O.K. & thank
Auntie for the ribbon - we sur-
mised that it was sent by
her.

I am spending several hours
a day on my history & it would
be interesting if I didn't happen
to remember now & then that
an exam is coming. It is on
the 15th, P.M., but we are going to
arrange to reach Northampton
the AM of 13th so's to have a chance
to see something before the per-
formance begins.

Things are a little better here
now, so we've given up any ideas
of "trying again."

Two of our friends, Miss Hughes
& Miss Hollister, left yesterday, but

Small Pt., Me.

Sept. 2 - 09.

Dearest Daddy,

So glad you all are
having a cool spell - read in
Boston paper of 31st that it was 72°
home at 8 of the 30th, so we
knew of the change before your
postal came. It's cold here
all night & windy, & the water
is covered with white caps most
of the time. Last night it was
so foggy - & all day, for that
matter - that yachts had to
come inside, & even tho' they
were just out front, the fog
was so thick that we couldn't
distinguish anything but their
lights for a long time.

Mrs. Romney stays till we go. There will be only ^{the} 4 of us here next week, unless someone comes up Sunday. Oh, yes, I do believe someone said the cook who was here before Mr. Kemp came, is coming next week.

Mother heard from Mrs. Chapman that Mr. C. is still very weak & nervous, otherwise getting along nicely. She has invited me to spend Thanksgiving vacation at her house & has asked Carey Bumpus also. Can't she do that? That'll be next best to being home.

Mother said to tell you we expect to leave either Sat., the 11th, or Sunday, 12th - it depends on the boats, for some of them have been taken off on Sunday, since Sept 1. -

One of the people up here thinks 3 is 14 or under, which tickled her very much, so she is trying to keep up the delusion, by wearing a very short dress & pigtails.

How near done are you daddy?
Can't you get off pretty soon?

Lots of love from your three,

Dorothy.

Ans. Sept 6, 1909

Our house is the gathering place for the
even from for evening fun, which
goes on in the big barefloored
room called "Rumpus". Last night
after supper we went out danced &
Miss Matby played for us. The Owl's
nest is just back of the Feather, Miss
M's own house (no girls live there)
where all go to meals: not half of the
girls have come yet, but she expects
to in all. Just at present I'm at
her table & hope I can stay.

The girls so far are awfully nice &
mostly Westerners.

Since I started this we've been
to Mrs Hill's & Miss Eastman's, & down
town attending to mother's trunk &
~~see~~ a desk for me, which we didn't
get however, & it's taken all morning.
Mother has just gone on up to Miss
M's now to find out some things
& when she returns they go to the
train & leave me all alone.

Here comes sometime today
but is in the Wishbone, a block
or so away from me. I wish now



The Draper
Northampton

that we had roomed together,
for there are so many girls
that it wouldn't have made
any difference in getting
acquainted.

This town certainly is
lovely - everything is such
a green green! Its pretty
warm today & I'll be glad
to unpack & get on something
thin.

Tell Auntie her letter
came yesterday, but that I
can't answer it till I've allowed
to read it! Give her lots of love.

Joke on me — most everyone thinks
I is the one better, make that she's
graduated! Did you ever? Lin left
out of it entirely! —

Caotuy.

I started my first real bank
account this morning by
depositing yours & Aunt's
checks & now I have a
bank book all my own.
I shall have to study it some
first, so's I'll know what
Lin doing when I see it!!

My love to Aunt Maian &
the kids. I'll write her as
soon as I can, please tell
her. —

Lots of love, & oh I wish
you were here! It's quite the
thing: you don't to come —
there seem more of them
than nowhere!

Helen Standrick came that night
and called me up on the phone.
Mrs H., an aunt, Helen's sister, &
& another sister were all here
till Thursday morning, tho I was
too busy to see them much.

Wed. afternoon the exam came
off and wasn't bad at all, I
was surprised to find. But it
seems they make a great deal
of history and only two or
three girls out of two large
rooms full passed - the
passing mark is 82%. It
used to be 60, but they've had
to raise it because so many
more people are trying to enter.
Of course I tho't I got thru, but
was horribly shocked and
ashamed to find I belonged to
the majority. Consequently

112 Elm St., N. Mass.
Sept. 17-09.

dearest daddy,
It's so lovely here &
I'm having such a good and
interesting time besides being
kept so busy that I've hardly
had time to wash my face!
So be prepared for a siege for
there's lots to tell my "dear families".

First thing to do is to begin at
the beginning, that is, after
noon & I left, Tuesday after-
noon. When I unpacked for
a short while, and settled down
to an afternoon & evening of
history. Right after supper, till
7:30 the mathy girls, 65 in all
come here to "The Owl's Nest" and
dance before going back to
bed or study. Lights out at
ten, daddy dear!!!

The last two days have been the most discouraged, blue, and altogether no-account person, and it seemed as if I never would be good for anything ever again. It was awful, and I tho't how bad you all would think it was, and you'd be almost as disappointed in me as I am myself, without the slight bit of comfort in knowing that I had too much company. Five other wealthy girls & Helen, who didn't try. Stake it, we are in the same boat. I could hardly sleep for worrying about it, so determined to find out right away what I could do to remove the

condition. So two of us went over in a few hours to see the head of the history dept - his name is The Rosebud (and I hope it) - and he was mighty encouraging. He told us not to worry about it at all, that it wasn't an important ~~the~~ condition, and would make absolutely no difference in our privileges, reputation, etc. We had heard that by tutoring we could try it again next year, but he said that was only for those who'd flunked in several important subjects & who'd ^{not} be allowed to enter college without trying to pass a

and my room mate & I helped
two other girls fix up their
rooms. They are rich so had
a lot of new furniture, pillows
& trunk & I did enjoy fixing.
They are the dearest girls I
know Norma Kenyon & Rose Baldwin
from Minneapolis, & are just
down the hall from us, in
the yellow room to the right
of the bathroom, tell mama.
The girls are dears & I've
gotten quite well acquainted
with a few, especially, already.
There are so many that it's a
long process.

Yesterday morning, I
went to the chapel, and
I saw President Seelye for the

second year. ² He told me to do
our regular work & get ac-
customed to the regime, and
do as well as we could till
after mid-year exams. Then
he said, there is given an
exam for all those who
didn't pass entrance, &
which we'll have no trouble
in passing, he says, after
only a week or so of brushing
up. So it isn't so bad
after all, tho' goodness
knows I feel bad enough
but I am relieved. Please
don't scold too hard - I know
I deserve it.

Wed. night we visited
around in each other's rooms

first time & then & later he gave us
an splendid talk. He is fine and I
like him so much. In the
afternoon we met our advisors
and I found out about my course.
I'm taking Latin, German, &
Solid Geometry & Trig (all required),
& am electing 2 English courses &
Elocution. Besides the regular
English I want what is called
"Eng. 13", where you have one hour
a week in which Mrs Jordan, who
they say, is wonderful, talks to
you about themes, novels, etc. That
course consists of 30 hours of
writing outside, before Xmas, on
any subject you choose & to be
done & handed in as you choose.
The writing part appealed to me
so I couldn't resist. I want an
elocution instructor (we have to see
them anyway) and she said there
was no reason why I should
take it (now how that daddy?)
She asked me if I was interested
in the subject, would care for it,
& if I'd ever taken part in any
sort of plays. If so, & if I had the
space time & liked it, she tho't
I'd enjoy it very much, so I tried.

what she says, gets me!

Today we began our classes, but I'll write again & tell you all all about what has happened today, & will happen tonight & tomorrow night.

I want to send you an account of what I've had to buy & what I've got to get soon.

Paid my tuition this A.M. & also got me a desk, at last. It is a dull oak color or darker, curved inside & good & big and \$4.00. I got it at the Students Exchange & am so delighted that I just happened to run into it, for everything downtown even Godhand is \$6 or 7.

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to work it in. As math. is going to be very hard for me this year, I decided to drop my French, which I don't have to take, & have Eng. & elocution instead. That makes me required 14 hours & I don't believe it would be wise for me to make the first year too heavy. I can't have

my music, piano or vocal, for its so much extra - real account as hours \$1.00 I believe.

Last night Miss Malby gave us her annual "talk" and she certainly is dear. How many of the girls would want to do anything else than

I've such lots more to tell you but have
to get dressed for dinner now.

I would love pictures daddy, &
have room for one good sized one
besides a couple smaller, or else
small ones. We have to divide our
wall space & there's none too much.
The walls were bare when we
came, however.

All white mother about a couple
colors & its color - something that
will go well with a pinkish one
that Helen Mc Kain has on her bed.

Lots of love to everybody,
Dorothy!

You don't know how glad I am
to get your letters & I look for
them every mail - we have 4
daily!

7:30.
Got your postal & Auntie's letter besides
ones from Z & mother. So we are
so happy!!

Pa. He didn't say very much about his work, but likes it very much better than what he has been doing. He also asked to be remembered to you.

The house is filling up pretty rapidly, and in a couple weeks Harry Brown (the black haired "courtier" [mother's collection] from Council) and another boy from home, Jack Eager, expect to come up here for a visit.

Jack is staying near Portland & Harry is going to visit him. It'll be fun if they do come, for there are no other young people here & it's right lonely.

By the way, did mother tell you we'd found someone who can dance the polka with you? This is a "nice plump

are such fun, now that we're "catching on" to the hang of them.

There is a piano here now - not much, but heaps better than none at all - so the evenings pass quickly. The house is in slumber by ten, & most of us vanish to bed at nine. We have to get up early tho', for "breakfast is served at eight." That's what the rules say!

Thanks ever so much for 2's coat, pen, knife, and light, which arrived safely. Also, thank you for forwarding my letters, etc. The one in the blue envelope that you sent me last week was from Marshall Luthery, who is up in Pittston,

little "Mrs. Jackson from Boston.

The roses are all gone, but the golden rod is coming out in great profusion now. Mr. Kemp's nasturtiums are splendid - we have the tables all decorated ~~with~~ ^{with} them now & there a dear little humming-bird seems to think they're pretty nice too, for he comes around very often.

There's such a nice little couple at Bald Head, from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She reminds me so much of Carrie - I suppose it is her voice, & ~~but~~ she's a dear, too.

Just now ^{one of} a party tried to come ashore from a launch, but the wind blew the dory out from under him as he stepped, & he went right on in the water. It certainly was funny, tho' somewhat cold.

Today is Arson's 6th birthday. I can hardly realize it. Give Annie my love & best wishes, tho' late, for the 7th.

With lots of love from
daddy
from us all.

Horothy.

Z's foot is lots better & she goes on the walks now.

asked

112 Elm St.,

Oct. 18-09.

Dearest Dad,
I'm so glad you're
going to get away and get in
to the outdoors again, only
you just have got to be back
before Tuesday. Wouldn't it be
just great if you could come
up here on your way(?)
back & meet all the girls?
Oh we'd have such fun.

Tonight we did our
Latin in half an hour and
that's all I have to study. The
first of the week is so easy, for
which I'm very thankful.

Nothing much has happened
since I wrote Saturday, only
it's getting colder & "rawer" every

minute. I've just asked her since
yesterday morning, but I
suppose it'll go and change
again in a day or so, and
we'll all be out in their
dresses again. That's the way
it's been doing for the last
two weeks. I'm afraid we
have to get a vocater too, before
I had expected.

Miss Matby is expected
down to dinner Wednesday if
all goes well. She is very weak
& will have to go slow for
awhile.

Yesterday afternoon I
wrote a few letters and then
went over to see Helen whom I
found asleep in bed. She is
bumped up with a cold too, &
was hugging a hot water bag.

2) So I stayed and played with her
while Barbara, her roommate,
sang & played on the lute.
We had such a nice time to-
gether. In the evening a
bunch of us talked in one of
the rooms until time for
a special. It is so good not
to have anything to do in the
evening, and we appreciate
Sunday nights like everything.
Betty soon Norma & Rose returned
from Boston where they've been
since Friday, and of course
there was great excitement &
we had to hear all the news
about. Today is Norma's
birthday & she has a box
which we're going to enjoy

in a little while. The girls in
the house are adding ice cream
instead of getting her flowers,
as usual. She had two dozen
roses & two orchids which her
folks had ordered from
Fields & which were such a
surprise.

Tomorrow I'm going to
Holyoke instead of Springfield
to get a new gear. Everything
is fearfully expensive here.

Today we found a photo-
man who develops for
nothing & prints for 4¢ a
piece. He is a starter &
wants work, which he
does beautifully. So I took
down my last prints for him
to do.

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What 'll your address be in S. F. can you tell? I don't want to wait till you get out there & a letter gets all the way back, before I can write.

Our room is lovely and warm these horrid days, so the girls come up here to get comfortable. It only takes a minute to get it hot, after the register is opened. We keep it cold as ice all night but are mighty glad of a little heat soon as we get out of bed.

Just loads of love

Blowhardy,

Daddy

THE ASSOCIATED BOND

VERSO

you see I'm so used to monologues
that they're second nature!!
The end of the week is hardest for
me in lessons, so I haven't much
spare time to play. Geometry
is so hard for me, daddy, and
I simply can't understand it.
I know I shall flunk it - I
have fits in class and forget
everything. It was bad enough
in High School but its worse
here. And my other studies
are a joy and so easy in com-
parison to that stuff that I
don't seem able to make head or
tail out of. I wish I could
stop worrying over it. For
instance last night I studied it
three solid hours, and got up
early in the morning and

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112 Elm St.,
Oct. 28-09.

Dearest Daddy

I found your postal
from Chicago here when the re-
mains of me that the wind
had left, got back from classes
at twelve. Its a wonderful clear
windy make-you-feel-good kind
of day out and I want to go for a
walk this afternoon.

Just now we are
over our heads in work, getting
ready for our Hallowe'en per-
formance. Our floor has to
get it up, and we've decided on
some sort of vaudeville show.

My stunt is a ducky monologue -

worked another hour, and then when I
got to class my mind was a blank.

I reckon I'm a dummkopf for sure:

Last week we had such a jolly time
when Henry was here. One of the other
girls, Gertrude Griffith, had a father
(that's college slang, daddy, and permissible!)
up from Yale at the same time, so
we celebrated together. Sat. morning
we four went to chapel, where the other
200 that had come down from Dartmouth
also were — trying to get in. It was
funny to see so many males to one!
After geometry at nine, we went rowing
on Paradise all morning, and in the
afternoon to the game between Amherst
and Dartmouth, which D. won, 12-0.

At half past seven six of us went to
Boyer's for supper but as there were
several other nines and eights who had
gotten ahead of us, we had to wait till
after eight for a table. Then we had
all sorts of good things to eat, with
plenty of fun mixed in, and so
didn't get thro till ten minutes of
ten. By that time it had finished
beginning to rain and was doing
it in earnest, so we divided two small

Mrs. Hill told me that Miss Alice Bentley, head of our music at home is coming up here later to give a recital & that she wants me to help receive her. She also said Alice Barnett also may come sometime, & give a talk on the Philippines.

Found out that they have the Wash. 'Evening Star' over at the Forbes Library, so in going to begin to go and see it everyday, as soon as the rush stops.

If you see Helen Minn what was give her my best love and wishes. Where will she live, and is she entirely well yet? Also give my love to the Hittels and Miss Amy & others, esp. Miss Corey - is that the name of the jolly tall black

umbrellas between us and managed to get home with only wet edges. Next day we four went for a walk up around Bay State and Sunset Hill (minus sunset, for it was cold and raw and cloudy), getting back in time for Nesper. Of course the boys reappeared in the evening and stayed till 8:30 when they had to make tracks for the train at 8:56.

Benny stayed at Plymouth Inn, and as I had previously called on Mrs. Hill and mentioned that he was coming, she looked out for him and invited him to her table to meals.

maired friend of Miss Kitty?

What a lovely trip you're having and now I'd love to be along. Be sure to tell me all about the country and any Indians you see and all. Does that route go by Shasta Springs? I can't remember my geography.

I like my work, so much, all but ---! For the first time in two years I've had plenty of time before Latin to work it out carefully and it's fascinating. (Lat. & Elacution are all I have the first three days.) My teacher is Miss Benton. She is splendid and very interesting, for she brings in history and pictures to make things more real. My German is interesting too, all but the man who teaches us, who is rather sleepy and apt to wander from the subject. But we've just been married, so we'll excuse him this time. English is particularly interesting but of such nature that I can't exactly describe it. We have plenty of themes, outlines and logical definitions to write however, & fill a book!

The dinner bell - no. 2. - has just rung so I'd better run along, for I have to go to another class at 2, my only afternoon work. Must get books together.

Beeps of love and kisses to my dearest
dad,
Dorothy.

and asked to be remembered
to you. After dinner one of
the music teachers at college
and a pupil gave me a
little recital, and I met
quite a number of Smith
girls who are staying at
the Inn. Then I came back
and had a nice long visit
with Helen H. She likes it
better now that she's feeling
better herself, and wants
to stay very much. I trust
she'd get over it before long,
poor girl.

Daddy, you naughty
boy, why didn't you tell me
you are on the Deary-Cook

112 Elm St.
Oct. 31, 1909.

Dear Daddy,
Thank you for the
check. Both your letter and
postal reached me in the
same mail - the one you
sent a few hours apart.

Have you located any
place yet, and where is
it, if it's in a part of
town that I'm not familiar
with? Have you seen
anybody yet?

Mrs. Hill invited me
down to dinner today

Investigation, ^{committee,} instead of having me
find it out quite casually, thus
"Billard." What do you have to do
and when? Most of the people
up here, who don't know much
about it are hot for Cook.

Our Halloween show was
a great success, and Miss Matthey
said, the best that had ever been
given here. We all dressed up in
fancy dress for supper, and we
third floor went in white
pajamas with pumpkin heads
as we did at Aunt Mamma's last
year, & wore huge white canvas
gloves. Everybody roared - they
thought we were killing, as we filed
in with hands on the shoulders
of the one in front. Then our
first number on the program
was a song, dressed in this
miz, with hits on the gink. We
had a gawky dance in between
verses, and the others roared
again. We certainly were funny
to look at, for each pumpkin
had a different expression. The
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and when? Most of the people
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a great success, and Miss Mallett
said, the best that had ever been
given here. We all dressed up in
fancy dress for supper, and we
third floor went in white
pajamas with pumpkin heads
as we did at Aunt Hannah's last
year, & wore huge white canvas
gloves. Everybody roared - they
thought we were killing, as we filed
in with hands on the shoulders
of the one in front. Then our
first number on the program
was a song, dressed in this
mug, with hits on the girls. We
had a gawky dance in between
verses, and the others roared
again. We certainly were funny
to look at, for each pumpkin
had a different expression. The
whole show was brought forth by

of all — a freshman nightmare, ²
the demonstration of the
theorem of inscribed and
circumscribed prisms, the
figure for which is well nigh
impossible to draw. First
the curtain disclosed Rose
Baldwin with matted
hair, surrounded by
books, studying math. Then
she sits & bel, mumbling
limits and parallelepipeds.
Everything is dark. Then
there is a flash light
(electric!) and in stalks
that circumscribed prism
figure. It certainly touched
everybody's heart, as well as

a witch (Thelma McNaive) who
came in at intervals and
called forth the performers.
Two of the girls danced, in
Spanish and Greek costumes,
then we acted out the charade
assassination, which was
so good. Then came my
monologue. I was blacked
up & had on a rakish
costume and later one
of the girls said to me,
"my goodness, I couldn't
believe it was you — it did-
n't look a bit like you!"
Wasn't she nice?

Then came the best thing

'irizibilities'. One of the girls who has a very deep voice, dressed in a sheet & stuck one arm thru a huge cardboard figure of that proportion. Rose acted as if asleep, and tried to move the proportion by passing planes thru the figure, cutting diagonals, making certain parts approach zero, and doing a lot of other ridiculous things. She talked a blue streak all the time and now & then the deep voice of her night man answered her. I wish I could show you how funny it was. We all appreciated it, I tell you, for we've just had that theorem, and it's enough to give you the right name. The funniest part was that Rose actually dreamed that all one night, even to the details of speed, which put the idea into our heads. It certainly was good. There were several other numbers too. When we

got there, Miss Maethy gave us cider, doughnuts and apples, and played for us while we danced the Virginia Reel. Helen Hendrick came as a grandmother and her roommate as the baby. They were splendid and acted their parts during the entire evening. Helen said she was tired out this morning from taking care of that infant so long!

Miss Maethy was a dear and let us 3rd floor people sleep late this morning. I

of our stunts downstairs. There we dis-
tributed in leaves and jack-o-lanterns
with night gown tails, and made
Rumpus look very spooky.

With just lots of love & dry clean
daddy my outfit there so far. I wish I
were more too.

Dorothy.

never moved till ten-thirty.
Then we had crackers and
cocoa - the kind you add
hot water and serve (true
college mixture!) and attempted
to make our room thus our
room & cleanliness. Of
course ours was the scene
of the doings for preparation
& was so littered last night
that we couldn't even roll
all our beds! It looks
beautiful now.

Yesterday noon we
stayed away from dinner
(had cocoa and sandwiches
here) and went over a couple

next fall as a regular student—
no specials taken at all. But
Miss E. said she tho't a finishing
school or academy would
give the girl more of what
she needs than such a huge
place as Smith, and seriously
advised that she go to one!
She recommended very highly
the following ~~schools~~ ^{four}:

Abbot Academy

Andover, Mass.

Bradford Academy

Bradford, Mass.

Wheaton Seminary,

Norton, Mass.

Burnham School

Northampton, Mass.



112 Elm Street,
Northampton, Mass.,
Nov. 25-09.

Dear Daddy,
Last night I went right
over to see Miss Eastman, and
learned this from her. Smith
can do nothing for that girl
this year, for it takes no specials
& certainly couldn't enter
anyone in the middle of the
year. If however, the girl
goes to some preparatory school
& then can pass entrance
exams for here, she can enter

In the first three the girls are apt to be older, but at the last one, she would be able to see the college life, ~~and~~ meet some of the girls, enjoy the musical advantages open to college girls, and feel more of the college spirit. Miss E. doubted if any of the other girls' colleges would take special, & certainly I with care not help the girl.

Then I went to Miss Malby and explained everything, not feeling however that she could do much after having seen Miss Eastman. Both are extremely interested in the case & want to know how everything turns out.

Miss Malby said that she would be willing to take the girl in her house & let her go to the Burnham school, under these conditions: first, she must hear ^{from} the man as to get directly at the matter; next, she must know something about the girl herself - her family, character, &c, before bringing her into close relations with her other girls (about

She could enter Burnham any time after Xmas & take just what she wished. Then she would be here at meals & at everything else & have all the benefits & pleasures of college itself, except the actual lessons.

Miss M. also said that Burnham would be a better place for her than a college, ~~consider~~ ⁱⁿ her condition. She went down specially today to see Miss Thomson, principal of Burnham, & Miss Walker one of chief teachers, & former said she'd take the girl when

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noon she learned the same references). Then she said she would take the girl into her own private house for a couple weeks, to find out what she'd like, and if she's O.K. will put her in a room at the Feather which is vacant as one girl was gone home. If however, the girl turns out to be "not very nice" she will engage a room for her elsewhere. This certainly is fair and generous & will be great for the girl.

she comes & do all she can for her.

I think Miss Matthy is a darling!

So, to sum up, first the man
better write Miss Elizabeth Matthy
112 Elm etc., & explain the situation
& its needs fully to her; then she
must have references about her;
she'll keep her home if she is
O.K.; and she can go from here
to Burnham ^(2 blocks down Elm) with two others who
are doing the same. Then if she

is anxious & can work up hard,
maybe she could enter Smith
next year.

How long does the man
want to wait for her? And what
are their names?

Have I made it all clear? If I
haven't, ask me again what you
don't understand & I'll try &
explain it better.

Lots of love,

Quinty.

It made me very happy & I
able to do this for your daddy, dearie!

been there too. I could just see those beautiful orchards & palms, and almost smell the flowers!

I don't know when you leave, but I reckon you missed my letter written Thanksgiving day, in which I told you all we'd been doing down at the Chapman's. That T. dinner was a killer - lasted from 2:30 till after five. Then we sat around the fire & Mrs. May Riley Smith recited some of her poetry for us. I left next day

112 Elm Street,
Sunday night,
Nov. 28-09.

Dearest Daddy,
How ~~that~~ I've written the important letter to you I'll send along another one & keep it company & tell you the news.

Both your dear long letters were here when I got back from New York late Friday night & I did enjoy them so much. I'm so glad you "played" for several days and had such a lovely time. My how I'd love to have

about noon, and went to lunch at the
Manhattan with Ted Cue. The train
left at 4, and such mobs of girls!!
It certainly was good to see them
all again. We got in here about
nine & found everything covered
with a crisp snow - it was
very pretty.

This morning Helen and I
both slept till after nine, and
then ate in one of the girls' rooms
who had a big left over turkey
& stuff. We made tea over the
lamp & had quite a feast.
After supper tonight we went for
an hour's ~~side~~ walk around
town & it made us feel so good.
Then Miss M. told me what
she had learned from Miss
Thompson & I came back &
wrote you:

Now I must write to Mrs.
Chapman & then get to bed:

Just packs of hugs & love,

Dorothy.

about of it! But never mind,
I'll be home before long and
then I'll just see you all so much
that you'll be so glad when
January 5 appears and you
can ship me back to Smith
again!

Today has been just
glorious, a regular early
spring one that makes you
feel just fine. Rose and Anne
said their room wasn't
big enough to hold me, so
gently but firmly sent me
out.

Early this afternoon I went
over to the new library to



112 Elm Street,
Dec. 4-09.

dearest Daddy,
many many happy
returns of the day, daddy dear,
and lots of love and big
hugs from your biggest
best, who wishes that she
were there herself to give
you one to "grow on." My
wonder if it be just lovely if
I could suddenly turn into
this letter when you take

do some work, but the books I wanted
were out, so I went on a tour of
inspection instead. The building
is beautiful, and useful as well.
There are four or five large reading
rooms on the main floor, which
is finished in light wood, and
slippery floors, and there is a
reference and another large reading
room on the second floor. It's
such a big warm building and
so quiet and useful that I want to
go over and do my studying there
sometimes.

On the first, the carpenters
came and put on our storm
windows, and now we have only
one-half a pane to get air thru.
It has been so moderate here
this week, that of course, think-
ing about it and our ice air
hole, we've nearly roasted.
But Miss Maethy comforts(?) us
by saying that we'll be
mighty thankful to be shut in

mid of that cold of yours, and
now you'll have to attend to
nerves. I'm so sorry she
was such a wretched one - I
don't like it a bit. Most all
the girls ^(except me) have awful colds
and some of them have had
to go over to the Apple Blossom
room to get well. I'm not going
to be fashionable this time
for I don't approve!

A little while ago we smelled
the most awful smoke at the
other end of the hall so we
proceeded in that direction
to find out the cause of the
trouble. Norma and Rose
were making what they

before the winter is out. I'll
see top lights but it doesn't
sound good to me!

Tonight five of us girls
are going out to dinner and
from there to 'Olla Podrida'
the vaudeville show given
by the faculty. It's going
to be nice I know. There was
such a demand for tickets
that they had to sell some
for dress rehearsal this
afternoon. Then tomorrow
Dutch Van Heman, a Washington
girl, who is a junior up here,
has invited me over to dinner.
Isn't she nice?

I am so glad you got

called Welsh rabbit, in a 2 x 4 saucepan
near the lamp. The cheese smelled so
bad that no one would eat it raw,
but when our crackers heated up,
it ~~wasn't~~ wasn't so bad, if, during
the process, you bury your head
out of the window!! Then we
all were summoned downstairs
to help in a candy, nut & stuffed
date feed. The girl's dad is a
candy maker, & her bed was
covered with candy boxes of
different sorts. Strange as it may
seem we are alive to tell the tale!!

Just at present there are five
girls clamoring to be buttoned up
for supper, and it behooves
me to hang on to the last one, and
help. Then I must go and do
likewise.

Here's just bunches and
bunches of love & my precious
daddy on his birthday, and
a kiss on each red spot for
mother & 3 to give from

D. M. M.

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1910 - 1912

(Mrs. Henry Dehon Abbot) - daughter

'Jeez up! I was kind of
'cited and upset too for a
couple days until I should
hear from you all, and
then when such lovely
comforting letters came
I was too happy for
anything. I'm going
to be a good sensible girl
daddy, so you just
can't have to spank
me, tho' you think
maybe I ought to be!

112 Elm Street,
March 10, 1910.

Dearest Daddy,
There was a
pretty glad some daughter
in these parts when
your good dear letter
came last night, and
I just wanted to hug
you right off. I guess
you wanted to spank
me tho, didn't you? Now

Only a couple of the girls here -
my best friends - know any-
thing about it at all, and
I'm taking great pains
not to let the others know.
There is no reason why every-
one should know now, as
long as I'm going to be here
all the course, and I most
certainly shan't tell it at home.

Tracy, wouldn't there be ex-
citement tho!

You didn't say whether
the book is getting out yet
and I'm excited to see it +
to have one of my very own with
compliments of the author.
Now, Mr. Daddy!

With heaps of love and a
hug all around,
Dorothy.

all promptly returned
them with interest.

You're going to see
my nice little woman-
mate after all, for she'll
be with us the last
two days of vacation,
& yesterday we learned
for sure that Sara can
come too for that time.
Won't it be fun? Emma
and Rose (in the "prettiest"
room) will be there a
couple days with their

112 Elm Street,
New. 16, 1910.

Dear Daddy,
The check has
just come and thank
you very much. I'll
get my ticket today
and then it'll seem
as if I were half-way
home already. Hoopay!!
I gave the "nice batch"
of girls your love, as
requested, and they

folks. They are travelling all
around during vacation.

I was awfully sorry to
miss Mrs. Brown
yesterday, but I'll go
again sometime, tho'
perhaps not until after
Easter.

Its wonderful here
now - clear and fresh.
We had a flurry of snow
the other day tho, that
made our hearts sink.

Since Monday they've
started a new mail system
and we therefore get our
morning mail at 8 o'clock
now instead of any time
after nine. The mails are so
heavy that they've put on
new men with wagons
& its pretty nice for us.

Love & love, D.

afternoon. Our rooms
are in the new building
she is adding to the old
one, on east side
same as now with
morning room - (noisy!)
and on first floor.
No more three flights!
There is running
water between the
rooms, which are to
be finished in any
color we like. Electric
lights, clean towels &

Smith

112 Blue St.,
May 12, 1910.

Dearest Daddy,

I made a mis-
take about the price of
the rooms when I wrote
mother yesterday, for
it is just the same
as it is here - 400 for
double and 500 for single.
Sam and I went to see
Mrs. Mabon again this

napsins daily, 5 or 6 bathrooms
for 30 girls, instead of three for
28. Mrs Mabon is charming.
Sal & I'd like to come together for
we are more congenial and
better fitted to each other than
either of us with Helen, tho
the three of us are good friends.

How daddly dear, what do you
suppose I've gone and done?
You never could guess, for
I've busted my engagement
with Villard, & all on that
Kerry Abbott's account. I never
was so 'sprised in all my
life as to discover the reason
for doing it, but its so, honest
Layin. And you can tell me
I'm a bad silly chile & could me
all you like now, daddly dear,
'cause I've gotten thro most of
my worrying & hard time
& am sore again (and aritis!)
I wonder if all girls are such
queer things inside? Lots of love,
D.

days makes an awful
difference!! Daddy, but
that's all right, and
we'll forget that for
a while for the rest
now anyway. That is
to say, you and
mother pack up
your things right
square up the end
of this week (not a
minute later!) and

The Brunswick,
Belmar, N. J.,
July 19-10.

Daddy dear,
how I have just
a wonderful plan so
you just sit right
down & listen to him,
& then be a good boy
& agree with 2 & me
absolutely and entirely.
Of course I know
what two or three

you just come right along
up here with her for a
couple days. Please daddy,
please, please, please!!

It would do you heaps of
good daddy, & take a
couple days' rest & play
with us in the water.
Don't think ^{too hard} about why you
couldn't + come, but just
pack up & come. You
just must daddy please.

Oh we had such a
wonderful bath this
morning & feel just
scrummy now. It was
pretty rough but not
bad. You ought to have
seen me come sailing
in & above every now &

disappears when his
is in it.

This afternoon
we're going over to
see one of the villagers,
a Helen Day woman from
East Orange, who knows
some of my college
friends there. She's
a dear girl.

Cullens just came
many thanks, who
even sent it.

then with the gentle
or otherwise assistance
of a breaker. Once
it whirled me round
& moved like a top
& deposited me way up
on shore! We just love
it, but once in a
while while we're
watching it from
above I get afraid of
it somehow, not that

I'm very much glad it got a
hit - even home, but I
don't like mother's being
sick - hit. Its high time
you both left that town
& we shall expect you up
here ~~the~~ end of the
week. Please daddy.

With just aches of
love,
Dorothy;

P. S. - Tell mother that "Miss Z." is
still here & at present is
reading with her hair over
a chair out of the window
drying (the hair, I mean!)

Heard from Robert & Ralph this
am, also Taylor, Thorne & Willard.

I was near paper or even
a postal, so I didn't do
it before. Everything
was in such a bustle
before I left for there
was so much to do
after mother got
back from Stump
man, and the
house was all
upset. As we told
you, I expected to go to

And. for
Lore with Oct. 13, 1910

134 Elm St.,
Northampton, Mass.,
Sept. 24-10.

Dear Daddy,

I meant to ac-
knowledge your
generous checks & was
this before I left home
for I never knew
indeed it is not to,
but somehow it
slipped my mind when

Buffalo on the 15th to be with
Helen Estee until college opened,
but at the last minute
I had word from her
that her mother had
had a nervous break-
down so I couldn't go, of
course. Then I rushed
down, exchanged tickets
cancelled my berth, etc.
to come to camp Sunday
night. Actually dally,
I crossed New York
alone Monday morning
after breakfast in
Jersey City, & then
took the 9:15 a.m. for
Springfield where Henry
met me. As Mrs.

it dear of her? I came
on up here Tuesday
and found Sara, my
roommate, & lots of
other girls.

The house here is
splendid - every
single thing as far
has been all we
could imagine;
food excellent,
rooms lovely and

Marion couldn't be ready
for me till Tuesday
I went to Mrs. Hill's
(had telegraphed her)
and she very kindly
took me in her
rooms with her
and Justina, as the
house was full,
and kept me as
her guest. When I

clean & airy, service fine,
girls all hands, and last
but not least, Mrs. Mabon,
the best of all. It's just
ideal, and everybody
else is so envious of
us. Clean napkins &
towels every day, and
rooms swept & dusted
daily, in contrast to a
weekly performance of
the same last year!

We certainly are happily
and fortunately located,
& the year, in con-
sequence, promises to be
a good one.

Our two rooms, on
the first floor, have

three closets, two big
benches, two straw
window seats, two
wicker arm chairs,
a rocker, two straight
chairs - all furnished
for us. Then we
have our nice big
desk & writing
chair, so we
are as comfortable.

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an added attraction,
in that they are
quiet - away from
the noise of the
house and girls
upstairs. There too,
we don't have any
more 3 flights of
stairs & climb!

And there's running
water in the cubby-
hole between me &

The walls are papered in gray
& our couch covers & ^{the}
general tone color are
a deep bricky old red,
which gives the needed
brightness. One room we
use as our study & to other
as dressing room, altho
we've a bed in each
which we take turn about
sleeping in, as one room
is a bit larger & has more
air than the other.

The exposure of our
study is about NE, so we
have the morning
sun to brighten us
up. — It's just lovely
hobby.

And tonight is the
Freshman Frolie.

Helen Mc Train & Helen Este
have a dandy suite
in Baldwin, a
campus house, for
which they pay
450 a piece for 2 bed-
rooms, a study, a
bath & several
closets!! Lucky
chicks!

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We've seen most of
the old girls & jinks
maybe it wasn't
great! We're pretty
much scattered but
its heaps of fun
going visiting.

Last night Mel & Gus
went back to Miss
Waltby's to a dance
to meet the Freshmen.

Henry was here until
Wed. night when he went
on to Dartmouth. Al
Taylor is there now too,
you know.

On Nov. 12 die expecting
to go down to the Harvard
Dartmouth game, for
Mrs. Abbott is giving a
little house-party and
dance then. Won't it
be jolly?

This year die lots of
wall space for brown
& black framed pictures
& as we've only a few
we may have to buy a
couple. My book expenses
will be pretty heavy too.

Just lots & lots of love,
Dorothy.

134 Elm St.,

Northampton, Mass.,

September 29-1910.

Dearest Daddy,

I certainly was glad to get your letter this afternoon, and to know you got back all safe and sound from your trip. The check has come just in time, and I shall attend to it tomorrow morning. - My expenses have been heavier than I expected so far, so I had to write home to mother, no nearer than you. My history books, note books, ^{storage,} chem. fee, &c are pretty big; in fact there's always a lot of extras at the beginning (and end) of the year, which you can't see ahead of time.

There's a girl here in the house from Texas, I believe, who's a cousin of John Muir. We were talking the other day about Calif. & she spoke of him quite by accident. Her name is Albert Smith.

