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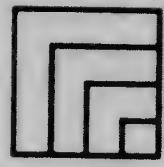
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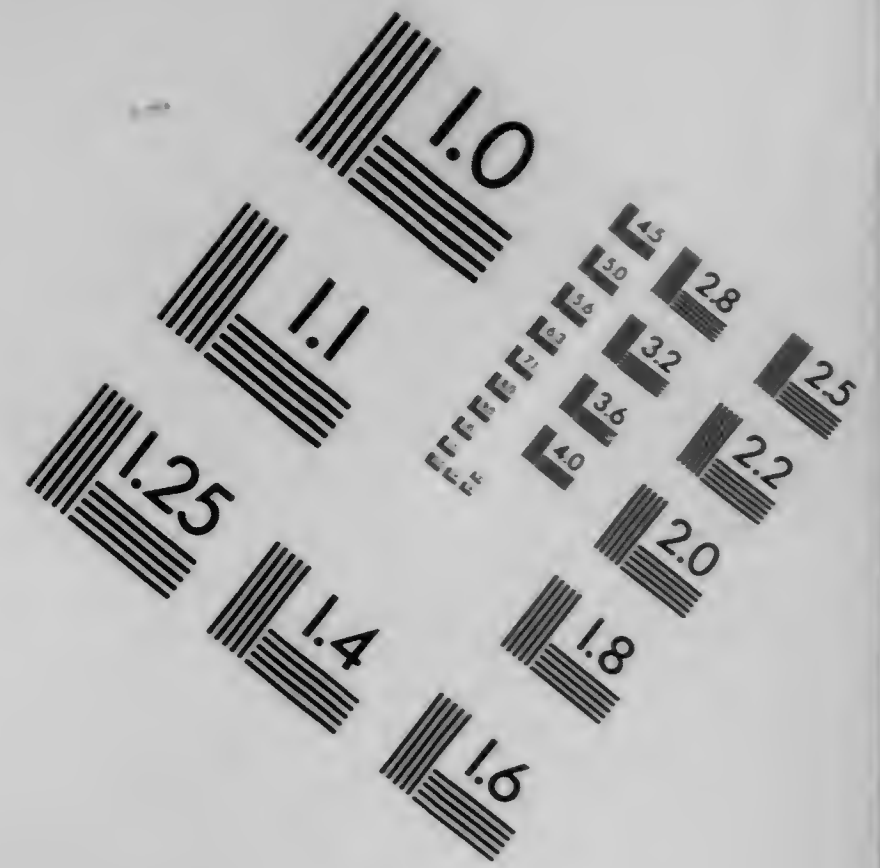
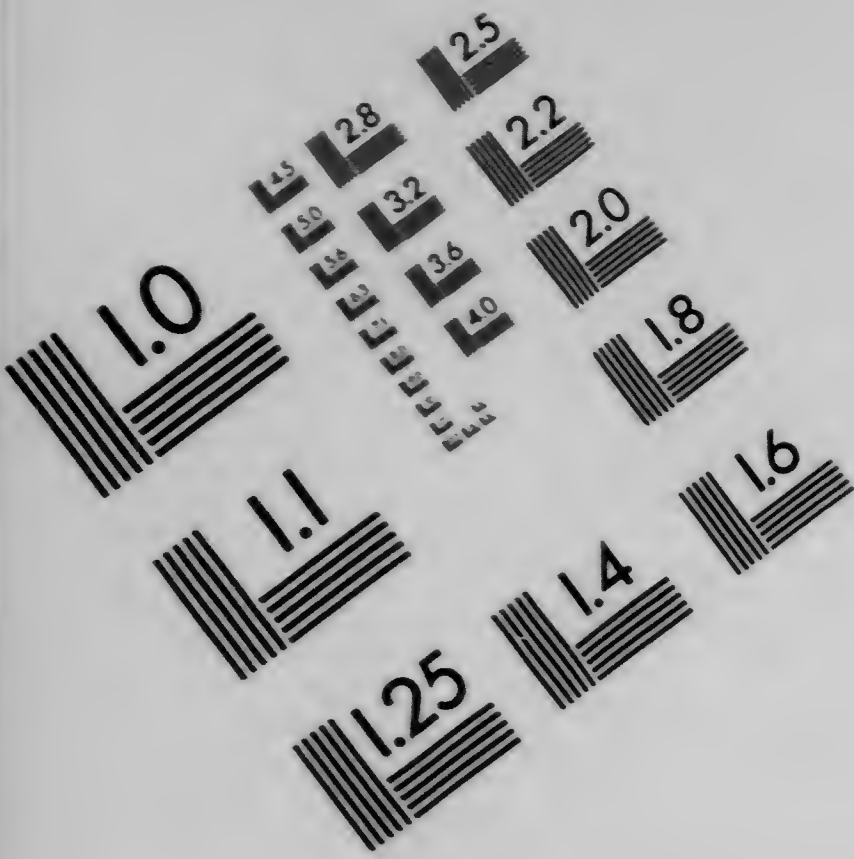
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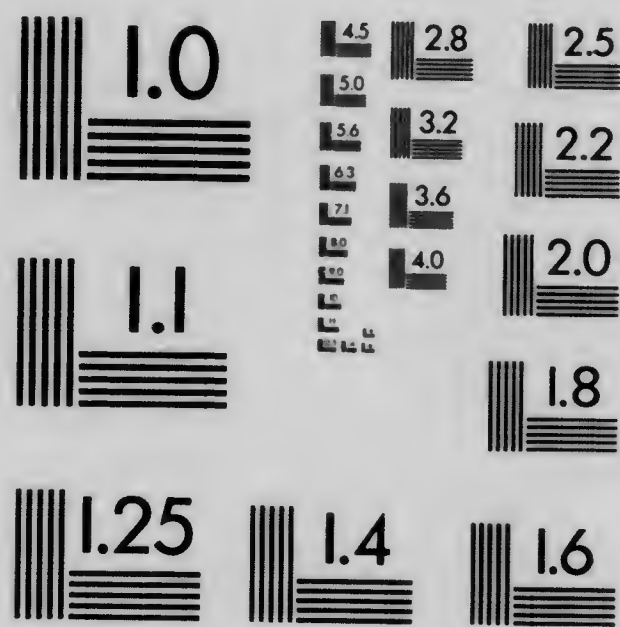
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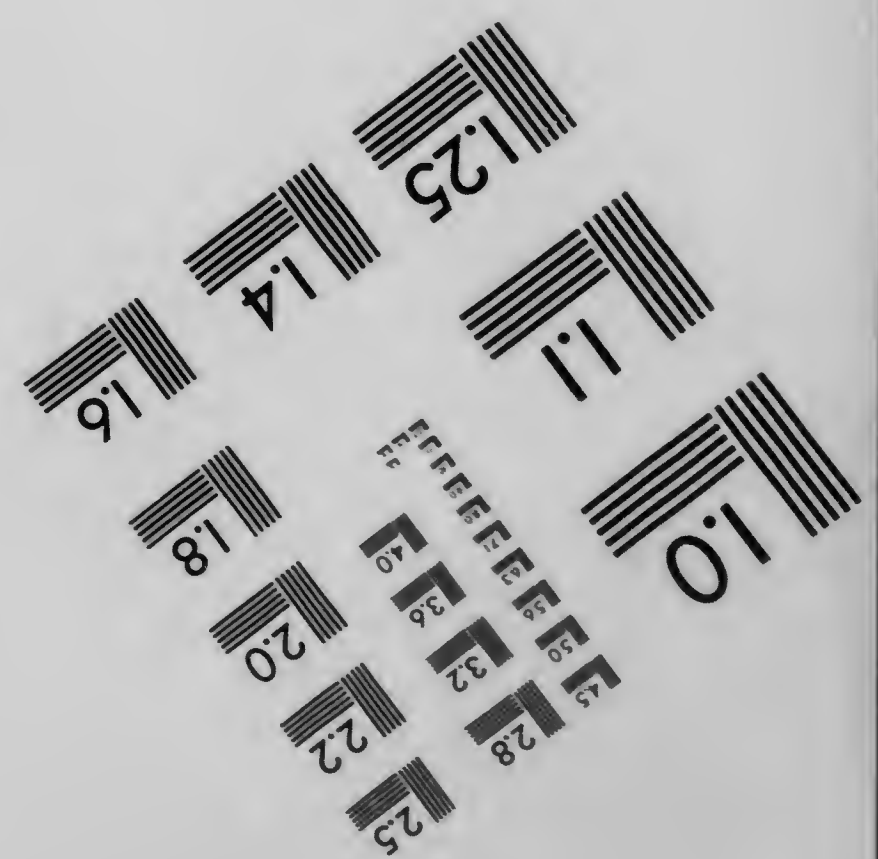
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Jan. 12, 1927.