Love and I are getting ourselves settled

gradually, tho we haven't all our fixings yet,
and are as happy and comfy as can be.
I had the two pictures you gave me last year
framed the other day, for we didn't have
enough to cover the wall space. They are
of Lambert Blaine & ~~Canada~~ Tenaya Lake,
and look splendid alongside of
Mt. Shasta & Cathedral Peaks. Then on
opposite side of the room in a corner
space I have the gilt-framed black
pictures. In our "study" we have only
our nice pictures, one bed, all covered
with pillows and an old rose cover, one
big desk, Morris chair, & two low wicker
arm chairs. The other little room adjoining
is the dressing room with the bureau,
& our own friends' pictures in it, & also
a rocking chair. Lol & I take turns
sleeping in the bigger room, for it has
two windows and hence more air.

We've three closets, one especially large, & a
basin with running water between the

2
rooms, which saves us many a trip to ^{one of the 2} ~~the~~
bath-rooms upstairs. This ^{is} a joy, for ^{they're} all
white tiling, with 6 basins, 6 tubs, and a
shelf partitioned off for each girl's toothbrush,
soap, and glass. Everybody "goes wild" over
the bathrooms, first thing!

Then we have clean towels & napkins and
a sweep every day, the food is delicious,
and well served and Mrs. Mabon is
charming. I think we're the luckiest
mortals. There are about 30 girls in
all, and they seem very congenial.
As for and I are the only ones on the
first floor we have quiet, and feel
almost as if we were at home. I
know now how that noise got on my
nerves last year. Then too, we feel as
if we were living single almost, for if
one of us is tired we can shut ourselves
up in one room & go to bed, without

disturbing the one who has to study.

There seems to be a nice crowd of girls at Miss Maltby's this year too, but they are much younger than we were when we entered. Miss Maltby herself, is the same as ever, & seems always glad to see us. She fixed her library all over in red and green — it made me think of your right squacks off when I saw it.

Lucas's sister has my room this year, & it looks larger somehow, for her roommate hasn't a desk in it too.

Helen Mac Hair sent her love to you. She & Helen Estee, the girl I was going to visit in Buffalo, have a suite in Baldwin where I'd like to get next year. They've each a bed room, one big sitting room, a bath & three closets for \$450 a year. There

is another & larger suite of some no. of rooms across the hall (on same, 2nd floor) for \$475. This one will be unoccupied next year, as ~~2~~ seniors have it now & Sal & I had our eyes on it, unless we could get one on the 3rd floor for 450. The individual rooms are small & right on the main corridor, which the suites aren't, which fact makes them cut off from practically all noise. And those campus houses are the embodiment of racket!

This year I am taking a literary course in German - (Loving, Goethe & Schiller) - & have a splendid teacher. I feel as if I'd joined so late last year that I planned to get a hard & good teacher this year, & learn something in it. I'm also taking an

advanced French course; English History
(with 3 huge books!); a course in
English which takes up the history of
the English language & shows its
growth & development, and my two
required sophomore subjects, Bible &
chemistry. I'm scared stiff of
chemistry - its sounds so funny
so far! Physics is more important
to know I guess, but I didn't have
to take anything with much math in
it. I'd like astronomy tho. Helen
MacDair is taking it this year.

I just guess I wish I was out
there with you daddy dear, only
then if I were, I wouldn't be
spending my whole learning into my
noddle, would I?

Just lots & lots of love to
my dear daddy,
Hewithy.

Carleton college, young, splendid
physically, and above all,
a fine man, intellectually.
He is indeed a worthy
successor of Pres. Selye, the
seemingly his opposite for
Pres. Burton, energetic and
forceful, will introduce
many modern educational
ideas, and establish the
college on a firmer,
modern + better financial
basis - And now, to the

Recd. at
Oct. 25, 1910. C.M.

134 Elm Street,
Northampton, Mass.,
October 8, 1910.

Dear Maddy,

This certainly has been
a week of exciting events, and
I just must tell you about
them. First and most
important of all was the
inauguration of our new
president, Marion Burton,
a western man from

exercises. After the students & the guests, who'd come from all over the country, were seated, the Academic Procession started at ten, across the campus to the chapel. It was very impressive, with the men & women in their caps & gowns & many colored hoods, marching in solemnly, then the chapel up onto the platform, to the grand music of our fine new organ — one of the best in the country, experts said. First in the procession came Pres. Benton & Pres. Emeritus Selye, followed by the Gov. of Mass., State & City Representatives, Trustees, Alumni, Recipients of Honorary Degrees, delegates from colleges all over this country & some from abroad, Faculty, & Students' Council — all in robes, as I said.

When they had taken their

them. Also I like verry much
the flag jiggers enclosed, the
for goodness sake what does
the N.S.C.W. one with the bear
poppin on top, mean? I had
a perfect circus opening up
the package! And many
thanks for the checks too, for I
was running short. Books
& dues are "way up" this fall
& other things cropped up unex-
pectedly.

I'm so glad you're going

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134 Elm Street,
October 13, 1910.

Daddy dear,
I can only write you a wee
note tonight for I have so much
studying to do for tomorrow, but I
just can't put off till tomorrow
telling you how delighted I am
with those beautiful pictures.
I just squealed when I saw
them. You're such a old dear,
daddy, to have them fixed
for me, & I'm so happy over

back to that beautiful Yosemite &
I just wish I were there with
you. Will you take me 'long
too sometimes, after I get
out of college? — But daddy
dear I wish you'd stop
having those headaches;
are you taking good enough
care of yourself? I think
you need your family
along to bother you and
incidentally look after
you too!

I've been studying German
& History (crazy about it!)
all evening & have English
& Chemistry to do now, so I
must get after it. Will write
more soon.

Henry is coming down
over next Sat & Sunday — he
has to come look after me every
month! Today is one of
our anniversaries, and he
sent me a huge bunch of
beautiful pink roses, which
seem to fill our rooms.
("Silly boy" did I hear you say?
Well he just ain't!)

Love of love daddy, Dorothy.

know I'm a thinking 'bout
you all anyhow!

I thank you for the
pen check. I wrote you a
long letter home, ^{a couple weeks ago} & didn't
mean to have it forwarded,
in which I enclosed the
bill, but never mind if
it never turns up.

Indeed daddy, it was
"a grand picnic" to Boston -
every body was so nice to

134 Elm St.,
Nov. 16, 1910.

Dear Daddy,

I surely was glad
to get your nice letter when
I got back, and oh dear
I'd like to be there too! But
you all are so busy that
you won't have time
for daughters this week
so I'll only write a
little - just to let you

me, and it was so good to see all the people again, & to get a little acquainted with the family. They want me to come down again for a few days' rest at Thanksgiving. Do you think I can go? I'd so love it, if its possible, and they all were so cordial.

I've begun my official tutoring in history and takes two a weeks till Xmas, then drop to one till the year in Jan., when I'll get the beastly stuff out of the way at last. Its interesting tho, and goodness knows it won't hurt me to know more about ancient history!

Lots of love daddy, & remember me to our dog, & my love to Harriet.

Dorothy.

Don't get too all tired out this week & tell me all about it when its over.

to fill up the melted places
again I guess. Our
water pipes were frozen
yesterday morning when
we woke up, and so
we didn't get any water
till nearly ten o'clock.
Why its so cold its nigh
outs freezing the hair
clean off the top of
your head! which
medicament I hope won't
happen for a few years
anyhow.

134 Elm Street,
December 11, 1910.

Dear Daddy,
It doesn't seem to
be satisfied with being
just plain "awful
cold" here - but it has
to get lots worse. Yes-
terday it was 5° below,
and my nose felt
absolutely frozen stiff.
Today its snowing again

But in the meantime I've gotten
into another, and much worse
hole, from which I need to be
extricated with help. I had to
pay out \$5. that I'd counted on
from my dec. allowance to cover
my bill for ^{best} shoes & rubbers that
I got last month, for two
things that came up and had
to be paid right off - \$3.00 for
class dinner, & \$2.17 for
bourse & telephone tax, and
since, I've had to buy several
new books, and change them,
amounting to about \$2.50.

I'm enclosing the list account
for the \$20 you sent me in the
last of Nov., which didn't hold
out because of the unexpected's
which had to be paid right off.
I wish I could manage better
but somehow I always do seem

Sat to reserve a table at Rose
Tree. When his train was
so late getting in that we
couldn't get out there
possibly, & so went to
Borden's, & it seems the
old lady at R.T. has made
a new regulation this
year, you did not the
only one that got "stung"
too. A bill for \$2.00
came in later, & she
insisted that I pay for
the dinner, anyhow,
train late or no & no

to mess things up, and I
know you all can't see
what I do with it all to
spend so much money.
And I do try to be careful,
and plan it out, and
then something happens
sure & puts me in
wrong. That \$2.00
at Rose Tree made me
mad, for that night
that Benny came down
& surprised me (before
the game), he wrote

to write her list. But they want to remove the rooms, for its no near the
mother, on Kat. Road. with low poverty.

dinner either. So I had to pay it.
— what I need is 5. for those shoes
& rubers & 2.50 for the books,
unless it 'el be all right let
them go over til after 8 was, &
pay^{for} them with my Jan. allowance.
Lis sorry daddy, for I know
things are low & I just hate
to ask for more money, and
especially when my ticket
has due to it too. And by the
way, the man comes here to
check our things Thursday
so I ought to have my ticket
Wed. in order to put in my
order for him to come on
Thursday.

Is the new Penn. station
at 33rd St done yet?

Thanks mother for me for
hunting those rooms for Ada
& Edith. They will invite soon,
for they aren't + some what a friend
there was done for them so have

The check came, and can
leave here early Wednesday.
Travis he for everybody is
so tired and cross.

Had Saturday history from
2 to 5 today, then take a
tutor lesson till 6, and then
2 more hours of History
(English) tonight for class
tomorrow!

We've just had a
house meeting too, and a
scrap, for we were
asked to pay another
tax of 1.50 a piece to get
Mrs Mabon a silly cheap

134 Elm Street,
Dec. 15, 1910.

Dear Daddy,
The men are
coming in a few
minutes to check our
numbers and then I'm
going to bed, for this
has been an awful
day, and I'm tired
"in de haide." I got my
tubset and transfer
straight thro, the day

looking bracelet, that cost 20., +
The other money left over ^(about 60 Rupees) to go
for all the maids in the house,
to give them \$5. apiece. Some of
us had planned to give the
maids on our floors some little
thing, but didn't feel we
could give enough to donate
5.00 to each of the five or
six, downstairs ones included.
So we scrapped, & finally com-
promised in two ways, by paying
half now & half after Xmas &
by getting Mrs. Mahon a nice
picture for the bare parlor
instead of that impossible
bracelet. So we feel better now!

Tell mother the silk was old
& just enough to finish the
pillow.

How so very Auntie is sick -
nobody told me anything about
it before.

Goodbye - Till
Wed. supper! Hurray! Dawdley.

next year. And
daddy ain't
pleased that I
can be there, &
you were awfully
dear to write me
such a lovely
letter. - Well, from
what we have
heard it's going
to be pretty nice,
& Miss Spalding

134 Elm St.,
May 16, 1911.

Dearest Maddy,

Six of us are
very happy and
excited tonight
for Miss Spalding,
our next year's
"matron" has been
to supper, and
laid out plans
for our new house

who has had a great deal of
experience in this line & has
worked a lot in college
settlements, is charming, as
well as sensible, tactful, &
well-equipped. She has planned
& papered the downstairs
in golden browns and yellows,
with darker brown (mission
color I should say) woodwork;
there is to be a large living
room for us, with a huge
fireplace, a reception room
& parlor & the big dining
room, which is just under
our suite. She wants the
house to be comfortable and

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house to be comfortable and

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or cloister (as they all
wish it called), twelve
feet wide and 47 long,
covered, & supported
by pillars. This will
be a lovely place &
sit until the back
court or quadrangle
is laid out and
completed, with
grass & flower-beds,
to take the place of
pavement. — She told

homelike — more like
a big family than
a school or boarding
house. There are
two large public
bathrooms on each
floor, instead of the
usual one in other
houses, real iron
fire-escapes (not
ropes!), and between
the two sister
houses, a promenade

us the practical side of everything,
just what we wanted to know
about the nurse itself & did
not try to paint it so wonderful
& high-flaluting that we'd have
cause to be doubtful of its
really turning out so well.
And above all she seemed so
glad to have met us six girls
& wants us to be her particular
keepers next fall in getting
people acquainted with her
& each other, & starting things,
because she already knows
us. I think we shall like
her very much from the
matter-of-fact business-like
way in which she has started

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now for the view
over Paradise toward
Mt. Sun is beautiful.
Maddy, I do so want
her to come next
year, even if she
doesn't stay longer,
for she'll be my
sister class, which
means a lot up
here, and I have
been looking

out. We are with
our bestest friends
too, so I guess we
ought to be contented
and happy next
year too.

Ze's house is
up now and the
porch in front is
being attached
this week. I hope
she'll have a back

forward to it so very much.

The end of this year
nearly does seem pretty close
now, for I have only one
more laboratory period
(practicals be!), and our exams
begin on the 5th. I think
I can get back the 13th or
14th, unless I've made a
mistake in my schedule of
exams.

There's a big fat kiss
daddy , and a tinkle on
the nose, just so's you'll
know it's
me,
your loving daughter
D.

P.S. Sal & Grace went bicycling
to Easington on Tuesday! So I'll be back a
huge bunch of letters & they are
so lovely & sweet.

certainly would be
nice. There's a big hug
& kiss daddy dear, for
being so good to me.

I never did have such
a birthday! and
yesterday flowers kept
coming all day,
over two dozen lovely

134 Elm Street,
May 23, 1911.

Dear Daddy,

Your nice birthday
letter came yesterday
and I was so pleased
with my due bill,
for one of those bags

pink roses, two huge
bunches of pink, and
lavender sweet peas &
violets! The room is
just a bower now.
The girls surely have
been dears too.

I'd like to yell for
joy tonight, for I had
my last chem. lab.
this afternoon - my
very last for all my
life, and wob but
it is awful stuff.
I want to take zoology
next year + the evolution
course next year, +
they both sound very
interesting.

What do you

96° and we almost panted
for air. No thunderstorm
or anything either to account
for the violent change.

Last night we hauled
our beds out onto Mrs
Mabon's back porch for
it was almost unbearable
inside, and it was

suppose happened today
without any apparent
cause? Well, it all-
of-a-sudden-like took
it into its head to be
cold, and we've had
to, simply had to,
wear coats all day,
while yesterday it was

lovely out there. From
the near the house must
have looked like a
hospital for there were
four beds & a hammock
full of girls on each
of the upper porches,
and two of us down here.
I surely do hope you all
have had a breakfast too.

My last exam comes
the a.m. of the 13th but I
may have to wait over
till night or even the
next morning, & to see
all our things are
sent to storage and every-
thing straightened up.

Lots of love daddy and
Thank you just lots for
the bag - to - be.

Dorothy.

plugging on - with no
breaks as all the
others have. - That
is to say, Miss Eastman
said I'd have to choose
between P. man & this
Carnival - & so I
can't go. Perhaps if
your note hadn't
been quite so unen-
thusiastic for the
mother's willingness,

Direct,
June 20, 1912.

Dear Mother,
Why do you all
worry me keep me &
on when I hate it
so, oh how I hate
it; & one disappoint-
ment on top of
another till I could
just scream. Its all
so useless, this

might possibly have made
her let me go. The loss of
2 days' work is nothing -
Ment's 10 sides go away for a
week - but its "principle"
again. Your note was
no doubtful that she
probably felt you really
would rather 9 sides go
that's how I felt when I
read it. So cancel the
blue dress - & if
you all would let me
I'd stop college tomorrow
pack up & go home, or
anywhere, if you'd let
me. I've so tried mother
& its nothing but works

I hated it at times, & how
die hated it every single
day since die been back
since then — Henry
can tell you how I felt —

I don't think any-
thing is worth while
~~that~~ makes you
unhappy all the time
in spite of yourself —
course die tried to
get over it, & feel
even as I used to, that

N

would all the time
& I'd only been thinking
to drag thro' this awful
week coming by the
thought of getting N after
it for a couple days.

It's worse than a
2 cent boarding school
here — & oh please
let me stop. =====

I didn't tell you now

it would be over some day & I
guess I could stand it — but
it's no use; I don't even
get any pleasure in or give
any to, the girls anymore — I
am indifferent — & I can't
help it & save me — toward
even my best friends —
the only thing I do is to
stare.

I know you'll
think it's my blue time
& make fun of me —
perhaps because you
don't know me, or
believe what I've said; & at
least you will think me
an ungrateful wretch
for not appreciating this
great opportunity that I
have, & so many others would

dreary time, with
nothing in the world
I look forward to,
nearly drives me crazy
mother, & I am not
strangeness to do it -
oh mother I just
can't - I'm so
miserable. I wish
you were here

I think how
Henry will feel now
that I can't go, & he

3 give half their lives for. I
fully realize what good
could come of it & all -
& I also fully realize
that I'm not worth
anything, to you all,
to this place - or to
anyone, but Henry; &
I doubt if I'll ever be
worthy of him.

Just the thought of
having to plug out
on two this interminable

has looked forward to it
for over a year & we've
counted on it & he's
planned such a lovely
3 days for me all & it's a
big time — big enough to
set his whole family up
to, even the Colonel, if he
can leave his work. — This
isn't the first time we
had to give up — just on
account of college; & for this
time of the Carnival I have
taken gym all year & had
backaches & been dead
tired, just so's not to be
put on the "rule list" &
not be able to leave town.

Everything is so hopeless —
there's nothing to do & Miss
G leaves on Monday for
Egypt —

Dusty

was very fair — much
choice given — but long &
very comprehensive; but
Logic was a fight. Joe
said she never ^{saw} such war
looking mortals as we
all were when we came
out — she was just
going in to Latin. She &
I are going skating an
hour this a.m. — never
been out together before.
Well, kin just de-

Yillett House,
Jan. 25, 1912.

Wishes dear,
Did get about
ten minutes that I can
spare before doing
more German for
exam this P. M. It
won't be a bad one,
& am not doing much
in preparation. My
2 worst are over — Joe

lighted, you can guess, to find that
Zee's kimmy belongs to Lee! I was
expecting my old crape one so of
course tho' I would have
another. You were a darling,
narrow, to go & make it & put so
much work on it, & all the
time so busy with daddy. And
it's the cummiest thing too,
I've worn it half evenings
since it came, & he's 12.

Thanks your money des heaps.
Love the old one - we can
take him next with us.

Been going to the 5 o'clock
hour-mentals every afternoon
this week - just for the
relaxation & rest, & I'm
glad I've done it. Then I've
tried to get to bed early as
possible, hoping I'd get over
gradually, this awful force

feeling & these headaches, that
live not steadily for a week.
Dr S gave me a tonic & many
instructions - more of that
later if you want it.

About the Carnival - you've
allowed 2 days of each term,
(one game & over Sat. another
time) - so I am not
acting more than is due.

Miss E always makes it
wonder for people she has
a "personal" touch with
& I think she probably
has an intuitive love of
me as I have of her. So

Don't not after now show I have
a right to expect — its only
fair to give me one day
at least. I didn't argue
it with her at all — said
nothing in fact, for I
tho' I'd do again.

My times up so

bye — Thank dad for his
nice letter & the checks
& the Soul of the Larkian,
which I'm dying to read,
& hope to see Sunday.

Lots of love

Lee

Tell you about samples
later — like
in lots

sent the letter ^{to you} and declined,
as I was going to keep on
up here. Anyhow it would
be a nuisance I think
to have me on their
hands all tired, and
they'd let me sleep late &
then would have to bother
with another breakfast
and altogether I'd rather
not, much as I just
love to visit them.

Gillett House,
Jan. 29, 1912.

Dear Daddy,
I was just "that
glad" to get your nice
letter this morning
noon as I got up, which
wasn't 'till ten o'clock
however. But I'm
afraid it's too late to go
down to Mrs Abbott's, for
I wrote to her before I

Maybe I could go down later some-
time if they asked me. - I think
there'd be no trouble at the office
and, for you can get off most
anytime for a week-end visit.
I'm glad you all tho't it would be
nice to go too, cause I certainly
did.

I'm getting a nice rest
now tho, since my last week
is over & there's only one more
exam, tomorrow, & he's easy.

Been staying in bed late and
going to bed about nine every
chance I could, even tho I
can't get to sleep for a couple
hours. Hope to get over that
again soon and be fine as
a feather!

Just as you all beat us
up & snow. Its coming down
steadily now and is so pretty.
Lots of love daddy dear, Dec.

I didn't mention it. It's
in the same 9 thirds,
after balancing the \$25
difference in room and
tuition, which makes us
even. The date is
any time in the
month I think.

Maybe you told
you that I slept
with an extra night
in Miss Maehy's

Gillett House,
Jan. 31, 1912.

Dear Daddy,

Thank you
daddy you are \$30
each, which we
were muchly glad to
get. My tuition and
board is the same
(\$250 in all) as in
October, so that's why

grand guest-room. My bed a
big comfy double-bed did
seem good & I slept rounder
and better than in these
weeks. Then this a m ze
came down here to spend
the day at Gillett and we
sewed and read. For lunch I
panned some vegetables for
her & had some ice-cream
as - that she wanted, so
we had lots of fun.

This has been a holiday
for the college - and much
needed too! Work starts
again tomorrow however
tho I wish I were more
interested for it.

Lots of love to all,
Dorothy

beloved family than she
had, and on discovering
we both had the same
minus quantity we
"fell each upon the other's
necks & broke into
tumultuous weeping—
meaning to say, we
felt very badly!"

Is everybody all
well and "perfectly good"
and no more colds?

How long does Annie



Yicket House,
March 3, 1912.

Dearest Bladdy,

Just 24 more
days saddy and you'll
have the house full of
two brats — hooray
say they!! Ze came
down this a.m. and
wanted to know if
I'd had any more
mail from you

Ho stay & is it as lovely and
warm now as when I was
home? Well - but it's any-
thing but warm up here.

Why we went downtown
for about fifteen minutes
yesterday & our ears and
noes and chins ached
like fury when we got
back.

The regular skating
is over - that is, the
men who cleared off
the ice & kept it in good
condition have stopped,
and so the ice is pretty
rough in places. But
everybody goes on it
as much as ever & it's
fairly good up the
creek too - and you
don't have to pay ten
cents each time you

pictures taken (which
however, has nothing
to do with Proppy Pierce
& his ringing!)


Tonight we're going to
take some more
flashlights in here of
a lot of us in
crazy ways. Ze's
coming down too.

Now about "finances"
before I run too low.

honestly before the


want to skate now
either!



Several of the
Psychology faculty
came to dinner &
one of them, Prof.
Pierce, with a face
like this  carry a
Spanish diet with Helen
Laughlin, much to our
delight. Then a lot of
us girls went out
front and had our

end of the month or at least
early in April can you let
me have \$50 into my
clothes account, as my
spring things have been
attended to & mother has
already started a couple
things & charged them
to her bill with the under-
standing that you & I were
of course to pay her.

My trip home cost me
\$13.08 & whenever you give
me that back — that was
the plan wasn't it? — I'll
have \$17.50 left, out of
which must come my
bills, which, as soon as
I found I might have to
go home, I left over — &
fortunately too. I took the

A 30 you rec^d me Feb 1 for
 allowance  for part of
 Jan., Feb & March, was
 I make up for the extra
 I had to spend before
 X-mas for presents &
 things. Was that all
 right? — But now I
 need "plutches' money."

My. Buntan has
 not been a bit well
 the past ten days &

a crazy rumor got started
that he had the mumps.
As it was tho, he was just
worn out by the many
trips he's had to take
around the country, &
by many too. I guess.
He didn't lead chapel for
over a week & we missed
him.

Teila just came in &
announced that it is
time to go to Vesper, which
surprised me muchly as
I had no idea it was
so late.

Lots of love from
both brats -

Dorothy.

or you & I will be in an awful
hole. But it can wait
until we get home for
writing in + very
satisfactory to "explain"
things.

Yesterday while I
& all the others were
being thrilled over at
the Big Game between
1915 & 1914, I stayed home
& worked hard from
two until 5:30 without

Miss House,
March 10, 1917.

Dear Daddy,

Thank you for
the checks & your letter,
the daddy there seems
to have been a decided
mis- or non-understanding
of the way of receiving
& apportioning the "clothes"
allowances, and we'll
have to straighten that

a stop, & also for two hours after
supper, with the result that
my psychology is all made
up and my Monday's German
lesson done. Today then I've

had to myself to write letters
in - This morning it was
so glorious out that some of
us went for a long walk
before dinner and felt
fine for it. I ended up
at Zee's for I'd missed her
when she was down here
to see me.

The ice on the
pond is all gone, so there's
no more skating, but the
ground is still covered in
bunches & its bad when it
melts now & then.

Love everybody, etc.

they all look so good, I just want to be out there myself. The pine-plate over table first with all the girls! I see our new lamps too, and what is the new affair in the center of the mantel? I try to imagine how the bookcases look over behind the seat where Jess's gun is - wish I could see them too.

Any idea yet where some of you will start back? And daddy you just better get back yourself before it was day this year. I get there the 18th you know and I want to see all my family.

My
Sweet House,
Nov. 19, 1912.

Dear Daddy, My I was glad to get your nice letter yesterday afternoon - it seems just awfully long between them, tho I know how busy my family is these days. Thank you for the \$25 for my winter things.

The pictures of the house came today and I'm that tickled to have them that I could squeal! Did you have to climb on a ladder to get them? Oh

As the office let me off from my own class on Friday, I left Thursday afternoon for Boston, and Henry met me in Worcester where the Thayer School had been doing some inspection work all day. His cousin Virginia came to the train to meet me & I am very glad to know her as she always speaks of her so much. I was so tired when I left that I was mighty glad they hadn't planned anything exciting. Instead I just enjoyed every minute of the three days' rest and the good long nights' sleep in a real bed, and felt like air almost new person when I came back.

Friday morning Henry had to go to work with the Thayer people - they inspected Phyllis's his new department store, which is a city in itself of 3000. Henry said it has a wonderful plant - 4 stories of machinery to run it and not a square foot wasted anywhere. Every bit of air that comes into

of sediment from the incoming
air each day! They have
a beautiful restaurant
on the top floor and every
thing is modern to the last
degree. I haven't time to
go into it any further now,
but it certainly would have
been interesting.

While he was
away the girls & I went to
see two of "the aunts" who
are just dears, and after
lunch Henry took me over
to spend a couple hours

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The building is bro't from the
roof 8 stories high, and is
washed before going into
the stone itself. This is done
by passing the air thro' thin
sheets of water in large
rooms which sheets fall
back & forth, & then the
air is sent to each floor
& let in at the ceiling and
another passage way
carries it out where
used up, & its taken
back & sent to the roof
again. They collect 100 lbs

with "Blime" - our old college friend who's
since married & has the dearest baby
not yet six weeks old.

Penny & Maudie &
Al Taylor (who stayed there) were in
off & on & we planned our reunion
tra for the X-mas holidays. The game
came off Saturday afternoon - a glorious
crisp cold day, and it was a
splendid interesting game even tho
Harvard scored 3 against us.

For Sunday dinner General
Abbot and Aunt May, the Colonel's
sister came over and the General
began "reminiscing" of old
times and I sat with eyes ears
& mouth open, it was so
interesting. - They are all
so dear to me and I do love
to be with them so much. My
visit gave me a much-needed
relaxation too, so that I feel I
can start again to work much
freer. All the girls were

seam + teachers. They went
automobiling one night
(vs one mile!) and went
way out in the country
& a now closed-up summer
pavilion half way down to
Halcyon, where they stayed
each with a man, until
one-thirty A.M., thereby
not only breaking the
"not-aster-ten" college rule,
but conventions. They
got back to town about
3 A.M. & creaked in to

were fagged out this fall than
previously; possibly, its on
account of the muggy damp
warm fall we've had
but no one seems to feel
very well.

Last week we had
a pretty serious occurrence
from our house. Two of
our girls - the undesirable
type as you may infer
presently - were expelled
from college, after a big
faculty meeting, and
conference by the Pres.

an off-campus house where they had
a friend & tho' their spree would
be as many others had been —
undiscovered. But Miss Spalding
united them — and the result
was firing them, the best
that could have happened, tho' I
was sorry for them, not in
particular, as her home is
not a reputable one and I dare-
not say this not entirely & blame
for her wrong point of view.

Tomorrow we have a mass-
meeting of the college & we're all
very much excited. In the evening
the Knitzel granted — the record of
our concert course comes &
promises to be good.

Tell her I'll answer her
dear long letter & all her questions
nearly now, as I'm too busy the
first of the week! Loads of love
From dear family, Dorothy

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learn it myself. By the way,
dad, Lila asked me specifically
to tell her if you all go thro
Cleveland, do you? For she
wants to see you if you do
& have our families meet,
& said she'd be awfully dis-
appointed if you came near
there & didn't see them.

Which way, west of the Mississippi
are you going - north, south or
middle? Or for north by any
chance, as Spokane? For some
of Henry's friends at college
also wanted to see any of us if
we went that way.

Gillett House,
May 5, 1913.

bladdy dear,

Your nice letter &
my allowance came Satur-
day morning just before I
left for Worcester and as I
was rushed to catch my
train, I didn't have a
chance to write you there.

I'm so glad the lessons have
begun & I expect by now you
can run the car by your-
self! I can hardly wait to

I had such a lovely time in Worcester, with my new cousins, the Williams & Abbots. They are dear people, simple & nice & I did have such a good time. There were "Aunt Carrie", Minnie & young Ted, age 15. Minnie graduated from Harvard last year. Then the 3 of our aunts were there, besides 2 other girl cousins & 3 boy cousins & Martin Fisher. Wasn't that a housefull? A few more came in the evening for an informal dance which was lots of fun tho I didn't do much dancing myself, as it started me coughing. Then yesterday we "played around" all day and were as lazy as we wanted to be. I left at 6 PM getting here at 9, after an hour & a quarter's wait between trains in Springfield. Sunday accommodations on the B & M are really lacking! Thursday just after I'd written mother & went off holiday for my senior medical exam. She sent me

to be connected with the responsibility
on her shoulders, as it were.
And I think it did do me
good! I'm so glad your
cough is better too dad, & wish
I could get rid of mine too.
It's hung on for 2 weeks now,
no sore-throat or head-cold,
but just in my chest. I'm
sending Mr McKay's bill which
was sent me about a week
ago, tho for "services" of last
February. I hope the bill for
Sunmyride won't be very
much when it comes in.

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hiking up to "Sunmyride" for a couple
days to get sorted & steamed
with tan-benzine stuff & to
try & throw my cough which
was in my chest & hunted
me! I didn't write you all
that I was there for fear
you'd worry & think me
worse than I was. I got a
nice rest & helped my cough
a lot & Mr McKay told me it
would do me good to get
away from town and study
for over Sunday so sent me

Harvest is perfectly lovely now. The
apple & pear blossoms are all out,
the lilacs almost there, the ivy is
beginning to crawl up the churches
& old houses & the leaves on the
trees actually are big enough to see!
It has been pretty hot at times
too - 96° at noon Saturday when I
left, and 90° the day before, while I
was "steaming" up at Ferryville.

Today its just right, warm enough
but with a cool breeze blowing.

Henry looks better already for
his ten days rest, good food and
plenty of exercise, tho he's by no
means fat yet! This week he's
going to look up the Texas coast
to get our route all mapped and
dated before you folks leave. I
wish we could catch you at Truckee
or some such place!

Plen of love & all, Dorothy.

while in the morning, and after
lunch the two girls, Henry & I
caught the 2:10 out to Lincoln,
where two dear old ladies, also
cousins, had asked us to
tea. We were met at the
depot and driven a couple
miles thro beautiful country
to their lovely house, set up on
top of a hill in the woods, yet
with a sweeping view
below them of the river, which
has branched out into a
small lake, and of acres
& green meadowland. In
front of the house the hill is

SMITH

68 March Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 15, 1913.

Dear Daddy,

I've had the coldest
two days down here, forgetting
all about college, and getting
over my cold. Is yours all
gone yet? Henry met me at
5:30 Tuesday and that evening
we all just visited till bed-
time at 9 o'clock. Yesterday
"Aunt May" and Evelyn Carpenter
came to see me for a little

Terraced off, and each terrace is a bed
of numerous flowers; there too, there
was a marble garden, with a
high stone portico at its entrance, all
of which had been copied from a villa
in Italy where they had lived. The two
Caldredge girls whom I met at Vauquelin
& their two sisters were there too, so
it was very jolly, especially as one
of them that I knew, has just an-
nounced her well-^{old} engagement
to a life-long friend of the family,
aged about 45 (and she is 21!!) & they
are to be married next month.
Lunch is ready now.

— Saturday evening.
May 17.

Well, I didn't expect to wait so
long to finish this! The Colonel &
the menu are next door at a "noel".
Dinner given to one Englishman who
has just come over here & is being
paid court to by the Army people.

Yesterday menu, Henry & I went
down to Bristol for the day "show
me off" to some more cousins, the
Middletons, two more dear old ladies
who used live in Charleston S.C., too.

manage without asking for extra, but we want to be sure able to - there are no
many extras now. This family all asked & read their love to you all, along
with just hope from me - Don't worry.

distortion, carried to its extreme. I'm
glad I've seen them for now & realize
there's been no exaggeration in the
magazine criticisms of "The New School."

I've mother & Zee & I am awfully
tickled to get their letters which came
today. Have you mastered the
car? And when is our own
going to arrive? Benny is as excited
over it as I am, & is going to get
a booklet on the car so he can
mend it if anything happens! He
means to learn the mechanism of
it before he even sees the thing
itself.

Our commencement
does one due the next few days -
tickets for various things, the Senior
books, class supper &c, some of the
extra senior things which I told you
about, and as nearly as I can
tell ahead now, it will all amount
to \$10.85 (class supper \$0.75; announcements &
invitations \$2.60; year Bk. \$2.50; dramatic tickets
\$4.00). It costs to get out of college, you
see, as well as to stay in! I don't yet
know whether we have to pay extra for
our diplomas or not. I wish I could

is perfectly delicious, which
is testified to by the rapidity
with which it has been disap-
pearing among us! What
do you 'spose 'Henry sent me?
A silver eye-glass case with
my initials on. Isn't that
nice? But its awfully
"sporty" for me I think.

Last night here gave me a
ticket to a dramatic show
"The Importance of Being
Earnest" which was very
good so I ended up the
day very happily.

It's turned a
bit cooler here today and

Gillett House,
May 22, 1913.

Dear Daddy, Thank you just
heaps daddy for your nice
letter and the birthday
money - I was just
mightily troubled to get them
back.

I was so very
busy all day yesterday
that I really didn't have
time to realize that it
was my birthday, ex-
cept in between times.
The cake mother sent me

is raining and now. I've a long paper to write tho, so I shan't have time to think of the weather.

Monday after I got back I set to work on my lucialine book for an hour, on Tuesday which was a piece one. We're thro the book now (in three lessons of 150 pages each!) and the final exam in June will only be on our class notes & some outside reading, which will be easy. I've had I've taken the course altho I can't believe in their ideas.

Two bad Auntie had that small-pox scare, and I hope to goodness nothing serious comes out of it. How on earth did that dandy get it?

Love of love, and a big hug daddy for sending me such a lovely birthday, Dorety.

good next week, so has to do all that first. Enclosed is our itinerary as far as we are concerned. (1) Does it coincide with you all in Salt Lake - for the 30th of June? If not, tell us what to do. We have to be in Cleveland the 26th for Lila's wedding. (2) What date will you be in Salt Lake?

(3) And just on the chance that you'd get delayed & we'd arrive first, please tell me a hotel where I could go in ^{S. Lake.} (4) Can you give me the

Gillett House,
June 3, 1913.

Dear Daddy, First I want to thank you for my check & your letter. Then to the business of my trip next to meet you all in Salt Lake. Benny says to please tell me definitely right off because the Burton agent said we'd have to order our renewals pretty soon, & Benny leaves Burton himself for

itinerary of your trip w's to catch you
en route either by mail or telegraph?
I'll enclose mine here w's you'll
know where to catch us before we
actually are on the train west.

Orendal Limited, 14. days, is \$10
extra this year, or \$6.55 extra to Salt
Lake. We can take Los Angeles
Limited (no extra fare) straight from
Chicago to S. Lake & not have to
change at Dodge if OK for you as
to connections (see enclosed.)

(5.) That's + we better take Los Angeles
Limited?

We can stick around
Cleveland early on June 27, as
Jimmy has asked us to, & it'd
be easier than catching a 7:20
a.m. train from Lima, if you
all will be in Salt Lake beyond
& on the 30th w's we'd not
have to rush thro' to get there
the 29th. That's why Doc gives
you both times from Cleveland
on, w's you can see which trains

(to fill you too)

I wrote mother, just what
has been ordered so won't
repeat that. I shall have
two small army chests
strapped & crated in one
crate, a large mirror
in crate, & a small
woman's chair - 3 pieces
in all. (8) Should I have the
bill of lading & bill for
packing sent to Jackson
at Northumberland to
pay on getting stuff, &
you leave money with

2.

we can take. (6.) We shall
both want to get at our
trunks in S. Lake before
expressing them west, in
order to get clean things,
clothes for the auto, & to put
away our best things which
we'll need at the wedding.
(7) Where shall we send in
to in S. Lake, or will you
merely visit us & arrange
that later?

Now about my
stuff to be freighted home.

him? (9) Or if stuff & bill are all addressed
to you there at 701, can he get them
& pay for them in your name?
Don't know what it'll cost, as
Fitts Co. can't tell till packed, &
they'll attend to shipment as here,
but I need proper directions
about addressing for the other
end. — Now you please be a
good daddy and sit down and
tell your very expecting daughter
all she wants to know! You
see the time is getting short!

In case we can't possibly
connect in B. Lake by any
means, we'll go Canadian
Pacific from Duluth, & if its
not too expensive (H. is finding
cost) would love to go from
Cleveland to Duluth by boat.
That way & by stopping over
night in Seattle with Healer
who has asked me, would
put me in S. F. about
July 10, H. says. But this

their cost than I; only
don't let me run too
close dad if you can
help, in case anything
unexpected came up.
It's an awful feeling to be
too near the margin, and
I can "turn in" to you any
extra at the other end.

Well I'm half way
to being an alumna now for
three out of my six exams
are over — two yesterday &
one had one today at 2.

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is of course, only in case
your time & ours can't
possibly coincide in S. Lake.
We'd go to Miss Gref's
till you came?

Now I guess
business is over, except
meals. We'd be on the
way from Wed. noon
till Monday P.M. and
meals to be bought all
except 2 on Thursday
when at Lila's. You
know more about

you'd feel timid about starting with a brand-new suit on!
much love - Lovingly -

Had to study all yesterday afternoon
& evening and all morning for there
was no much material because in
all my remembrance notes, and two
fat books on zoology. Two
more come Thursday and my
last on Saturday, and my work.

Lie had to give up the house-
party with the girls down at
Chatham the week after Commence-
ment, and Mrs Abbott will come
up here a little early & we'll go
directly to Danvers instead. I'd
only have a couple days at Chatham
& it's not worth the trip, tho it's
a big disappointment for Lie
has been anticipating a few days sea
bathing all winter.

Lie takes so
long over this that I'll have
to hurry & get it in the mail
now so you can answer it.
Piles of love — has that can
come yet? I should think

of course. Anyhow see try, even
if I have ~~the~~ exceedingly
stupid "all summer and
go without petticoats!" See
sending home in the big
trunk every single article
I think I can possibly do
without.

Henry tho,
has found out that the
express water aren't as
dreadful as you thought -

\$13 a 100 lbs. clear space
Boston to S. F., so it wouldn't
be even that space S. Lake even
with my heavy trunk.

Hillside House,
June 8, 1913.

Dear Daddy, I think you were
just dear, daddy to send me
such a nice grad. present -
to even think of any at
all, & I'll send the money
to Henry to get me the
trunk. My only worry
at present is that I may
not be able to get my stuff
into a small trunk, for
my winter clothes alone
take up an awful amount

Thank you for your answer & advice. We didn't expect to buy our tickets from Boston out, but only at Boston, depart at Springfield. Springfield itself is hopeless & they couldn't even sell me a ticket to Rochester without getting all balled up, so that is why we want to buy them in Boston. Henry will probably buy a round-trip as it'll be less expensive for him, so he is naturally anxious to know where to get it to, so's not to waste money. He'd round-trip to Salt Lake & buy straight fare back from SF. there in the fall. His trunk will be heavy for, an amount of his folks moving & going to Europe too, their stuff in N. Y. won't get settled til late so we'll have to take his winter things along too!

Thanks for quick directions. Tell the Fitz

we move it + get to S. Lake before
you do. I shall have the
week after my grad. up at
D. Antworth's pay for - one
night here at the Harper,
the roundtrip fare to Hanover
(\$6 something) and I want to
pay my share of the one
room Mrs. A. & I shall have
for 5 nights up there, tho
I don't + know how much
that'll be - it's not in a
hotel tho. That will be
from June 19 - 25; and

(2)
people to send freight bill
& Jackson & packing bill
& you out west; as my
things aren't to be taken
from my room even
till the 19th & they can't
tell the cart till they pack
em, why I can't + very
well give you an estimate
yet. It will have dogs &
hagunitas. Will stick
around Cleveland as long
as we can & be as slow
en route as possible so

Like sending a letter Brother in here too, w's to save postage!

lots of love, Dorothy

June 25 at 7:25 P.M. I leave Springfield for Cleveland. My date to Cleveland are exact (as I've written) and can't be changed on account of the wedding.

You just don't know daddy what a wonderful feeling it is to be all through stairs - the last in my life, I hope. It's been a big strain on everybody, especially the vicars, during the past weeks and we're so thankful it's over. The girls are looking fagged out. Next year they won't + going to have final stairs for vicars - a mighty good plan which might have been adopted before.

This bill from Mr. Kelly has just come.

Oh how I'd like to be there now wif you all, and help mamma to run the beautiful car. But we'll meet you soon + then + I'll have to "catch on" real quickly! I can hardly wait.

with you; at least it seems so.
It's just too good to be true.

Thank you for the checks
too daddy, for that sets me
at rest too, the I shall try
to hang onto as much of it as
I possibly can, and try to
manage.

Isn't it great that
you run the car so nicely
too? I'm so proud of her;
but then, I never saw
anything she couldn't do.
She certainly is a capable
little monkey - I'd like to

Gillett House,
June 10, 1913.

Dear Daddy, when I got your
nice letter I did send my
hopes a-kiting way up into
the air, and now that
things can be arranged so
nicely and we really
can count on meeting
you all, why I'm so
excited I can hardly
wait. My line is troubled!
We'll have most of the way

have half hen brains & soul.

Well dad, the parents
are amusing daily and are so
funny and bewildered among so
many girls. Tell mother I saw
Mrs. Gagnon tonight & she asked
very cordially after mother & sent
kind regards &c. Even tho' we
no more classes there seems to
be something & do every minute
& we had the best time of my
whole four years, just the
last few days.

Last night all
the seniors went to Students'
Building after the Sing, and
danced & sang & played games
informally all evening, and it
was more fun than we had
all year. 360 makes a grand
big party, doesn't it? Then this
morning we had a Sing &
partie our day long, and at

cupper to us. At seven we all
hurried over to the Senior
Dining, and after that to a
very recital given by one of
the seniors who has the
most beautiful voice we've
ever heard outside of the
professional world.

So that is where the day
has gone — & the rest will
be as full, with prepara-
tions for the big day &
attending to all the tickets
for the various functions.
The latter program I recit

noon, Len asked about a dozen
of us off on a bacon but
for her mother & that was
late of pm. When we got
home from that we just
had time for a rest & a
bath before dressing to go
to Miss Wally's annual
strawberry party & her old
seniors. As usual, it was
on the lawn, which was
spread with big carpets &
pillows for us to sit on while
the freshmen served our

And Gilbert writes a silver collapsible cup for the trip - mass of metal
pieces of china? Also, had notes from Mr. Walcott, & card from Mrs. Hervey,
Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Kemp. Lots of love - Dec.

Home today tells what's going on up
here. My I'd love to have you all
see it! We're excited & pieces, tho
I declare I can't realize it's all over.

Thank you for looking up
information for us so well -
we shall follow your advice about
getting tickets & checking. We'll have
a lot of storage & may at ^{to} the end
tho, want + we!

Matilda comes to-
morrow and we're having
her here to lunch at the house.
The afternoon we serious shall
hurry off to serious dramatics.
Tomorrow night is our last
Sing when we give up the steps
& the new serious. It's a real
affair, tho the stunts & general
jollifications which follow
counteract it. You see, this
is our week of play and fun
after four years of study, and
we are enjoying it to the full.
We shall see no more tomorrow too.

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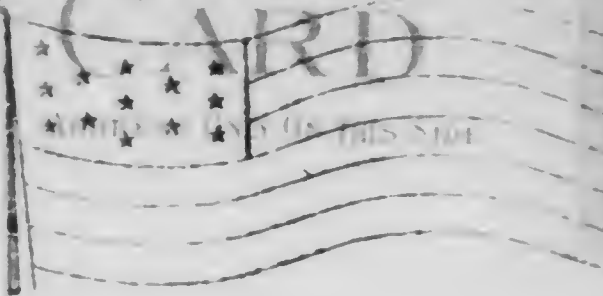
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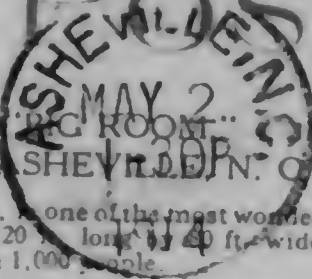


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ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Yesterday afternoon we had a delightful 3 hr. drive to Biltmore (several miles) and all thro the Biltmore estate - Geo. Vanderbilts. There are 150,000 acres in which good hard gravel roads - auto roads have been built. Driver said there are 40 miles of such roads winding thro the estate besides ordinary dirt ones. The azalea was just out & the bridal wreath, while the Strawberry shrubs and myriads of others were on the verge of bursting into bloom and it was a glorious sight. And



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May 8, 1914.

Dear Daddy,

We surely wish you all could see this beautiful place and be in this invigorating climate. It's cold and snappy today, but clear enough to see all the mountains, which we've only been able to do once before.

the odor was almost too much. We couldn't drive up to the house itself as part of the family is there now, but got near enough to see it all - it too large and fancy to suit my taste, in French style with lots of pinnacles & minarets and windows &c, but nevertheless very grand-looking. It seemed wonderful to think of being able to drive $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs thro one man's back & front yard and never cross your own path once - and we certainly did enjoy it, whether we drove thro woods, grassy hills or along corn fields or ploughed ground. Then we were driven to the large Biltmore dairy (beautiful gray stone building more like a tavern!) where we got out & went in to watch the process of filling quart & pint bottles of milk & cream, done by machinery from an enormous tub of the stuff (never saw so much milk before!)

across the way into an
equally imposing-looking
building, at all the
rows - pedigreed Jerseys -
and they certainly were
pretty. Theirs all looked
as if they'd just been
brushed. On the way out
of the estate we passed
the track of a run - an estate
in itself. The place was so
big - and so lovely - that
it was impossible to
believe it one estate.



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Then the bottles were all
stopped by machinery. Real
interesting to me. We ate
some ice cream too - big
dish of it made from the
rich cream, so rich that
it stuck to the roof of your
mouth & I could only eat
a little. Delicious flavor
tho. Then we took a look

Tomorrow at 10 A.M. we leave for farther
south, going first to Sumnerville, reaching
there 8 P.M. & spending the night, Sunday
& till early Mon. a.m. with Cousin Russell
Lichon and sister, Cousin Mary (old folks)
sisters of Mrs. A. (Cousin Mary beat her up).
Mon. a.m. we go into Charleston (3/4 hr. on train)
do sight-seeing & cousin & friend calling
till Thurs. A.M. Also we expect to take one
day off to go up to the Magnolia Gardens - a
day's excursion by boat. Thurs. at 4 P.M. we
rail for Boston from Savannah - mother
has address of boat. Takes 4 days to
Boston & when we arrive on 18th we'll go to
Aunt May's a few days till we find an apartment.
We're having such a happy time and being
married to a dear good person is about the
nicest thing I know. Lots of love to all from
us both - Dorothy.

you oughtn't to have made
it such a very large
check, especially so soon
after all the heavy
expenses I know you've
had to have for the
wedding. You have already
given me so much that
I never dreamt of such
a thing as this big
gift and it 'most
overwhelmed me. I wish
I could give you a great
big hug daddy, course
just saying thanks you

add

23 Berkeley Street,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 22, 1914.

Daddy dear,

Your nice letter
has just come and with
it your generous gift
and daddy I hardly
know how to thank you
or to tell you the way I
felt when I saw what a
lovely thing you'd done.
It was just dear of you
daddy but I feel as if

doesn't seem to express it very well.

Oh I wish you could see our little apartment. I guess the different agents that they'd never visit us for we were so particular about demanding plenty of air and sunshine, and closets, and second floor flats &c, and then just by accident walked into this one while out hunting a listed one. We asked janitor if he had anything & he showed us 3, & this one we both liked at once, and after considering practical points, we settled it all up and signed our lease. We are subletting it from the man who leased it in Oct., till next Oct 1 & then have the option of leaving the same one for a year or moving into another one on same floor. It's a \$40 apartment, being sublet to us for \$30 till Oct.

will be ready for the barrels
& boxes when they come.
Address again, in case
of error in telegram, is
Suite 206, Remington
Tables, Cambridge, Mass.
Apt. house is no. 10-12
Remington St., but that
much address is not
necessary.

The Abbotts' letters
are always full of the
many lovely things you
all did for them, in-
cluding the many rides

when the original price will
be asked from the real
estate people, so we can
move into the #35 one
on same floor if we like.

We find that the house
is a very nice one &
the owners demand a
"reference" so to speak, be-
fore letting us leave.
Uncle Edwin Abbott's name
was our immediate
resource!

We are refapering
two rooms & then shall
set our things in, so

Apartment here seem very high - anywhere in or near Boston I mean
nothing under 35 that time, we found it all!

you gave them. They speak es-
pecially of your kindness to
all of them, in going out of
your way to be nice to them
and giving up so much of
your time to their pleasure.
Aunt Mary here, hasn't ceased
talking of how lovely she thought
it was of you to take them
for a ride the wedding day
itself, in the midst of other
things you had to do. I only
hope you all haven't gotten too
tired out with it all, and
with attending to my stuff
besides.

Henry asks are your
sectional bookcases Globe-Wernicke?
we want to get them, in preference
to ordinary ones, for H. will be
adding constantly to his engineering
library which he wants to keep nicely.

Just lots of love & thank you
again for my big birthday
gift -
Dorothy.

money is going into the bank
as savings! Thank you for
the check for freight @ 12.39 and
the extra 3.00 for the cake knife.

Henny gets there at one
on Saturdays so we hope to
get all the boxes down cellar
this P.M., clean up the mess
in dining room, get the
table in, and put down the
two rugs. We're then feel
quite settled! Wish you
could sit in our rocking
chair while we're hanging
pictures and tell us where
they look best!

P.S. - not a single
glass or picture
broken or nicked
and all furniture
is O.K. too. Sure
was splendid
packing.

Remington Hables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
June 13, 1914.

Dear Daddy, Henny and I both
think it is dear of you to
want to pay all our freight
and packing expenses. We
had been counting on doing
it ourselves of course and
your lovely thoughtfulness
and goodness to us was
a beautiful surprise, and
we are very grateful. That

Thank you a lot for sending
me the Lumbstrane case catalogue.
We've found one we like very
much and expect to send for later
this. Other mess is cleaned up,
and there's room for it. I'm so
glad you told us about the size
too - not to get less than 9 1/4 in.
shelves.

Hope the car is OK now,
and also that the hot wave has
broken. It never seems to last more
than two days at a stretch here but
concentrates at 93° or 95° then, and
suddenly drops to 65° for the
following couple days! Our place
is always comfy and cool, no
matter how hot it is outside.

I'm so glad the buy went
is going along to help out -
especially on tire changer and
greasing cups. Have you mapped
out the route yet? Lots of love from
us both & a big hug for being such a
dear about all our delight. See

rain & tell you to take a snap
of the bustled-necked cow
en route to Fallon!!

Thought you'd like
to know that we have ~~not~~ saved
& put in Savings Bank of Stone
& Webster \$105.40 since we com-
menced housekeeping! This
of course does not include
your gifts of \$200, and \$50
mothers of \$10 and the logic
of \$20, which went in too, but
under another head for Dime
only! We'd planned to save
\$20 per month at least but so
far have done better than
we expected. As this deposit

And. for Legation
Aug. 10, 1914

Rev. Gables,
July 16, 1914.

Dear Daddy,

My sis is so glad
you've been making such
good times and hope you
continue so, especially thro
nevada. I expect you'll
rizzle & dry up there this
year, instead of shedding
water from an overdose
of moisture. Hope you'll
get some good pictures
of the country we missed
last year on account of

with Stone & Webster guarantees 5% interest
and has already far paid from $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ to
11% instead, we feel we're gaining
a lot to put in all we can.

We have
our eye on several other apartments
but have not looked into them yet. Our
sublet lease expires Oct 1 & of course we
can stay here if we want (and we do!)
but we feel \$40 for rent a month is
too much for us. In summer we
have Dray only \$30. If we wanted to go
way out in suburbs, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 hr. from
this office, among promiscuous neighbors
we could get an apt. for \$28. We think
that that locality & neighbors, even if
you don't know them, and distance
from this office all balance price.
We don't intend to move unless we
happen across something very
nice, especially here in this house.

Getting warmer now. Seems more
like May than July, as the heat is
really just beginning.

John Penney asked about you
all & the car & sent regards. Lots of
love from us both - Dorothy.

more -
P.S. -
John was the food factory in bedrock recently & raised whole
entirely in a...
the best & pride in...
the paper to paper.

in itself. I'll bet you fairly lived
out there all summer! Thanks
a heap daddy, for us both. If
I'd not been so busy sewing and
tying up Xmas bundles I'd have
written lots sooner.

Auntie was a dear to
write ~~me~~ me in the hospital - I
didn't expect it at all and was
doubly pleased. I'm so sorry
that she won't be home for
Xmas, but hope she'll be well
enough to enjoy the hospital one.

We're expecting mother's bundles
today, and there there'll be
much excitement! We're going to
get a 2 ft high tree (got the
decorations for it already!) and some
greens and try and have as
"big" ~~a~~ Xmas all by ourselves
as we always have done. We'll
have to "do" things w's not to
get too luxurious for our family.
Lots of love to all and a

Youngest member Xmas to each one, with a kiss attached.
Aunt Mary's Xmas. About as she remembered. - A kiss to Auntie too.
Dorothy

and you may rest assured that
it will be put at once into
the Savings Bonds along with
my other \$255 and the interest
it has accumulated all
summer. When Henry had
to withdraw his account
from Stone & Webster in
November, & put it in the
Savings Bonds, he found
my money and nearly \$200
more we'd saved in the
summer had accumulated
over \$8.00 interest which
was paid to us.



Remington Gables,
Dec. 26, 1914.

Dear Daddy, your welcome
& was letter has just come
daddy, and I want to tell
you right away how dear it
is of you to want to send
me such a big check for my
Xmas. But daddy, \$50 is
too much - you just oughtn't
to spare so much. Henry &
I both think it's just as
dear of you, as can be, and
a mighty big "remembrance".

I wrote mother about all our Xmas
doings, this morning, and Zee about
the lovely presents we got. I declare,
Daddy, I never saw such a lovely
big Xmas - it was almost like
another wedding! Henry gave me
a brass desk set of 10 pieces which
was something I've since discovered
I wanted badly, tho I didn't
realize it before!

We hung evergreen
wreaths in our windows and holly
& red paper bells on the lights and
green over the pictures, same as
we do at home, & put a big bowl
of bright red apples & oranges on the
table, so we look very X-massy.

We had such a good time yesterday
but we missed our home folks
& wished they'd been here to help us
eat our Turkey. I cooked my first
one and was so excited over it
I 'most had fits!

Ever so much love from us both

and a happy New Year -
Daddy.

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100 Center St, Camb.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Jan. (?) - 1915

Dear Alice,

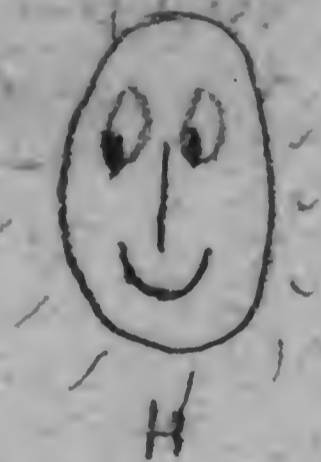
Just maybe I wasn't tickled to get a letter from you! I am glad to know of probable glad tidings about my "innards" in the future and you may believe I'll be good and quiet these days, if that precaution will help later!

You know already how I felt about your generous Xmas to me and I thank you with all my heart. It is already in its pocket, on its way to the Savings Bank.

I am getting on

beautifully + being spoiled to
death by everybody. My nurse
is lovely. I'm not getting
up yet, so have ~~that~~ yet to
look forward to.

Even so much love
& a happy New Year - and
Thank you again.



Monica

hours!

at present she is sitting
and reading, while the
outdoors is horribly
awful. Snowed in night,
followed by rain and
freezing, so the pavements
are a sheet of ice and
the general atmosphere is
gray and unhappy. Those
indoors however, are
fine as clams and enjoying
ourselves muchly.

We had a nice time at
Aunt Mattie's lunch Thurs.,

P.S. Ma says
she'll be home
for Feb 22 and
Tuesdays.



Remington Tables,
Sat., Jan. 23, '15

Dear Daddy,

Mother is thinking of
railing Germany, (not
Belgium!) to aid the dear
Kaiser in his struggles
for supremacy. She will
wear khaki trousers and
a red hat, and walk
along side his royal
majesty's Kaiserlichself!
So much for her future

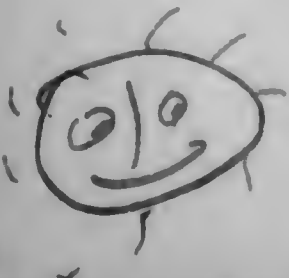
4 were sent home in a cab, plus a
pot of primroses. There was a lady there
whose tongue almost rattled at both
ends, as well as the middle, it
went so fast and so steadily. We
enjoyed the 2 hrs monologue but
wished you'd been there too - The
result would have been lots of
fun. I bet she'd have almost
bitten you! how what do you
think of that !!

Yesterday I went up to
the hospital to see my nice nurse who
celebrated my departure from her
by being operated on for appendicitis.
She's doing splendidly and goes
home Sunday.

Monday we have
luncheon at Mrs Batchelors and
hang about mid. maybe all
have to part with mother. She

stops over night with Allen's before
going home. Be good and don't

catch any more colds. Lots of love from
all 32



thinks they're fine, and has promptly monopolized them.

It seems already as if you all were millions of miles away, and I expect in reality you are about it. Breaks today, but that's far enough off, goodness knows! It's such a comfy feeling to me to have you in backington, 'cause it seems so much nearer. Hope the trip out is a comfortable

Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,

May 12, 1915.

Dear Daddy,

Many thanks for those family portraits you sent me - they really are interesting to have and I am muchly tickled that you let me have them. Where did you unearth them from? Don't we all look funny, and solemn and "having-your-picture-taken-like"! ^{Thank}

cool one and get you rested up for the
A.O.U. doings. Don't go and have so
much company that you'll all be
fagged out. And give my love to
Susie and the fenners, and send me
their pictures when you have
some.

We had word from John
Renny a few days ago, regretting
that he'd miss the Anniversary.
He was there on his way to the
Grand Canyon.

Tell me all about the
Fair. I called on the Ferguson's
before my card-party and they
showed me some stunning
pictures, replicas, of the buildings
(large ones, and several splendid
panoramas looking towards the
bay -) Mr. J. (Vergil, as you know
him) had just received a new
book "The Vanishing Race" by
Mr. Wilcox I think, and he won-
dered if you had it. It has

(Merle the Veil) spent the day with me and she vowed that seeing our nice little home, and me so happy, has decided her to say "yes" to a certain person, and have a home of her own too! See what an influence Dick exerting!!

We are glad this cool weather is keeping up so long. City is beautiful now, and the lilacs across

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some beautiful Indian pictures in it. He and Mrs J. are a nice couple and we like them ever so much. When they came over the other night they said it made them feel quite at home & we my Yosemite pictures - the lovely ones you've given me.

Yesterday one of my college friends who lives in North Adams, Mass.

the street are just gorgeous. I have two friendly squirrels that are keeping me interested lately. I'm trying to encourage them, with nuts, and they are getting quite tame and have already climbed up almost to our porch after the nuts. One of them is a regular scarred veteran, and chases the younger one off if the latter runs to be getting more nuts than he!

You'll miss the music-box, won't you? Annie's sweet puns on the low-speeds it up the hill will have to take its place!

Write your love-letters for her - probably while when you feel like it, cause she loves to hear from her dad.

Heaps of love from us both -

Dorothy.

P.S. I expect my beautiful bird will be sent
 one of your & I wanted me to send you
 it back to us if it does.

Trip out with Col. Abbott.

Pater hoped to get a Sunday
to go to Saginaw but had
his doubts, as he was so
rushed.

Many Pugh left
Thursday and "got hooked"
nabely across new spots
by Clarence Decker, whose
wife is in the country,
and has left him a
hone bachelor for a few
weeks.

The new Swedish
girl, installed yesterday,
is more fun than a barrel

Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Aug. 21, 1915.

Dear Daddy,

We are hoping to hear
soon about your Clear
Lake trip. Mother's last
letter, two days ago, was
written just before you
all started.

Aunt May is in
California now for a
month, after a nice

of rascals, for she doesn't understand much more English than she talks, and consequently makes the most ridiculous mistakes. For example, lemon & melon are confused in her mind for last night after asking her to cut a lemon to serve with the fish, a preserved dish appeared on the plate with a cantaloupe cut in four pieces, decorating its outer edges. Benny and I most applauded, and that's only one of the funny things. Guess she'll do tho, for she certainly seems eager and willing to learn. I'll keep her anyhow until we go away, about the first.

The streets in our part of Cambridge are a right-
all turn up, tracks and all,

Thanks for your good
advice to me in your last
letter. I have taken good
care of myself and have
done next to nothing
about the horse. It is
dear and good of you to
want to shoulder the
doctor's bills and we
surely do 'preciate it.
They've not come in
yet but they'll land the

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to be rebarred with round-
blocks. Remington St. at
present is closed and filled
with sand and stones used
in mixing concrete. We're
going to be beautiful for
winter you see!

Mother's postal from
Hopland has just come
telling of the broken axle.
Too bad! I hope you got
it welded and could
ride back to Laguna State.

name twice Benny's life insurance
is due! Things always happen in
bunches.

It was lovely to have
Auntie here while I was
"recooping" and I enjoyed
her so much that I was
sorry to have her go at the
end of ten days. She ran
the house, all but the cooking
which Benny did until we
got the goddess, and took care
of me too, and I'm afraid
she got pretty tired out before
she left. Evenings we had a
musical on the Victor and
relaxed and enjoyed ourselves!

Hope you have lots of
nice trips in Lucie - wish
we could go along sometime
too!



Love from us both,
Dorothy.

their thanks - you! It was
just dear of you daddy to
send me so much - it
seems like a fortune to me! -
and its going right squack
into our Savings Fund
agin a future day. Henry
hasnt heard about or
seen it yet, but you
just watch him when he
does - he'll be just as
pleased as I am. Thank
you daddy dear with all
my heart.

Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 27, 1915.

Dear Daddy,
Your nice letter and
what you call the "after-
math" have just come
and I am so 'sprised and
overwhelmed and de-
lighted at your big
big Christmas to us
that I'm writing to
tell you so right off
'fore anybody else gets

Everybody has done so much for us
this year that our Christmas was
a wonderful one, in spite of the
ever-present disappointment at
not being home where we feel we
belong at Christmas. We just
most "busted" with excitement
before we unraveled our stockings
and then Santa's pack too. I
never saw so many lovely
things for two lit people - it
was staggering, really! Before
we'd half enjoyed them or
learned to know them all,
we had to hustle out to
dinner at Ethel Vaughan's,
(Pat's cousin) where we had
a big family (of 10) dinner,
at which Fanny carved the
turkey. More cousins, Fanny
& Ralph Wells & 2 kids, cousin
Rebecca Barker (nearly 75), and
two outsiders, made up the

& Sarah, Cousin Lucy Nichols
& a young girl training
to be a nurse, & we - uns
made a nice party.
Wasn't we gay tho?

Day before Xmas, the
Batchelders drove over &
left us a big spruce of
holly, tied with a red
bow and a big Xmas
card. - Wasn't that nice
of them? And today I
had a note which Mrs
B. took the trouble to

festive board. There were
parents there too, after
dinner and then we
lighted the Xmas tree
and played games till
after dark. We came home
for a peek at our own
things again, dressed
and went over to
the family dinner at
Aunt Mattie's & Uncle
Edwin's ^{at seven} and had another
lovely time there. Had

write, thanking us for a tiny card
we'd sent, and hoping we'd go
to see her often, on her days at
home. - They have been ever
so cordial and lovely to us.

We think our lit house looks very
pretty and festive with its Xmas
tree & elec. lights on it, & wreaths,
& bowls of oranges & apples and
nuts & raisins around! Henry
gave me a splendid new kind of
nut cracker - ("Great grip" is name)
which cracks nuts so they come
out whole, & it's impossible
& smash them to bits or to
pinch yourself. It's great! In
consequence we've been eating
nuts steadily ever since Xmas,
in order to profit by our new
investment!

I hope you saw all 20 some
bundles that came from 1919 so
can appreciate what a lovely
Xmas we had, but don't give

To write you means she was just & did. When you're at home also the news.
Thank you again doubly for your lovely big Xmas? Really I love
- Dorothy

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1916 - 1917

(Mrs. Henny Dehan Abbot) - daughter

Quid. hand 6, 1916

Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Feb. 29, 1916.

Dear Daddy,

This is a plea for help!
I've gone and went and got
mixed into all sorts of un-
known, in the shape of a
talk on the work of missions
and their history, among
the American Indians.
Our guild decided to have
a series of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 hour
talks given by one member
at each weekly meeting
in March and April, upon

different phases of mission work
in North America (in Alaska,
among "Paw whites", negroes etc.)
and I volunteered for the
Indians, assuming that you
would tell me a few books
to read which have Indian
material in them bearing
on the missions, or the
history of the missions
from which I could select
that which related to Indians.

My talk is April 3, so due time
enough to do quite a lot of
reading, and I 'spit I'll do
too much, I'll get so interested!

The girl will send me a list

of a few books they know about, but I know
you could tell me some which would be
more interesting and have extra facts of
interest. - If its a lot of bother, don't
do it daddy, for I don't mean that
you should spare a lot of time, if
you can't give me the names of a few
books offhand.

I expect to spend a
large part of the month of March at
the Boston Public Library and I shall
learn a very great deal! The California
missions will be particularly interesting.

At the symphony concert a few days
ago I saw Miss Freeman and she asked
after you repeatedly in the few minutes
I had to talk with her, and with her
warm regards. That night there
was a tremendous fire not far
from the concert at which we nearly
were late, because of going to the
congregation. It was a cold windy
night and the big lumberyard had
a fine time, once it started. The
sky was gorgeous, very pink which
reflected brightly on the snow
for a long distance - at least as
far as our house, some $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles

from the flames themselves.
It was quite a sight on close
view and I was very much
"thrilled", once I knew there
was no danger to life there.
The lumber yard was completely
destroyed for it had gotten
such a headway that the
firemen didn't seem able
to do much except prevent
its spreading to the ad-
joining houses.

We were amused at a bit of
human nature while
making our rapid way

to the scene of action, and before
we knew what was a fire.
Running along with the fierce
red glare and spurts of flame
& smoke darting into the
sky, as brilliant guides
for us, we stopped a young
man running away from
it to ask what it was.

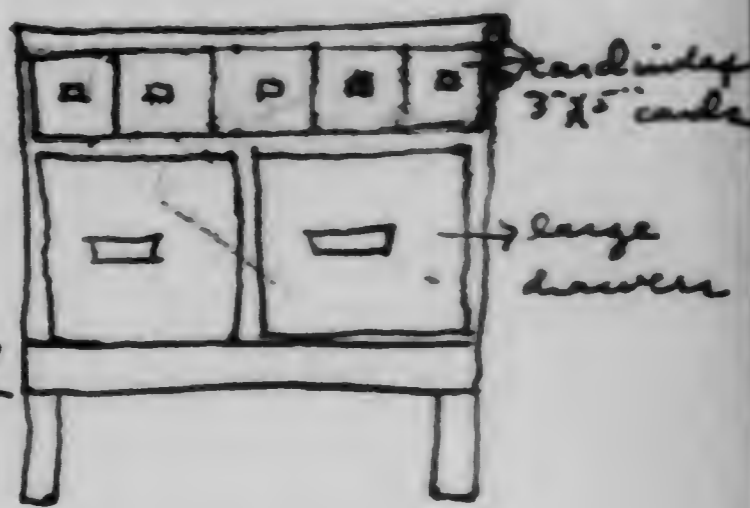
He looked at us rather
dazedly, blushed and as
he started on his way
again, hollered back to
us "Ah - Er - its a - fire!"

We have been enjoying (and
benefitting by) our vertical
file since its arrival. I have

an equal share with Henry in the drawer space, and am quite proud of my two card indexes, one of addresses and the other of recipes (which I have cooked or made up myself or clipped from newspapers and magazines and tried out) and household and kitchen hints or short-cuts. I couldn't get along without that drawer and its contents! Then

in my big drawer I keep magazine articles or of particular interest to me along several lines, and my pieces of general information I want to keep for reference. It's just fun!

Did we tell you the fill is finished in red gum-wood which to all appearances is mahogany even to the grain of the wood & that - the following shape? →



The handles for drawers were made to order for us of wood like whole case, and it's a good-looking piece of furniture for our parlor.

'Spets' mother has told you what fun we are having filling our drive bank (capacity \$5.00 in dimes!) We've filled it 4 times since Jan 31 & put the result in bank and have \$4.00 in it now on the fifth lap!

We so much love and a hug all around from us both. We aren't giving up hopes yet

of having you here this year! when you go on of
 H-Y. your loving daughter Beverly.

Recd March 23, 1916

Remington Tables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
March 21, 1916.

Dear Daddy,

Thank you for your two good letters offering me assistance on missions. I could not write you sooner to tell you what information I'd need because the several pamphlets and the annual report of the Board of Missions had just arrived, and I had to glance thru them first to get an idea of the general point of view my talks should take.

I must confine myself to the missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church thru out the United States only. To take them up geographically seems the best way. The important missionary districts seem to be Minnesota, So. Dakota, ^(Sioux) Idaho (Bannocks & Shoshones), Nevada (Putes), Utah (among Utah), Wind River Reserve of Wyoming (Shoshones & Arapahoes) and what is called "The Missionary District of San Joaquin", comprising the following counties of California: Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Calaveras, Alpine, Kings, Madema, Mariposa, Mendoc, Mono, San Joaquin, Tulare Stanislaus, Tuolumne.

{ I have found practically no reference to mission work in Florida, or the South West (Ariz + New Mex.)

As far as possible I'd like to give a short description of the country and Indians of each of the above sections, and the conditions under which mission work was started; then an outline of the growth of the missions and what religious, educational and industrial advantages (to the Indians) have followed

this establishment. To supplement these facts I like to do some extra reading to tell the girls what very few seem to know - that the Indians have been maltreated in many cases and made to receive vicious and belittling by the white man, and that they, the Indians, have a side to the question too, & that many of the horrible massacres credited to Indian cruelty were a direct and to-be-expected result of white man's abuse. Have you Guinnell's "Story of the Indian" and Jackson's "A Century of Dishonor"? I seem to remember reading parts of them at home and getting very much wrought up and indignant at "us whites": would you lend them to me to read?

This supplementing seems a bit far away from missions but I think it should be given, out of justice to the Indians, and also because of its interest. I am sure that it will be more interesting to my small audience than a mere recital of mission work alone, which has been similar everywhere.

How do you pronounce Anapahoe? One pamphlet tells a lot about them, including a pretty creation story and their Sacred Pipe tradition, which I shall tell. This pamphlet, on the Wind River Reservation is a brief sketch of Shoshones and Anapahoos by Mrs. Baird S. Cooper, in Dec. 1915. There is the most recent material I have, the others, on the ^{of S. Dak.} Sioux, being 1898, Minnesota 1900 &c. -

I should like to know the names of the tribes on the various reservations (and how to pronounce them!) From what was said the other day the girls evidently have an idea that all Indians are either Squawois or Apaches, about to go on the warpath with feathers on their heads and tomahawks in their hands!

The subject is so vast and so interesting that it is a pity to cut it as briefly as I shall have to. My talk will be more in the nature of a summary gleaned from whatever sources I can get, with extra bits of interest here and there. The Mission Board report is little help as it is merely a report of the Bishop of each district for 1914-15, and where there are Indian missions, a brief resumé of the year's work there is given. But it takes for granted of course, the reader's knowledge of the location, conditions, history etc of these various missions and the work of previous years, which the layman, meaning myself, does not know!

From a missionary report of March 1902 I copy this extract to ask you if it still is true, today: - "North America, north of Mexico, has been found to contain nearly 60 distinct tribes of Indians who differ from each other in speech more widely than do the different European nations, so that on the Pacific coast, where about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the tribes exist, one may find Indians of neighboring villages with nothing in common and unable to understand each other except by signs."

As you see, my point of view has to be Protest. Episcopal missions and not as I first

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Rom. Cath. also,
thought when I spoke of the Calif. missions, by which
I meant those founded in the early days by the
Franciscan padres and which are described
so interestingly thro' out Bancroft's History
of California. But if I have time I should
like to spend a little of it on a brief sketch of
these missions & show a few pictures of them
(or their ruins!) and the hard struggles of the
padres, the later decay of the missions,
the effect on them ^{& on Indians} of U. S. conquest and the
discovery of gold and then the abuse and
extermination of the Indians, especially Diggers.
This is a subject in itself, I realize and
in decaying of a lot of time but rather
than omit it entirely I'd rather give it
briefly. The padres were the first in
California and I think should have a well
place in my talks!

If you have any pictures you can get at
easily and would entrust to my care until
after Apr 3 on the following, I shall be
most happy and grateful: pictures of
striking and interesting parts of the country
in any of those states where there are
Indians, or of missions or the Indians
themselves,

Have you or can you tell me where I can
get a map of U. S. showing all the Indian
reservations?

would the last report of the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs be of assistance & interest for Indian material (not numerous of course), and could I get it by writing to the Indian Office at Wash.?