Accl. Jan. 21, 1927

Daddy dear,

Thank you for my copy
of your paper on the Pit
river tribes. What a huge
undertaking it was & how
thankful and relieved you
must be to have it completed
and off your mind. I'm
tickled to piece to have it &
have snatched time to
glance thro it & the map &
pictures & was tickled to find
Zee - & so were the kids. It was
like you. to speak of her help &

I liked that. I'm appalled at the tremendous amount of time & work the gathering and verifying of all the material in it show. It's a wonderful piece of work daddy. Beth was very much interested in the pictures of the country and kept saying "hey I hope I can get out there some day with Grandpa".

Last year you spoke of wanting to get Beth ice skates but there was more snow than ice the rest of the winter & we thought best to wait till this year & let her start in earlier & have a longer season at it. So before I was Henry got her skates

on shoes & 6 BERKELEY PLACE
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last another year at least (we hope)
& considered we'd used part of
the \$200 you sent us & told Beth
you'd wanted to give them to
her last year so they were really
your gift. She goes over to the
Common nearly every day
(except since her cold) and can manage
very well now. She has a wonder-
ful time at it & comes home
scarlet checked & starry-eyed &
full of enthusiasm over her
improvement. She "only fell down
five times" the first day - seemed
quite proud of it & since then
has reported not more than two
tumbles a day. First thing when she

Are you going to Calif. before Mch 25? 'Cause that's when B's vacation starts & we think they'd be a train to D.C. that would take us there if wanted.!!

get in from school she asks "Can I go skating?"
& gets on her bloomer waaler & heavy stockings & marches off alone & skate in each hand. Don't know when any one thing has given her more perfect joy. She can see the clock on memorial (at Harvard) so comes home on time each day. Merriam isn't so keen on it as B. because it leaves him alone without his beloved sister whom he adores. But he has a 3 1/2 yr. old playmate next door whom he really has lots of fun with out in the snow. She has chicken pox now.

All of Beth's class have been exposed to mumps - 2 cases of it in her room - It'll be 3 weeks before we know if we're to have it too.

Ever so much love & thanks again for the pamphlet & the cut out pictures which came 2:30 PM yesterday. Love, M.

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Dec. 28, 1926.

Dearest Daddy,

Thank you heaps and lots
daddy dear for the Nat'l. Geog.
Book of 'Wild Animals of N. A.'
which we are delighted to have
with B's Flower one & the
Bird book you sent last
year. They're lovely to have
and instructive too. Your dear
letter came this morning
with another check for
which we thank you very

much. Our family did so many things for us this year that we feel sort of overwhelmed. I think the very nicest of all was hearing your dear voices for a minute & was morning. Wish you'd said more to us. Could you hear us plainly? We spoke louder than last time so that you'd each have more sound in each of your three phones. Children were as excited as we were. It was just dear of you to call up.

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I could just spank Harry for not having written you - I think he had because he spoke of intending to do it weeks ago & I know daddy that it's not because he "doesn't think it worth while" - please don't think that of him - but that he's so busy getting down to writing letters at home after he's helped me get supper cleared up & fires attended to & so on about the house & at office there

isn't much time. And he wanted to write you fully - not just a brief note as I did.

Christmas Day was mild & clear but Sunday the snow came - 'most a foot of it & buried us up again just as we were emerging thankfully from the last storm. Its morning today too - a wet hurried one with a chill in it so we are glad to stay indoors.

We three are about over our cold but Henry caught one of them (or all three!) yesterday & felt rather badly last night.

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so I put him to bed early. We'd
been up too late for over a week
getting ready for Xmas and
the house in order &c. -

We've a beautiful tree this
year over in corner of music
room in front of book-case
& the children have their presents
around on table - a great
heap of them. I quite agree with
you that it's not right to have
so many all at once. We saved
some out to open after Xmas

to prolong the fun & cause less
confusion. Both children have
been swamped this year - lovely
things but too many of them.
Beth's books delight her more
than anything else. I am glad
she likes to read & you'll be
glad of her preference for
nature books, especially the
Animal stories of ^{Thomson} Burgess
& Seton - 2 Seton's this was
'Woodland Tales' & 'Biography of
Grizzly.' We get her the big Burgess
'Animal Book' illustrated by
Fuentes - companion book to
the Flower & Bird books of the

same series.
now.

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She has all three

Thank you for sending me
your two articles on 'Buffalo in
Calif.' and 'Origin of name of Mt.
Shasta' which came before Vmas
& which I am delighted to have.
I hope you'll send me copies
of any future ones too because
I want them very much.

B's knee is quite well now.
It was nothing compared to
your skin one which Dr
Bennell fixed, but hurt the
child quite enough while it lasted.

Since then she makes to apply iodine
& every scratch she or her man
gets. When he scratched quite a
place on tip of his well pug nose &
made it bleed. I was amused to
return ^{to house} & find him with a brownish-
orange headlight for a nose! She knows
she must be careful of eyes & mouth
be in handling the battle.

So sorry to hear about poor
Uncle Henry. What a pity & get
one would almost see it coming the
last few years. He didn't seem
like other people. Does he know
people? If so give him our
love when you next see him.

Congratulations on finishing
the "Pit River Indian Tribes". My Pit

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must be a tremendous satisfaction
to you to have that completed
and a load off your mind.
I hope you have more competent
office assistants ~~soon~~ ^{this year}.

Thull Edwin asked me to
give you his warmest greetings
when I next wrote you, when
we ran over late Tuesday
to see him & Aunt Mattie.

I wish we could get out to
Lagunitas with you all & as soon
as we can see our way we shall
plan to - I can't plan it definitely
yet. But it's not only a pity not

I have the children know that beautiful
forest country but more especially
not to have the tremendous privilege
of being with their Granddaddy
learning the life of the
country from him. Beth's
little mind is so eager to learn
things - its like a sponge
ready to absorb all about it.
And I'd like her to grow up knowing
heaps more than I do.

True mother see a kind
thing for us & then get them
to find you one each for us.

Much love & happy New
Year wishes to all my
precious family.
Dorothy.

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,

Jan. 15, 1927.

Dear Daddy,

I'm enclosing some
foolishness for you. The auto
one happened to Percy Crocker
the first time he took his
car out with us as passengers
and held up traffic in
4 directions as he stalled
across both car tracks
at an intersection with
the horn blowing - because
stuck. H. & I nearly had

conviction fits it was so funny
& Percy was so panic-stricken
he did all the wrong things.
We've never forgotten that
particular ride.

Yesterday was a good
day to live elsewhere than
Cambridge. Temperature
went up over 50° & it rained
hard all day, melting
the ice & snow so fast that
walking without being
soaked over one's shoes
& from all sides. Too, was

unbearable & there was such a heavy fog all day that driving was risky business. Now today its snowing hard again and a big drop in temperature is forecast for tonight - down to between 10° above zero as we catch the end of the cold wave that has been hitting the south. Its a wonder anyone is well over in this changeable climate.

Beth went to see 'Grace' this morning with Aunt May & was very much impressed by the sort of life those primitive people live, their migration across the mountains and their crossing of the swift river with all their sheep & horses & cows. The picture was shown at our new Harvard Square movie house for the benefit of one of the schools here ^{the house} & was crowded with children & parents.