My audience will consist of not more than twenty and probably only 15, for rarely have we had a meeting any larger. They like maps & pictures of the places the speaker talks about and seem to take more interest, naturally, if they know where they are!

I have already taken up more of your time, and scribbled paper, than I intended and I hope the made things clear enough for you to understand. You are a blessed dear to help me and I shall be precious careful of anything you send me.

Thank you for suggesting H. B. Jackson's 'Glimpses of Cal. & Missions' which I shall get at the library this afternoon.

You folks jes' keeps on a 'specting me to home dis spring, dont you, and jes' pays no 'tenshen to my letter saying I no could come!! I'd love to, you know that, and dis bugging you awful hard for being so good to me and offering to see to my railroad troubles. You do so much for us besides wanting to do that.

Snawing again today and its supposed ole Spring!!!
 much love & a big piece from us both - Dorothy

(over)

P.S. Any more letters that you find of bye-gone days, please save and either send to me or put away somewhere. I have a fear in my heart every now & then that someday you'll go thro' your old records, letters & and throw away a lot of invaluable notes data &c, just because you may think they aren't wanted because we never happened to tell you so. I want them - anything that refers to your or Auntie's young days, to your work then and now and your life, way back to the time you were streak of a chicken feather. And don't you destroy my thing daddy that throws any light on our family bush, particularly my dad's. Someday I'm going to get at you & Auntie "cornering fierce" when I start my family genealogy, so you be ready for me - pictures, letters, clippings &c. - don't forget. Where did you find that dear old letter of yours to me when I was six years old? I love it.

and March 29, 1916

Remington Tablets,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Mar. 27, 1916.

Dear Daddy,

The package of books
has just come, containing
"The Story of the Indians," "The
Indian Dispenser," "The
Missions of Calif." and
that splendid map, which is
just what I want. Thank
you very very much - you
have sent me exactly the
kind of material I needed.
The ~~mission~~ pictures are

beautiful + will be shown to
illustrate better than I can
describe those beautiful old
buildings. I am pleased as
punch daddy dear and thank
you a bushel + a peck for
your trouble. I fail to
find your own pamphlet
on "The Indian Population
of Cal." of 1905 and should
like that one too. The list of
tribes will be quite sufficient
thank you! You're a dear to
have taken so much trouble
for me and if my talk is
at all interesting, the credit
will be all yours.

Ed. A. S.

I doubt if I'll have time for more than the books you've just sent, but if I do have an extra day, I'll go thro' 'Century of Dickens' at the library.

Your letters help a lot too & I'm glad you told me of my mistakes which I shouldn't like to make before others too.

Our talk today is on Mormons and I must go in a few minutes now.

Guess mother has told you of our new house experiment! We hope we've really found one that's worth while moving into, tho' I know we'll regret leaving this pretty place.

Lovely spring day - overhead - and a muddy roze under foot! Fine combination.

Thanks again daddy, more than I know how to tell you, for all your help and a big hug besides from your loving Big Girl Dorothy.

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Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
March 29, 1916.

Dear Daddy, thank you buckets for
those lovely pictures! They came
on the last mail yesterday and
I got "thriller and thriller"
so I opened envelope after
envelope and saw all the
beauties you'd sent me. I'm
as tickled as punch daddy and
am so telling you that you're
a darling dea to have sent
me so many, and some of
your choicest. I shall be

very careful of them all.

The Grinnelli book is very interesting and gives me just the material I wanted for a picture of Indian life.

I worked all yesterday until nearly four when I went to take tea with a bride here who has a nice little house which is the talk of Cambridge, because it is so pretty - and so small! Last night Miss Gray, one of my nurses came in for the evening.

Today I'm to lunch at the College Club with Anna Cobb from Rockland, Me., who is in town for a week to do her spring shopping. Tomorrow I must

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Mattie has asked me to lunch as Aunt Carrie Abbot of Worcester will be there, as a short visit. These break up my day of work, but perhaps it's just as well to have a couple hours of something different in between times. I got so interested in my reading that it's a regular nuisance to have the man or the milk man come and interrupt me!

When you - was coming up here to see me I'd like to know? If not before, I'll surely expect you all to start at least a few days early on your way west, and to make straight for 206 for to see us here fairly. If you know half how much we want you all and have been talking and hoping, I'm just sure you'd find a way to come!

Bye - and bestest love from us both - and thank you heaps again for sending all those fine pictures.

Your loving

Dorothy.



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Remington Tables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
April 4, 1916.

Dear Daddy,
I am returning to you by this
morning's mail inclosed, two bundles,
one containing the pictures, the
other the books - "The Indian Dis-
possession," "The Story of the Indians",
"The Calif. Missions" and your
pamphlet on the Ind. Population
of Calif. (which I don't want to give
back to you at all, so there!) I can't
thank you half enough for all
you've helped me and the
wealth of material you both
sent me, and referred me to.

I have kept the pictures marked
D and the map and list of
tribes, for which I thank you
ever so much.

The map and pictures made
a great hit especially the
latter of Lake County and of
the Indian "homes". The girls
were particularly interested in
learning about the reservation
system and its abuses for
they said they'd always had
just a vague idea that
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definite knowledge nor did they realize how tremendous the decrease has been. That hour and a quarter was shorter than any I ever knew - much shorter than the 40 min. recitation hour in college, which often seemed to drag endlessly when you were reciting! I had planned to read one of your Newar myths in connection with the creation stories, after speaking of the Indians' beliefs but there wasn't time after all, ~~but~~ I showed the pictures in the book.

Yesterday a big box of beautiful brilliant purple-pink azaleas and southern roses came from Marion who is in Summerville, S.C. I put them in a deep basin at once & this morning they are a profusion of color, and fresh as can be. I wish I could share them with you all as they are so lovely and we have so many.

We had a mild surprise when we awoke this morning and found it snowing again! It melts as

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soon as it hits the ground however,
so we shan't be bothered very
long. It's been so beautiful
and summery here lately
that we have felt quite
hopeful of continued good
weather!

Perhaps you'll be interested
to know that I have just
received a check of \$2.00 from
the Boston Post, which I've
earned all by myself! I
sent a couple of my recipes
to the Household Page and
one of them took a prize!
Henry is much more excited

over it than I am!


We are resting awhile on the moving-house proposition but keeping our eyes open. I agree with you & mother that I don't harbor after tending furnace & ash & garbage cans unless we can't help it, and me for another apartment every time, at least for a year or two more. Uncle Edwin tells us that at the end of the college year there are always vacancies both

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taken by young faculty + students,
so we shall be on the lookout in
June. We'd submit here if we could,
after finding something else and of
course the earlier we submit the
better chance we have of so doing
before all the June vacancies
are thrown on the market.

The enclosed clipping appeared
in the Transcript recently and
I'm sending it for your corroboration
as to its veracity. And have we
really parted with that beautiful
creature who beamed down upon
us for so many years from his
glass house high up in the dew?
Please be sure + return the
clipping in one of the family's
letters.

This is Zee's birthday and I
wish I were there too - but I shall
expect to hear very soon about the
party tonight and everything else.

Our bestest love and a million hugs
for all you did to help me in my talk. Dorothy 

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Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Apr. 14, 1916.

Hiaddy dear -

A few days ago I
sent out a fellow about
the "Sew-E-Z" motor to
mother after telling
her about my crude
makeshift fan motor
which Henry attached
to my ancient machine,
and today I have my

"bite" in the shape of many
questions about the
Sew E-2, as to price &c!

Now that's very encour-
aging I think for she
didn't say "no I don't
want it and couldn't
use it even to make it
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I put it on my old
machine myself and
how does it work?"

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she plans to afford it
herself. But be sure to
order it thru Sterling so
you can get the dis-
count from \$15.00 to \$10.50.

Mother is also asking
reminiscently about a vacuum
cleaner for the house & I
surely will be glad if she
can get one. But I'm
more than anxious for
her to have the machine
motor and the sooner
the more better!

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him order for you
& save you money,
even if on some
the express would have
to be paid extra. For
he gets such things
at from 20 to 30%.

discount. The Sec-E-Z
price is 15.00 in the stores
so you'd save more
than enough for an iron
battery! (battery is 3.50 at
retail.)

What do you
think about it?

We're having
snow rain today.

Bunny and I are
working out a fine
budget system of

our expenses and effort to be
very systematic hereafter.
It's going to be great I think.
If you'd be interested I'll
send you an outline of
it when completed &
show you how it works
out for us. - When we
finish the actual budget
(based on a year's ex-
perience in housekeeping)
we shall make an inven-
tory of every room and
cost of everything we
can figure out, to see
how much we are worth
and also to use in case
of fire. It's very interesting!

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market & get some
envelopes for my pen!

Heaps of love - Dee

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Remington Gables,
April 26, 1916.

Dear Daddy,
Benmy ordered the
Sew-E-2 motor and a blb
That Point Deon sent to
you yesterday and
they should arrive be-
fore the end of the week.
The man at the shop
wasn't sure they had
the Sew E 2 in stock as

they'd sold so many, so that
may be delayed a few days
longer till they order one
direct from the makers.

Knowing you wanted
these we saw no reason
to delay further just to
tell you the sum total
first, so went ahead
on our own hook.

Your total bill, paid
by H., is \$12.29. That's
quite some saving

Del. Aug 1, 1916

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from \$18.50, eh what? The motor
at discount is 10.50, with 2%
more off for cash, making
it \$10.29, and the \$3.50 electric
iron we get for \$2.00. No
express charged to Henry,
so if there is any, it'll
be at your end. Hope
both instruments will
be satisfactory. Give so
plumb kissed that mother
is going to have them that
I could give you a big
fat hug for being such
a dear.

No hurry about those
childhood saving accounts
daddy. I happened to
remember the little red
book where we were
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possessions and that
it is good idea to gather
up loose ends and
put everything in one
place. Any old time
within the next fifty
years will be old!! As
to telegraphone, I think
I won't do anything
about it as its so low.

We've had our share
of rain lately, as its
favored us every day

since last Friday with the
exception of yesterday
afternoon. Spring is
so late here that we are
just now beginning
to see a few rice buds
and a bit of green grass
the wild flowers that
mother sent from home
last week looks too
good to be true!

Henny took his
big speed camera

apart last night to oil it and
put it up generally as it hasn't
been working well lately
and it was a bigger job
than he anticipated. One or
two little tiny screws were
particularly pesky as he
hadn't anything small
enough to manipulate
them and a pen knife
was rather awkward. To
our dismay it was mid-
night when he got it all
hooked up properly again.
I gave him a Logans' Infalible
Exposure Meter on his birth-
day so our camera
interest has been renewed
in preparation for
summer snap-shooting!

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Bye & much love & hope the
electric things arrive soon & O.K. —
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Remington Gables,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 22, 1916.

Dear Daddy,
You dear daddy to send
me such a big fat check for
my birthday! It has just
come, along with your
nice letter and I am as
pleased as punch and
sending you a big hug
(to be delivered by Z) and
heaps and piles of
thanks. If our said generous
check will go squawks in

The savings account, swelling it
to \$796.98. That's not bad, is it, when
you consider that on Jan 1, 1916,
it stood at an even \$500. ? Our
dime bank is full again so
that \$5.00 and a hundred
pennies from my other little
^{daily} savings will go in also to-
morrow. We are aiming
to have \$1000 in there by
December at latest, and
we hope by Sept. or October,
if we can continue to
save at the rate we have
these past five months.
Mother teased me about
my eagerness to save,

you've been telling her with glee, each time the dinner table is full, so she said I was "a parsimonious little miser" and I laughed!

I certainly did have a nice birthday. Mother and Zee sent me such lovely things and the Abbot twins sent a brass calendar to match Thurney's desk set, Auntie a book, Bertie a bag, and several others wrote birthday letters!

We spent the day outdoors hunting houses some more. We've gotten track of an apartment real near Aunt May, and if the rent isn't over \$50, we'll consider it very seriously even tho we may not get as many rooms or a sleeping porch & other conveniences as in the double house we liked so much for \$45. - no hurry tho.

With you folks, all three, could find a way & means of coming up to see us before you go west, even if for only a couple days. Can't the arrangement be made

at an extra cost of only 3 or 4 from SF Boston, he wanted to know
to let you know how? We both want you awfully, since it's been so long since we've had this family. Lots of love & affection

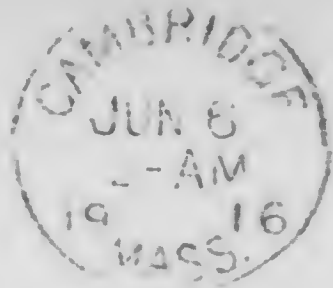
Remington Gables,
Monday night, June 5-16

Dear Daddy,

Just a line to let
you know that mother
arrived 'most on time
today and that we're
the tickledest lil family
ever was! Only wish you
could have spared the
time to come too. Maybe
you can, in the fall.

We are playing mother
a concert now before
bedtime. Tell Z to
write quicks about
Sunday night as we are
all yours. Much love

Love all 3 of us. Dinky



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th St.

Washington

D.C.

Remington Gables,
June 15, 1916.

Dear Daddy,

Well I'm about
the tickledest daughter
you have just now
and am having difficulty
in composing myself
for a sufficiently long
enough period to tell
you about it! Trust
your pictures have just
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the full face one, tho when
I stop and look at tocher
one I like it best too!

The gray finish is very
pretty and unusual,
and just the thing to
beat set off my daddy's
hoopful hair. You look
positively mischievous
in the full face one
and I bet you'd just
said something funny!

You look well too. The
few other pictures I have

of you, taken years ago, make you
look very tired.

Gracious, you've
upset the color ^{reality} of my
whole morning! Here I was
quietly sewing my hooks and
eyes when the pleasure-bomb
arrived and sent me "clear
off the bat", and now you
'spect me to settle down again
after all this excitement?
I'm going to get me framed and
hung up "side by side" with
mother and then you'll see
such a broad grin upon my
countenance as to make
you wonder if my name
is Sunny Jane!

Wish I were home to
help mother celebrate her
fiftieth birthday today
but as I can't make myself
reach out quite that far
I'll delegate you to perform
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10 Appleton Road,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 22, 1917.

Dear Daddy,
Weren't you a dear
to remember the Big Bunt's
birthday with such a nice
letter and a great big fat
check ?!! Thank you ever and
ever so much plus a big
hug and kiss on top. You
and mother and Auntie and
Uncle all surprised me with
such pretty gifts that the
day was most festive, and
Marion invited me buying a

Truly birthday cake with big
lumps of frosting on it, and
Therese brought home some
ice cream. So we celebrated for
the housekeeper in spite of her-
self!

I'm glad too that the
name Rainier was reaffirmed
for Mt. Tacoma would be horrid.
Is it settled for all time now?

Whether you keep me posted
about family doings or I
know how busy you are too.
My wouldn't we like to be
home enjoying some of those
beautiful drives with Anabelle -
the country must be perfectly
lovely now. We're so proud
of our little bit of green here

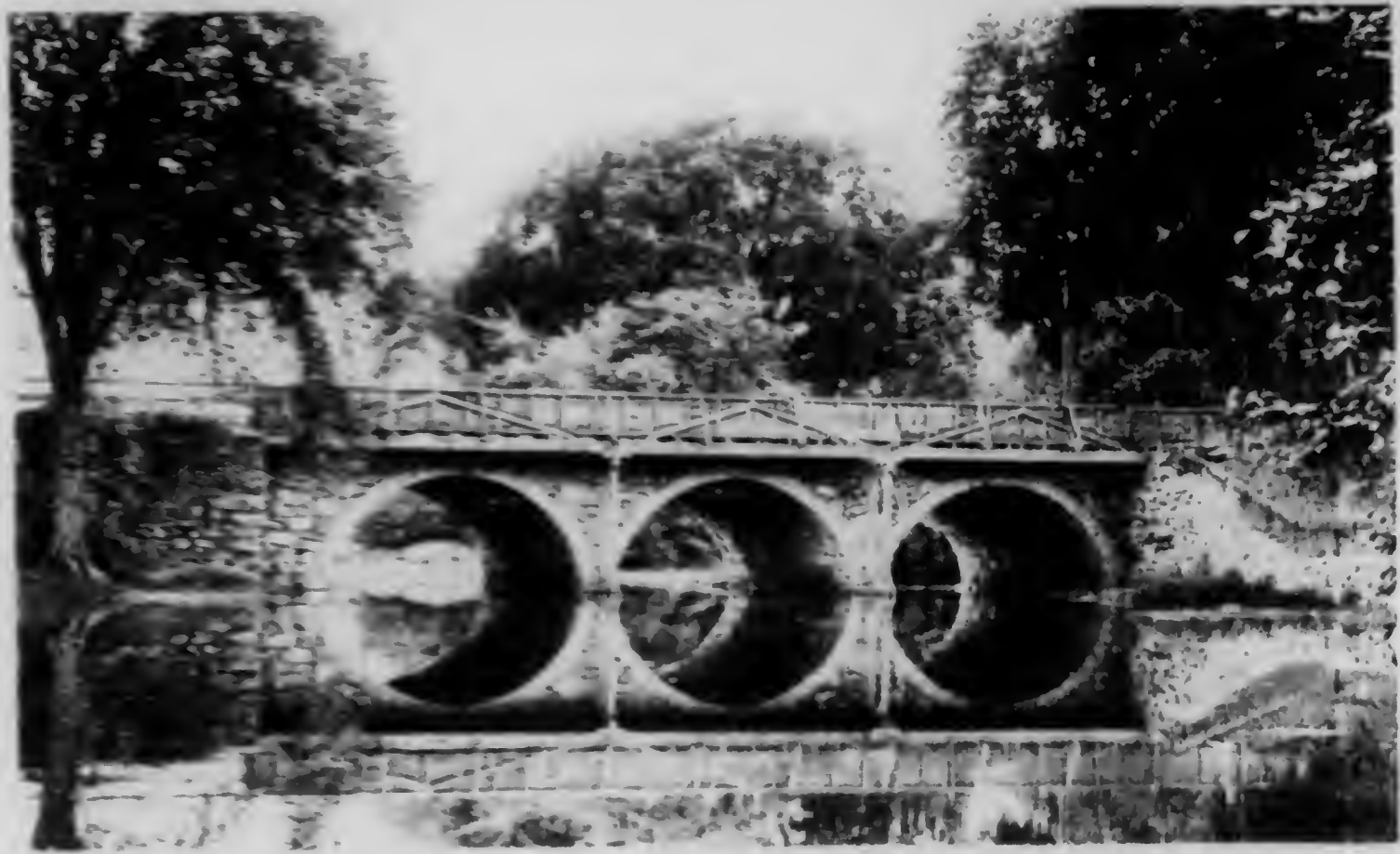
and get truly excited when we see a tree or shrub in bloom. Everything is very late, including many common weather.

Our chief concern just now is the upset condition of Apsolon Road. It has been dug up now for several weeks while pipes or have been laid into the other houses next us and then the dirt not filled in again nor the board walks relaid, so we plow along thro sand and dirt and its very unpleasant. We are unfortunately the last house in, + the only one that's occupied so have to stand the mess and inconvenience until the others are nearer done. We are more truly mad than the rest of Cambridge and that is "going some."

Henry feels fine now, 'cept for colds, and has been like a different person since he left S+W and has been with Jack & Suzanne. He feels he's doing real work now and enjoys it and the congenial office force immensely. He may have to go out to the lab on a week's inspection trip in a month or two + that will be an interesting experience. Jack had planned to read him this week but a "crap" developed which Jack has to attend to in person.

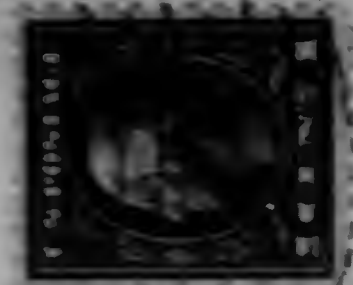
The last experiment you'll decide to come up here + I'll be in the machine before I get to work - Don't

This surprising human's visit and everything concerned especially to Joe's. This happens frequently to come up here + I'll be in the machine before I get to work - Don't



BRIDGE OVER THE CHARLES RIVER.

Postcard



The Address only to be
Written Here

JUL 10 10. PM
1917 MASS.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919-16 St

Washington
D.C.

Tues. July 10, 1917.

Mother arrived safely
this a.m. & most sur-
prised us to pieces. Wish
you were here too. Lovely &
cool with fine breeze. Don't
want to let you leave at
all!!! Best love from us
all & don't do too much there
in the heat alone. Henry & fine. - Dee

This card may be used
for Correspondence

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Week July 9-17

Dear Grandma

Our baby is

just the most wonderful
precious little mite
ever breathed and I
wish you could see
her too. We just won-
der her already.

She's as good as gold
& so pretty & so tiny,
going to be hairied
we think - got heaps of
kisses on her nose.

Love & lots of love
from a very happy
lil' family.

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Baby & Dec both
doing very well.
Love from us all
Mama.

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10 Appleton Road,
Cambridge, Mass.,

Aug. 16, 1917.

Dear Daddy,

I don't know how to tell
you with paper & pen how
you've made me feel by your
wonderful generosity to us in
sending us a hundred
dollars just at this time.
Everything goes all hippity-
hoppity inside me daddy
dear and the right words
don't come so you'll have to
just understand inside
you what a dear lovely
thing you've done and how

much it means to ~~me~~ and
me - not only all this help
just now but the bigger
fact that you wanted to
send it. I don't see how it
would be spared now after
tapes and Liberty bonds and
Trips west and the like. You
are and always have been
such a generous person ^{daddy}
~~that~~ ^{that} explains it all I
guess, only I better stop
talking about it 'cause I
get all lumpy inside me
'cause you're so dear to us.

Did you expect mother
on the next train before you
read her telegram? We've
had a hectic week wondering

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where her check had gone. She is down now at the telegraph office being identified by Aunt Mary and goes into town this P.M. to buy her ticket which is being made out this morning. Mercy but she is going to miss her! There'll be a hole left big enough to swallow us all. But she wants her "Ole Man" and I don't blame her and as we are getting on so fine there's no real reason for keeping her longer. Course I'd like to have her all summer!! She's tired tho from the heat here and the care of another fellow's house and needs to get out into that beautiful country to rest and get chinked up with the right of you again. Guess you know how how lonesome it is without one's "beaver" course I don't have mine except for a peckly peck on Sundays.

He is away so much that he has very little chance to get acquainted with his ever small daughter. She is growing so fast and gaining a few ounces each week and getting more and more hair. I'll have to cut off a lock for Browning to take to Grandpa! Wish we could send you a life-size

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picture of her, she's so lovely!
 And rather alive, she's got
 some lungs too. Hey, you
 can hear her holler a
 block off in sure! Her
 Grammy about thinks so
 and in afraid she disap-
 proved exceedingly when
 Beth opened up from
 five a.m. on!!

The nurse leaves me
 Sunday and Elina
 comes then for a week
 or so, to be followed by
 Marion so I'll not be left
 alone with the baby,
 especially these first few

weeks that die up and
around. Benny hopes to be
there at Ageri Cantonment
early in October unless
Washington ties up the
work with red tape. He
says its the most stupendous
undertaking he's ever seen -
the building of a modern
city for 40,000 and the
equipping of it thru out with
electricity & power circuits
(his job), sewers, water, streets,
telephones etc. 20,000 soldiers
are due there on Monday
so Benny can't come down
this week but must be on
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are some 580 of the total 1100 buildings
already completed and over 8000
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some excitement caused by I. W. W. &
^{German} agitators but secret service men
are keeping a close watch all the time
and have caught & arrested several
already.

Wish we could be along on
some of those fine drives you are
taking. I'm sure Beth would enjoy
the scenery! She'd just about fit
into one of Susie's hip pockets.

As it's been cooler today and she
started sneezing we have tried to keep
a pair of well knitted booties on her
feet, a pair your mother knitted
for me when I was a baby, but
she promptly kicks them off again
and thereby keeps us busy putting
them back on. We want her Grammy
to see her in them when she comes
back! Mother will get there about as soon
as this'over & will be fetching along all
the love and news that didn't get trucked
in here. A big hug and a heap of love

O.S. Mrs. Brewster and me some
lovely news yesterday. From me all,
& mother.

10 Appleton Road,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Nov. 26, 1917.

Dear Daddy, Thanks ever so much for
our two sets of lovely photos of Leg and
the surrounding country. Zee & I
haven't yet chosen our sets, but
that won't be a difficult matter for
me anyhow, as both are so beautiful
I don't care which I have. I'll leave
the choice to Zee. How clearly your
camera shows details in the woods
— almost any of these would be
lovely enlarged & framed. I am
ever so tickled to see the fern beds so
flourishing and I once more see
dear Lucie with one, two & three of
the family aboard! Many more thanks.

Beth says she's going out there some day
too & then she's going to hunt all
around till she finds the very tiniest
little fern & call it her own and
water it every day & watch it grow.

We had a wretched cold rainy week
just passed and all but Zee took
colds. Henry has a very pesky one &
Beth & I each have no more than
uncomfy snuffles, which however
have made her quite miserable
a couple nights so that she fretted
a lot & didn't sleep. I kept her inside
in her room with plenty of fresh
air but no wind or dust as she'd
have on the porch - & with absolute
warmth & dropped up her nose & she
is about well again now & very

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much happier in her mind. She gained 2oz. in spite
of her cold & I'm thankful she didn't lose. She's
8 lbs 5oz. today - one pound heavier than when we
took her to the Salbot 4 weeks ago. - She's picking out
slowly and is such a strong happy active little
thing. She's taken a sudden fancy to a blue &
white rattle which we tie on a ribbon in front
of her across her harness & it seems to fascinate
her & keep her busy by the hour grabbing
for it & clapping it to hear it jiggle. Lately the
right of her glass olive oil jar gets her very much
excited. It's quite a feat to give her "panties"
on & get her dressed if that article is anywhere
in sight for her legs & arms start at once
to do a jig & she acts like a lively jack knife
automatically doubling up & straightening out.
The other day she hauled off at an unex-
pected angle with one small hoof & sent
the jar, oil included, flying all over
herself & me too and seemed quite
pleased over the event! She's quite a
youngster. Strong, isn't it?

When you coming to see us? We're still
hoping & hoping & looking for a letter telling
us when you'll be here, en route for home.

That fellow, a cousin, now a Junior at
Tech is coming to Thanksgiving dinner
with us. He's been here several times since
Zee's arrival & took her out once since the

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rights. Henry's long suffering patience
 came to an end yesterday he called
 up our landlord to see why he'd not
 attended to half a dozen long promised
 things much needed about the
 house. The most important one is
 the asbestos covering for the heating
 pipes in the cellar as we can't
 keep warm upstairs as it's all
 disintegrated in the cellar. This was
 promised to us last winter but
 never appeared we used nearly
 twice as much coal as would have
 been necessary with the asbestos.
 Then we want a coil in the
 furnace for hot water as our gas
 bills are \$8 & \$10 which is awful for

us. Φ is willing to go halves on the price
of installing it if that will persuade
me. Webster. Then a sign on the street
is most necessary as no end of mail,
phys, delivery papers, not to mention
maids & friends have gone wandering
around hunting for us. We are
assured that the sign is ready &
will be in soon & the asbestos too,
so here's hoping.

You went in to Boston today
to lunch with Clementine & go
on a spree afterwards & is not back
yet. I'm glad she's having this
chance to go on a bat as we've been
so stay-at-home all the time. She
is just lovely with Beth, just as
we all knew she'd be and I love to
watch her.

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Henry's work continues at Camp Stevens and altho no definite arrangements have been made it looks as if he'd stay on there operating it (which he is now doing along with the finishing-up work) as there isn't another man out there yet who could take the job.

A high wind has come up & it sounds very cold & wintery out. Henry has given me a pair of fur lined gloves - my Xmas - which are a blessing these cold days in place of my muff that is very much a "has-been".

Zee & I wish our mother & daddy were here too. Beth has to go to bed now so bye for this time, with a kiss & a bear hug from her and her auntie & her mother, to Grandma & Grandpa.

Love,
Dorothy.

I knitted Henry an olive drab sleeveless sweater such as the soldiers all are wearing & he all but sleeps in it I guess. Zee has more than half finished a muffler for the Red Cross & for her first piece is very well done.

10 Appleton Road,
December 5, 1917.

Many happy returns of this auspicious
occasion Waddy dear, to which your
one & only granddaughter adds her very
first birthday wishes too, and a soft
drooly kiss from her wee sweet mouth —
& a regular bear grip of her wee hand on
Grandpa's favorite curly lock! For yes,
she's developed a grasping disposition
lately especially for noses & hair and
a tendency to nake faces or bottles or
any other delectable objects that come
within range of her eager learning
fingers. Her mother had quite a
beauty mark last week in the shape
of a red streak ^{too close} obliquely across her
nose due to her familiarity with

a set of wiggling finger nails, & I fear
me she bore the scars rather proudly!!

We are over our colds and gaining
nicely, weighing two days ago the huge
sum of 8 lbs 9 ounces! Kid Grandpa
got told before that we wiggle from tip
to toe when our bottle leaves in sight,
reach both arms for it (our mouth
& eyes both wide open at the time too)
grab it with both hands & shove it
into our mouth by ourselves, with
oh such a happy grunt? I can tell
you it's quite an accomplishment!

You'll be interested to know
that Henry is now enrolled as a
civilian under the Quartermaster
Corps at a salary of \$3000, to operate
the electric system of Camp Stevens.
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possible home move but hope to go to Concord soon to look over possibilities there. Henry could come home every night if we find a little house there as Camp is only a half hour distant on the train - no farther in time than from here to office in Boston. As it is now he comes down once and once in a while twice during the week which won't be a good arrangement at all when you go, 'cause I don't bicker after staying alone so much or even with the cook, providing she'll consent to stay nights then.

Our cellar pipes are at least covered with asbestos & the furnace with cement & the difference in the ability to keep warm is appalling. Our bedrooms are really warm for the first time & unless we sit on the furnace man even after that shut the furnace up tight, we most suppartate in the parlor at 70° or above. The radiators are covered with big pans of water which evaporates almost before one's eyes. It is ⁱⁿ such contrast to last winter's shiveriness that its

worth mention!

Ze and I are mailing to you at 701 The request to Madame Huard's 'My Home in the Field of Honor' and hope you've not already read it + if not, will enjoy it as we have just done.

My it'll be good to have the family home once more where I can get news more quickly. Lagunitas is a long way off!

We are awfully disappointed that you and mother aren't coming home

via Beth Abbot, especially after
being cheated out of our long
anticipated A. D. U. visit
in November. — Beth says
that she + I would go home
for Xmas if our daddy could
go too but that person says
that isn't possible 'cause
he's so busy out at Ayer
and 'course we can't leave
him for Christmas. If all
goes well maybe we can go
home later in the year.
We'll want to anyhow.

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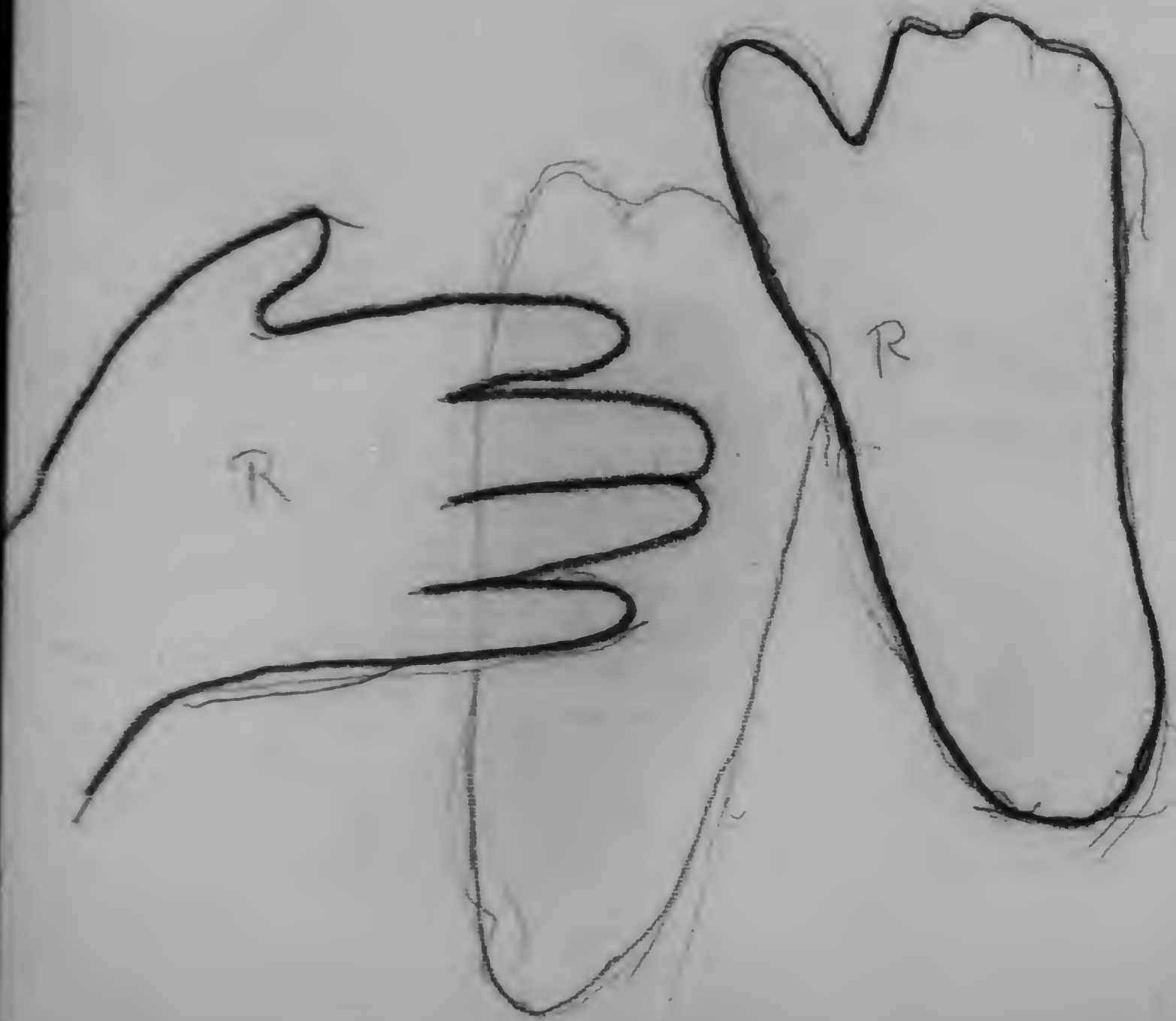
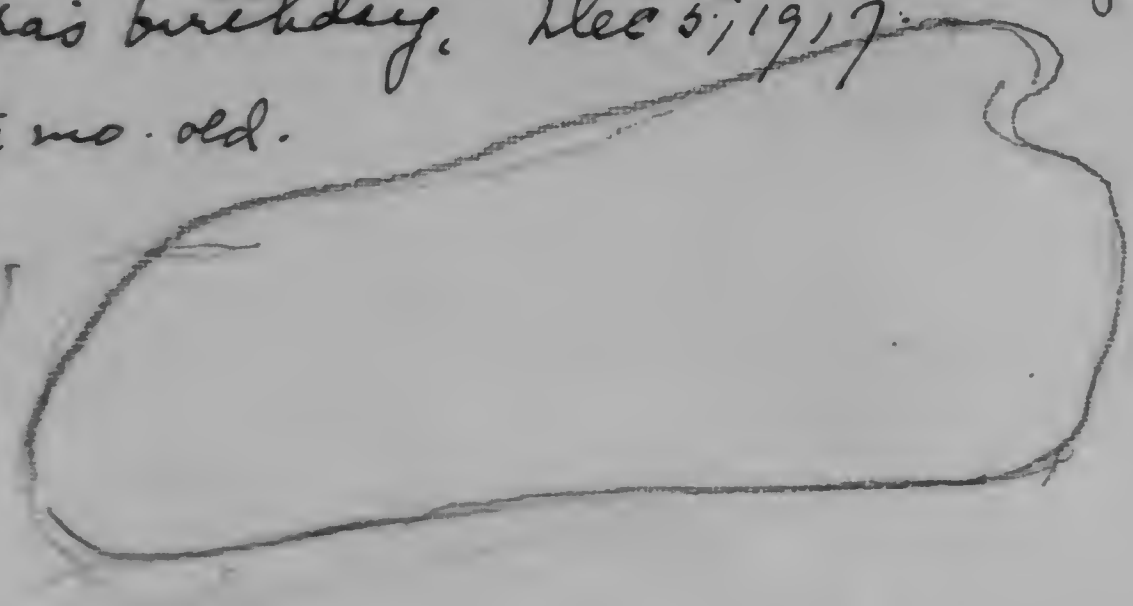
getting such a good salary for so young a
man? Course Lin as proud as Lucifer
of him!

We'll be eager to have news
as soon as you reach home so do
send us word P.D.Q. X.Y.Z to all
the other family up here.

And here's a big hug and
teen kisses & bestest good wishes
for the birthday!
Dorothy.

Dear Daddy Wack:
Happy birthday and lots of them!
You should have felt your
grandchild's wriggle while we were
trying to trace her feet and hands!
It seemed to tickle her higgus.
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Beth's right hand + foot (oh so squirming too!)
on Grandpa's birthday, Dec 5, 1917.
About 4 1/2 mo. old.



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Am. Jan. 6, 1917

10 Appleton Road,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 31, 1917.

Dear Daddy, Maybe we weren't
tickled to have such a nice
long Xmas letter from our
very own daddy & granddaddy,
more especially when we
realize how busy he must
be attending to all those
busted pipes & radiators.

It surely was a shame dad &
I'm so sorry its raining
so much at present, especially
on top of a transcontinental

journey. we never even anticipated
a Xmas letter this year daddy,
on account of all that "mess"
at home so our nice long one
is doubly appreciated.

we hoped yesterday you all
weren't as cold as we. Doubtless
your papers have mentioned
that we've had the coldest
weather Boston has ever had —
& at Camp Stevens it was of-
ficially 34° below. I believe it
too! Saturday I couldn't
blow the fire enough to get the
parlor (our warmest room
generally) over 51° which

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was rather chilly for a wee babe. And in view of the general coal shortage here & the fact that we have less than one ton left in our bin & scant prospects of getting more, makes this cold snap rather a worry to us.

Sugar is still scarce even at 10⁴ a pound. I can get just enough - a pound at a time - to last us if we are stingy with it, until Linc allowed some more. It is awkward, but perhaps good for us, in that its teaching us more economy & how to get along with less sweets or with substitutes - molasses & syrup. Aunt may sweeten her coffee with honey!! We have fish twice a week, meat only once a day and brown breads all the time with one white loaf perhaps as often as once in two weeks.

Mr. Goodridge says your Grand - child is a contradiction! She seems so happy & well nearly all the time,

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good appetite that we don't
see why she's not a better.
Perhaps I'm foolish, but I
am getting real worried
about her not gaining - Dr.
G. hasn't struck the right
formula yet & he certainly is
trying his best & taking an
interest. I report to him every
three days. But today she
regretted a loss of 2 ounces
making her back to 8 lbs 7 oz
again. She more concentrated
formula with 12 oz. barley gruel

she's been spitting up a lot, very
soon as soon as swallowed &
she's badly constipated, so we have
gone back to the previous
formula with the addition of
a little more barley meal.

This is it: — 17 ounces whole milk
17 ounces boiled water
4 " barley meal
2 " lime water
2 Tbsp Sythimaltose

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in each bottle & holds for
more, even after spitting up
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agree with her & she didn't sleep well & was fretful during the day. She surely is a puzzle and I just can't keep worrying about her. I have to rub her abdomen every night & use a soap suppository to induce resalts & it's quite an ordeal for us both. Poor little Tad, it makes her so unhappy.

I went in to see Helen & her baby today & enjoyed my visit heaps. The boy is a fine sturdy youngster with a big head & lots of dark hair - he's almost as big as Beth altho only 4 wks old! His hands & feet & legs are bigger & you'd never take him for a dainty little girl. He's stamped B-O-Y and is ever so cute. Good child too. He never peeped all during his bath & afterwards during the hour or a half I was there. He has quite a nose too & altogether looks somewhat older & more mature than his weeks (I can hardly say years, yet!!) Helen looked pale, but hasn't been out of doors since she returned from the

hospital last Thursday. She
 plans to go home this
 Saturday; I wish you could
 have seen the boy, he's so
 cunning. Helen told me to
 be sure to send you all
 all kinds of love & good
 wishes for the new year from
 her as she's not permitted to
 use her strength writing letters.

Well this has become
 quite an epistle!

Lots lots of love from
 us all & happiest new year
 wishes too,

Travelling Brothers.

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

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10 Appleton Rd.,
Jan. 5, 1918.

Daddy how nice you are
naughty person you! Didn't
you go say there was to be no
Xmas - New Year demonstra-
tion this year? And here I
am getting a nice notice
from Furb + Wagnalls
that our dear friend
Literary Digest is on its
way from you for another
year. It's dear of you
daddy tho I feel you

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We are tickled & pieces
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"Lit. course?" and he's properly disposed of thereafter till he's read it thro. We both like it very much as a change from the Outlook because we get the opinions of all sections on all current news, art & literature, food problems &c. So thank you again heaps & heaps for another whole year of interest & pleasure.

Two more books so's not

Said he'd be the 3rd volume he's coming on
of mixing so-called pulp fiction & tragedy!
Lyle & W. O. Lane from 1883 - 1884

Zee's card will have told you our best news - Beth's gain. I am jubilant today on account of it.

Henry is just home with the good news that Dr. Darling said he wants to come to see us socially tomorrow & the babe 'cause he's interested & doesn't like her not to be gaining water.

Recd. Jan. 29, 1918

10 Appleton Road,
January 25, 1918.

Dear Daddy, Many thanks for Putnam's Household Handbook which I've already skimmed over and think great! I remember your reading of extracts from it last winter and am muchly tickled to own it, altho I'd completely forgotten it and was therefore happily surprised. I surely am expecting to consult it a lot for it seems to have hints on all subjects a housewife could possibly run into. I think I'll surely have to try the book of cornmeal after washing my hands as they are so rough & chapped most of the time these cold days due to having them wet so much from washing baby

things on the babe herself.

She (quite by the way of course !!) is a whole lot better on the skimmed milk & if you please has gained a couple ounces on it this week! The sour spitting up has stopped altho she still hiccoughs or "gas-es" up a sweet mouthful or two back in her throat after meals. She's happier & sleeps better & the horrid skin rash is decreasing in vividness & size. And her constipation seems relieved, thank goodness. I haven't been able to regulate her to a certain time each day as I hope to later, but I'm so thankful to have her O.K. that I don't care now if she does perform a couple times daily & never twice the same.

Etch Vaughan & Honine Rebecca (who snuck with you all a year or so ago at 1919) were here to lunch Wednesday & thought Beth the cunningest brightest-eyed little monkey for 6 mo. that they'd ever seen. She looks so "knowing" they said. She's generally awake for a couple hours after her noon bottle is its a nice time to have visitors for she plays & sings to herself & shows off beautifully! Tell Grammy I really threaten to cut off the back hair its so long & gets so tangled up its hard to comb out. I've actually braided it & then pinned it up with a hairpin lately while giving her a bath, so's not to get it wet. How's that for a young'un?

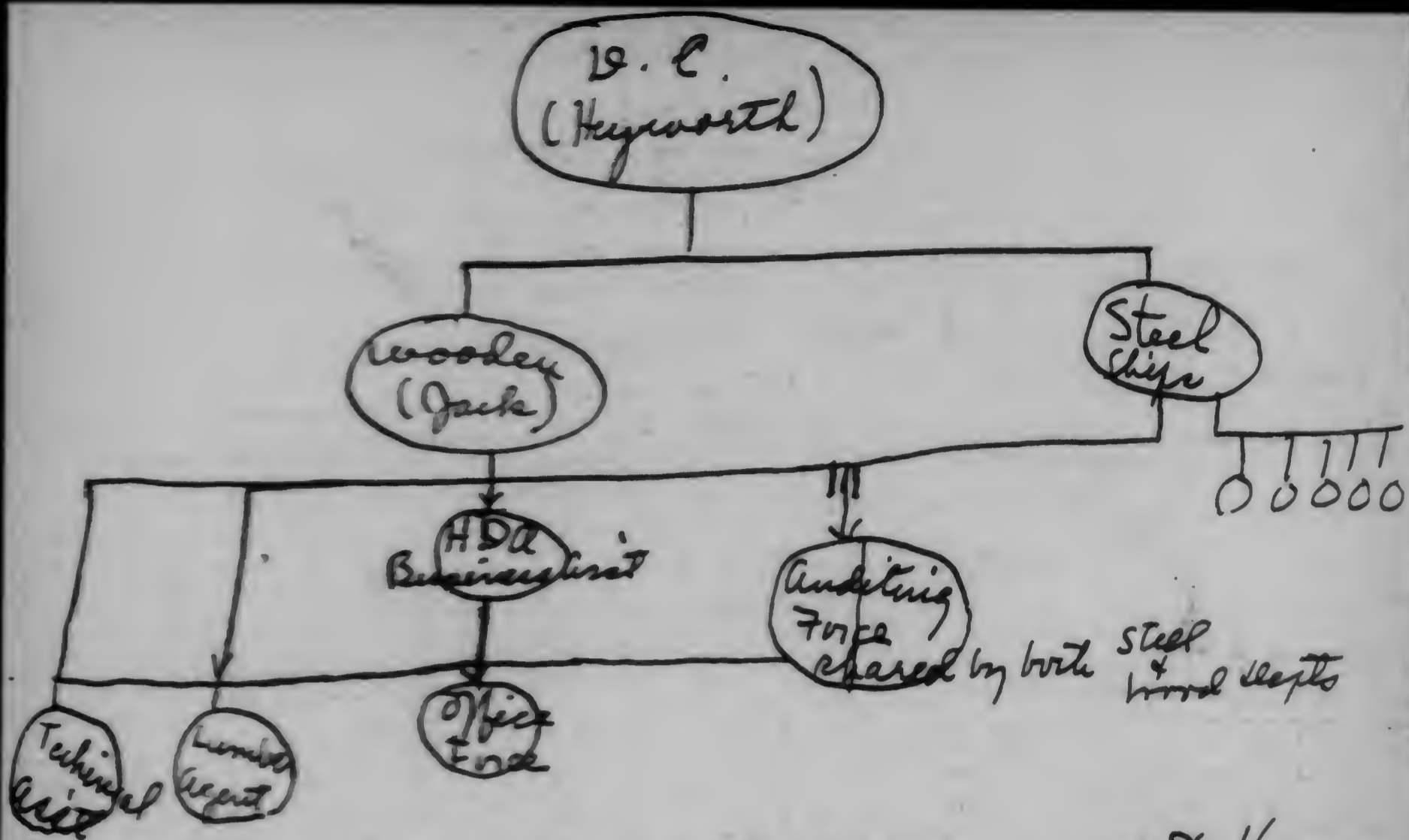
Well there's big news for the family, intimated in my letter to mother yesterday. Henry came down to see Jack Vaughan last night with the result that he resigns from his Ayer job on the first to return to Jack. We feel he's doing right altho see the pros & cons I won't go in to tell I can talk it over with you all. Jack has been appointed Official in charge of all wooden shipbuilding for New England and wants Henry as his right hand man & chief assistant. It will be a departure from strict engineering into business field with engineering too — but a chance for a wider broader experience in the business world. Most

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engineers Jack & Sturson, are handicapped by being poor business men. — Jack puts Henry in charge of his office & says every bit of work will go thro' Henry's hands & he'll give him all the responsibility there is. Jack wants to "keep his own desk clear" as he calls it, & turn over the details to Henry.

Jack is directly under Keyworth (in D.C.) who is in charge of all U.S. shipbuilding. Besides H. there will be a technical assistant (if he can be found :) — ^{who is} a shipbuilding expert, who will report to H. & Jack both.

The organization ^{is} ~~will be~~ some-thing like the following diagram altho I don't recall all ramifications: —



Technical, Lumber & Auditing report to Henry & also to Jack, The H. reports to no one but Jack. — Jack will have to travel a lot & says Henry is to take charge of the office & the business — & that it's a mighty big thing, & that he, Jack, is learning more in a few weeks than in six years of ordinary practice, & that he thinks it's going to develop even more in the next few years, & if it doesn't this present experience

will prove invaluable in later work. It'll be
 a fine thing for Jack's business later as he
 now meets & is in charge of many of the
big men of N. E. who will remember
 him for work afterwards. Mr. Barbour
 (in charge of construction at Ager this
 summer) ^{last summer} advised Henry to
 try & get into shipbuilding if possible
 as it would give him fine experience
 & the chance to "make a name" as he
 termed it. Jack is very enthusiastic
 over the possibilities & is certainly
 anxious for Henry. He said to H.
 on leaving last night "well Henry
 I shall sleep a lot better hereafter
 knowing you are with me." Wasn't
 that nice of him & place such

confidence in H. ? Henry is eager to help Jack & do all he can to make good not only for his own sake, but to try & make up to Jack for half of all he's done for us. — Salary probably \$2400 — less than we have at present — but Jack hadn't learned for sure just how much he'll be allowed to give.

Henry has trained two men to take his place at any time & Captain Briggs said he felt it's duty was in the new & bigger govt work & he ought to take it, even tho Henry realizes it'll be harder for Briggs at first with a new man. Briggs has depended on H. for a lot of things outside of engineering & has been a good friend too. He was an insurance man before being commissioned to take charge of the operation of the camp, so you

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can imagine how it can be felt on technical work. Two days before Jack's proposition came up Briggs wrote to Wash. urging H's commission even if the other 2 coordinate jobs remained civilian - but H. wouldn't tell even me the nice things he'd said about his work out there. Had the commission come earlier there'd been no question now of changing, but Henry feels he's honestly done all he can do for the job which from now on will be routine "janitor work" he called it and smooth sailing. He works from 8 a.m. till eleven and often midnight when out there & says he may have to work nights when with Jack, at least until things are running well, he'll be home for a good sleep & a good bed every night & a good dinner, no one of which has he had at camp all fall. - Henry thinks Jack a brick to want him & to give him this chance too & H. says "you watch me do my damndest best to deserve it." He & Jack are as tickled as two kids with new jack knives.

I don't know that I've made it clear or not - I don't feel in much good at outlining business center - prices so fly me with questions & I'll seek the books & find the answers! Can't tell you details of the work as H hasn't had it yet - but all orders for ships come thro him (one yard got order for 28 ships yesterday Jack says) & everything to do with the business end & engineering end of N. E.'s supply of new ships & yards comes thro the office. It's called the Emergency Fleet Corporation & the office is in

prices & love from me all -
The customer knows. must go to market now so bye & -
Don't stop *a line to
Wash. D.C. 10/10/41

10 Appleton Road,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Feb. 26, 1918.

Dear Dolly -

Thrilling news for the family today - Beth has cut her first tooth this morning !! how isn't that just too exciting? Gracious I've been having a hard time this last hour to keep from telegraphing you all the news. She was a bit restless & fretful yesterday

for a few hours but I think it
due to the change in food.
She slept soundly all
night, having to be waked
up for her bottles.

Dr Darling came in on
Sunday & ordered a
trial of beef juice (1oz)
alternating with 2-3oz. of
chicken broth and a
substituting of 8oz barley
water for plain boiled water
with the 30oz skimmed
milk. Then in to keep on

experimenting with the cream, a
teaspoonful at a time as long as she
digests it till we gradually have her
taking the normal amount
again. Mr D. said his own second
boy had fat intolerance for a
year was a right that he was
ashamed to call his own, (being
a doctor!) but as soon as the
kid went onto cereals & other solid
food he picked up amazingly
& now at 15 yrs. is a huge over
6-footer, bigger than his father
& as rugged as a farm hand.
He thought I might be encouraged
by knowing his own experience.

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pink to receive your review of
the N.A. Grizzly & Brown Bears &
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came & I read 'em squawk off & I
say I'd like any more from
the same source, so if you have
any more to spare in the
future you just send them
along where they'll be
most. welcome'y devoured.

Henry says so too, and Beth
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read 'em 'fore long too. But
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her all his Indian stories.

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an hour ago it was warm & muggy, the rain was coming down in sheets & it was so dark I had to turn on my desk lamp. Now the sun is out and a cold & very husky wind is howling & blowing away the accumulated rain from the gutters. 'Tis no wonder folks up here catch cold with such sudden changes.

Henry's cold is about gone & he feels fine again, & sleeps like a top. I just had to telephone him after I'd discovered Beth's tooth & he said it was quite important enough news to hold up Uncle Sam's ships for two minutes! In a few days I'll have some more maps of her to send the family.

Bye & thanks just lots for the Merriam publications.

Much love from us all -

Dorothy.

How is Arabella?

3 Chauncy Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.,

May 23, 1918

Dear Daddy,

You certainly are a
big peach to send me
such a big birthday
check which fell out
of the nice letter as a
very unexpected 'surprise'.
Folks don't expect gifts
in war times so I've
more tumbled than ever

and when you come
to see us be sure to
recognize your share
in my new desk - To-
be (soon's it reaches
the store!)

Sorry you've
had no more nibbles
for 1919 and don't see
how anybody could
resist such a lovely
honey home. Let us
know soon's you do

get a real bite. Mother's descriptions of the "look-you-overs" was very amusing.

Your one sourest most bodful est grand chile has gained 6 oz. since Monday & weighs now the enormous sum of 13 lbs 1 oz. How's that for a boost ahead? The coming of tooth no 4 (upper middle incisor) caused her a slight upset for a couple days while we were moving & making considerable noise & also she seemed to notice the change of surroundings & be a bit undecided whether it was O.K. or not. She's quite at home now tho' & happy as a clam again. And her latest stunt is

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of her granddad when
he's trying to look pretty
& then blowing out &
in till she loses her
breath ! She's some cute

Kid !!!

We're getting settled
by degrees & like the
house very much more
than the other one altho
we feel somewhat
cramped just now. I

suppose we'll get used to
less noon shortly &
be quite adapted to it
all in no time & forget
we ever were anywhere
else. To our delight
& surprise (as this part
of C. is low) we have
a stiff breeze almost
all day & have not
therefore been as un-
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have been these warm
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don't see how I could have
managed without her, more
especially with no girl all
^{last} week & now this one when
I have to be in the kitchen
meal times showing my
recently acquired greenhorn
how to cook, which times
always seem to coincide
with Beth's meals too!

Moving is no joke & I
hope we are settled now
for a long time — we feel
more at home here already
than we did in a year at
10 Ap. Rd. — Our neighbours
are the right sort too &
the surroundings nice, all
of which makes such a
difference in one's contented-
ness. There are four other
adorable kiddies in the three

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time from adorning
our own most wonder-
ful one we peek out
the windows at the
others or enjoy
their happy little
voices while they're
making mud-pies.

I've wanted to ask
your advice for some
time as to how I can

pay Mr. Darling for
his services and not
so contrary to all this
professional etiquette
stuff. You were one
of the profession so
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we feel so horribly indebted to him we want to do some thing & don't know how.

Henry's work continues very interesting & very enjoying too & his responsibilities seem to be on the increase.

He is fortunate to hold such a responsible position so young and to be "making good" at it too. I can tell you details later that are too many to write.

Henry has had the steering of a strike & handle by himself this week, as representing the district office & he's been tired out from the strain.

The men are back at work tho, pending the company's ^{to them} fulfilling its promises, under

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than any others &
is doing good work
but is crooked thro
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getting suspicious
of everybody now as
he'd never come up
against such crooked-

mess & lying before! He
says they are so clever
in their wordings of
letters & phone calls
that they'd trip up the
central office here twice
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inspectors at each yard who have to pass on everything going into the ships. There is no chance of faulty work being done. — The ships are coming along & by the end of this month Henry says one ship a day will be launched of the Emergency Fleet. Confidentially (so's not to hurt the lady's feelings !! x?) this district is thoroughly disgusted at the names chosen supposedly by Mrs Wilson for the new fleet & they all think some clerk must have run thro a random list & chosen whatever her pen fell on! For instance The Baybay will always be called "Baby" & the Borac, Borac & most of

The others will be difficult
to understand by
wireless or to pronounce
twice the same way.

Too bad - 'cause a
ship's name always
has meant so much
to its navigators.

The practicability of
concrete ships has been
an interesting feature
in discussion but
Henry says the experiment
is working out more

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of rough sea & weather
on Pacific coast that
any would be likely to
have & the stress &
strain were measured
very carefully on
every part of her &
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more than $\frac{1}{12}$ of the
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capable. Also a concrete ship
is lighter than a steel one?
The same size tho heavier
of course than a similar
^{rigged} wooden one. They are built
[^] long & low like whalebacks
the better to withstand the
heavy seas. — There are
so many interesting things in
Henry's technical engineering
magazines nowadays that
I find myself reading
each number that comes
for news of war-
time construction!

Well this is a regular
rambling rosy effect
& I'd better give you a
rest & go get Beth's orange
juice squeezed.

Heaps of love to Maw &
Paw & rabbits & bushds of
thanks for my lovely birthday
letter & check.

Dorothy
is washing her head! We feel so ^{superior} with all the hot water we want!!

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3 Chauncy Terrace,
Nov. 7, 1918.

Madly dear -

Nothing special in
this copy of E. F. News
- but I think maybe you'd
like to glance thru it
anyhow. Henry says
we are putting out about
two ships a week now
in our district.

Wish we knew the
true situation tonight
as today's papers have
all been so wild.
with peace announce-

ments & the town has
been so noisy with
folks hollering and
bells ringing, that
one is posed & believes
that the impossible
has occurred and
Germany has laid
down arms. I can't
seem to believe it
yet — not till I know
its so!

I hope you all
got across safely &
escaped colds. Do be

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hermits need that juice
back in that flu-infected
town & don't go out with
folks.

Henry is attaching a
longer cord to my phone
so that it'll reach my
bedside & be of some use
now that I'm up here in
my room all the time.

Both your gran'childrens
are just fine & I think
the most recent acquisition
is going to be an acrobat for
Barnum & Bailey. She's the
greatest little strelcher ever
you saw & how she jumps
& squeaks as she's doing it too!!
and Beth is just the most won-

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Nov. 12, 1918

3 Chancery Terrace,

Nov. 8, 1918.

Waddy dear,

Well what do you mean by trying to scare us to pieces, eh? You just stay a bed now & take your medicine for being so bad, and just let that wife of yours boss you around & spank you if you aren't good! Next time you want to clean out dusty furnaces go tie yourself up somewhere & whistle for help.

Hope mother has been able to get a servant by this time so you all

won't get too tired after the
trip & make the good
rest of the summer.

By jinks you know
I've made a discovery
would you like me to
impart it to you? well,
here goes - you have
two mighty lovely lil
granchilluns in your
family & I'm so proud
of 'em & so dumb
tickled over 'em I don't
see how I'm going to
stand it if I don't get
'em down to show you
all sometime! It's just

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terrible to be so torn & in opposite directions, so that you're dying to go home & see the family & yet you just can't bear leaving your bestest hubby long enough to do it. Now what's the solution?

Carol weighs 8 lbs today - a 6oz gain since she got home. Not quite as much as she gained at hospital but I suppose it was natural after the effort of the trip & for her not to gain the first three days. Beth seems to be trying to cut a second molar & I hope succeeds in better time than with the first. She has a horrid blowson on her nose - ugly red but not headed up yet - & what looks to me like a big sty on one eye which also bothers her. The sty came to a pin point head & Gray got out matter so I hope it'll go away now as B. looks so wretched with it half closing that eye. I wish Mr Goodridge would come in & look at it. I've bathed it in

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warm boric acid several
times a day:

Surgeous day again -
bright & clear cold. Yesterday
I sat out on upstairs porch
for an hour or so & did
so enjoy the fresh air. Then
rested. 26 I got a bit tired
I got a fierce headache - all
over my head & down my
neck & my eyes feel blurry.
Why is that?

After seeing the papers
Gray bro't home & listening
to the wild excitement
outdoors following the
false reports of peace, I
showed Henry the raid
there'd been official
denials from state dept. but

I see this reads a big long piece till that happy day's
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nobody sensed it & the
hilarity continued. Poor
Graz was almost reduced
to tears with excitement (her
fiange is over & she had visions
of seeing him by spring!)
& even when I told her the
official news she just clung
to her hopes. So this morning's
papers have had a reaction!
Henry said that his office
couldnt get a clear phone
connection with Phila. Office
all PUE as there was no
much noise in the latter
place that voices were
blurred.

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my mood & sit in my chair
anwhile now, so bye & take
care of my childrens Grandpa
for them. they can hardly wait

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3 Channey Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Sunday, Nov. 17, 1918.

Dear Daddy

Carol is getting to be just the
cutest tike! She's changed so in the
last week or ten days that we
hardly know what to make of her.
She's quite a "good looking" now
with her round fat little cheeks
& her big wide-open dark eyes
& eyebrows - a perky little lady.
At present she has a slight rash on
each cheek which ~~is~~ ^{is} very becoming
to her, giving her some color like
her Granddaddy! Gray says this
sure there's a mistake somewhere
& that Carol was "borned" a
couple months old right at the
start, she's so knowing & wise-
looking! She does seem older
than one month and brighter.
She's a comical crier too when she's
awake, grunting & stretching

& squeaking to herself & waving
her arms around. I wonder
what she'll be like six months
from now!

Beth is in her room
hollering to me Ma-ma, Ba-ba,
Hel-lo, Gub-gub, Doll-ee,
Ball, in rapid succession & then
laughing when I answer her.

(Fochs are still at breakfast, so
we have things to ourselves up
here.) Yesterday afternoon

when Gray took her for her
daily walk in her carriage
she acted in the funniest
way the whole time she was
out, just as if she didn't want
to go and "jes wasn't going to
play 't all!" Instead of sitting
up real perky-like and talking
a blue stunner all the time and
hollering Hello & Bye to every-
body that passed, she slumped
back against her pillow, hung

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her head down over her shoulder, solemn as law, and wouldn't look up once or say a word! Wasn't that funny? Gray said it was all the world like an older child whose feelings were hurt and she wasn't going to play. She never did such a thing before and we didn't know what to think!

Thanks for telling me about Camphor Petrieger which I shall procure soon and keep on hand for future emergencies. Both of Beth's offending bumps have about disappeared now due to warm boric acid on the ity and that peculiar resinol-smelling salve on the boil.

I agree with you that I came home too soon but perhaps if I have enough of these picnics maybe by the tenth or fifteenth (?) I'll know how to manage properly + get rested first and up on my feet second! However I'm fine now + taking things slowly + if I can get the newant problem settled and my mind free thereby, I shall get along faster.

The woman who came yesterday is pleasing personally and above her class but she is so fearfully slow nothing seems to get accomplished, meals are an hour or so late, dishes not washed till nearly time for the next meal + everything else done in about the same higgity-iggity manner + to my horror she can't cook at all but expects Gray to be in the kitchen to show her every step. Of course the first few days

in a new place are confusing I know,
+ she may work in better soon,
but she never had no experience
at all in housework. She should
have applied for a job as baby-tender
for the lover kids — and I want
a house worker, not a nurse!

Take good care of yourself +
don't catch any more colds.
We've all been free of 'em so far
+ take good care to stay so as
long as we can 'cause this
brastly climate up here never
enjoy keeping a fella's cold
lasting on all winter when
once one starts.

But sends a hug + kiss to
Granddaddy along with daddy's +
mother's love. Its now her bedtime +
she's a regular lil curly-headed
brown Teddy bear in her pajamas!

You see my letters never get entirely
written at one sitting!

Lots of love from our big
family (big as yours now, isn't
it?)

Dee.

Dec. 20, 1918

3 Channing Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 5, 1918

Happy birthday daddy dear
and bushels more of 'em
at some of which may
your two lil granddaughters
be present to help you
celebrate and spank and
kiss their Granddad
the proper number of
times. But if you look
very closely perhaps you
can find all the love
& kisses they are tucking
in for you long distance
in this envelop.

Grandpapa has just

been over to see the feminine
portion of the family &
held Beth & to his surprise
found her quite a heavy
load with her 23 1/4 lbs.

He sees quite a striking
"family resemblance"
between her and Carol
but all I can see of it
is that they both have
baby-pug-noses (like
Auntie Zenaiko!!) Carol
is 9 1/2 lbs. and looks just
splendid and oh dad its
such a relief to have her
go ahead so well, after
my experience with Beth.

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8 1/2 months. I'm feeling fine now. My strength and desire to be up & doing things came all of a sudden the 6th week. But I still keep my rest time for an hour or more after lunch every day & shall try to take that time right along so's not to overdo and thereby hurt Carol's chances for a continuance of her good start.

Today I took the subway in to one store in Boston to buy Humm's Vmas for him as I knew I'd not have a chance to ship in after Gray goes Monday & I am bathing both kiddies 2 M's so. And I couldn't very well delegate that particular bit of shopping to anyone else, could I now? as I wasn't sure myself just what I wanted. Course I was tired but I've rested ever since so am no worse off than if I'd not gone, I'm sure.

Have you a stenographer at last? Mother says 38 applied! Mercy, you must have been fagged out after

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interviewing that bunch
and ought certainly
to have found some good
ones among the lot.
How's that cold of yours -
all gone?

Beth is cutting double
teeth and doesn't feel
good and yesterday
came down with a
head cold which however
we've about broken up
today, so the little
tike feels lots better.
Her tummy was upset
- some curds came up -
so we're only giving her
warm milk today and

one spoonful of cereal +
9 reports she'll be OK to-
morrow again. She's
such a chirly happy baby
even when she no feels
good. This morning I
got her a pair of brown
mocassins & by jinks
they're too big for those
tiny feet — and I that
surely I'd gotten in
small ones! Then I also
found some warm "comfy"
slippers like a grown-up's
plus fur around the
tops, and I just couldn't
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She's dressed, to keep her tootsies warm.

How 'd you like Carol's pictures? Isn't she a fine big baby? What do you prescribe for her in the wee AM hours to stop up the terrific racket that issues forth from her there — a cork? Or ear-muffs? My word, she sounds like a whole regiment!!

Henny is beginning to see a slackening up in the work now and thinks the need for going it at the pressure he has for a year, is about over. The contracts will continue thro 1919 however so he expects to have plenty to do for some months yet. Wish we could get far west later on when this job ends & not be stuck in New England all our days.

How's Arabella working this year? Too cold here to enjoy riding now.

Bushels of love & our Granddaddy and piles & heaps of the bestest birth-day wishes from us all,
Dorothy.

P.S. Dec. 6.

We kept this over to await the prints of the babes which were due to come yesterday & which we took Sunday especially for our Granddaddy. But they're not as good as we expected & we're disappointed & shall try again the next clear Sunday & hope to send you better ones later on.

We haven't yet quite learned all the tricks of the new camera plus photo portrait lens & indoor setting.

Everything covered with snow today, deep over everything. Pretty but I'm sorry to see winter so soon as it lasts so long up here.

Just after telling you that Henry's work was letting up some,

financial necessities indefinitely. One \$5,000 man has been
only \$2,900 - & so on.

He had to work all evening & didn't get home here till 10 minutes to midnight! Some special report on salaries had to go in today. He wants to raise some who've been with the S. Board over a year & there's a lot of red tape to go thro with first. All thro the district employees are being dropped off to cut expenses now that the pressure need of work is past & during November alone some \$43,000 was dropped off the payroll here in this district alone. But in order to hold some of their men, who've gone into this work for patriotic reasons & have taken small salaries, they'll have to be given more or they'll naturally feel they must get back to their personal work as some of them can't keep up the

3 Chancery Terrace,
Dec. 19, 1919.

Dear Daddy,

That the enclosed might
be of interest to you all at
1834. We are eagerly waiting
to know which day to ex-
pect you & mother, together
or tandem & we warn you
we shall do our best to keep
you more'n 40 weeks after
we will get you. We shan't
let you out of our sight for
fear some scientific
friend may catch a glimpse
of you & take you away

from us! It'll be a real Xmas
with you all here & we're
just so overcome with ap-
preciation of your coming
that we don't know how
to say so properly. We'd
been dreading Xmas alone
so much that we tried
not to think of it, even
with Beth to keep things
going. So it's just planned
dear of you to come &
Beth is already saying
"Yammuh & Yumfa come
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is not to be imagined for a
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omits "take bye bye in the car" too!!

Mother has exact directions from the South Station to our house but here's a brief resumé in case hers gets lost! "Cambridge subway just outside station to end of line, Harvard Sq.; still underground go on beyond head of train down corridor marked "Cars for Arlington, No. Cambridge + Huron Ave", & take a car marked North Cambridge to Chauncy Street, on left of carline as you get off, walk down Ch. St. on left side about 1/2 block, then look up high on a tree after you pass the apt. house & you'll be surprised to see a sign "Chauncy Terrace" displayed thereon

which sign was only put there yesterday!! Come right along in to the first stucco house & find your family! P.S. Get your sleeper soon as you hit

It's been awfully cold the last few days - 6° below zero yesterday and zero all a.m. - so fetch your warmest coat.

Much love to all at 1834 from all of us & an extra big batch for you

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3 Channing Terrace,
Cambridge 38, Mass.
April 14, 1920.

Dear Daddy,
My land but we do
miss you all heaps! Beth
has been talking off &
on, to all your pictures
telling each of you "good
morning" & wanting to
see you. & This a.m. she
kept telling Grandma
Julie to "get down off the
picture & play wif Beth."
She goes to bed by herself

all right again after 1 1/2 days
of remonstrating with
her cruel parents for
deserting her! And two
nice little neighboring
Kiddies have adopted her
to play with afternoons
out front where I can
watch them & still be
able to get some work
done myself.

My trunk came at
last late yesterday
but minus the rope
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tied around it. I have been unpacking all morning and trying to get settled again.

Mary had the house so clean that it is a joy to settle down again. After previous trips either to Wash. or to Hongkong I've had to return to a dusty stuffy house & do my own cleaning up.

We've had two rainy days which will I hope start the buds & grass. The sun is out just now for a peep. No snow on the ground in general, but an occasional drift still remains in crevices up against the never-see-the-sun side of one or two large buildings here.

Aunt Mary & Grandfapa have called since our return & the latter asked me if I had one of your articles on the Oregon Indians & dialects which he might borrow to read.

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Have you any such article that is easily get-at-able to lend him? He is most particular about returning borrowed things. He has been going thro his old journals & letters & renewing his interest in his early surveying days in the north-west.

The following indication of Thirstiness & a desire to do her best may interest you. Henry gave Mary \$10 cash the day after 9

left, to buy groceries that she
couldn't get where I have an
account & later on hunting
in the kitchen pantry for some
article which Mary was out
he found a slip of paper in
a covered bowl with the
money, & on the paper was
written. "Mr. A. gave me
\$10 on March 16. Now see how
far you can make it go."
That tickled me both.

She is calling me for lunch
now so bye for this time
with heaps of love from
us all including a big
Kiss from Beth -
Dorothy

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• 3 Chauncy Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.

Apr. 20, 1920.

Dear Daddy,

I want your advice
about these books of
Letton's as a possible
purchase for Beth
when she is old enough
to grasp them. Are
they only for boys, or
would she enjoy
them & do you know

whether the price of \$11.50
for the four really is
less than buying
them one at a time
in the stores? The ad.
came a few days
ago. We want to begin
to collect a small
library of worthwhile
children's books, one at
a time so later on we'll
be asking you for the
names of some you've
made sure of before

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you've passed ^{them} on to your
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telling of series of children's
books on history, geography
nature studies &c, more
often than not by authors
we never heard of & we don't
wish to get any fakers
like that long person's 6
footed animals or some
such thing that someone
sent me & me once.

Everything fine here
including Beth who spends
her days digging in the dirt
out front & pouring it in
handfuls down her front.
She has a hole ^{out} big enough to hold
the teakettle! Three of us are
combining to get a sand
pile & box for our 3 kids.

Warm as summer today & we
lugged for a while in wheelbarrows
into the woods!

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3 Channing Terrace,
May 24, 1920.

Daddy dear,
My birthday was
such an unexpectedly lovely
one that I don't know where
to begin thanking folks!
You're just a dear to spare
me such a big check daddy
with old H.C. H. staring
everybody out of countenance
& its going into the bank
again a rainy day or a future

investment. Many thanks
for it + your nice letter.

I was most tickled to have
a line after your N.Y. trip
tho sorry you were so used
up: Hope the cold has gone
now + left you none the
worse.

If its as cool there
as here you're not seriously
minding not being en-
route to Sag yet. We had
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as the slight heat from the
furnace did not drive off
the damp chill following two

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successive days of east wind & rain.
 We are thankful to have the weather
 cool as long as possible while
 we're here - summer heat is
 so fearful in this town. It's just
 lovely here now - the trees' green
 leaves are out fully, & until this
 rain & wind knocked the blossoms
 off, the fruit trees in neighboring
 estates & along the street have
 been a gorgeous mass of bloom
 to our great delight. Now the lilies
 are out & the air is sweet with
 them. Aunt May bro't me some of
 her lilies of the valley & we trans-
 planted them onto the cool shady
 side of our porch & then it con-
 veniently rained so they are
 thriving. A few buds have appeared,
 so we feel quite hopeful!

We shall try to sublet for the summer
 to save rent provided we can find
 suitable tenants to leave our nice
 things with. There is a rent commission
 here ^{in B.} but one is likely to be kicked out
 entirely as a return spite if one
 complains - & there's no place else to go.

The P.B.'s new farmer is to call me "Mrs. Abbott" the best I can. I have to be careful not to smile & trust her feelings. Please

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Box 7

Wongquitt, Mass.

July 21, 1920.

I want to hear
all about your
lectures. 22 you
tooth O.K. now?