Bushels of love from us all —

Dorothy

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Sat., Jan. 22, 1927.

Daddy dear,

Merriman and I each had interesting
bundles by mail today - regular
surprise packages! I'm delighted to
have a bound copy of your 'Pit River
Indians' & think it very dear and
thoughtful of you to send me one (auto-
graphed too) in middle of your
busy day. Thank you daddy dear.

Merriman's "movie" is a great idea
over & we've had great fun all day
with it, M. lugging it around
under his arm looking for
folks to show it to. Then when

whole word. I didn't know he knew the letters well enough to write them tho he's
been picking them out of a page for sometime. More thanks & heaps of love from
us all.
Dorothy

Henry came home he had to play with it
too. do you've got amusement to
the whole family you see!

Swight Baale is coming over to supper
with us tonight. His wife has gone
home with the kids for a visit &
he's been here couple times in their
absence.

Snow going fast during last
three mild days & I do hope it
all goes before the next cold snap
hits us.

The enclosed signature of Merriam's
got left out of mother's letter yesterday
so here it is instead. He wrote it of his own
accord & without any help from me or
any letters in front of him & copy
from. It's his very first writing of a

Ans. fully
March 12, 1927

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March 9, 1927.

Dear Daddy,

I don't wonder you are
wondering why on earth
I didn't answer your
breath-taking letter the
minute it came as I
usually do you know—
I've been thinking of
little else ever since
but your wonderful
offer to take us all
out to Calif. states & I

never heard tell of anything
quite so thrilling, & we
want to go so badly if
its feasible that thats
why I've not written
sooner but have been
thinking it over from
all angles & hoping that
the final decision could
wait till I'm home
with you all & know more
about the trip itself.
There are several things

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that trouble me - one is
whether Merriam could
stand the trip, so many
days on end, whether
mother ought to be allowed
to undergo it again
- it's pretty strenuous
for all of you you know -
whether the open car
driving would bring my
larrid eye inflammation
back. I have ~~not~~ a sketch

time warding it off all summer
by keeping myself bundled
up out of the sun's rays, &
not getting in the wind.
Then again, Henry's mother
has gone & decided to rent
her cottage Aug. 1st. & go
to the mts - (she's restless
you know) & there'd be
no place for Henry to go
& week-end to get out of
this deadly hot humid
Camb. in its worst month
(August) & I hate the thought
of leaving him here all

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alone with not even his family to go to. I just have to think it over. If he could see his way to go along it'd be great.

I'd suggest Grammy's taking Merriam across by train if I didn't think the prospect might scare her to death!

Hurry went off to Maine & be gone till 21st or day or so after now.

letter came so we didn't
have much time to
make plans & I've been
so tired my brain doesn't
run & function very well
alone.

Beth is thrilled over
the possibility of going
to Lagunitas. She's been eager
& for several years wants
to see the deer that come
near the house at night
& perhaps be taken on one
of your trips to Luridians.

Don't you dare think we
aren't eager to go & really

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thinking of anything
else but the thrilling possibility
if only certain practical
considerations can be

met. You're just the dearest
daddy ever to go make
such a happy plan for
us tho I have no doubts
as to the wisdom of having
you take that long trip
again especially with
an enlarged family.
You never think of sparing

your dear self do you?

Could you let it rest two
weeks longer till we're home?

We leave here just 2 wks from
tonite you know (hooray!!!)

Just 'cause I'm so wild to
go out west I don't want
to rush off half-cocked
because of over enthusiasm
& not do the bestest thing
for the whole family!

Best love daddy dear
& a hug all around from
us all up here who can hardly
wait for the a. m. of Mch 25 when
we shall be at 1919 !!!!!!! Dee

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Mar. 17, 1927.

Recd. Mar 21, 1927

Dear Bladdy,

If my "old man" agrees,
when he gets back from
this endless jaunt in
Maine, we'll be off
with you for Lag.
this summer. You
see dad you forget that
I'm like you in this
respect - I have to have
a bit of a while to

get used to a new idea
& plan about it. And
you did hit us all of
a wallopy bang with
such a terrifically big
wonderful proposition
that it quite took our
breath away. Now that
you've told me more
about the trip it looks
wiser of course & I
suppose I did have the

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1913 one in the back of
my mind with no more
recent experience to
eradicate it. In
getting excited already
over the prospect and
realize fully daddy
dear what a golden
opportunity it is not
only for the children
but for me too to have

The long trip with you all
followed by a whole
summer in that glorious
country out there!

Beth will help you chop
wood and M. can fetch
it in. Beth is handy
with tools like her daddy
but not at all like me.

Beth's school is over
June 3rd & begins again
Sept. 26th but she could
miss a couple weeks in the

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autumn all right by making
arrangements about it
with the school. They are
lots stricter & have a higher
standard than when I
was at her age in schools
at home. She's doing
now the type of work
in her 4th grade that I
had in the 6th, studying
French besides and being
taught "general science"

too, which we didn't have
till much later - 7th grade
I believe. But a trip out
west will mean more to
her education I think
than a few weeks of
book & class work.

She'll get a lot out of it
& I'm hoping herian
will remember it more
than I expect him to.

Our benches are reserved
for a week from tonight
on the Federal. Hooray!

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Only wish Henry were
going along too but he
says he'll save his
summer vacation. if
we are to be away from
him all summer, &
take it next winter
in Washington with
us (if our families
want us again so soon!!!!)
He's been working till

10 every night trying to get
the job done but has
kept well except for tag end
of a cold. The water there
knocks him out badly
so he's learned not to
drink a drop of it all the
time he's there & he says
milk & finger all are
nice in their way but
pretty poor substitutes for
good old water for a thirsty
man. Merriam is up and
dressed today & feeling

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much better. His cough
continues but isn't as
deep & noisy as it was.
Beth is still in school -
had to go back after lunch
to a gymnasium class
which runs 2 PM's a
week & bore her stiff
as she'd prefer rather to
outdoor on her skates or
her scooter.

Must do some more.

week! my wife that excited!!!x! - bringing - Dorothy

ironing now so my family
will start home clean
& mended & respectable!
They go get so dirty & so
full of holes that you'd
think nobody ever
looked after them. Dr
Dawling said Beth is
certainly a fine husky
specimen today. He wants
to inoculate both children
with typhoid serum before
their long trip.

Must go now - bunch love
til we give it in person in a

6 Berkeley Place,
May 25, 1927.

Dear Daddy,

Thank you heaps for my
birthday check & the dear letter
that came with it. Dear of
you remembers the day
& to take time to write me
at this very busy time
& it made me very happy.

Henry & I were so disappointed
to miss you & see last night
- we got in only a few minutes
afterward after going for
a bit of fresh air & some
ice cream before bedtime
& thereby just missed
talking to you. It was dear
of you to call up & the
extra 2 days will make all
the difference in the world

back. He's
so
must get to work now -
He's never forgotten his things in his drawers
- he knows where they are for the summer. Love & thanks for my bracelet - Dorothy
By the way
send
love

on me at this end - & let Zee
get in her last puncture I
suppose. I hope it doesn't make
her sick - its a horrid thing
if it does & I'm sorry she's
having to go thro it too, especially
at the last like this.

Henry is changing over tickets
to Wed. nite - Federal - be there
7 hours. A.M. June 2. Please
please don't think of meeting us
this time - I'd prefer not to have
you daddy dear when there'll be
so much for you to do & we'll get
bkfct before we get to the house

- we'll come out on N. J. Ave car
easy & quick daddy dear - so
please let us - & don't take that
time from your own duties.

Hooray for Dag! Sure is getting
exciting daddy. & we're looking
forward to it heaps & only wish
Henry'd be along. My how he'd
love it. He's hoping he can get out to business

Recd. + ansd. Oct. 25, 1927

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Oct. 24/1927.

Dear Daddy,

I sent a resume of the trip
upstairs to you Saturday so's
she could take out on her
list those total you were
interested in without your
being obliged to go thro all
the details unless you wanted
to. Sorry to be so slow getting
them to you but its been
sort of hectic ever since we
got home & the family landed
on us. Just the flummery,
marketing & cooking of the
meals seem to take up a

time
taking
- the
at any
to my-
couple
have
and my
- you -
er
on not
Henry
week
ad thro
a my how
there

unfiling amount of time
let alone going for a walk taking
Merriam to school, etc. - It
almost impossible to get any
time, consecutively, to my-
self unless I stay up a couple
hours after the others have
gone to bed at night. Hence my
tardiness in my report to you -
for which lateness I'm
very sorry.

Is it O.K. for you not
to have the car now? Henry
will be gone nearly 2 weeks
more - 7 days on the road thro
Maine + then 4 or 5 days anyhow
in Augusta office. If there

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in any urgency I might take her down while
Mum & Pater are here to watch after the
children - but it'd take me longer
than 14. of course, to get there! I'd
do it gladly tho if you say. Any
objection to my putting alcohol
in radiator shortly, as I do to
Sally - to keep from any freeze
if wites get much colder in week
or so? Or have you a preference
for some other mixture instead?

Mum got a rubber mat for floor
of Sally, which H. tacked in
yesterday & it's a great im-
provement over the ragged old
one that's been in there. Sally's
balver need attention too - she has
no pep or pick-up at all now. -

Hope you get a jinx soon who'll
prove good. Mine tho green, is
promising & very nice personality
so I'm hoping better days are ahead.

Pater is better physically & more
rested but still very erratic and
unpredictable in his doing & preferences.

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H. took the 2:20 A.M. back
to Augusta last nite, this a
rather nice to have him
down for the week-end.

Mem & Peter took the
Dater & us out to dinner last
nite at the new Cambridge
hotel to return the Dater's
dinner party to them & we
found the place a charming
one - soft rosy red tones,
old fashioned furniture,
big hearth or - more like
an old-time home on a
big scale. Very different style

from the usual modern hotel - &
delicious food. It's just at
the foot of Berkeley St & only
completed & opened a few
weeks ago.

Do you know of Joseph A. Alt-
sheler who writes voluminously
for children - stories of French &
Indian wars, &c &c - that are
published by Appleton? Beth is
reading them at school & I
am interested to know who
Altsheler is & how authentic his
books are.

Lunch time now -

Ever so much love -

What a lovely
one wonderful trip
we all had!!

Lee

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Oct. 26, 1927.

Dear Daddy,

Thanks for your letter & news, but
young Hairy is out of the running
& mother will have to break in
a new girl.

Lovely here too - that is,
outside of town. Very warm
today tho - like spring. The
furnace fire makes us all
too hot in spite of its being
kept as low as possible.

I'd like to be going to the
movies with you all - to the
new Fox theater or elsewhere if

Pat's full up to it I'm taking him
& mess over to the Capitol tonight.

Am delighted you've gotten a
good stenographer & hope she
gives you the comfort & work be
that less able over in the
past should have but didn't.
Hope she's as competent as
she sounds & will be able
to take a lot of worry from
you.

Of course I understood
about the S. J. car tho I fear
I've not made the A's see
that I shouldn't use it any-
how! Mrs. was rather pro-
voked at me for not being
willing to run it and Sally Jane

Love
to
hear
from
both
The
Abbots
&
Bee

down to acquit before H. left, so that
they could all go too & bring back all
our stuff after closing the cottage.
They didn't seem to understand my
samples. If it had been your own
personal car ~~own~~, I'd not have
used it even, unless you had given
me express permission so to do.
Don't like to be that unobliging but
- - - !!!!! Thank you for answering
my query about bringing her back
& Washington. I am relieved that
you don't want her at once, tho I really
hope you'll use her on S. I. ^{business} trips
about town etc, of which I know
you have many. - She surely is
a lovely car & we did have such a
happy comfy trip in her - (barring
the mere-detail of turnmills!) that I've
developed a real affection for her.
She's sitting quietly in the garage &
the doors are kept closed so that no
harm can befall her by accident or
otherwise. My green girl seems to be
working out nicely tho I still oversee the
meals & lend a hand. Bob & I read lots of

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Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 27, 1927.

Dear Daddy,

Thank you for the
check of \$58.30 for the
extra over the \$300 with
which we began our
great adventure. I am
sorry we went over
the allotted amount
but the two tires and
one repair bill on the
car more than accounts

for it as we didn't feel that
the food - lodging items
were exorbitant, did you?
Having made the trip
several times you can
have a fair idea of
how wonderful it was
to us but just because
you have made it often
than we and have become
used to some of its fine
features, perhaps the
great enthusiasm &
enjoyment we felt
on each new day unfolded

& bröt its new interests & scenes & experiences, may seem unwarranted to you -- maybe!; we're eager to show you our photographs for we think it very remarkable to have gotten so many excellent ones in all sorts of places & even at dusk. Henry will take them down to show you.

Maddy ought to give you a perfect trip next spring for she should be in A1 condition now. Henry wants to fix the horn wire & then all will be ready for you. Another spring day.

Girl has gone out & colored Sarah is washing & ironing.

The Abbots plan now to leave Monday night & if their horse isn't ready for them to go to the Brighton hill they can get in to it. Peter certainly has "broken" this summer - its rather pitiful. Henry will be gone another week - very sad for B M & D.
Heaps love as usual - Dorothy.

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Nov. 16, 1927.

My dear Gladys,

You frighten us when you go and hurt yourself as you did falling over that rail & down the stairs below it. We shall feel anxious about you till we know for sure that no trouble results later from the jar and shock you must have had from such a horrid fall.

I hope the wrist & arm are getting better & that you'll

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take things as easy as you
can for a few days till
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thoughtful thing for that girl to
have a jail in such a
place to begin with & it
seems we to even think of
how bad a face that
you might have gotten had
you not been quick enough
evidently, to catch yourself
by facing on your hands
instead of your head. Don't
go do such things - you're too
precious & this fumble of yours

we're eager than
but have written - don't you bother now. Am you presenting a paper before A.O.U. 5. Berkeley please
to Lindbergh medal to Lindbergh

to take any chance. (Not that I think you did it on purpose of course!!!)

The great having Henry home again. He escaped a cold this trip but is tired as it was a long ride, driving over 2000 miles days & nights too under trying conditions especially after the flood & then working at office till midnight the last week, in attempts in order to get there as soon as possible.

Merriam is better but still feverish so I can't let him go to school yet. He feels O.K. as long as he's quiet but if I let him get up he gets worse & "flops" & is all in this temp. over up. - He must have had some bad germ that's not quite thrown it off yet. He's chipper as a lark today & writing you a letter at present to tell you "how awful it was for Grandpa to fall down the steps" then sorry he is.

Am mailing newspaper pictures of flood to you all today, thinking your paper there may not have shown as many as ours here did.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 4, 1927.

Dearest Daddy,

Many many happy returns
of the - let's see - you'll call
it your 73rd birthday, won't
you? while the rest of us are
adding it up to 72! Just
wish we were down there
to celebrate too - that includes
the kids who said today
they thought it'd be great
to see 72 candles on a cake
and one extra to grow on!
But you have an apple pie
instead. How about it?

I'm delighted Annikadel is
in the hands of the publishers
and you have completed that
great task. Some proofreading
will take considerable time
at intervals till the book is
in final shape for printing
but I know you must feel
tremendous gratification
& unburdening to have
finished the writing of it.
And we're rejoicing with
you and hoping the sales
thereof will compensate
you enough for all the
material financial outlay you

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have to make,

We hope we can all go
down in Hadley for a
week at Xmas. Beth has
a short vacation this year
& we'd be able to stay about
a week if we can manage
to go at all which we'd
love to do, 'course. Henry'd
have to come back Monday
nite after Xmas ^{& we on Fri. nite. —} If conditions
here work out as I hope, &
I can fit the maid satisfactorily

for that time, we'll feel free to go. But don't count on it too much, or let our uncertainty prevent you having other folks there than instead. For we'd try to go in the spring for Beth's week then if we can't make it now. Also I wonder if mother is well enough to stand on horse again so soon? We are dying to be there with you all again - there's our sentiments.