Dear Daddy,

I had already addressed
an envelope to Literary Digest
yesterday to renew my sub-
scription when a card came
from them in the morning
mail telling me you'd given
it to me for another year &
I guess you know how
tickled I am after all that
I have both said of our en-
joyment of the Lit. So here
are many thanks from us
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From a delightfully refreshing
swim in water that has
been 70° two days now. This
place has taught me to be
quite a fish & no swim of
reasonable distance phases
me any more for I feel
quite at home in the water.
Beth would amaze you by
her love & fearlessness
of it! She walks right
out to her waist line or
above & then lies down on
her tummy to "firm" so it
behaves me to be there to
hold her chin! This A.M. she
told me not to hold her "I
wants to firm all by myself"

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but I don't want her to get scared of it
by going under so keep ahold of
her thro' all her antics. I'm so
glad she likes it so much. She
twins & I went in at 10 last night
& it was lovely. The water is so
still at night too warm that you
get a fine reaction & sleep like
a log. At night we can leave off
stockings & skirts & go in just in
tights & it makes us envy the
men their freedom all the
time from the weight of skirts
& slippers & stockings. Mamma &
Pater go in every day too & we all
swim away from the pier over
onto the outer rocks away from
The crowd.

What do you think of the disap-
pointing results of both conventions?

Which man - or which party
rather, - are your sympathies
or if not warm enough for that,
your choice?

The enclosed clipping
probably is no news to you but
I cut it out for you anyhow.

We're so tickled to hear of the
new car you've ordered.

Beth says "Mamma, you say love
I you?" and dear I say, why course
I do." Isn't that cute? Every now & then she
asks where "Grandpa" & "Grandma" & "Auntie"

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CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

October 22, 1920.

Dear Daddy,
Enclosed contents in
the wee envelope is just to keep
you all from forgetting your
little curly-headed Goldilocks
who is such a very adorable
mischievous monkey.

You'd have been amused
yesterday to have seen her
punish herself for disobeying
me. I was undressed, & had
let her out front to play as
usual, getting her promise
not to go down onto the side-
walks at the street — but she

forgot after a while & when I couldn't
see her from the house hurriedly
flung on a dress & go after her
she was up the other side of the
apartment. So I brot her up to
my room to sit on a chair
beside me cause "she was such
a little girl she couldn't learn
& do as mother asked" and
she sat there pondering for a
few moments, then announced,
"Beith a naughty girl maama.
I guess I better go in the
closet till I'm a good girl."
Whereupon she hopped down
tried to open daddy's closet
door & it stuck so she said
"I s'pose I better go into your

resting you 3 to come to us again when you return to Wash. no you just make your plans accordingly! Please love - Dee

closet maama, I can't get daddy's open,
& Beth was naughty." So she shut
herself in mine for several minutes
& I was dying to eat her up she was so
cute & then announced that she
was a "good girl now & will
'member not to go on the sidewalk."
And she 'membered all the
afternoon too. But wasn't it
cute of her to punish herself?
It isn't the fact of being in the closet
but that she is in disgrace when
having to go in it, that makes
this severe (?) form of punishment
effective.

We are having a week of very enervating
weather - 72° & 75° even at 9 PM
& we all feel it & are wilted.
It must be lovely at Lagunitas
now. I want to hear about your
& Zee's trip of which mother's
letter today tells me only the
fact that you two are going off
while Uncle & Auntie are there.

Henry's Watertown trip did not prove
a success this time as the Pres. of
the Co. wasn't seeing anybody - due
to death in family, & he couldn't
get an interview. Spent 4 hrs. with
Lyman in Lyons Falls, then thru
Sould's mill & got somewhat
acquainted with Lyman. - I am ex

3 Chauncy Terrace,
Cambridge 38, Mass.
Nov. 8, 1920.

Dear Dad,

Henry has gone
to Springfield to see
how some work we're
doing there is coming
on & he hopes to get
back late tonight.
We have a "date" for
the movies tomorrow
night to see Lionel

Barrymore in "The
Master Mind" & he's
going to take his
best girl.

Next Saturday we
are going to a foot-
ball game between
Martinovich & Brown,
here at the Harvard
Stadium - the first
game we've been to
since engagement
days, & it'll be

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with bands playing & every-
body cheering & singing
college songs. Dartmouth
has just beaten Cornell
— her first defeat this year,
so we should see a lively
game. Friday night Henry
went to the banquet
celebrating the 40th anniversary
of the Society of Mechanical
Engineers. which is "some
pumpkins" I believe.
There were telegrams of
several pages each, read
aloud from prominent
men, Harding for one,
Hoover (an especially fine
one from him) &c; the
mayor of Boston was there
& a message read from
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have come but the
Northampton folks
gave him a reception
that night up there.

Grandpa has sent in
Jack Vaughan's name
for nomination for
the Academy of Sciences
being anxious to have
the engineer section
made larger. He
criticizes the too large
percentage of college
professors too & feels

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that the society no longer is
representative of science
in the way it was originally
intended. Henry is
not sure Jack's record is
of the type to make him
eligible altho he is well
known thro' out the
engineering world, belongs
to most of their societies,
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Engin. School. He hasn't pub-
lished very much. - Just
that you might be interested
momentarily in the incident.

When are you ever making
travels for Cambridge?
You made a good beginning
last year you know & I'm
expecting you to keep up the
good work every year now
& spend at least a few
days with your grandchild.
Please do try to plan it
daddy, for all three of
you & stay just as long
as you possibly can.
I'll guarantee Beth will
prove so fascinating that
the days will fly! She's
just a adorable & getting so
grown-up in some ways that
it scares me - she'll be
going to college first thing
I know, oh dear! She's at the

dull age now - its beginning
that is - & wheels all
of her dozen dolls &
doggies & cats up & down
the front walk in her
own carriage, taking
them out to hug now &
then & wrapping them
up in a blanket
"so's they won't catch
cold & have to put
abolene (elbolene!) up their
noses."

Friday I went in to lunch
with Henry & he took me

to look at some mill ends of wool
goods at an Army sale we
got 2 lovely pieces, one dark
silver gray & another dark
brown with a faint plaid thro
it, one 3.97 & the other 5.75 big
enough for a bed, or, as I in-
tend using the brown one,
for a lovely shirt for me,
for this winter. We shall
have in supply of canned
goods also.

Beth has just brought
her dollies in now & it's
most time for me to help
get her dinner ready.

Lots of love from us all &
a Kiss ☺ from Beth. - Dorothy

Recd
Dec 12, 1920

3 Chauncy Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 11, 1920.

Dear Daddy,
Many many more
happy returns of the
birthday so soon to come
upon you again & a
bushel & a peck of love
from us all three way
over on the east coast
line. Wish we might
be together to help celebrate
but we aren't forgetting

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for one minute that
Xmas isn't very far off
& that we're counting
on Grandma & Grandpa
& Auntie as sure as
night follows day, to
make our Xmas time
worth while. So if it's
humanly (& financially)
possible just come
right along & see how
what a happy family
the Abbotts' 'll be to
have you three — & how

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Dec 12, 1920

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disappointed should anything prevent your coming.

We're having a blustery night after several cartloads of rain during the day so hope for a clear day tomorrow.

Hurry is busy but expects no more trips soon. It seems to be Jack's & Kern's turn now!

Did we tell you we had an electric waffle iron? Well sir, we have & it makes scream-diklus waffles & we'll promise you some when you come, & put real true Vermont maple syrup on 'em too! Each waffle cooks in 1/2 minute - just time to eat the preceding one.

Beth continues to be a passably nice child, but you better come see for yourself what she's like & whether you approve! She's learning the days of the week gradually & already knows that Sat. P. M. & Sunday mean 'Daddy

home " + therefore is as tickled when they come 'round as her mother is! " Don't forget for a minute how much we want you for 'week, now will you. - 30 -

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Dec. 28, 1920.

Dearest Daddy,

Your good letter came on yesterday's last mail bringing your dear wishes and the fat check in lieu of you yourself & the mother & sis. Many thanks for both daddy & the big check will go into the piano fund! We were fearfully disappointed not to have our precious family here, for Xmas but glad to hear that you were to be with friends for the day instead of celebrating at Lag all by your lonesomes. We

had kept hoping till the last that you might come after all & therefore held our 'Party' bundles here till too late to mail them West. Now you'll have Xmas all over again when you reach 1919!

We had a very lovely Christmas considering how lonesome we were for you all. Santa was quite overwhelmingly generous to all of us - Beth in particular! It'll take her at least 365 days to get acquainted with all her new things, & she's handing them out one or two at a time in order that she may not tire of too much.

She helped trim the tree, hanging several balls herself & looking over

each shining bauble before handing it to me so really had the fun of getting ready for Santa. And I near Eve when she hung her stockings you would have eaten her up she was so adorable, so earnest & so starry-eyed. Standing close to the chimney she called "Oh Santa, if I been a good girlie I hope you wants bring me a dolly baby carriage. I write you a letter so you can 'member it and now I go sleepy - bye so's you can come." Then she demanded pencil & paper & said out loud what she was writing & again called to Santa "Here it is right on the chim-ney Santa", laying the letter on the logs, & turning to Annie said "I hope you got the chimney all clean Annie so Santa Claus won't get himself all dirty 'cause he comes right down there (pointing) to fill all those stockings." Then she recited with me, all of "The Night Before Xmas" breathless & big-eyed with excitement & throwing kisses to Santa went off to bed and to our astonishment, to sleep immediately! At seven A. M. we three came downstairs for our stockings & in her excitement over seeing her full one, leaped right over her big new Kiddie Kar without

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seeing it at all! In fact she didn't find it till later when she came to breakfast. She enjoyed untying & opening each thing more than I that she would & wanted to undo ours too. During our "Tree" after breakfast she untied each of her things herself, bringing me the ribbons & papers & picking off each sticker to "save for next time." (Tidy like her Grandpa you see!)

She (supposedly) took her nap when 1449 went over to Ethel's for one-thirty dinner & Annie dressed & brot her over about three & then we had another array of gifts then, Beth

keeping to pass them & later blowing
out the candles on the tree & asking
to have them relighted that she might
blow 'em out again. She was per-
fectly at home over there in spite
of 5 new cousins' presence & had
a happy time playing & jumping
in utter unconsciousness of her
own attractiveness to the sur-
rounding crowd of relatives! The
new doll carriage with 3 dolls in it
had to go along of course, & she
pushed it all the way home again
after dark, preferring to ride in her
own big one! Next day she finished
opening her packages & went thro
a tea party of 12 relatives here Sunday

P.M. happy as a "clamb" & apparently delighted to see everybody. She's a sociable youngster & always pleased when company comes. When all were here she announced "hey, I've got lots of company too. Mamma said I could have the company." Then she proceeded to help entertain them by taking her album of snaps to one, & a new toy or gift to another to show ^{them all} what Santa had brought. They all were more firmly convinced than ever that she's the sweetest kid in the universe & so unspoiled & unconscious of her adorable pretty self.

Yesterday the reaction came from all the unusual excitement & I guess it was to be expected, careful as I had been not to overtax her. She's so good thro' anything that it's hard to believe it's being too much for her. She had a slight temperature yesterday running from 100.3 to 100.7 (rectal temp.) & was content to lie quietly on the sofa before the fire & only have beefjuice & gruel. This A.M. fever is gone & she's better after getting up some yellowish green fluid (bile?). I didn't call Dr. D. as the upset seemed about what she'd had before except she didn't vomit, & I gave her the phenacitin powders & soda water, & they seem to have done the

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trick. Keeping her abed today but she's playing happily with her dolls & pegboard & looks up with Josephine who is here for the day. Too bad she can't be out for it's a bright lovely day after it rained heavily all yesterday - our first this year. But she'll be O.K. tomorrow.

All the relatives asked me to send you 3 their warmest remembrances & to tell you how disappointed they are not to see you here this year. A cousin, Fanny Abbot Wells is very anxious to see you again tho you've forgotten her - she met you years & years

ago in Tacoma & wants to know next
time you're here! So there now! She's
the daughter of the original owner of the
Douglas cottage, Frank Abbott, the
philosopher & eccentric.

Henry hopes to find out what
he's after & telegraph you about the
Hilco or others before you buy.
He'd like to save you 20% if he
can but was so rushed those last
few days before Xmas that he
couldn't go in to it as he will
now.

The children are outdoors
with their sleds & shovels playing
in the snow & Beth is dying to join
them. Poor Kid.

Time for her beef juice & a

nap now so I had better put the brakes on
this long-winded epistle.

She just called down to have me play
Lil Bo Peep on the Victrola & "then play
John the Hawk" (Joan of Arc)!! Imit she
-cute tho?

Uchou Blake, one of Mr's Back Bay
cousins, has told us to go to a certain
piano dealer in town who carries good
ones & is perfectly reliable & who always
gives Uchou's friends discounts. So
we shall look over his stock. Boole was
here Sunday & called up a former
classmate of his at Harvard who has a
piano factory here in Cambridge & gave
our names as prospects perhaps.
His piano, the Poole, we know to be a
good one so we shall look over both
kinds before making a decision.
Nothing like friends to help one out!

Heaps & bushels of love and
happy new year wishes and Thanks
for the lovely Christmas,

Kisses from

Dorothy

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P.S. Are you contemplating the
purchase of the Amer. Sit for
Washington use?

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1921-1922

(Mrs. Henry Dehon Abbot) - daughter

3 Charming Terrace,
Jan. 13, 1921.

Dear Daddy,

Wish we knew whether
you were at the tother end of
the continent, at its middle
or fast approaching this
end! S'awful having your
family hanging in space, so
to speak, & my nakes will
be glad to have 'em back
at 1919 again where we
can hear news of 'em
more quickly. Wish you

3 Charming Terrace,
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at 1919 again where we
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more quickly. Wish you

could come up for a visit but
you just tuck it back in
your brain that any old
time you can come along
we shall all three be
pleasurably tickled silly to
have you!

Found the enclosed
in last night's "Traveller".
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blackberries!!

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$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of hydriatic acid in water every 3 hrs. & it seems to help her. She is as full of life & pep as a young colt - not the least bit sick you see. It's very cold today & bed is safer for her till she's over that cough. Dr D said it was confined to her throat which isn't very red even so, She has her large family of dolls to play with & her books & her colored wooden beads so is happy as a lark.

We hear occasionally from Auntie Florence & are glad Uncle is improving & resting. It's rather pathetic to have them off so far away from their "folks" for such a long time. We never were told whether it was Uncle's heart or lungs that was affected. Bushels of love & welcome home! -
Dorothy

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3 Chauncy Terrace,
February 10-21

Dearest Daddy,

I have to say goodnight
to you before my own eyes
shut up entirely as they've
been trying to the last half
hour. Been sitting round
waiting for the phone girl
to announce north 5198
on ^{the} other end of the
wire so I can hear
first hand how my
daddy is before we go to
bed. I expect you're fast
asleep by this time as

all good little patients should
be and I hope all the pain
& discomfort have gone &
that your enforced stay-
abed will prove a fine
rest from now on. Just
wish Beth & H. & I could
run in to see you too, as
mother & you do. Beth would
probably insist on seeing
your bandages & ask you
if that was where the
"hurter" is.

As usual tonight
she got the better of us again
bless her cuteness & tho she
was naughty we had to
laugh afterwards. Her daddy

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that because she was naughty about her supper,
said, he'd deprive her of one of her beloved
kame-names (pieces of absorbent cotton) that
she hugs in each hand while going to
sleep. That was a fearful tragedy at
first & most brought tears till she
took the one piece he allowed her &
promptly announced "I can tear
it into two kame-names, can't I
daddy?" which she could, of course,
& did - thereby winning her point
or desire or what you will - also!

She's like her Grandma - hard to
"catch"! One of her favorite
indoor pastimes is to open a door
& swing on it by holding onto
both inner & outer knobs & drawing
up her feet; another joy is to lie
down on the floor way over in one
corner of the room & roll herself
over & over as fast as she can,
clear across the room. This good
as a dust mop!

I ran over to see Aunt May &
Grandpapa today & both sent you
no end of warm regards & good
wishes for a speedy recovery & of
course were very sorry to know
that you were laid up. Goodnight

ready leave & get well soon. All the love & affection of your little sister
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3 Channing Terrace
Feb-16, 1921.-

Madddy dear,
Well what a
lovely Valentine you
were to your family!
And to think you
felt fine enough to
dictate such a nice
long letter to me
which I was tickled
to pieces to have
just now! We're so

Happy over your progress
we could "holler." Its
no fun being so far
away when your
dearest and best dad
is sick. Peter wrote
me all about his
visit to you at the
hospital on the theory
that good news could
not be repeated too
often. Its just great
to think of you as at
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How happy mother & Zee are
to have you. They both wrote
me squawk off the bat when
Hans told em you could go
home (before you knew it!)
& their letters were bristling
with joy & excitement &
so was I when I'd read
them. I'm sorry for the
prevalence of smallpox
there. Any accounting
for it? We're disappointed
that none of the first batch
of films came out as
the shutter wasn't working
but here's one left-over
from the last 2 days at
Dongniet which was in the
camera before shutter
trouble started - & a small

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pathetic one of her out on
the porch a few days
ago. She wanted to
sit on her sand box
so that Grandpa could
see it & at the second
I snapped her, she
"took on" this worried
expression cause she
began to slip back-
wards into the sand.
Ever see such a mop
of hair for a 3 1/2? She's

3 years & 7 months old
today.

Grandfapa came
in Sunday to ask about
you & Aunt May has
come several times &
both of them asked me
to send you their good
wishes &c. -

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Pickford last night
& she's every bit as
lovely as she ever
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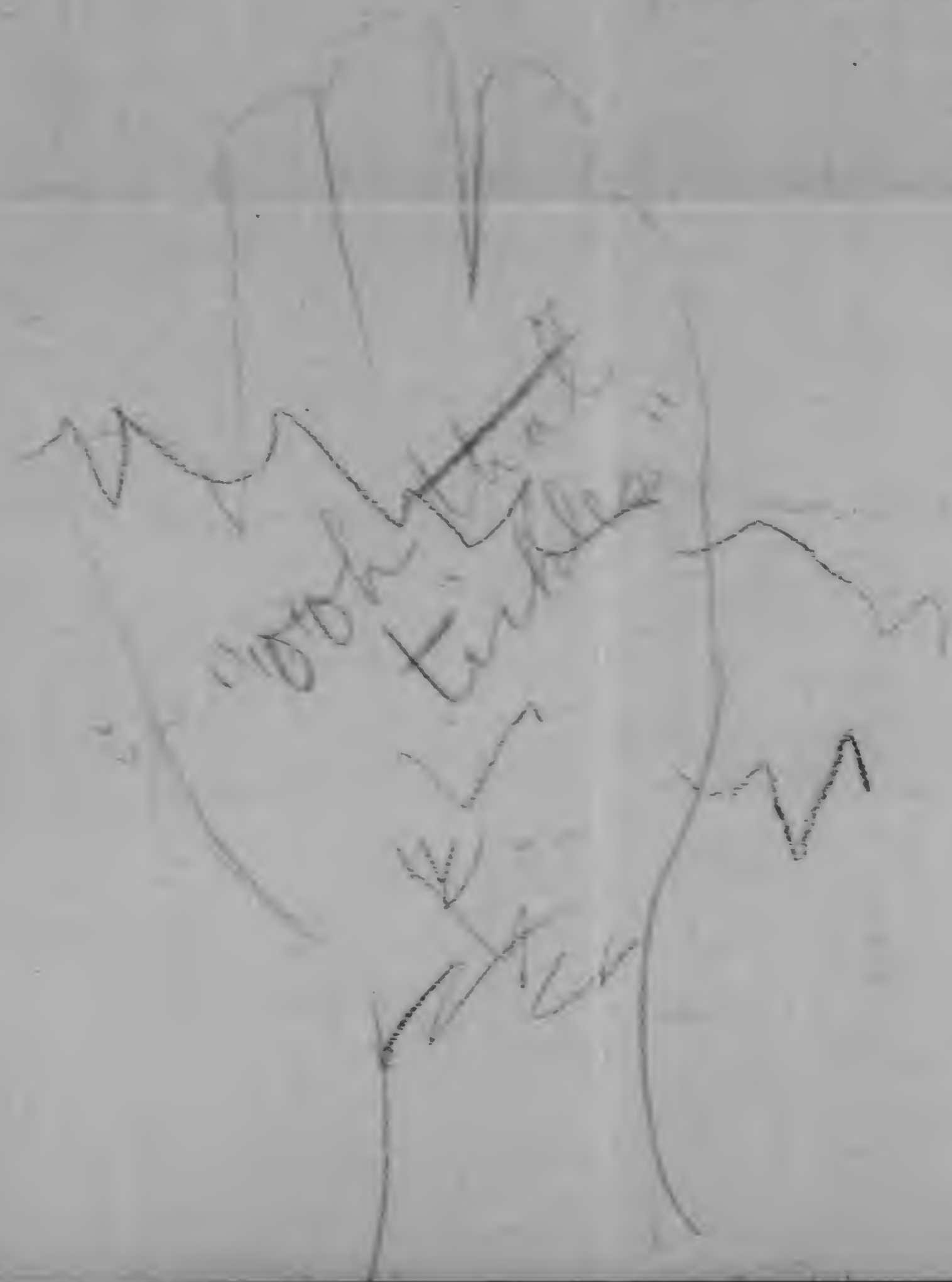
Beth has just come down stairs with one of her teapots full of water which she is now

drinking. She sends lots of thanks for all her Valentines;

& wants to know "why did they send 'em?"

Bushels love

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Added:

3 Chauncey Terrace,
Feb. 18, 1921.

Dear Daddy,

We woke up this
A. M. to find it very
blustery & cold again
after several springlike
days & Beth & I have
just had a nice walk
to get the fresh air...

We 'most blew away.

In a minute I'm
going to wash my hair

Beeth says she wants
to help me. Tomorrow

Henry & I are going
to hear Kreisler

in the afternoon.

He's the one violinist

I like to hear. Huge

Symphony Hall was

all sold out except

a few seats up on

the stage so we shall

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he plays. Then in the

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coming in to play cards.
we're going to movie tonight
to see Charles Ray who is
good always. Mercy, how
ever are you managing
it these days, when you
have to miss so many
movies? Gracious!

Oh daddy its such good
news to us to hear that
you are getting on so
nicely. Next week some
snaps of Beth are coming
to keep you company. Some
of them are very good.

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love. B. is trying to say "I'd
rather see a purple cow, than

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3 Chauncy Terrace,
Feb. 22, 1921.

Dear Daddy
Henry is trying
his hand at dressing
Beth after her nap
& from the sounds
upstairs finds it
somewhat of a job
to get her to stand
still long enough to
get anything on!
She's eager to join
another kid out
doors & "frow snow

falls". Her cheeks look like apples when she comes in & her hands are red as beets but she's as happy as can be - & so tired she falls to sleep very soon after being tucked in her little crib.

The snow piles in front of the house are most as tall as she is so its great fun to fling herself onto

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them & slide down to the sidewalk on her tummy or else climb up onto them & tramp thro' them, getting snow clear to her eyes almost!

Here she comes now & Henry is about to spend the rest of the P. M. over his income tax. Tonight we go to the movies.

Tomorrow & Thurs. night friends are coming in for bridge - Robert Weeks' sister among them - & Friday old Cousin Rebecca & her Cousin to dinner. Cousin R. is over 80, & as spry as a chicken.

He spent most of the A. M. 10 & 11, stacking up old magazines to sell for paper - & 12 out out a

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few short stories
to send you to
help pass a few
hours. You might
care for all of em
as folks' tastes
& likes differ —
but I hoped one
or 2 might amuse
or interest you &
if not, chuck
em in the fire.
Have you had your

basting threads cut out
yet? Then I suppose
you can set up before
long for a little? We
hear you're very
saucy & lively & +
we're much tickled
that you're feeling good.

"Golly but this is hard to do"
says Beth now, trying to
cut a stiff piece of paper out.
Ain't you charmed to teach
her such things?

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It is really good to get such good news
about you and your progress - seems to me that
as a patient you
are a lot
better!
Don't be too
frisky all at
once though.

Henry

3 Chauncy Terrace
Wed. Mar. 2. 1921.

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Dear Daddy,
Well! such good news
of you surely makes us
happy!! And how did
the legs feel when you
began to navigate on
them? Sort of wobbly?
Don't you go try to be
too spry & strain
yourself in any way
or we'll have to tie

bricks to your ankles to hold you down. Sounds to me as if you were "uncommon" energetic soon after getting up + testing your underpinnings.

You've been dear to write me + it's a rare treat to us all to have a letter from you, 'cause you're usually so busy all day at the office that I know it's hard to spare the

It is mighty good to get such good news about you + your progress - seems to me that as a patient you are a right failure!
Don't be too busy all at once!
I hope you are happy the best of health
I began them
Don't
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or we

time to gas with us folks,
especially when you know
that mother has written me
all of the news.

How do you feel daddy?
Are you really able to be
going outdoors except to
take the air awhile? Who
took you to your board
meeting? That attempt
sounds entirely too
frisky.

Seems to me I've
neglected my family
a long while since
I've been such a giddy
person this week with
a party or a club most
every day & shopping
in between.

It's just like spring.
I went to a Mother's Club & tea
at Aunt Mattie's today with no
coat over my silk dress & felt
warm! I hope it lasts & that

we -
It's not
have any more news.
It's been a remarkable winter.
I've been & returned from Beck & Long

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

May 25, 1921.

Dear Daddy,

This is the day you used to
tease me on, as a kid, trying to
make me believe it was my birthday
instead of the 21st - I expect you
got many a "rise" out of me there-
by! You were a dear to write
me & send me a check in celebra-
tion of the latest milestone
(did you know its the 31st?) & I can
just tell you that five dollars
look mighty big to us these days
& you shouldn't have spared it.

Many thanks tho' daddy, & so
says the savings account.
Perhaps mother told you

of Aunt May's spice for Henry and my
21st combined & of the sizzling
heat that day & night (93° especially).
Today the house is 58° & my hand
stiff with the cold. This is one
furning climate & it's no wonder
New England folk are so hardy -
only the "fittest" survived these
freak changes in temperature.

We're actually having our
screens put in after much mental
anguish & verbal effortulation.
The Irish landlord has said frankly
that he cares nothing about his
tenants or their comfort - all
he wants is their monthly check.
It must be convenient to have
that sort of conscience.

Beth's latest expression properly

applied too!) is "It is (or isn't) necessary
to do" thus & so - & thereby she
puts me where we belong. She's a
great little person & I've felt real
mean not taking her home this year
to see you but we'll surely try to
manage it next year & hope fares
will drop a bit.

It's pouring now & soon I have
to toddle over to Aunt May's to
pour hot chocolate at a hen party.

Hope you find a nice suite of
rooms for your office, & near
home too. Benny says he wishes
he were there to do the hunting
around for you. Don't approve
of this business of living so
far from one's family, do
you?

Work is almost at a
standstill now in almost all
lines but Jack is keeping his
office together hoping to tide
over the slack period without
causing any more unemploy-
ment. Auntie Flo says Lyman is
getting a bit more free time now
& promises to take more for rest &c.
She seems worried over your condition
as she's not heard recently from any

O you -
Thank you lovely & lovely dear & thanks again for my nice birthday
no 3 April 3 - Dorothy
Love P

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

June 20, 1921.

Dear Daddy, I suppose you
all are nearing your goal
now & how I wish we 3
were with you! Hope you
had a nice cool trip. It's
been delightful here for
nearly a week and makes
us in no hurry to go down
to Nantquitt.

Denny is watching
the ads for a used car for
the summer - one that we

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can be reasonably sure of a
market for in the fall. It
will add tremendously to
our summer's enjoyment
if we can get away to other
points when we want to.

This morning I shall have to
take Beth into Boston for 2
pairs of shoes for the seashore.
She's had some fine brown
sandals (like Uncle Karl's)
but anything goes after a
few days' on the Kiddie
Car as she drags her feet
to stop herself. She wore three
copper tips that I had put on!!

I'm enclosing some traffic
rules for you to follow on
your travels! Are you planning
many long trips in Betty Bobbit
this summer is it the comfy
enuff for a prolonged journey?
Jack is having the old office
1917 Buick painted & Henry
drove her in this A.M. She's
noisy now & costing a lot in
repairs but certainly has
stood well the hard driving
on long trips that she gets
continually.

My eyes continue to
improve if I'm careful not
to use them as much as
I want to. The stinging &
itching has lessened considerably
& that is a great relief I can
tell you!

Heaps of love to
everybody & take good care
of your dear self daddy & don't
strain that side trying to chop
wood or haul down trees. You
take it easy this summer.

Beth says to love from us three - see
tell Grandma I love you, come on & see me.

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ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 28, 1921.

Order
Oct. 5, 1921

Dear Daddy, I did I make a
dreadful mistake sending
Beth's pictures yesterday
to the women folk in-
stead of waiting till today
to give the one lone man
first chance at them?

This has been a most
extraordinary month. Here
we are sweltering again
& smothered in muggy hot

fog, dripping wet ourselves
& there's not a breath of air
stirring to cool us off.
We'll all go for a swim
before dinner, Beth in-
cluded. I have to drive over
to get the new cook at
Padanaram (3 miles) at 11:45
car from here Bedford. At
least we all hope said
personage will keep her
word & appear as per
schedule! "Sally Jane"
has been quite indispensable
this summer & in cure

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ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

I've earned a chauffeur's
wages! Harry brings
Auntie & Uncle down to-
morrow night & I meet
them in New Bed. at 6:36
& fetch 'em all out here
in time for supper.
They'll start Monday
for New York & home.
Wish we were going to have
you three too for a little
visit like that. Oh my
wouldn't that be wonderful!!!

Will you be getting home
long before Christmas this
year or just in time for
it? And is there any
possibility of you all
coming up to spend Xmas
& as long before & after as
you can spare time —
or is it going to be too
expensive again? You
know I want you there
so very very much that
I'm likely to keep writing
& writing about it just
on the hope that sometime
it will be possible again

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ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Was the Klamath River trip
a success? And did you
get any more such beauti-
ful pictures as those you
sent me of the big trees?
They made me homesick
for California more than
ever! (And that's going some!)
If we ever do get out there
Beth will 'tend to you all
in good shape! She tells
her daddy when "daddy's
daddy," "Don't say yep, say

yes; yep isn't polite." "It isn't
nice to say darn, Aunt Linor";
or "Gosh" isn't a good word
& she shouldn't say it, should
she?" &c &c. You'll have
to mind your P's & Q's
I can tell you — for nothing
escapes her keen eyes &
ears! She's a true Bostonian
about some things too — she'd
ask "Is 'them things' correct
manners?" & I tell her no, & the
use of it — & then she'll
say "You was'nt correct
either, I know that, & nice
little girls have to learn

to talk right, don't they, and use
 the right ABBOT COTTAGE
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MASSACHUSETTS words'. "If she's
 heard a servant or a child
 say something she knows
 isn't "correct" she'll tell
 me when she gets home &
 say in exasperation, "She
 doesn't know any better, does
 she ma'am? I guess nobody
 ever told her, did they?"
 Her pronunciation of such
 words as car, park
 &c is so typically Bah-ston
 you'd die to hear her —
 it's awful, truly, & I don't
 see where she gets it, 'cause

she hears the family more
than outsiders. She's
quite a kid daddy, &
getting more grown-up
each day & more full
of pep & mischief &
I'm betting she can even
out talk you! How how's
that for a small un?

I must go over & get
Sally Jane warmed
up & on her way. Sweet
Katie now. Heaps of
love

Dorothy.
P.S. You were an ^{active} M. D. once; can't you tell
me something to take, to lessen this peckish
& persistent tendency to inward upheavals
with which I'm afflicted at least once daily?

1919-16 Street,

Thurs., Jan. 26, 1922.

Daddy dear,

Land sakes but we do miss you "someping fierce" over here and Beth and I say it's an extra "miss" for us 'cause we've been so sat on by our daddy & our Henry about making the trip over that we daren't disobey, much as we want to see you. You ought to see the way the rest of us run when we hear the fellow come in who's just returned with the latest Baltimore

bulletins! And then the telephone
begins to ring - all inquiring
"How's the doctor today?"

Are you keeping warm over
there & did you get a blanket
for your toes? Henry said
it was 6° above Monday (my
latest word) & slippery as every
thing was covered with ice &
snow which he's glad I am
missing (so am I!). Good & cold
here but sunny & clear under
foot.

Beth is coming on
splendidly tho we're being
careful of her this week till
her cough has disappeared.
The Birdsell took hold well &

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did a good job clearing her bronchial tubes the first twenty-four hours of his dosing. Mother seems lots better today & plans to go over to you Friday. Seems to be an epidemic of nose & eye colds here just now, helped along I dare say by this very cold spell.

Beth said this morning, "You get me all mixed up talking about Daddy, and I wish you'd say which Daddy, my Daddy Henry or Grandpa. How you expect me to get 'em straight?"

Daddy you don't know how happy and relieved it made us to know you had so little pain those first days after all you suffered ~~so~~ a year ago. It was wicked that you went thro all that then & we're so thankful you're having such good care this time & nice food. Henry asks after you in each letter & sends his love & Aunt May has also written to ask how you were & then again to tell us how glad she is you're getting on so well. You see you're the

center of the circles where the people are. The people in the water & the sun. widening circles out from it. I wish I could see up to Cambridge! Beth's love & a kiss from Beth - Dorothy.

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21 BERKELEY STREET
CAMBRIDGE (38)
MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, Mar. 14-'22

Dear Daddy, what's become of my
baby and her family? How you
expect me to possess my soul in
patience and tranquility when the
last letter I've had from 1919
was written last Wednesday
morning - only one day shy?
a week? No for Pat's sake, somebody
drop me a postal anyhow! I
suppose you hear today later on
but I've had the fidgets since
yestern A. M. when no word came
Beth's all right isn't she? And
you three too?

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We're much interested to hear how your work is closing up & whether you're able to make your So. Calif. trip after all. I surely hope so as it's of such importance to finish up this year & not have a tag-end hanging over another year.

Is your back any better? And how do you feel in general? Any aches in the front?

My cold seems chiefly back & I've been glad not to have Beth here to surely catch it from me. My head has cleared a lot due to some new dope Dr. Darling had me use up my nostrils several times a day. Am enclosing wrapper. It's

V. E. M. + penetrates farther than a spray
or rays - & its pop-gun shooter con-
traction is certainly the most ridiculous
thing to use! Its pops out of the tube
with a bang + sounds as if you're
trying to blow the top of your head off.
That you might like to try it sometime.

Outside box describes V-E-M as "unguentum
Eucalyptol Compound" combining "menthol
eucalyptol (Australia) in a pure hydrocarbon
base." - House here is much warmer
& drier than is needed there as its colder
outdoors + I felt the irritation in my
nasal passages from the dryness almost
the first day I got back - Its cloudy
& raw today with a wind blowing
hard + rattling all the windows.

Yesterday my new cook + general factotum
arrived, Mary Rooney by name, & she starts
out like a treasure of the terrible old-
fashioned willing sort + has taken
hold so well at the start that we hope
most mightily she's going to like us +
the house + be a fixture.

Sally Jane has proved a very
useful packhorse while we've been getting
settled + some supplies in again but
the streets are such mud-holes or in such
acute need of repairing + renewing of their
paving that its a Chinese puzzle to avoid
steering into holes that look as if they'd
break your springs surely!
Don't boards laid when you're getting ready at the

Last to go - + give me an album to write your memories on notes to bag. - Lots of love + a kiss to Betty + Dorothy

21 BERKELEY STREET
CAMBRIDGE (38)
MASSACHUSETTS

May 25, 1922.

Dear Daddy, many thanks for your
very nice birthday check remembrance
this year. It will come in very
handy just now! Isn't it amazing
~~that~~ the advent of so small a bit
of humanity as an 8 lb baby
can make such a huge dent
in the exchequer?

The trained nurse left us
yesterday and we all seem to be
on the jump every minute —
there are so many things to do,
& I suppose they take me longer
just at first till I get into
the habit of them & have more

strength + endurance. Merriam is thriving - gained another 4 oz since Sunday, making total $10\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. He hasn't gained as much as Sarah Osborne's boy who is a week older but we prefer to keep him going at an $\frac{1}{8}$ of a week rate - not more. - He is surprisingly strong + active, already pushing his weight up when held, by standing on his feet ^{in our laps} - when he is in the bath tub he not only kicks when on his back, but when I turn him over, won't lie down with his tummy on or in the water but bends his legs under him & pokes the bottom of his tub with his feet, which has the effect of letting him seem to walk up the tub. Folks

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seem to think he's quite a handsome
baby - but we ^{21 BERKELEY STREET} think he's all
^{CAMBRIDGE (38)}
^{MASSACHUSETTS} boy. He has lovely eyes & a
fine head & the biggest thighs I
ever saw for his age. His little
body is so solid & firm, leg
& arm muscles included that
he doesn't look fat at all -
except as to double chin! He is as
responsive to love & attention
as Carol was & adores being
cuddled. It was fun giving
him his bath this morning
& Beth was right on the job telling
me what to do next & to "be sure
& not drop him" or forget this
& so! One has to mind one's P's & Q's
about the baby when she's around!
He likes her too - & will always
stop crying when she comes over

close to him & talk to him. When
he's hungry, or wet, he "sure can
holler" - its terrific. He won't
stay happy wet two records - but
yells lustily til some of us get
him changed & then he's quite
contented. Its such a dear picture
to see Beth saddled back against
the pillow on my couch with
the baby in her lap with his head
on her arm. She ^{will} coo to him &
love him til you could just
eat her up, shes so dear.

~~It~~ Hope you have a good restful
trip out & find things in fine
shape at Lag. - We're glad to hear
that the Bear article is off your
mind at last. What number of
Outdoor Life will it be in?