Cold here today - 29° -
& our first snow - very

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late this year. November
was a record month -
averaged 70° warmer daily
than normal. But as it
was cloudy its usual
summit it gave us its
usual bleak dreary
impression in spite of
the mild weather.

Waddy its just precious
dear B. you to offer us the
use of your lovely American
to all winter. We appreciate

it heaps, but would rather not
put her in to use up here in
our snow-bound country
where she'd get much too
rough usage. It was just
the dearest thing I ever
heard of tho - for you even to
think of such a thing & we
thank you with all our hearts
but feel we couldn't accept.
Old Sally will buck thro
most if not all of the
winter for us & if she
jes' plain goes down on us
we shan't feel she owes
us a thing but that she
deserves her trash-pile after

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all these years of hard faith-
ful service! This is no longer
a thing of beauty you
know - but is therefore
easy to pick out in a crowd
and sure of being there
waiting for us when her
more spick & span neighbor
may be a prey to auto
thieves! Much consolation
there !!!!!

We're enclosing a few
of the California pictures

from our collection for you to
enjoy as a wee birthday
celebration. Going over all
these & the trip pictures has
brought all the lovely times
back to us with a thrill.

Fine old Samalpais just
warms the cockles of our
heart to see ^{it} again. One is
especially fine taken from
the drive going up - across
the canyon in foreground
with its shadows slight -
a lovely picture not from
the usually ^{seen} side of the mountain.

Many hugs & kisses & birthday
good wishes from us all
with buckets of love - Dorothea

6 Berkeley Place,
Jan. 10, 1928.

Dear Daddy,

All goes along serenely
here and our little visit
home seems like a happy
dream already! Merriam
is lots better but I'll
report her D's opinion
when he's seen the boy.

Saturday Henry brot
home a $\frac{1}{2}$ pint can of
car touch-up paint to go
over the many rust spots

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& gutters which were most
ready to fall apart. While he
was tacking new door strips
on (as old had pulled W in
shreds & hung down so's doors
wouldn't shut!) I got busy
with the paint can & after
lightly sandpapering the
loose rust off, & daubing
the spots & then having plenty
of paint left, I horrified
Henry by painting the
wood trim around all the
doors & windows. With $\frac{1}{2}$
pt of paint he was sure I'd

be stuck half thru with paint gone!
But when that was done he gasped
still more when I tackled the
4 mudguards, then the radiator
rim, & hood, backs of lights
& then had my left to go over the
tool box!! Henry hasn't recovered
yet from the shock. I've never
heard of painting half an auto
with a cup full of paint - & I say
it must be pretty good paint!!
We look much improved but
I shan't rest till we've painted
the body too & the roof. Course
near to it show with a home job
but lawdy, it was so much
worse looking before, that I
think we'd be foolish not to go
over the whole thing now. It
'sprising how much better she
looks already!

Our new radio Henry made
last summer got set up and

performing while we were home
 this last time, is a wonder!
 we catch stations all over
so easily its surprising
 — from Miami Florida
 to Monroeton New Brunswick
 & west into Texas, Iowa
 &c. — just fun! The volume
 is so great it ~~is~~ most
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its 5 tubes & made by hand
than the usual furnace
9 x 10 tube stove sets. We're
quite tickled over it.

Sunday afternoon we
dressed the children in to see
a group of pictures of early
U. S. history in one of the dept.
store's show-windows in
Boston. The foregrounds were
built up & painted & the
figures were about two
feet high, made especially
for the groups & the backs -

grounds were fainted. They were
very interesting, especially as for
Beth who knows enough history to
appreciate each group - Columbus
discovering America, He sets the
Miss. River, landing of Pilgrims,
Perry in War of 1812, Molly Pitcher
taking her just-shot husband's
place as gunner, Bunker Hill
&c - We were amazed at the
huge crowds there in spite of
the rain & the day - loads
of children of course. No financial
return to the store - just a public
spirited thing to do & of course
gain good will for the store.

How's Annibabel's proof of
coming on? Don't you forget
to sign & send me my two photos
of you. Did you confiscate em?

Much love from us all.

Dee

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Mar. 16, 1928

Dearest Daddy,

We're glad you're getting better daddy dear but we're awfully sorry you caught that miserable "broncho bug" which pulled you down. It gives me fits to have you sick dad - you're just too very precious to us to take any risks with. So you be good boy & take care of yourself and don't get over-tired again. Auntie wrote me Dr B was giving

your creosote treatment. I'd
liked to learn about it sometime
but it's forced to do.

I hope you're having spring
days like over today! Tho
we don't look much like
spring yet with patches of
snow here & there & hardly a
sign of green anywhere yet.
M. did hear a robin this
a.m. while out on porch &
it excited him so & pleased
him so he came running
to me to have me go ^{out} & hear
it too! He never better
but isn't really well yet so

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is staying out of school indefinitely
- on porch whenever weather
permits. Haven't heard X-Ray
reverts yet.

What you 'spore we did
last nite? Went to the
Auto show...!!! There was such
a mob there we most had
our coats peeled off us
several times so it wasn't
a very satisfactory way to
see car lines & fine points
as people were forever
in your way. However we

did go over the Victory Six, sat in
it, went over the parts, saw
display of the single piece metal
sheets & pressed out for
body &c. It was interesting.
Chief drawback is lowness
of car - sort of squasher you
to get in & out. Perhaps
we'd get used to low top
after awhile but contrast to
Dally's elevated position on the
highway is quite marked.
Course we liked Buick - the
116 & 120 in. wheelbases but
they've put out no new models

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& the colors are hideous greens & blues & dark insides which we don't like. Such a jam around new Fords we couldn't get within sight of them even! It was fun even tho we probably shan't be able to get a car after all this spring as we'd expected to till the recent flop in office affairs.

Auntie sent M. a game of jack straws that he's just tinkled to pieces with. Mother's post cards make a hit too. Funny

how kids like a lot of the same
kind of thing, all one size!

Must market now for
my hungry family.

Henry goes to Maine
Sun. nite for couple weeks
on usual routine checking
work -

Burckh love &
Merriam says "Send
Grandpa a great b-i-g
hug & tell him I love him."

So do I. Dee
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May 2-28

Dear Dad

Shir got lost in the
shuffle somehow. My girl
has bad habit I can't
break her of, of piling up
my desk things & sticking
them neatly on one side so
that often things get side-
tracked that shouldn't be
put away.

Had another meze with
my tooth & another anti-

reflex dressing put in
yesterday. Dentist said
I'd had another hemorrhage
after the first dressing
was in & that's why I had
such pain instead of relief.
Heve was in a badly congested
condition when he treated it
& bled a lot while there.

— As now I hope I'm fixed
to get rid of the misery.

Henry finally decided
on the used Buick that I
told you he was considering
for he felt it too good a

"buy" to let go by. But he
appreciated your willingness
lots & let us have the Amer 6
& said to thank you heaps
for being so dear & generous
to us. We'll sell By Products
stock - it's been up lately.
Now his cousin Ned,
knowing H. has looked the
market over carefully &
trusting H.'s judgment
as Ned knows nothing of
cars or how to drive them,
has asked H. to select a

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Brick for him too. I hope
he'll also expect Henry to
teach him to drive but
H. rather balks at that.
Ted is great at getting things
out of other folks..

Warm & sunny today
& should help our budding
green to come out more.
Most had a fit to hear of
Z's airplane trip. Whew!!

M. back in school today - over
his cold in record time.

News of Tracy Place is that Peter
is much better.

Heaps of love always - Dorothy

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April 30, 1928.