Keep love from us all -
many thanks for letter and check of \$20. - going to
try to see Niagara Falls ~~Z.P.?~~ here

ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday, Aug. 27 '22

Dear Daddy,

Nice letter from mother written at Lovelo ten days ago tells me of your trip to that point & of the scenic beauties of your surroundings. I suppose you returned to Laguna some days ago & are thinking about the next trip now.

Some days ago a card came from the Literary Digest telling me that you had again renewed our subscription to that much enjoyed periodical

+ we both want to thank you ever
so much daddy.

We've had three days of
rain + the wind has changed
this a m to northeast - a
bad sign here on the coast
& a sure indication of continued
rain at least for today. Its
tough for the poor men folk here
for only a day & a half to have
to be cooped up in the houses
on the porches! Last night
there was quite a display of
rain + thunder + lightning
& wind so that none of us
had much sleep because of the
incessant racket all night.
Dwight Boole showed Sherr. & ask.

ABBOT COTTAGE
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MASSACHUSETTS

if we'd let him come for the weekend
but yesterday's ^{continued} storm made him
cancel it of course, as he'd
be a jove to drive over 35 miles
in a downpour over slippery roads
in a brand new car, only to sit
around after he got here.

Ethel Vaughan appears on the
scene about Sept. 5th. —

Henry saw the house in Win-
chester that we'd that night
prove a possibility, but our
inspection rather turned it
down because of a number of
drawbacks, one of which is that

our next door neighbors would be a
railroad brakeman, a contractor &
a travelling salesman, & if we
are going to move to a new town
we'd better start right & among
those whom I'd want to know
& have Beth know. — So that's
that!

Merrion is some kid daddy!
Henry keeps seeing glimpses of
Carol in him all the time — a
flicking expression or light in
his eyes, & except for the
difference in coloring I think
he looks much as she did. He's
such a sturdy hard little wily
foly that he wants to sit up like
a grown-up & when we say "Up-

up" to him you should see him grin &
lift up his head trying to set him-
self up! If I give him my fingers
to hold on to he'll pull himself
to a sitting position & then heave
a prodigious sigh of pleasure.
You can see for yourself what a
fine old buster he is when the
snaps come that I'm waiting
for to send on to you.

Henry wants to tramp to
the post office in the rain now
for something to do so he'll take
this.

Heaps love as always
+ a kiss from Beth —
Tooray.

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lift up his head trying to set him-
self up! If I give him my fingers
to hold on to he'll pull himself
to a sitting position & then heave
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3 Ch. Terrace,
Oct. 30, 1922:

Dear Daddy,
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When you give come
see your grandson
ih? He's quite worth
a trip north & I'm
sure you'd not be
disappointed in
him. He's some little

Kid! Imagine carrying
20 lbs 10 of around on
your hips every day
& a squirming active
20 lbs 10 at that! We all
seem to think he looks
like you somehow
tho he's blue-eyed &
light haired. Think
his folks have his
granddad's fine head.
And he's as sunny
natured & responsive

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as Carol was. It's just
lovely to have him so
for he keeps reminding
us of her all the time
with his sweet ways.

Another gorgeous day -
bright & snappy & I plan
to take Betty out with
me as soon as I bathe
Merriam in a few
minutes.

Heaps of love
& wishing you were
all on your way up
here -
Dorothy

How's the next door apt. look &
can you fit rooms there
for office?

Recd. 1922
Nov 26-28

3 Channing Denard,
Cambridge, Mass.,
November 21, 1922.

Dear Daddy,
Henry left last night
for a ten day trip thro the
state of Maine, to arrange
property of the Central Maine
Paper Co. (some \$500,000) for
an issue of bonds before
the new year. As he'll be
driving constantly daytimes
& figuring at night he'd
not be able to answer
your letter till his return
I am hoping so I suggested

that he dictate his answer
to your queries while he
packed his bag & I'd copy
it & send it on to you.

To begin with he said that
the more heat (from a pipe)
that was used to warm up
the cellar & cellar walls (the
pipe being uncovered) the
less heat there was left
to be sent thro' the pipes to
rest of house. I'll quote
him verbatim now.

"The theory of pipe covering
is well understood. There is no
question but that air-cell
asbestos covering (which I presume
you mean) cuts down the

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radiation from any pipe unless the pipe be so closely confined in a dead air space that the air heats up to nearly the same temperature as the pipe itself.

Ask the no-Kob man whether he'd advise running an uncovered pipe thro an ice box even tho the air in the ice box was absolutely quiet.

The temperature difference between the pipe and surrounding atmosphere determines the saving from air cell or any other pipe covering.

" H. said your man was either misinformed or misunderstood what ever it was he was trying to explain.

Wish you could run up here
for a few days when you go to the
Sudrian museum & then for the
new car. My we'd love to see
you & have you me your Grand-
son & Beth. 'Fraid we can't get
down home this year, much
as we'd love to — which is a
heap, 'cause I do get so all-
fired house sick 'bout once a
year!

One of our neighbors here
in a huge old house has had
it renovated, rooms added
in during the summer, & a
hot water furnace & system put in
& we are interested to learn
how they like it. They had their

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old furnace & pipes all removed
& their big back yard has been a
sight all fall - more like a
junk heap than a garden!

The children are well &
happy. I've tried to get along
without a girl since I fired
Auntie Friday & had hoped to
stick it out alone while Henry
is away, but there aren't
enough minutes in the day
to get all the work done &
take care of the children
too, even if I would stand
it without too much fatigue.
Their food & physical care &
diaper washing has to go on

daily, even tho dusting is neglected! Merriam is having 5 bottles a day now instead of 6 as I felt he was getting too much & gaining too fast. Called Mr Darling & he agreed with me tho thinks bay a "wonderful specimen". Indeed, he is! He drinks 2 ounces over a quart of milk a day mixed with 16oz. of Dryce mixture. Its easy & simple & he certainly does thrive on it. When he gets an ounce each of prune & orange juice daily & about 5 z. of water too. He weighs more now at evening.

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half months than Carol at a year
to she was a big baby for her
age & for a girl! — Boy is
solid & sturdy — not soft
fat, & he's just plain adorable
& lovable & hug-able too.
You come & see!

With was pleased at the
idea of going back to Washing-
ton with Grandma provided
I'd go too, & brother — and
Daddy!

I think your heart would
just spill over if you could
see her helping me these
few days — it's the dearest
thing, this helping desire of hers.
She set the table for us last night

all by herself, asking only once or
twice where a certain article
should be placed & working so
hard all alone that we could
scarcely resist hugging her.
She set the table perfectly, even
to the glasses filled & one of
milk for Henry, salt & pepper
on, napkins in place, & water
in finger-bowls on side table.
He'd never shown her how to do
it all nor asked her to - but
she's just naturally observant
& didn't omit anything. After
I wash dishes & silver she insisted
on putting them away for me
before going out to play. Her
wanting to help is the sweetest

part of it all.

Thanksgiving will all be either at Aunt May's or Aunt Mattie's, both of whom have asked us, the latter 1st, but unless Mr. Herbert Rich (her son-in-law) comes on from Detroit she'll not have anybody, in which case we'll go to Aunt May's. They've talked it over between them.

Hope your search for office space is successful. It must be wise at 1919 with construction still going on next door.

It's so hot in here now & so late that I can scarcely stay awake so must go on up to my

room (which has been cooling
all evening with windows
open) feed baby & then
go to bed too.

Much love from us all
& much thanks you for the
pictures & your note in my
letter. She wrote you a note
talking it out loud as she
scrawled - but I can't find
it just now.

Much love again -
Dorothy.

3 Channing Terrace,
Dec. 3, 1922.

Dear Daddy,

We are all glad to hear of
the satisfaction & pleasure that
the new lady kit gives and hope
it won't be too many years
before we all have a ride in
her.

We have just returned from
a long beautiful drive thro' &
beyond Winchester between
rolling hills and along
small lakes & the Rappahannock River.
Sally Jane has behaved well
for us & the winter top makes it
possible for all of us - meaning

chiefly the babies - to ride in
comfort & safety (from colds)
all winter when the roads
are open.

Henry's cold is much
better now. He managed to
acquire an awful cough
that kept him awake at
night for nearly a week.

Your boy grows more
adorable every week & has
no business being so
stunning & beautiful
for a mere boy! He
weighed 23 lb 8 oz. This A.M.

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And he's as good as he is big. He sat back against Heled all our P.M. drive today (and previous ones) with never a whimper or restless squirming & went promptly to sleep upon being undressed & put to bed upon our return, altho he had no milk then or even a drink of water. He's usually a very comfortable boy, thanksgiving being the rule-proving exception. Beth is delighted with her pictures & tucked

them carefully away some-
where with her "portraits"
papers.

I hope Mr. Nelson
is better. Has he given up
that big apartment in
the Northumberland?

All the family send
lots of love and birthday
kisses. Teach babe sends
Grandpa a birthday
hurdley obloco whose
on these cold mornings!
Loveingly
Dorothea

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

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3 Chauncey Terrace,
Cambridge, Mass.,
April 22, 1924.

Dearest Daddy,

We all are sorer than we
can say to hear at this late
date of your really mean
sick spell of last week
and of the suffering you
must have had to endure.
You scared your family
to pieces and have given
us up here a blated
fright too. It is a relief and

a joy to have your letter today
assuring us that you are
better. Strange the MD's could
not find the cause of the
trouble. Did they think it
an infection somewhere?
Please do all you can to
find out what it was so's
not to have it recur at
some later date if it's possible
to get at its source. Henry
and I shall feel anxious
about you daddy dear till
we're assured you're
entirely all right. Don't go

& overdo now & get too tired daddy -
 that high fever was sure to use you
 up for some time to come.
 Have the headaches stopped?
 Oh its no fun at all to be so far
 away when your precious
 family gets sick.

A few small jobs have come
 in to office lately which we
 hope are harbingers of more
 to come so that among other
 things we shall not have to take
 your advice to "forget it."
 You see I think I've inherited
 some of my daddy's eagerness

to get our bills promptly attended
to & behind rather than in
front of us! However it was
dear of you to help us out
by a further postponement
which we hope won't be for
long. The kiddies are just
fine. Beth has picked up
speedily lately and Merriam
gets more comical and
independent and noisy each
day. He talks all the time,
goes up & downstairs like a
streak and flaps all over
the house as happily as he

did at home. He is still "trying us out" about the radio outfit to see what'll happen if he dare touch it in the presence of any one of us. He has found out now I guess. For Henry won't allow him a finger on it even, without an immediate punishment. This morning he was too funny as well as bad when we were at breakfast. He walked over to it & made some remark to call our attention to him, then quickly

reached out a hand & touched one
of the knobs saying "Here now"
& looking at Henry as if to say
"well, I did it, now what are you
going to do about it?" Then before
Henry could say a word Ben
said "Shame, baby" & ran
in to living room & put
himself in the closet. How
what on earth are you to do
with such a kid? how &
then he'll run to you & say
"Wanta Kish" & you could
give him the earth you're so
pleased!

Both had a real treat last

rite. To celebrate her daddy's birthday she
promised Mother have dinner
with us at night to surprise
her daddy. Well she's been so
excited over it for a week that
she's been counting the days.
She got already in the back
of the house where Henry
wouldn't see her when he came
from office & then put on
her coat & went around
outside to knock at the
front door. In meantime
I told Henry we were having

company for supper. He looked
blanch & long-faced & just
then Beth blushed & I told
him he'd better let the guest
in, which he did to the mutual
delight of all concerned. We
dressed up the table as for a
party & ate by candle-light
& topped off with ice cream
& a real live full-of-candles
birthday cake & you should
have seen Beth's starry eyes
thro'out the meal! She had
her dinner with us - chop,
peas &c. & lived up to the
special grown-up privilege by

eating every drop, cutting her
own meat + getting thro, for
once, when we did. She said
this morning, "hey! yesterday
was such an exciting day I
know I shall remember it
all my life." She asked last
week if she could buy daddy
a present out of her very
own money so one PM I
took her to 5 & 10 store + let her
go all over + select whatever
she liked for him + ask pay
for it herself. I'most ate her up
she was so dear doing it! She

got him a slyptic stick "in case
he cut himself shaving" &
a screw hooker large size
to put in his tool box & the
bursting with excitement
for days didn't give anything
more away to her daddy
than to ask repeatedly,
"oh you don't know what
Monday is, do you?" —

Wish you had radio-its
but when I get a net some
time you'll tumble too!
All by my lonesome to her
with I picked up two Chicago

stations & one in Akron, Ohio. Then
H. got New York, Pittsburgh, &
Schuectady - lovely music ~~at~~
all. This early afternoon I
shall tune in to hear Pres.
Coolidge's address from New
York which is to be broad-
cast from 10 stations east
of the Rockies. It's wonderful
isn't it that his voice will
be heard thro' out almost the
whole country? Broadcasting
may do away with those
Killing transcontinental trips
our Presidents have endured.

Sorry we missed the cherry blossoms. We're beginning to see a few buds out & grass green here & there but not as far advanced of course as there.

Merriman needs her bath now. He's been out on the porch in his feet all morning & isn't troubled by the rain & clouds!

Aunnie got Henry 2 very good cigars, tied 'em up prettily & put them beside his plate with our things last night. Rather nice of her to want to do that, don't you think? Just bushels of love daddies & toppers

that you've completed out of the world - now!

3 Chauncey Terrace,
May 23, 1924.

Daddy dear,
We feel like lame &
stupid folk this morning
after dancing till past
midnight. Anna Cole had
a supper party of ten of
us out at Oakley Country
Club at its monthly
supper dance & to keep
even reasonably warm
we were glad to dance &
keep moving. But - the

day after such a spree is
an awful let-down!! The
Tickensons were there and
some other charming people,
among them the Warren
Persons. He is one of the
leading statisticians of the
country & head of that
sort of work at Harvard.
Then there was another
sample there, the Westons,
the man of whom had
been in work in Dept.
of Agriculture 5 years
working on diseases of

plants & their going to Cuba for the summer to investigate & cure the very serious sugar cane disease.

Tue. night Beth & Annie & Henry conspired between them for a regular supper party to celebrate my recent milestone. Beth was so excited over having dinner with us & ice cream & cake to top off with caps on our heads just like a regular party that she could hardly sit still. She had gotten dressed very early that morning in order to have time to draw & color & cut out a flag for me for which she laboriously printed out her love & happy returns & which pleased me mightily.

One of the nicest bits of my birthday was given little

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 this year
 practicable
 he who
 interfere
 he's not
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 before
 any
 our
 days

note - any word from
 bury daddy is always
 loved and treasured.
 And the very nice check
 is very much appreciated
 daddy dear. Thank you
 heaps. I think it
 will be saved toward
 outfitting the new house
 when it materializes.
 Works of laying out
 the lots up on the new
 tract & cutting roads

& laying water sewer pipes
hasnt started yet & it
looks as if it would
have to be another year
before it'll be practicable
to build. Nichols who
is heading the enterprise
wants to be sure he's not
reversal of the biggest
lots for big estates before
going ahead on any
of them.

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small job a few days

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ago when in Fitchburg - no big
ones yet. Merriam's cold is
about gone. House is several
degrees colder than outside
today so I was glad to get him
out in the sun again after a
week of rain & cloudiness.

When do you start west? We
go down to Houghton for next
week-end to clean up & get the
place in order before going
down later in June to stay.

We hope you are feeling
better now daddy & won't
get overtired trying to
finish up before leaving
for California.

Bestest love from us
all and many more thanks
for my birthday greetings - Dorothea

Henry has gone fishing.
This afternoon with several
of the men here & as there
are mackerel & haddock
running in the bay this
summer for the first time
in several years, I am
hoping for snuff for
tomorrow's dinner!

It has been devastatingly
hot here for nearly two
weeks - all over the east
in fact & Boston has
been as high as 98° with
days on days of $94 + 96$
& high humidity, resulting
in many frustrations.

Even the dept. stores
closed on account of
the intense heat.

Henry's mother & father

ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

chose a dreadful week
to spend in Cambridge
& never could stand
it longer so came
down yesterday altho
Pater stays over Aug
13th which is his father's
93rd birthday.

Henry came Friday
night for his two weeks
vacation, which he

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heat & extra work of
work he had to finish
before feeling free
to leave. The final
papers on that big
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ment deal we put
thro the preliminary
stage last Dec. will
be signed ^{week 20} Sept 5th +

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we shall then get balance
of our \$18,000 due as our
commission. Two days
ago we were paid \$5,000
on it - our first - & the
"force" has promptly paid
a month's salary a piece
just as we for one family
were about down to our
last few dollars. It
has been a poor & depressing
year in our business & Henry
& Jack have been worried
the trying to keep optimistic.
Now that Henry is here we shall
have a regular orgy of painting
- screen porch frames, kitchen
walls & ceiling & dining room
table & chairs. Even Beth begs
for a brush & a chair to paint.
The children are well in
spite of legs full of shingles

Wife: Thompson
concerns Fred
Valmont
Phenety
Wass
& is still a
romantic
Kiss!
Mud
Wife

~~Recd.~~

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 21, 1924.

Dear Daddy,

You may have seen
the enclosed article &
not be interested therein
but I'm sending it
along anyway. Now &
then Grandpapa gets a
duplicate copy of Forum
& World's Work & similar
periodicals & gives the
extra copy to us.

I'm delighted that

you are all home again
& interested to hear if
you contemplate an
outside office this year
or whether rents are still
too high or space not
available: 'Tis good to
have you back nearer
us again.

Henry is still in
Maine, centering in
Augusta with motor trips
over that part of Maine
inspecting new construction &
before re-insuring of bonds can
be done by banks, to whom
he certifies to. — We expect

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3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

him back for Thanksgiving
surely. In his absence
Aunt Mattie & Uncle
& Ned & Constance have
taken me under their
wings - dinner & te
& the last two have been
over for week going to
pass an otherwise long
& lonely evening.

The children are well
& if you don't hurry up
& see you onliest grandson

house - coal is such a nuisance! Wasp of house -
destroying

he'd outgrow your memory
of him. He's one fine boy
& all boys too! Beth had
taken to arithmetic this
year like a true daughter
of her daddy trust me - &
bring some examples to
do here of her own free
will. I'm astonished!
It's her "favourite" study this
year with making records.

Hope to hear that you
found all at 1919 in OK
condition & that mother
has or is on the track of a
good maid for the winter.
Are you installing a new
furnace really? Wish you'd get
Henry interested in oil ones for our

Delivered

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

Thurs. 1 P.M.

Dec. 4, 1924.

Dear Daddy

Many happy returns of
the day tomorrow which
we wish we could celebrate
with you! But hope you
are going to have a cake
with all the candles on
it that you should and
Merriam says "Grandpa
have the ice cream party"
— his idea of a real time!
This morning I have

spent at one of the banks
here seeing Red Cross was
seals in the lobby to
all who would buy -
made only 12.70 however
as most folks seem to
have bought their supply
or else are putting it
off till Sat., the last
day. I was relieved at
12:30 by another lady
& went to get Beth at her
school. This is the 2nd time
Aunt May to the monthly

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CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

meeting of music club which
she enjoys.

I change maids on
Sunday. This girl had
promised definitely to
stay till after Xmas
but has evidently been
deceiving me all along
& tiding herself over
till the before-Xmas
demand for extra store
help & she won't stay
another week. Henry was

so incensed at her breaking her
word & leaving at such a
busy season. That he said
she'd do without her pay
unless she stayed till I
could get another girl.
I have one coming Monday
fortunately but dread the
first week or 2 getting her
broken in. That class is
certainly exasperating &
they get the better of you
always -

The babies are fine &
some in scarlet-checked
these cold days. Some snow
still on the ground.

Hope more love from each of us
Dorothy.

P.S. - weren't you born
Dec 5, 1855? well

then your
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is very bad!
we won't let
you be 70 till
next December!

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 8, 1924.

Dear Daddy, your last letter has
just come & your offer to
cancel our big debt to you just
plain knocks the pins out from
under me. I don't feel at all
right about accepting such a
gift daddy & I know Henry
won't either tho he'll feel just
as overwhelmed as I do over
your great big heart just
rushing over with your
usual generosity. With all
that expense of the new furnace
& boiler & the trip east for

this affair I think this article
would set them right & possibly
make a few other "converts"
to the right. They may only have
heard one side of the argument.

Henry & I have both been
laid out for a couple days after
some fish Friday that evidently
wasn't as fresh as it should
have been. We were two very
rich kids Sat. night & stayed
abed yesterday. About over
it today & Henry has gone to
office a triple wobbly but
that's to be expected. After the
maid went out yesterday P. M. Beth
was a little wonder - helping
to dress Guy & to take care of him

P.S. - received your beam
Dec 5, 1855? well

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as overwhelmed as I do over
your great big heart just
rushing over with your
usual generosity. With all
that expense of the new furnace
& boiler & the trip east for

all of you you shouldn't ever have
that of such a thing. Of course
it worried me not repaying
you long ago - we've never
had to owe anybody any-
thing before & to have it run
on so long seemed awful
to both of us. I don't know
just how to thank you or
what to say - cause I know
Henry isn't going to want
to let you crank yourselves
to such an extent either
But I do thank you - & think
it was one of the dearest
things anybody ever tried
to do. -

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I'm so glad the new furnace
seems promising & hope it will
operate the oil system more
economically than the old
one did.

3 CHAUNCY TERRACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

I thank you for the
article on the Mt Rainier
controversy. If you have
an extra copy of it that
you could send me sometime
when it's not too much bother
& get around to it, I'd
like it very much to send out
to Hester in Vancouver. She
came from Bellingham, Wash.
& if she & her friends have
been on the wrong side in

this affair I think this article
would set them right & possibly
make a few other "converts"
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office a triple wobbly but
that's to be expected. After the
maid went out yesterday P. M. Beth
was a little wonder - helping
to dress baby & to take care of him

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all P.M. At supper time she put out
milk, butter ^{3 CHAUNCY TERRACE} ^{CAMBRIDGE 38} ^{MASSACHUSETTS} & apple sauce from
ice chest & put them in proper
dishes &c, cut the bread & spread it,
set our table & put on her &
boy's bibs so all we had to do
was to go down & warm their
cereal & milk for them. -

The maid had decency enough to
feel she could not go off for good
last night with both of us absent
& a new green girl coming in
early this A.M. to be shown every-
thing so offered to come back
for this A.M. & show the new one
all I'd otherwise have to do. It
has made me feel a little more
respect for her. She will get Beth
for me after school at 12:30 & then

leave for good & I'll get up this P.M.
she will teach Gertrude. Susie
goes to work in Kresge's 54 104th St
in Boston. -

We're just as eager to be home for
Xmas as you all can possibly be
to have us sit in at all possible
after counting our pennies &
our future possibilities, you
may be sure we shall do it.
Henry says he couldn't go - &
I don't want to leave him again
at Xmas. If he could see his way
clear to go, we'd all go! For he'd
have our lock. with us Xmas is 2 weeks,
& not have to return here till Sunday
nite - it seems too good an opportunity
to miss! We'll see - anyhow.

Bushels of love & a heart full & overflowing
with gratitude to your daddy dear -
Dorothy

3 Ch. Terrace,
Jan. 15, 1925.

Acad. Jan 25

Dear Daddy -

Cold here today! 10° above zero outside our SE window after breakfast this morning. Booh, how's that for a nice mild day? Naturally the house is as cold as a barn and Herman and I are bundled up in fur & warm sweaters & wishing our toes were warmer.

The streets are a plane of ice, almost impossible to walk on with comfort. One has to walk in the middle of the street where traffic has roughened it a bit, to get any sort of footing. The sidewalks are a delight to the youngsters to slide on but awful for us! We all miss

Best love from each of us to our precious family - Dorothy
How did it hit Rainer hearing some out?

you all dreadfully. I am as if
we'd been home only a minute
but we really did love being
there & only wish we didn't
live so far apart that we can
only have yearly or rarer visits.

Henry's trip to Hartford was
not productive of a job as we
had hoped - no work contemplated
there for sometime on one project
& we were too late to sign up
with the other co. who are having
work done. - Better each next
time.

That Whipple house I told
you of is a beauty & if the
chance for it would only come
ten years from now we'd jump
at it quicken's scut.

Aunt May is taking us to an ice
carnival tonight with a Dartmouth
Harvard Hockey game thrown in
for good measure, want to come
along & freeze with us?

Children are fine. This cold weather
never to have frozen their colds out of

them.

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Recd.
April 19, 1925

3 Chauncy Terrace,
Apr. 12, 1925.

Dear Daddy,
I'm sending along a few newspaper items I read today in the few minutes we took off to rest after packing big boxes of books, games, tinware & other odds & ends in preparation for our move. The landlord is acting "in character" & as we had reason to expect he might but of course

it makes it pretty hard for us
to have to get out a month
sooner than we wanted
to & try to find some
place to live for only
one month before we
go to Hongquitt. So far
we find no place in
Cambridge & anywhere
outside would make it
hard to get Beth to &
from school & Anna
also. We're throwing
away the accumulated
junk of seven years here

Added,
April 19, 1935

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& its giving us a great feeling
of having accomplished
something! But hovers
near lest to throw away too
many of her treasures, among
them Grandpa's pictures he
has sent her!

We'd planned to take the
children out in to the country
all afternoon but a neighbor
was having a birthday party
for her 6 yr. old that Beth was
invited to attend & besides we
got so absorbed in our work
it was supper time before we
knew where the day had gone.

Wishes to see you as been
delayed by the mammalogist
Society meetings this last week
will you be off by May? it
do you think?

Beth returns to school to-
morrow after 2 weeks' vacation
& returns not to lunch after it.

Jonquils & forsythia out at
last & few magnolias in bud. We
are so far behind you house &
trees still bare. All of us are well

+ send no end of love to you all - especially Dorothy.

55 Paul St.

Watertown, Mass.

May 26, 1920.

Dear Daddy,

You were a dear to remember
my birthday with a lovely
letter & check & I thank
you very much indeed.
We are all glad to hear of
your comfortable trip
& safe arrival & hope
the rains have ceased
by now so that you can
get on with your work.

We are cleaning here &
packing again. Leave
early Thursday for the
night at Aunt May's &
the week-end at Norquitt.

We shall take a load of
necessaries with us & clean
up a bit & then return
Sun. night to Aunt Mary's &
stay till Beth's school is
out & her adenoids also!!
Hope we can go down
June 12th for the summer.
I'm tired & a rest will
be fine!

Hurry painted the
car Sunday with black
Da-cote but it poured
Sun & Mon & the dampness
prevented its drying
in 24 hrs. as its supposed
to do! It looks pretty
well & we are pleased
over the improvement.
A. first sandpapered
it all over, almost to
the original metal itself
so it was quite a job getting

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it ready to faint it. It's so
nearly dry now that I
think we can go to the
movies tonight! Had to
go in by taxi this a.m. to
take children to school
Hurry to subway & to
collect my laundry!
The suburbs are no delight
unless one has a car at one's
beck & call every hour
if need be!

Henry's mother & father will be
at Aunt Mattie's next Monday for
a few days while the twins go
direct to Hongkott with their cook
& clean up; Elinor from N.Y.
is to be there also for ten days or
more to help with the wedding
of daughter of an old friend.
Aunt May is a dear to take us in.

Beth is having dinner there today as I couldn't use Sally Jane to go after her after school & the High School girl will go for her there & bring her out on the trolley after school:

Must get back to my packing - 2 trunks for Kongniat direct, chiefly blankets & table linen & sweaters, one for Aunt May's & another batch of stuff to be stored in "our" house all summer - things I needed here but won't want now till fall. -

Much love to you all
& many more thanks -
Clementine,

What do you think of
Chrysler car & the
Buick coach? I seem
to be that highly of
here -

Return of
you all
Come up
here for
Christmas?
It would be
bally if you
could.
Love to
everybody
Mandy

BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE 38
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 30, 1925.

And. Dec. 6, 1925

Many love to
Edith

Dearest Daddy,

My but its fine to have you all
home again and nearer us! Hope you
had a good trip east and that Mr.

Bunnell or others have found out
the cause of your teeth trouble so
that it can be helped - it must
make you feel miserably. Let me
know how you come along
& whether you have to have any
special treatments hereafter. One
of my jaws has had a mean ache
all fall & dentist says if it hasn't

stopped after treatment we'll get an
x-ray of it - & I know my little
bother is nothing compared to what
yours must be.

How did you find the house
and the American diet and the
Baileys & C. C. M's? Make me
homesick to see you all just to
know you're so near again &
also to have seen Aunt Marian
in White Plains yesterday -
a nice reminder of home!!!

She was instructed to cart home
bushels of love about her person
for you - us at 1919.

It was lovely to see her & Bar and
the dear little baby Katherine &

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MASSACHUSETTS

their home, filled with beautiful
Turkish rugs & draperies &
whose warm colorings you would
like I know! He surely did
have a wonderful trip. He'd
been planning & hoping for
it since early summer and
it was surprising that with
5 children between us two
families, nothing cropped
up at the last moment to
prevent our going. Lewis has
a beautiful car - Packard Sedan

1924 model - a 6, not as powerful
a car as an 8 of course - but very
comfy and easy riding. She
took us down & back with not a
set-back nor even a stop for
gas en route. We saw the site
of your school in White Plains
(which incidentally is a pretty
suburban town) but now there
is a big apartment there where
once you inhabited some of your
three R's. I was sorry not to
see the actual school itself
but asked Bob to show us
where it had been anyway so he
drove us over.

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The roads - Boston Post Road
chiefly - between Boston & N.Y.
are almost perfect so we
made good time both ways
in spite of sleety snow & slushy
iceiness on the first three
hours of the down trip. We left
here at 8 a.m. & reached Bob's
about five & coming back
made better time even - 8 hrs.
on dry roads. Went via Worcester,
Springfield & New Haven going
down & by the shore road back

thru ~~Hartford~~ New London, Providence
etc. - Before reaching Boston -
about 25 miles out - we stopped
at a famous duck farm -
the Weber Duck Inn - for a
luscious roast duckling dinner
with all the fixings & after a
scanty sketchy lunch of left
over (from Friday!) sandwiches &
fruit we were all well able to
do full justice to a hearty
meal at 7 o'clock! Got home
about nine, tired but happy
after a great old three day
spell. Maybe we'll not have
another in ten years but this one

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will be worth remembering! It
was fun seeing all the Army
friends again who'd been
ordered away last summer
to other posts & came together
in N.Y. for the Army-Navy foot-
ball game (that was great fun
too!) & the dinner & dance at
the Hotel Astor afterwards.

We were on the go so fast every
hour that I wasn't in the
hotel long enough to telephone
Helen Gochen as I'd planned to.

he got some toys for the kids while
Henry & Lewis were off on their
respective businesses & the
contrast between Boston's &
N. Y.'s noise, crowds & general
bustle & excitement is so
great that Boston seems
like a hick town by comparison.
It's bitterly cold here now - saw
east wind & thermometer between
25 & 30 all day & below 18° at
breakfast. Don't care for it.

Ann May is getting on well -
runs out now when she feels
like it. Ann still a bother & bleeds
if she gets too angry with it. We're tickled
to have her home - she's just around the
corner from our house. Children have

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been fine all along & were so glad to see us that we were tickled to pieces. Anna took good care of them & played that they were all grown-ups & he was the head of the house. That tickled him of course. I felt so content with Anna in charge & old Minnie in the kitchen that I hadn't a moment's worry the whole three days.

Henry is putting out the ash cans now for Tuesday's dumping. - The men don't move 'em out of the yards ^{for me} up here - & then we are

going squawk to bed. Been out in
open three days & up late & we
are too sleepy to be rememberable
tonite.

We saw Amundsen's
Polar flight pictures the other
nite and were much impressed
with the vastness & beauty of
that portion of the arctic region
over which his expedition flew.
The haggard faces of his men &
himself on their return to
civilization showed markedly
the effects of the terrific ordeal
they'd been thru. And he is quoted
as saying he'd have another try
at it. The children have been

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pleased with the pictures you've
sent from mine to mine &
I am delighted to have the
one of Saguntar & the
coast one which looks like
Point Reyes or vicinity. Is it?
I thank you for them & also for
continuing the Literary Digest
which however I had didn't
appear till May.

This house is a perfect joy
to us after the hectic years
gone by at Channing Terrace

under that villainous Irish land-
lord — almost too good & be true
over here in this quiet side street
or "pocket" as it's called with lovely
neighbors and a roomy warm
house! It has hot water heat which
is very nicely run & is kept at
100° or less usually. Today we pushed
it to 120° and it's over 70° ⁱⁿ most
of the rooms and worse in
the north dining room. Looks
as if we'd have no trouble
keeping comfy over here!
Wish you'd all come up for
I was — or any time for a real
visit & for you a vacation. We'd

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be so happy w'd not like to be
anticipating your coming if only
you could manage it. It's been
years & years & years & it's long
fact the time you should
have paid us a visit & now
you know you'd like to see us
in our new home. We're not
going to be able to afford the
trip home this year on top of
all our previous expenses
for roof & furnace repairs &
new furnishings & 9 jcs'

don't see how we can stand it
if our family doesn't come
up to us this year. Please
try daddy dear.

How are mother & Joe?
Each of you give the other two
steer hugs & kisses apiece
for each of us. Bushels &
pecks & wagon-loads of
love to each of you and an
added truck full for our
dearest daddy when his
70th birthday comes around
along, about the end of this
week! Your loving daughter Dorothy.

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Sunday - Nov. 29, '25

Dearest Honey -

Been days since I've written
but I hope you're not worried. Just
been busy.

In few minutes we are
expecting guests for breakfast -
guess who? Bar & Bob!! They
surprised me by walking in on
me yesterday a.m., having come
up suddenly for the Yale - Harvard
game & as we were out for dinner
Fri. at Miriam Thomas' & last
nite at Bertha's & H. vacat home

early camp for lunch with them,
we had to hit on breakfast together.
They return by auto before dinner
today. Bar looks thinner
& younger but Bob is fat - too fat.
It's not becoming. They had darling
pictures of Katherine.

Henry got himself back last
week. Thud out - worried we
to see him looking so drawn &
gray around eyes & mouth but
a few nites sleep cured him &
he seems O.K. now.

Here come Bar & Bob now -
taking snap of the house
before they come in. -

12:30 - Well we've had such a

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lovely morning - breakfast & a long
visit & pictures &c & then drove them
down to their room.

Next Fri. we drive in Nicky's
Packard to spend week-end in
N.Y. to see Army-Navy game - I
I've ever been to! - & were to
leave car in one of towns outside
N.Y. to avoid the city & go in by
train. Ben & Bob at once said
"Please come to White Plains & use
other half of our garage to see Kath-
erine & mother (Aunt Hannah) &
us." And as trains are frequent
&c - I think we shall wait

that he would be of firm? we'll leave
here between 7 & 8 a.m. Fri. & get
to White Plains by 4 or 5 P.M., see
the hortons & take train in
to N.Y. in time for supper & go
to Maca Cyprian Hotel & later to
theater - Lewis's written for seats
already for Fri & Sat nights. I've
thruled pieces over the spree!

Sat 6 a.m. we'll window-shop
& game is in Polo Grounds Sat
P.M. & after it we'll go to Hotel
Astor to army "the dancant"
& then theater. There's to be a
big army dinner & dance there
too but we that we'd prefer

good theater as ^{there's} apt to be too much
 drinking to ~~do~~ ^{6 BERKELEY PLACE} ^{CAMBRIDGE 38} ^{MASSACHUSETTS} suit hicky's &
 our face ^{we'd} rather go ^{to}
 together. Then Sun AM we'd
 train it back to White Plains for
 the car & drive on up here &
 get home after supper Sunday
 night. Ann is O.K. leave in
 charge & old Minnie will go
 ahead well enough & be reliable
 anyhow & she knows Ann
 is mistress in my absence.
 Don is to go to Ethel Dibbets for
 3 1/2 days times ^{over holidays} leave me 3.50 thereby.

- Ethier 2. just ran in to tell
of finding 3 men - friends of
Uncle Edwin's gardener whom
he's had 35 or more years - who
witnessed Aunt May's accident
& say auto was not under
control - they saw it coming &
saw driver run down Aunt
May - so of course we are
excited to verify it, & H.
will chase them up today. -

we go up at 3 PM to bring
her home at last - altho
she may have to return to the

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hospital later on to have skin
grafted over the dead part of arm
when that part sloughs off -
takes long time. She can
walk around now & up &
down stairs - but can't get
entirely dressed herself.

(your flowers
were 1.00
no carnations
but mixed gulls
& yellow)

Had lovely dinner & bridge
& such nice time at Miriam
& Dana Thomas' Fri. nite (after
7 yrs. we call each other by 1st
names now!!! - typical N. Eng.)
Delicious dinner beautifully served
& some real pre-war sherry!

Last night at Nichols was heaps
of fun. The Levines from
Manchester N. H. (who were here at
house after Had Dartmouth game)
came down to Nichols for Yale
game yesterday + Bertha
got the Persons (Econ. Dept of
Harvard) + us to make 8 at
dinner — her usual lovely
affair with turkey! And
as Levines are lively + more
fun than goats, we had a
gay old time + laughed
till we ached. Frank Levine
is a record Ed Wynn — the

conicest man **6 BERKELEY PLACE** I ever saw!

Tonite **Σ. Σ. A.** comes to supper
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over N.Y. trip etc. -

We're trying not to worry
about recent awful develop-
ment at office - shall
know our fate definitely
inside a week, that you know.