Dear Daddy,

You're mighty dear to offer us
the splendid Amer. 6 again &
Henry has considered it very
seriously but can't see how he
could spare time to go get
it now & then take it back
in fall when we'd need to
get a car anyhow for ourselves.
Just now there are several
very good buys on the "used
car" market that he thinks too
good to let go by entirely & he

is dickering for one of them
used only a few months but
in a class & being as high
a resale price in 2 yrs. as a
brand new 1928 model unused.
It's a Buick of course. He was
leary of the Victory 6 because
it's new & unproved. Nice little
car tho & has many pretty fixings
to attract buyers. Mr Darling
has just bought one - in dark
maroon red. - He's as big I
wonder how he gets behind
that low wheel!!! As you
know the Buick had to come to
standard shift too. On a turn in
they'll allow us \$125 for old felly

Jane. She's short ^{6 BERKELEY PLACE} on looks but the
salesman says ^{CAMBRIDGE 38} that any car that
^{MASSACHUSETTS} will run is worth a hundred. It's
poor economy to hang on to a
bus so long. Henry has decided
for them you get almost nothing
for it & have to make a big
outlay to replace it. Sally
looks like a sieve now & there's
just like a ferry boat &
there's never any doubt that her
engine is running! Twice when
going out to drive the demonstration
car I was looking for the
ignition switch - not hearing
the engine running! Then I'd

re it was from ampere meter.

Don't you think it's pretty nice that we're going to have such a nice son & brother-in-law in our family as Tally? I'm just tickled to pieces & so happy for Zee too that she's found her partner at last. Hope the M.D.'s find Tally's lungs clear. That's been pretty worrisome.

Merriam is much better this morning than kept his scanty meals down where they belong since Saturday night. His voice is less stopped up & his throat not as sore

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Today or yesterday & day before as I
'spects he'll be all right
again in another day or two.

It's trying to clear up today
after a cold raw three days'
northeast storm that has done
much damage along the
coast + brst sleet & snow
here briefly + more of it in
other parts of New England.
We're still wearing winter
coats.

Thank you again daddy
for the Amer. 6 offer - it
dear of you to want to let us

use your lovely big car & there
would be much joy in having
it. We do appreciate your offer
daddy dear.

Passed our 14th milestone
yesterday. So far so good!
The time surely does go by
fast.

We feel somewhat worried
over Henry's father as we don't
know just what his condition
is. "Strained a muscle near his
ribs" is what they wrote but
he's been a bed a week & has a
trained nurse looking after
him & is still very weak. The girls'
portal ray. Hope you are feeling better.
Bestest love from us all & M. says
to send Grandpa a big, big hug & kiss from me.
Dorothy.

6 Berkeley Place,
May 14, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,
'Annikabel' has come
and I'm delighted to
see it out before the
world at last after
all your years of work
gathering and editing
the material. And
I'm tickled pink to
have a copy and thank
you heaps for sending
me one. We've all been

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skimming over it looking
at the pictures and the
Indian names and
Beth, much excited and
interested has started
reading it and asks
if she may show it to
her teacher at school
where the youngsters
read Greek myths &
& Beth thinks they
might learn that our
own American Indian
myths are quite as interesting

as the old time ones every generation
has known.

I'd no idea it would make
so much of a book. Like your
cover very much too. What
fine faces Estel Waiche & his wife
have - his head is splendid.

Beth said the pictures made her
remember parts of the trip
west and that she especially
liked the forest between Big
Bend and Montgomery Creek
- that she "just loved that
kind of scenery" & that it
made her think of many
views on The Trip. By the
way - she's said many times
this year that she hopes we
can take the trip again
some day and see all the
beautiful and interesting
places again. I'm surprised
at her frequent memories of

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which shows that she
really got a great deal
out of the two trips
and enjoys looking
back over them now.
You'd be surprised
at Merriam too - when
he sees the pictures
many of them recall
certain definite incidents
of the trip or he'll tell
us just where it is or

How hot it was there or
something or other about
it. Somehow I kinda
wish we were going out
again this year! We all
feel better than we did
a year ago and we know
better now how to plan
for the journey! Perhaps
we'll all join you all
several years hence
when M. is bigger!!
We'll all look forward
to it anyhow, hopefully.

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Yesterday we worked most of the day in the garden, weeding & transferring certain perennials (phlox & hollyhocks chiefly) into different beds & setting out larkspur, poppies &c & a new rose to replace one that died two years ago. Our tulips are just beginning to flower & the Iris & peonies are up about a foot but won't be out for another month. Season is late here due to continued cool weather.

The new car is a joy & it's so easy to handle compared to old Sally Jane that I expect to have much more pleasure in it than we had in Sally in many a year. I

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up ^{along} from Hongkew
during the summer
to see the river in
bloom or to have the
flowers wafted to
me. In fact it has been too
much of a trip for
pleasure! The car is
ocean blue on outside
with piping of cream
along body line &
black top & mudguards
It's early 1928 model this

has gone about 3,000
miles & is in A1 shape
with a new car guarantee
from the company. It
had been driven only
by the manager of one
of the branch sales-
rooms - a man noted
for being funny about
his car - so is in
unusually good shape
as it looks, interior
& engine. We were
lucky to find it.

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Lots more room than in old Sally
& of course delightfully comfy.

Did I write the family of
Beth's visit all one morning
& Merriam's school? She was
so proud of him when she
brought him home that she
could hardly wait to tell
us all about him after
he'd gone to bed. She said
he was so smart he knew
all the words & sentences
the teacher asked the class
so that the teacher finally
told him not to answer
any more as the others
must learn them too &
his knowing them all &
answering her so quickly
told the rest of them. They
teach the kids nowadays
to sound out the letters
& it's amazing how fast
they learn words & how to
read. I hope your teeth

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troubles are over now
that you've had two
more teeth out but I
hope that dentist gave
you a rebate on the
filling charge for them.
That was a steep price
to pay in the first
place, had they been
left in. Henry had
one bad filling in
this spring, for which
+ usual cleaning of all
the charge was \$7. So

your \$40 charge for two seems
outrageous. I hope
you're feeling much
better now daddy
dear.

We'll probably go
down to tidy up the
cottage June 1st for
2 days & then come
back because I have
to break in a new girl
then as Delta has to
take her rich sister to
Canada for the summer

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It'll probably be around
the 20th of June before we
go down to stay. The two
cottages are having fireproof
roof shingles put on this
month & that always
messes up the inside
top floor they tell us.

Murrian seems more
like himself now than he
has all winter. That
sudden sore throat & upset
stomach a few
weeks ago acted like a
purge for him — & he's
been much better and
stronger ever since &
is getting ^{his} color back a
little. Naturally it's a
big relief to be any time.

Thank you again for Annie's
and ~~and~~ ^{best} love
from us all — lovingly
Dorothy

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6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 24, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,
Thank you for the
birthday check which
you were a dear daddy
to send me. I'm
always thrilled pink to
have a letter from you
when you can spare
the time.

Too bad you've been
having such a time
with your teeth. I hope

your troubles are about
over, including those
concerning the Dodge.

It's quite a novel sensation
to us to have a car now
that isn't developing
your troubles & noises
to every few days as
was the case with poor
old Sally Jane her last
months! The new one is
certainly a joy & we are
beginning to take
rides again for the

pleasure to it - something that
has been anything but a
pleasure the last two years
in Sally! She's been a means of
getting somewhere!

On your recommendation
we shall certainly go to see
Ramona. Glad you told us of
the Virgin Canyon scenery in
S. Utah. In so many of the
pictures where glorious views
are shown they don't tell us
where they are taken & I always
want to know. Rarely I can
identify some scene - like
the Yosemite, 'cause I've been
there.

Henry's Vermont trip is
off till next week.

Raining nearly every day for
a week now - nice for gardeners
but not for humans & I'm
trying to kill a cold I seem to have
contracted somehow.

Hope you all are over your
ills before you go west.