Last week - 9 or 10 days ago - we
were told that Insull Co. who
bat & were planning huge water
power developments of all that
N. Eng. water power Henry has
talked of last couple years, shielded

and of - He had decided not to
go abroad after all on places
which are in office & on
strength of which office had
hired bigger force & fine one,
& not tried to get other work
as we expected to have more
than enough to do for several
years. Each plant as it was
to be built &c, would be under
written contract & Vaughan
Emp.'s & have the work - &
all places talked of &c -
& we that we were on uphill
patch at last. Now, all of -

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sudden they seem to think
 they'll do nothing for several
 years probably except finish
 one we're under contract for
 & are working on now - &
 we've nothing else to keep
 office going but one small
 11,000 job. If it all falls
 thro' & Insull does the
 work thro' his own organization
 or just for it
 we can't expect - its too late
 in season to get in on
 anything else & we're in

just hard times used up all
our surplus so that there's nothing
left to hold food organization
together thru winter in hopes of
something in spring. And
Ebern feels he'll have to
resign as he's getting no-
where & is fast 40 now &
has his family to think
of too much no help from
family or anywhere else -
And if E.K. leaves, the
"Vaughan Engineers" just
naturally ceases to exist &

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Henry & Jack will be hunting
a job anywhere - & all these
years since 1919 ^{will} have
put them as no farther ahead
except in experience, than
if they'd not been. It
is heart rending to poor Jack
is at his wits end & Henry
wounded half sick too. It's
not a pleasant situation.
In fact, the Power behind
the whole vast project, cares
nothing about our fate
if it interferes with his

larger plans for the N. Corp. Power
Development Plan, but the
President of the plants, whom
Insell brought out retains
as local head, is our very
warm & loyal supporter & if his
word bears any weight with
Insell of Chicago, we may have
a loophole - but that is our
only chance, & Weyman, (Pres)
hasn't the final word. He has
had us do all his work in
just years & the understanding
was that we were to continue
when the merger took place -

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if they may still plan to have
us — BUT if the work is postponed
indefinitely we will perish
in the meantime. — That is
our crisis now. —

We've just tried to get the
thing out of our minds tied
The blow falls next week — &
concentrate on foolishness
&c but it's like having a wood
of hammers above your
head — Is there no matter
what else goes on. — The firm
has had so many set-backs &
struggled thru so many hard times

when other forces of some sort have
failed up here that it did seem
we were due for a boost now
& that we deserved to win out.

I'm not even trying to think or
plan what'll happen if it all
does flop — time enough then
to decide what on earth to do.

It's pretty tough on H & Jack —

Two days ago I wrote Peter the
outline of it and I knew he'd
want to know first thing &
yesterday such a messy letter
came from him — I didn't
know which I wanted to do
most — cry or throw things!

She is a fortune teller 6 BERKELEY PLACE
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MASSACHUSETTS genius for saying
 the wrong thing always! Smugly
 complacently & all-seeingly
 says "Yours about Henry's business
 does not surprise me at all —
 I've seen it coming [How —
 pray?] I only wonder it
 didn't happen sooner, just
 that the fine men expected
 had such patience. We know
 that a man of Henry's talents
 will surely fall on his feet,
 meanwhile you will no doubt

try to rent a room or 2 to some
students." Blah - it being

2 months too late for that, & not
having any furniture for
even one room - & maids'
rooms being full! oh

dear! Not a word of sympathy,

(comfort or regret - "I told
you so" attitude with no

justification except her marvellous
prophetic powers. oh well?

Thank you for being safety
valve - "I'm about to 'explode'?"

Dinner now. Will read samples
of various drapes & in another

envelope - over love -

Thank you for
children's
clippings etc.

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Dec. 10, 1925.

Recd. Dec. 18, 1925

Dearest Daddy,

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dearest family in the world to have
back of us in fair weather and
bad & its mighty comforting to
know you're back of us in this
crisis we're facing now, if
things go awash. Its really
very serious & another "cursed
complication" has arisen in
last few days that is like the
proverbial straw for the camel.
Its such a complicated involved
tangle its hard to write & we wish

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3 good years' work & a solid
reputation for ourselves -

& one afternoon's decision on
the part of the Inceull interests
knocked the whole thing out
from under us. Inceull had

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since those & last year -

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method of procedure. And we
can't afford to wait even a
few months - Jack is down
to his last cent & there's nothing
ahead to keep office going
any longer. Jack is facing
going into bankruptcy - that
is what we are fearing. He
also asks Henry & Ehem if
they could keep office going if
he, Jack, got out & went on a
relieved job somewhere, but
neither H nor E.H. have any
money behind them to get
going with. We feel so sorry for

Jack - in his life's work & was at
 promising 6 BERKELEY PLACE
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MASSACHUSETTS & the effect on
 him - of feeling he'd failed -
 isn't happy to contemplate.
 Henry says it's such a commercial
 organization, that it all down we
 could find a team of three men
 who work as happily & free
 from friction & as understanding
 together year after year as he & Ed
 & Jack. What they need is a
 business-getter - loud speaker -
 salesman type of person which
 none of the three are - they're

not self-boasting but such gentlemen
that they feel they perhaps don't
sell themselves or advertise them-
selves as men of the club & mixer
types do. - If this waterpower
development had gone thro as
scheduled we'd have been "made"
at last - & it does seem hard to
have it snatched from us just
as it's within our grasp.

There's one man - Ira W. Jones
an engineer in Maine who
has been jealous of Jack for
years unfortunately because
on 3 different occasions he's been

on opposite side & Jack has won out or Jack
 has been chosen 6 BERKELEY PLACE
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MASSACHUSETTS instead of Jones
 for much to - & now, on a dam
 that we were to build for Weyman,
 the ^{state} commission who has to
 pass on the dam's plans &
 before allowing its construction
 went & called in Jones as
 engineer to pass our plans -
 & Jones is (as we knew) small
 enough to ~~criticize~~ criticize ours &
 ask for changes of his own
 just to spite us - & our hands
 are tied because Weyman, in
 order not to fight the commission

but who allowed to build the dam, has
said he'd accept its suggestions
so we can't show commission
where Jones is wrong, because
that will hurt Weyman - & our
only chance of the water power
development going through
is Weyman's influence for us
with Duce. What Jack &
H & S.R. hate about this minor
complication is ~~that~~ the bare
possibility of Weyman losing
faith in us & not wanting to
give us the work in the remote
possibility that the water powers do

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go thro. - Its a mess & more
involved than I can write it
as it'd take me all day to put it
all down straight. Its almost
unbelievable that so many little
things could come together at one
time & at such a dreadful
time for us. We're just going
to 'muddle along' as the
English say, doing our best
from day to day. No definite
news yet - This damn tangle
has kept Weyman busy &
prevented decision being given

us on the big problem. Soon as
we know anything definite our-
selves you may be quite sure we'll
write you at once. We don't need
help now - I would only
ask it for the children if
we get down to rock bottom &
saw no way out. It's pretty
nice to know our family would
take us in if need be - but you
know how hard it would be
for Henry to give up. He won't
if he can help it. There's a
way out surely & we'll find
it yet. My heart just aches for
him tho - He's put so much of

himself. - his hopes & ambitions &
 visions into what seemed
~~like~~ a most unusual chance
 for a young man that it just
 hurts me to see him hurt
 so, now that it looks as if
 it'd all been in vain. If we
 had someone back of us with
 money - or jobs - it'd be O.K.
 & heretofore in hard squeezes
 Jack has put in his own
 pennies but they're all
 gone now & we've nothing
 to fall back on to tide over
 an idle winter while scratching

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up possible future work. And
these plants coming along
would have bot in just enough
^{now} at a critical time to squeeze
along a lean winter till the
bigger work (+ pay) started.

Henry'll answer your
queries about the loco. G. S.
& the current prices in east &c.
I don't know the answers!

Must get to market now 'cause my
family must eat no matter
what happens but I wanted you all
to know how dear you are & how
grateful we are for your loving
sympathy. Dearest love - Dorothy

!!! A Happy Xmas to all !!!

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Sunday, Dec. 20, 1925.
Cold & rainy.

Dear Daddy -

Thank dear dad to send us that
big check to tide us over! Bless your
dear generous self for such a
loving dear thought and such a
help too which we'll hold for
possible near-future necessity,
if things break in a heap pretty
soon, and our reserve fund gives
out. If we should get to pan-
bottom later on and need a loan
we'll ask but we hope things
won't be as bad as that.

All our worries are dimmed

by ~~with~~ the joyous prospect of seeing you
after 4 months up here & we are all
fairly counting the days
till you can get here. It's
just wonderful news for us all
& we're dancing a "jig for joy"
in our heads all the time
now in anticipation. I'm en-
closing a time-table for you
& we'd meet any train any
hour - at South Station - so's
I have every single minute
of you that we can get! How
you expect me to write calmly
& sensibly with such a happy
event to look for? The 11:50
A.M. seems quickest train - but

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I don't know what hour of departure
would fit in with your schedule
best - and any hour up here would
suit us. The whole family is
trickled to pieces & prancing
around joyously, jus' thinking
'bout having our dearest daddy
up here. And stay just as
long as you possibly can
won't you?

"The Nation's Capital"
came yesterday much to my
delight. I almost ordered
a copy of it myself last year
as we both wanted it so much - but

didn't and we're doubly tickled
to have it now from you and
after the long desire for it.
Thank you very much. The
pictures are beautiful.

Raining and gloomy
outside - a good day to get out
all our Xmas cards. Beth
is addressing them herself
this year.

Dearest love and more
thanks for your help than I
can express daddy dear -
& a kiss & hug a piece from
each of us, including B & M -

Henry is eager
to talk things
over with you.

Love,
Dorothy.

Went to Dept
Dec 30, 1925 2 pm 3.
Cham

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Dec. 22, 1925.

Dear Daddy,

Now that we know we can
have you for a couple days, we
are eager and even piggy
to hope that you can make
your plans to stay over thro
Sunday anyhow & Henry is
every bit as wanting - of -
you - to as I am. He's
home Sat. P.M. & all day
Sunday and said then he'd
have a real chance to see you

We wish you all were to be here
for Christmas.

Doesn't seem much like
it to us especially with
warm rainy weather &
no snow since the storm
of Oct 10.

Thank you love for
us all - I just had
to beg you to stay
longer than a couple
days so you j'es' think
it over daddy dear.

xx + from Muriel here
at my elbow! Best love - Dee

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

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6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.
January 6, 1926.

Dear Daddy,

Hope you had a comfy
trip home and didn't
catch cold. Oh but we
all did hate to see you
leave us especially
after counting on a
nice Sunday altogether
but we didn't try to over-
persuade you to stay
and risk the berth

'cause we realized you'd
be coming riding by
day & that your work
was piling up. But I
expect you have some little
idea of how much it
meant to us to see you
daddy dear. We've been
happy in retrospect ever
since and you were
just precious to
spare the time & run
up and bring us so
much happiness.

Elinor & took your place
in front of the roast duckling
Sunday noon to keep us
from being too blue over
your hasty departure & she
said 'twas lucky for you that
you'd gone 'cause Uncle
Edwin had planned to camp
on your doorstep, as it were,
all afternoon and listen
to you talk if you'd do so!"

Aunt Mattie is all right again
now and full of "unfeignable
regret" to think she had missed
you of all people.

Tonight we dine next door
at the Blanchards with them
& our across-the-street neighbors
the Kelly's - young & very nice
& not Irish - not immediately at
any rate! The kids are fine and wish
Grandpa'd come back but till he
does, send lots of love & kisses along
with mine. Hears love Dorothy

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.

Jan. 10, 1926.

Dear dear Daddy,

Bless your dear self
for wanting to get Beth
ice skates & shoes! She'll
be delighted beyond
words daddy dear &
could have a glorious
time on the flooded
& frozen rinks on the
"Common" (park) near
Aunt Mattie's. This is a

very very lucky little girl
I have so many lovely
things that she wants &
I hope it won't spoil her!
She's been in most all week
with fever first & now a
real cold with bad cough
so we shan't do anything
about the shoes & shoes
till she's up & out.

It's pushing dark & damp
out & bitter cold. Snow-
maker it seems very bleak
& is colder than bare ground!

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Henry went to dinner with
Jack Vaughan at Engineer's
Club last nite to hear lecture
there afterwards on new power
development ideas &c.

The blue & red padded Gap
kimono mother made for
Merriman is just fine &
warm & very becoming to
his majesty! He has it on
this morning as fire went
down a little in nite & house
hasn't warmed up enough
yet & he has the ruffles
this a we to keep both and
Anna company.

Thank you very much
daddy dear for the skates
&c - I'll tell you when we
get them. I shall get in quite
large to last into future!

Bestest love all around -
Forthy.

to get all happy & warm inside remembering it.
he'll live me you dear with

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Friday.

Jan. 29, 1926.

Dear Daddy,

All is fine up here except
the temperature which is
-5° above! ooh!! It's dreadful,
but the house is so comfy
we really can't complain
except that we have to go
out in it later! We're happy
in claims to have mother here
& only wish you & Ze were
along too but we know we
can't have all the good things

at one time!

Mother arrived on time
& we talked ourselves most
lounge all day & evening &
gotten & went to movies
last night in spite of the
high fall & low temperature.

The children are all right
again but I'm keeping
Beth out of school rest of
week as it's so cold for her
& rally forth & she needs
the extra days to renew her
pep in. She & Bay were so

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pale & their little eyes so thin
after the days of fever
that they're pathetic & need
feeding up! Working the
matter with their appetites
now! I'm tickled sickly over
my beautiful kawaii rug
daddy dear - just previous
of you to give it to me & it
gives a much needed touch
of warmth & color to the

upstairs sitting room. The red
is too vivid to go with the
Oriental rug downstairs
where I'd like to put it in
place of the pale-face karajis
there now. I like it upstairs
better anyhow where I can
see it all the time while
working up there. It's a
lovely rug daddy - so fine
& soft - a real treasure for
our home. Thank you
bushels for it. I'm tickled
to pieces to have the beautiful

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Ventrian glass jewel box that
was your mother's — colors
are so rich & beautiful &
I always loved this one &
the one you have used to
study them & pick out the
pictures &c. I love family
things anyway for their
associations as well as
their beauty or value or whatnot
We're complimentary seats
to his movie "Stella Dallas"

today at one of big theaters, &
tomorrow morning we promised
to take Beth (+ Grandmother)
to see Douglas Fairbanks in
"Thief of Bagdad" at children's
show. Mother + I are looking
forward to it quite as much
as Beth I do believe!

Yesterday the Mr. Hoyle
of the Locomobile Jr. &
- the salesman we talked
with at the rooms -
came out to see me &
ask us to give him the

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opportunity to demonstrate
the car ~~to you~~ or us again.
said he was horrified that
the other man had taken their
old work - car out ^{he} of ~~the~~ feet
They'd not shoo us
what the car really can
do & he'd consider it a
"great honor" if Henry'd
come in some Sat. P. M.
& take the car out by himself

for the afternoon & do what
he liked with it. Said he
saw that Henry knew
motors & felt he'd be con-
vinced of power & of Loco. &
if he drove one himself all
P.M. & Hoyle would appreciate
it if Henry would, even if
we or you had no idea of
buying that makes now or
later. If H. does take
advantage of the offer later
on (when its not so cold for an
open car :) he'll pass on to

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you the verdict!

We're not forgetting
you when about the
ice skater daddy but merely
waiting till Beth is out
again & we can fit her
(Several eyes too big for future!).

Mother says to tell you she's
having a nice time & getting
Mummin's kisses & hugs,
& playing cards with Beth.
At present she's making one

of our club books - a mystery
story - that has to go back to-
morrow. We get two new books
to read every two weeks & a
novel or detective story is in-
cluded now & then among
the more serious ones.

Must get to work now so
bye & hope love things from
all of us -

W. W. W. W. W.
I Love you too from Beth

add

6 Berkeley Place,
Feb. 5, 1926.

Maree & Paddy -

I snowed in up here - at least 2 ft. deep on level & may to Henry's hips in drifted spots last night when he ploughed home on foot from Harvard Square - No trolleys all yesterday of course & roads just being

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cleared now. Our garage
may is full of snow
above level of hedge row
& children are having a
beautiful time making
them it. Biggest storm
in years & its a
wonderful night. We
are housebound
tho & mother says
& tell you we can't even
get out to a movie!

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is well - with imperishable - a nice pocket for all the drifts!! Sun is out & trees are
diamonds hanging beautiful. all of its fine & so heavy having mother. Berkeley all day

Our front lawn is a billowy white mass. My how I wish we had snowshoes to teach the children how to use them (+ me too!)

Streets weren't clear enough to send Beth to school today - she'd get wet way above her knees & sit wet all a. m. so we've let her & M. out to play instead & then they can be dried out as soon as they come in at noon. Besides such a mass of snow is too big a treat for them to miss.

Found Flora having the time of her life last nite shovelling our walk out when we were locking up for bed! Berkeley Place

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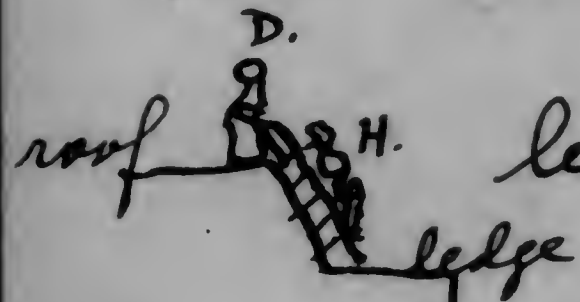
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One small job came in
other day - make estimate
of cost of a new power plant
at Northampton to supply
his lot of mills there. We hope
to persuade mills to build plant
there as engineers. We hope
they'd do it + soon. Fri., Feb. 12, 1926.
Let you know develop-
ments.

Ber. Place still impassable except
on foot - snow several feet
deep in drifts + nearly 2 ft in
the few level places. Hopeless
mess! We developed a leak in to
our lovely new bedroom ceiling
this a.m. due to banking up +
back of melting snow in junction
of 2 parts of roof over 3rd floor
playroom windows so at 7 a.m.
Henry crawled around the eaves
from inside, going in thro cubby

Lade at one end of playroom & stuffed rag
in & set a fail there to catch drip.

Then after dressing I went up on
roof with him & held rope around
me that let down a ladder to



ledge over window where H. could
reach ice & back it off & shovel

off snow from ledge. Ditch job &

scared me stiff but H. did it & I

guess we'll have no further trouble,

the damage is done already to our
new ceiling. Worst storm in 25

yrs. papers & radio announce & its

surely a record to have 2 real
blizzards within one week. I

Keep knocking icicles off gutters
that hang down (icicles do!) 3 & 4

feet & are 6 or more inches at base!

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as scratched out
that more here
of what they do.

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Its thawing rapidly today - is mild out.
we hope for rain with wind to melt it
more speedily even!

Miriam is sick today. Minnie,
contrary to definite orders, fed him
sour apple sauce that had been in
jarily a week & I'd told her was
spilled & to throw out - He's been
nauseated in night & now & is abed
feeling wretchedly & looking very
pathetic. Minnie grows more & more
& stupider & stupider & its only a
question of time - & a short one of
fear - when I'll not be able to stand
her any longer. Anna went to market

by snow plows it all - the in Boston shopping district is O.K. 1800 men after
snow clearing jobs City Hall & turned away for lack of equipment - shovels, plows &c. -
Burbank Snow -

to get meat for me to make boy a broth
which is on stove now. Am starving
him till he's O.K. - just rice broth
He's not hungry yet tho. -

Aunt May & Peter took mother to
amateur dramatics in Hud Square last
nite & saw very good show - 13th Chair -
mystery play. Went in a taxi but some
one else switched it on return trip so
They all had to walk home!

I'm having such a satisfying
visit with mother & just hope you
don't need her home for weeks yet -
we get so dinged home some all year
long for our family that we can't
get enough of 'em in only 2 or 3 weeks
at least another year! Hope you & the
are well & Daisy is doing O.K. Mother
won't get fretted if she knows you're being
well cared for. None of side streets are cleared

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Recd. March 5, 1926

March 1, 1926.

Dear Maddy,

Mother leaves us tomorrow
10 AM train for N. Y. & at 3:41 or
if late at 4:06 goes out to White
Plains to stay over night with
Barbara, & returns to N. Y.
Wednesday in time to catch
an afternoon train for home.
She should be there sometime
Wed. evening. It's perfectly

awful to contemplate her departure &
the reality afterwards will be
even worse. But it has been
wonderful having her even
this one month out of 12 &
I only hope the change &
rest from housekeeping &
meal-ordering to will prove
to have rested her somewhat.
It is no fun living so far from
one's folks that we can't see
each other oftener than once
a year.

You will be glad to

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hear that I was able to get
Anna in to the Charlesgate
Hospital, also a Grade A
one, & that she left yesterday
bag & baggage to start her
training. It's a pretty stiff
course with special work
in very serious surgical
cases bro't there by Boston's
leading surgeons. She goes
to New York lying-in Hospital
later for 3 months' internship

obstetrical work. Its a smaller
& endowed hospital & I think
she may get more thorough
training than at the larger
more institutional Camb. one.
which refused her. I like
the personnel of the Charleyate
much better & the hospital
runs well. We are very
glad for her tho shall miss
her sorely.

Both asked to sleep after
10 P M in Annas bed so that
she would get him up in
the night if he awakes and

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not wake us up. Isn't she a dear
thoughtful thing? When they both
woke up this a Mr Merriam
climbed over in to bed with
her and they had a beautiful
time till Lora came down
to dress him at 7.

I'm lots better - cough
persists but it generally does
not with me. Legs still somewhat
sore and head gets dizzy
now & then but otherwise I'm

0.16. Shall have to take things
easy rest of week - no driving
daily or marketing till I'm
more pep!

Another

Hurry server to
have escaped the bug, luckily.

He goes to Vienna again for 2

weeks about middle of the

month. He'd expected to go in

January but Co. wasn't

ready for him then: no

more news yet. One small

job in recently keeps office

peppering while longer!

Lunch now so big I keep it

love from each of us

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March 30, 1926.

Daddy dear,

Thanks for the write-up
about Grandpa. Similar item
appeared in Boston papers too.

It's mighty nice to have letters
from you when you're so busy
and we all appreciate any
word you send. The children
(and I) were happy to read
your note to them today sent
with the picture cut-outs
for their amusement.

We've seen two movies lately

that I wanted you to go to see too as I
think you'd enjoy them. One is
the wonder dog Rin - Tin - Tin in
"The Night Cry" (& tell me how they
got those photos of the condor!!)
& the other a native picture of
me of the Samoan islands
- "Moana" is title. It's lovely
- no whiter in it at all - just a
series of beautiful pictures of
native life & customs.

It's good to have Henry home
again. He was able to get far
enough along in the work & be able
to finish it down here by bringing
a lot of papers to with him. He
is very tired - doesn't seem to

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got sleep caught up the 2 further
& bed early. Summer upset
along with washing hard & all
till midnight in Augusta used
him up. No other news in
Wisc yet - things are just
dribbling on, one little thing
at a time but as yet don't see no
definite news for you. ~~for~~

I spent all this a.m. washing
out all the downstairs curtains
as don't find for much this
afternoon! I'd planned to take
the children to the Zoo today
but shall try to do it tomorrow
instead & go early. Beth is home

from school this week for spring
vacation.

Uncle Edwin has asked after
you & sent his warmest regards to
you each time we see him
& Aunt Mattie frequently tells
me how much she regretted
missing you of all people.

I saw some at last & my
it's a relief. We are looking
daily to see if there are any
green shoots coming up in our
garden!

Baker send heaps of love
and kisses to Grandpa to do
I!

Dear love to you all -

Dorothy.

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May 25, 1926.

Dear Daddy,

This is the day you always used to tease me by calling my birthday 'cause I was due then so I'll compensate with you by thanking you on this day for your very lovely check and its note accompaniment. I don't know how you manage to remember birthdays anymore daddy but its mighty nice that you do & I'm very appreciative! The family probably told you how we celebrated the occasion so I won't repeat.

Henry wishes he could be of some
real help in the selection of a car
but he feels he doesn't know much
about the newer models. We're
very much interested & hope you
find a good one.

Cold here last two days just
after we'd let the fire go out. Did
you ever know it to fail? The
house seems very chilly & the
children are glad of sweaters under
their coats outdoors. I hope I lack
the - it's much preferable to the usual
late May heat. If cool enough
we shall stay here till around June
20th & watch our garden develop
more. It's getting very beautiful

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as the leaves come out on the roses &
barberry & the almond bushes
pink blossoms come out. Before
long the red & white peonies &
the big lavender iris will be
out & they are glorious. We
have planted a bed full of
orange calendulas & marigolds
for October blooming & this
week-end plan to plant a
bed of fall asters - (like
baby chrysanthemums.) Henry
is developing a passion for the

a long way from straight & perfect. It is to contain his spines for
them twice daily & my rubbing, & have the extra wool in his shoe
which the stambs daily beat & scratch.

soil! we have lots of fun too!

I hope you seemed rested
when she got home. We surely
did enjoy having her here
tho like your teacher's visits
the time was too short.

Beth's school is out the 4th &
it hardly seems possible the school
year can be so nearly over. She
is fine & well tho run and
hope so much she's a bit thin
around her belt line. In hoping
Merriam will grow more & fill out
more this summer - he's not
fained this winter tho feet take
the same sized shoes as in October.
Mr D says his legs are better but still.

Added

ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday,
July 22, 1926.

Dearest Daddy,

I've only the two addresses
so far - Cheyenne & this to
catch you en route. Maybe
I will think to send me
another stop over spot's
name. Mother's first note
from Cumberland speaks
of intense heat which I
hope you've not had all
way across. We're having
a scorch here today - with

high humidity & no air
stirring. Both & Merriam
have been in for a dip &
are dressing now in
one garment & shoes &
stockings & feel very
much refreshed. Blanche
& I shall go for our
swim shortly. She's
working up a desire for
it by ironing & I've
already done so by racking
my hair & drying it out
in the sun. Fear it's fixed
in Boston for Henry.

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Wish me ABBOT COTTAGE
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MASSACHUSETTS were along
with you folks. We're eager
to hear all about the
trip & how it compares to
previous ones, how the
car stands up, how roads
are & all other bits of
news. You all seem a
powerful long way off
to this lonesome family
way back east!

Beth is all right after
her (& my!) harrowing
experience. Her throat was

tender a couple days that's
all. Beth has shown a
marked improvement in
her swimming this summer
& goes off the end of the
pier with us eagerly now,
to swim quite well indeed,
in water several times
her depth. She wants to wear
up courage & jump off
the pier when H. is here.
He wants her to be at home
in the water & know how to
take care of herself. She has
a good side stroke but

childlike goes too fast. When she
tries she turns on her
face & floats - "dead man's
float"!! Brother has gone
in & gotten wet all at
once the last two times
& wet his head - a real
advance for him! - He didn't
want to come out either.

Jim Kinola worried about
Zoe - mother says she's so
very thin & pale. I hope she
can rest this summer &
build up a lot. She was
too thin when up with me.

How are you all standing
the trip this time? Is it
the ~~same~~ rather a real joy
with its higher top and
greater view from its larger
window spaces?

Do go easy over the
mountains. I'll be very
thankful when you're
safely in Lagunitas
& please do wire me
then - collect! How
long do you expect the
trip to take?

Bushels & barrels of love
from us all - Dorothy.

Wenquitt, Mass.,
Aug. 24, 1926.

Dear Daddy,

It was good indeed to have
your fine letter and the
expense enclosure of the trip.
Henry was very much
interested in it & that you
did well. The short time it
took you for the long journey
is most astonishing.

Mother's notes keep me
posted now on your trip
- Coming, Duranville &c.

Wongquit, Mass.,
Aug. 24, 1926.

Dear Daddy,

How good indeed to have
your fine letter and the
expense enclosure of the trip.
Henry was very much
interested in it & that you
did well. The short time it
took you for the long journey
is most astonishing.

Dr. Mather's notes keep me
posted now on your trip
- Coming, Duranville &c.

Perhaps someday B & M can ^{do}
go along too. What a treat
that would be for them.

Beth is old enough now to
enjoy it I remember it
as I do plainly, many
of the incidents of the
Mt. Shasta summer for
instance when I was 8 yrs old.
And there's never been a
horse nor even a big water-
fall nor a mountain.
She'll have to before too
much longer. Between

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flying kites, swimming, & belonging
to a code-writing club she's having
a busy happy summer but I
wonder how soon something of
the sweet someday - something
else besides her life in Cambridge
& down here - maybe we can
take her ^{to} travelling in a few
years if the firm gets on its
feet again.

The Harvard Business School
work is keeping us going thro
the summer - we've designed
& built a new building for all
power & light equipment for the
whole university, putting it
across river as annex & one
of the new Bus. Admin. buildings.
Heretofore all the elec. light plant
for all of Harvard was in base-
ment of one of the dormitories -
antiquated arrangement & too
small to feed the growing college &

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liable to put whole college in
darkness ^{indefinitely} should fire
destray ^{the} dormitory
above the plant. Henry
saw need himself of a
modern plant equip-
ment & went after the
job, ~~settling~~ ^{selling} the idea 1st
to the Harvard "Powers"
& then carrying it out.
He said he'd just have to
sell them that job so's
Vaughan Eng. would keep
alive — she did!! In

Sept. sometime, the option
on the huge Tennessee
project expires & we'll
know then whether or
not we're to have any
more work. Office has
worked so hard on it
for couple years it'd be a
bitter blow if the two
sides don't settle it after
all & go ahead developing
the waterpower as planned.
We'll let you know soon as
we know!

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I'm enclosing some clippings from some foolichness I've cut out for you from time to time. See enclosed from each I've - Dorothy

There's an article on Charles Abbott's works in last American Magazine you might like to read even tho you don't approve of the magazine's owners!

After 5 perfectly gorgeous snappy cold clear days it is starting to rain now. We have caught only the tail end of several of the bad storms that have hit Boston this summer so our wells haven't been helped much but continue to watch the use of water carefully. It's a pretty nuisance every summer but there seems no help for it. If we have heavy fall rains to fill wells before ground freezer then we have a less worrisome time the following summer but the last few autumns have been dry ones.

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Nov. 29, 1926.

Ans. Dec. 26, 1926

Dear Daddy,

Neither of us feels quite right
about keeping the check for ^{or} 200
you sent us daddy dear for
we aren't stranded yet - things
aren't ^{as sharply} critical now as they
were last year because we
do get a salary now & then
& November was one salary
month. So unless you took it
from your own needs, may
we put it in bank & hold in

reserve for the time we can't
help feeling may hit us
- a real emergency? You
don't have understanding
of the strain we've been
under for so long & your
helpful suggestions mean
so much to us & the knowing
our precious family is
back of us if things go "horrid".
Thank you with all our hearts
for the big check but don't
think of sending us another
unless we get so low we have

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Ask for a loan - & we would daddy,
if we had to.

Oh the terrible uncertainty
continuing on for so long
that has sort of "gotten us" -
me especially, for Henry is
more patient & in a position to
understand the situation
& future possibilities better
than I. And he says he's been
thinking about it for months
& months & wanting to do what
is right & best for his own future

but that as yet, he's not person of
any other proposition that
promises as well as the present
situation. IF only things pass
out. We've had ripples at several
nearly big things which haven't
yet materialized — but their
possibilities keep Henry from
wanting to desert ship till
they, (the jobs) either come to a
head or fall through entirely.
He's going to write you as well
as he can explain just what
the situation is with the office.

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The Southern thing that was to
 have gone thro or started in Sept
 did neither — the option offered
 of course but the ^{N.Y.} bankers were
 sufficiently interested in the
 project & he willing to pay
 \$1,000,000 to have option extended
 another year (? think that long)
 to go in to ^{more} & get a market
 prepared for the power when
 its developed. But that delay
 is fierce for us you see — with
 no capital back of us to be able to
 afford delays. If the thing does

go there, we're "made" — & if my chafing
& impatience & getting so tired &
upset all the time, should force
Henry against his better judgment
& leave before it's "cooked," just
to take a sure-thing salaried
job in some big concern, I'd
never forgive myself. But
I do worry — not for now, tho'
I am tired — but for the
future years when the children
will be ready for college & what
not — Of course we can't go on
living from hand to mouth
indefinitely, being thankful we've

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a salary one month maybe in reserve,
wondering when there'll be another
how long the one must last.
The Harvard job + the Maine one
have been our salvation this
summer. Henry isn't ready
to quit yet - I think he feels he's
got to stick till one or 2 possibilities
either come to a head or fall thro
entirely. The prospect of living
here in New Eng. all my days ^{having}
the children grow up as "natives"
rich only this environment for

their horizon, is an appalling
one to me even in prosperous
circumstances which would
allow us to travel now & then,
but to live here just grubbing
out a bare existence would
be well-nigh impossible:

I am sorry if my letters
got you all worried too - I
had no business complaining
but I guess I just exploded
from the strain.

The thought of a long visit
home seems just heavenly

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to me - but I can't do it yet - it
wouldn't be fair to Henry nor
easy for Ruth because of her
schooling. Later on should
Henry decide it is best to
leave Vaughan Eng's, we'd love
to go home till he's fixed
elsewhere - anywhere but
New England! He's been
thinking over your letter will
write you - & keep the letter for
the Calif. references. -

It's better not to plan home for
Ymas, but we are going to hope to
make the trip when Beth has
her Easter vacation instead.
Wish you all could get up
here for Xmas instead -
it'd be just wonderful for
us.

We had Thanksgiving
dinner at Aunt Mattie's tho
she was in bed after another
fall & unable to be at the
table. She had us all go up
to her room for nuts & raisins
& coffee. She hasn't been very

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strong lately & we fear she may
have had a slight stroke which
caused her to fall but her M.D.
is a doddering old homeopath
that none of us have any
confidence in so Constance,
her daughter from Detroit, is
demanding consultation
today to find out just what
is wrong. Auntie is pretty
old now too. While Edwin
asked very cordially after you &

sent his warmest regards. He
walked over here to call last
week - he all down goes so far now -
& I felt very honored! I per-
suaded him to let me drive
him home by assuring him
I had to go up to the store
anyway - so I made ^{up} the
errand & also got him
home safely after dark!

Elinor E. from New York was here
over the week-end & at dinner
with us at Aunt May's yesterday
where it was a record Thanksgiving -
giving one with turkey & all the

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filings including apple pie with
ice cream aboard it!

I took Ruth over to see the
'Black Pirate' in color with
Douglas Fairbanks Friday aft. -
(had Blanche go in to see it with
her & I stayed with Merrim)
& her joy. excitement over
it were joyous to see. She
can follow the pictures now
that she reads quickly & was
thrilled by all Doug's feats
& dangers! M. wanted to go too.

The kids got into bed with us the other morning & M. was much interested in Henry's face & announced to Beth, "Look Beth, daddy looks as if he'd fallen on a board & gotten his face all full of splinters." Again he asked "Why do you shave daddy?" & Henry told him & then said "you'll have to too someday to take off those stiff little hairs too." "Oh no," said Boy "I don't think I'll want to shave. I think I'll just pick 'em off."

Time to start children's dinners now - their taters have

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been baking long enough &
they must have their brocade^(?)
too.

Dearest love & gratefulness
& hugs to you & dear darling
from us all — & we just
wish we lived in Baltimore
we do — we'd be regular pests
at 1919 we would!

Our dining room thermom. (outside) Dorothy —
was 20° above Sat. nite.
last week we had several days
up to 60°. Queer changes.

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6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 3, 1926.

Daddy dear,
Many many happy
returns of the 71st (you'll
say 72nd I know!!) birthday
this Sunday & fifteen hundred
hugs & kisses from us all
who wish like everything
that they could be there to
share it with you & help blow
out the birthday candles &
cut the birthday apple pie!

We hope you'll be having
weather less hostile to you than

we are. It's 12° above zero right now at
9 o'clock in the morning & yesterday
twas even worse with a bitter
wind blowing all day that went
right thro' any clothes except
fur. Lawd but its cold! The
house is comfy, as you may
remember but I've got to
have its warmth pretty soon
to go to market for my ~~hungry~~
children's dinners. Luckily
we put alcohol in Sally Jane's
radiator a week ago - this cold
snap would have frozen her up
solid otherwise.

Beth has had a mean in-
fection on her knee this week -
a miserably painful thing

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Bunch of love things & birthday wishes to the dearest daddy in all the world from his
loving big daughter Howley.

almost like a nail kept that it didn't
lead up properly till 14. opened it &
worked the pins to a center. — the
sore spot was over 2 inches in diameter
& hurt both to walk & bend her
knee. It's heaps better today after
being opened a second time & again
washed in hypod solution & bandage
put on. Don't see how she got such a
thing unless her frequent falling
down & scratching skin of her knees
gave something a chance to get in &
cause trouble. M. had his first
stye a week or more ago which is just
healing up now. I don't understand
what causes those things except eye
strain & he doesn't read yet, & he cer-
tainly doesn't look run-down!

Did I ever thank you for sending
the Literary Digest over for this year?
Of not I do now. You know already how
much we enjoy having it.

You may be interested to know that
in several particularly dangerous street
intersections in Boston, signal light
"silent cops" are to be installed at last,
as a result of several serious collisions
at those points this year. We need a couple
here in Cambridge too, around Harvard Square.

END OF REEL.
PLEASE
REWIND.