Bushell love & thank you again
for my lovely bear letter & its contents.
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Recd. Aug. 17, 1928



Box 7, Nonquitt, Mass,
July 31, 1928.

Dearest Daddy in the world,
Mother's letter has just
come telling me of your stay at
a S. F. hospital & of your
progress there - the first
word I'd heard of your being
ill except for the trip
bronchitis & general used
up feeling from being so
tired. It was as if the
bottom had dropped out
daddy darling to know
you'd had such a bad
attack & I'm thankful

you caught the wretched thing
in time and now can be
well again by careful
living and resting and
dieting. You've been such a
very good person about obey-
ing doctors & such that that
part of it will make things
lots easier for mother & you
If only Henry's father were
as thoughtful & considerate
& obedient he would be
much better by now - & in
fact never have gotten into
the advanced stage he's in
now due to neglect. —
Course I know it's going to be
hard to go easy - you've al-

Rec'd. Aug. 17

The year since her illness. Michael he says always for reports
from Professor Laddy whenever anybody can write. Hearst had for all Dorothy
I have been such a regular dynamo
daddy dear! Your grandson comes by
his overabundant energy & up-and-
doingness very straight!!! Just taper
off a bit each day & have time
to sit ye down on that nice front
porch and enjoy that beautiful
view off in to the woods and
brown hill beyond. You can't help
getting well in such a wonderful
place - with two such dear people
as mother & Joe to look after you
& all your other family loving
of you with all their hearts &
wishing for you with all their
wills way back over here.
The before handsome housekeeper
I have this summer told me some
weeks ago that ten years or more ago
she was almost "gone" with sugar
diabetes but that today she is as well
as ever - after carefully following
a measured weighed sugarless &
diet for 1 year. She was in advanced
stage too - but yearly exams
since her spell, have shown
absolutely no trace of it & doctor
call her cured entirely. I asked
her about it again just now & her
optimism is very cheering. And
medical science has advanced much in

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Oct. Aug. 17, 1928



Wonguill, Mass.,
Aug. 8, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,
How are you dad dear &
how is it to eat grams worth
of food? And are you having
trouble or are you mercifully
spared that? Can you have
raw fruits or are they too
sugary? Get 3 to tell me -
'cause I don't want you to
bother to write but to take
all your spare time to rest
in. If I know you won't feel
obliged to answer every note
I write (jes' course I'm wanting
to tell you some of the times
I'm thinking about you)
I'll feel free to send off a
scrawl now & then, without
burdening you to answer each one

Mervin is tickled with the batch
of pictures & has em all laid
out in rows to examine &
Beth made up at once with the
two jokes which she appreciated
~~at once!~~

Warmer again today after
2 of lovely cool east wind
& cloudiness. A noon rain
felt fine & set us up for the
rest of the day. Mervin &
Blanche are about to start off
for blueberries for supper. They
got a pint of them yesterday
on their way to the post office
& we had them in a loaf for
supper. Then later when the
tide goes out they will do
bathing suits & get us some
clams for supper. One of the
beaches here is full of them
& at low tide they squirt
& show where they are & are very

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that you went right off to see Dr. B. & were attended to before you got worse. Our dear mother
+ sister - & sister from the babies. - ^{lovely}

easy to dig up. M. will add some more
brown to his tanned little back too
& enjoy himself while he's browning.
He's lots better especially this week
since it's been cool - his so peppy &
noisy the horse walks seem to
stretch outward when he's inside.

Both play tennis a little while
each day & enjoy it lots. She ought
to make a good player as she seems
to have good form already. Once
a week the juniors (under 14) have
a tournament and play with each
other & learn a lot too. - But we are
most pleased over her swimming &
at-home-ness in the water. She's
jumping & diving in all the time,
turning somersaults, swimming
under water & - quite like a fish!
She earned her rowboat all right -
it was promised to her when she
could take care of herself in deep
water.

Pater is not so well - & the MD
comes every other day. A practical
nurse is badly needed to tend to definite
duties each day which are proving too
much for the women-folk. He has been
absent all this week so far. We are so thankful

Box 7
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Aug. 15, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,

After hearing that it was 112° on your trip to Colusa I suppose I shouldn't even mention such a measly little temperature as 90° in our coolest room, should I? But it seems quite hot enough for us today & we're glad to be sitting out quietly on the other A's porch (which gets the prevailing S.W. wind when there is any at all!) and doing nothing at all but "jes' a-sittin' still".

The Pater rests quietly in bed and seems not to mind the heat particularly. Henry had

phoned up to Aunt May Sun. vite to
ask her down here to see Pater &
& hear the 2 doctors' verdict by
word of mouth rather than by
letter. Of course it was a dreadful
shock to her as to us & we
wanted her to see Pater all she
could & especially now while
he seems happy & peaceful &
is not suffering. He is so
glad to see any of us when we
go in for a short visit that
we feel we are really wanted.
But he has to sleep or rest so
much that our time with him
is limited. The doctor says he
is about the same as he was
on Sunday, altho gradually
Pater is taking less & less

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nourishment + that, almost all
liquids. Food is distasteful &
nauseating - as you already
know of course when there's a
horrid tumor monster eating
away his life's strength.

Some of the family will be
at our house when it is
necessary or advisable to leave
here - but Menn & Peter will
go to Aunt May's - we've made
no further plans as yet.

You've no idea buddy dear
how thankful we are that
you caught your trouble in
time to be safe & well by
constant care in your diet
& insulin doses. What wonders

have been accomplished in
the treatment of diseases
in just a comparatively
few years! You keep on
being "good" & obeying your
tyrant-nurses & they'll keep
you well. Mother & Zee are
just wonders at doing for
folks! Don't you feel that
food has suddenly become
a very complicated mixture
of grams & calories? Such
mental gymnastics as those
worked out & weighed men
'cause!...!! I'm so happy knowing
my precious daddy can
keep himself pretty well
for years & years & years, just

by being careful of his diet & not
overdoing. He is ^{BOX 7} ^{NONQUITT} ^{MASSACHUSETTS} no and thankful.

The Abbots all asked after
you all today - Peter included -
& said to be sure & send you
their love.

Hurry showed up to the
Office to see if there was any
reason not to stay down
another day & there was
nothing to take him back
so he is here today too
with Aunt May prolonging
her stay also. It has seemed
wickedly hot - no breeze &
sun very hot & we've all
felt pretty well done up by
it altho we've kept as quiet

during the ^{worst} heat of the day as
near possible.

We're going in for a
swim shortly now - 6 PM
Tho the tide is still low;
then we'll go in again at
high tide tonight at bedtime.

I'd intended to drive up to
Cambridge tomorrow with
H. & Aunt May to make up
H's bed fresh & dust for him
as we try to do every couple
weeks but if this heat con-
tinues I shall stay here!

B. is getting over a second
boil - this one on her finger.
Mr. Pratt has been watching
it. I hope you read too about

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MASSACHUSETTS

the new big geyser that has recently started spouting in Yellowstone not far from the old geysir that stopped in 1888. - And also of the plan to move Peary's grave so that it is accessible to tourists without mining the grass nearby. -

Later on -

It's now Sat. P.M. - the 18th & Henry has been to Boston & back - still in the heat. It's been a record-breaker again all this week - from 91 to 96 every day & almost un-sleep-ably hot nights. No relief promised

yet either. This is the second
terrific heat spell of 5 or 6 days'
duration that we've had
this summer.

Harry & the children have
gone out in Beth's rowboat
to sail two little paddle-
wheel boats he & Beth have
made this P.M. A rubber
band provides the wind-up
& motive power for the paddle
wheel!!

Everyone sends much love
& "hugs to Grandpa" & Super
juice continues to stay
sugar-free & are getting stronger
day by day. Lovingly, Dorothy.

BOX 7
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MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 19, 1928.

Dearest Maddy,

We're getting the lashing
tail today of the Florida
hurricane that has done
such great damage there.
It started to rain last night &
from midnight on we've had
high & gusty wind from
the northeast plus a heavy
downpour of rain. It's so
noisy out it sounds like a
wintry storm & the waves

are quite a right breaking on
our usually placid little
shore. We've a cheery fire
burning in the wee fireplace
here in the living room &
shall spend the day inside
watching the elements having
a fracas. Rain has been
driven clear across our front
north east porch up to the
door sill! Nice day to get
caught up on letters, mending
and buttons!

I took the train over to
New Bedford yesterday P. M. to

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NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

attend to some shopping for their mother & they treated the kids to ice cream so it was a real spree to them!! I believe they'd relish ice cream even before breakfast!

When I see Peter every day it doesn't seem as if he could last another day - he looks so badly - & I can't help feeling it will be a blessed release when it's over, as we know it's quite hopeless & it's better

I have it end quickly when there
is nothing we can do to help
or cure. He is unconscious
the nurse says, part of the
time & doesn't know any
one & for some days now
he's been in that state
near the end where he sleeps
with his eyes open & his
breath coming fast thro
lips pushed in & out.

We're lucky indeed at a
little war-horse place like
this to have secured a
splendid practical nurse

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from New Bedford. She's had many
similar cards & is fine handling
Pater. Dr Pratt is well
known too & highly that of
her & in Boston, so Pater
isn't wanting for care.

The youngsters are delighted
with their china birds & are
writing you today.

Beck is absorbed in reading
Verne's "20,000 Leagues under
the sea" & is deaf to any-
thing around her.

Glad whenever we hear
that you are holding some

own daddy darling & able to
take little trips without
harmful results. You just
can't even imagine the
tremendous relief & joy it
is to us to know you
can keep yourself well.
The enforced resting is
good for you too, aside
from the need for it for
the diabetes part. Tell
mother & ^{each} you to give you
a great big hug & kisses
from us jes' cause we love
you so & miss you.
Bunches of love - Doris.



PACIFIC TELEGRAM



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Send the following message, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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To *Mr C Hart Merriam*
Lagunitas
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General died peacefully early to-day service's Cambridge Thursday everybody well.

to mother
12:40 am

got to Lagunitas Mr Graham 12:50 pm
12:45 next Hill Sunday.

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR ANSWER

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

ALL MESSAGES ACCEPTED BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery or for the non-delivery, of this message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, at which amount this message is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the message is offered to the Company for transmission and unless the repeated message rate is paid or agreed to be paid and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

7. Special terms and conditions governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms and conditions.

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2.00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

May be mailed at destination. See (under "Night Letters") "Special Terms Applying to Night Letters and Night Messages."

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(A) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

(B) Day Letters may be delivered by the Telegraph Company by telephoning the same to the addressee, and such delivery shall be a complete discharge of the obligation of the Telegraph Company to deliver.

(C) Day Letters are received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2.00 A. M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS AND NIGHT MESSAGES

In further consideration of the reduced rates for the special "Night Letter" and "Night Message" services, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(A) Night Letters and Night Messages may, at the option of the Telegraph Company, be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters or Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THE COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY ANY OF THE FOREGOING TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MESSAGES ARE ACCEPTED AND DELIVERED BY THIS COMPANY.

**THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
H. D. PILLSBURY, PRESIDENT**

6 B. Place, Cambridge
Nov. 19, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,

It was great hearing from you again while on your solo trip to Nevada City &c. -

But I don't want you worried about us - I told you not to because, altho we shall jump at the first better opportunity that presents itself or Henry disagrees rather, we are in no immediate danger of no job at all or I fear you must have that. Henry will stay on with the firm as long as need be - but he's made up his mind now not to be content as the business now

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is - but to hunt for a better opening
somewhere else, even tho it means
giving up his independence on ^{one} the
"top" & joining in as a salaried
man elsewhere. "Jobs are easier
to find however than ^{"#1} 5,000
positions" so it may be some
time before anything happens.
No special details I can tell you
- it's just that none of those
big jobs in the office have ever
really broken - even the one
the option was taken up on last
Aug. before H. came west. The
bankers have paid out ^{long effired now -} 35,000
~~of~~ on the option, & yet haven't
yet closed the deal. Should any
one of 2 projects really materialise

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that the office has worked up to the "ripening" point the last few years, we'd have enough to do for several years ahead but none of them have, & no new work except small jobs, has come in - & of course that means no salaries either except to clerks. Henry feels that the whole consulting engineer field has changed so in the last 10 yrs. as not to be profitable any longer - as most big contracting concerns, public utilities &c, find it more expedient to carry their own force of engineers. Hence, individual consulting firms get very slim pickings, such as appraisal work, bond certification work &c & there's not much in that to live on. - Henry is pretty discouraged & blue - for the 1st time - Col Reese, of Sargent Co., had nothing for H. - tho might in future. Course, I'd be glad to get out of New England but whatever is best for Henry, will suit me of course.

It will be hard to lose this lovely house of ours but we may have to see Pater's estate in it or lose it

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dividends forced Walter into
^{premature} selling the "Denver" at a
loss of \$50,000 to the estate
because he couldn't meet
the payment due, which
the H & A dividends would
have covered. Uncle Edwin
& his, has certainly
been the bad boy jinks
for the F & A branch of the
family for years & years.
By selling 2319 for 50,000
at least - appraised at that
or at 60,000 possibly there'd be

and income therefrom for
the 3 women to live on, plus
life insurance &c - The estate
- by Father's will, is divided
into thirds - or perhaps I'd
better say, sixths. $\frac{2}{6}$ to
Merrin, $\frac{1}{6}$ to each Elvira & Marion
& $\frac{1}{6}$ to each of us, H. & me, &
the interest only can be
spent, for living expenses.
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of us ⁵, accumulates
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lowest private's wife! If we do
not sell this house, the 3 women's
income would be about 4000 or 4500
which H. doesn't think they can live
on - tho I do!! - In the will
which is really a remarkable document
- everything goes in to "the estate"
& to be divided into 3 vds ^{or 6} ^{rather} ^{rather} except Pater's
own personal effects - books, papers,
jewelry (none but his watch) & Merris
is selling all she can. - I don't
advise them to take small apart-
ment or rent tiny house in outskirts
- preferably the apt. tho - & then
get to Hongkong early - in May -
for a long summer there among
the flowers & birds &c - They
might even be able to sublet the
apt. for the 5 or 6 mos. while at
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4 houses, has tied up so
much in real estate that
some of it just has to go of
course - To provide income

for the women ^{to live on} ~~they sit between me~~ ^{2/3 of my income there is.}
And heaven wit going to learn
economy at this late date,
Elvira is housekeeper & - & is
proving a good manager - tho
it's kind of tough on her to have
all the responsibility alone.

With me were going to be there
to put in on you & mother at I's.

I'd like to see her in her own home
too. Give 'em our love & hugs
& then have 'em hug you &
mother for me. —

I hope you can get up
here for I should be going
or Xmas — is there any
chance at all that you can
make it & give us all that
happiness? Are you able
to stand this travelling
around daddy? You be
good & careful & don't get
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in taking good care of yourself - -
So glad that, in spite of your diet &
you've had a good season of work -
It seems wonderful to me that
you've been able to do anything
in your state of health - which just
you to show how much the MD's have
learned & how much can be
accomplished by the patients'
cooperation. We're just dying
to see you & mother tho - & if you
can possibly come, oh please do!
We can't get down but once this year,
so if J's returning in April,
we'll wait till then so we can
see the whole family at once.

It's time to get Merriam
now - his class lets out at 12:30
& then dinner must be
served up - it's cooking now.
I've got a girl who comes in PM's
to dust, wash dishes &c - so that's
some help!

Bye - A bundle of love

To all of you at 339 Wash Ave - Dorothy
Got notice Sat. & prohibit of Conin Dill's will &
Lynne
Helen

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 4, 1928.

Dearest Daddy,

Many many happy returns of
the birthday tomorrow daddy dear!
Wish we were going to walk in
on you and 'surprise you, all of
us, as we did once several years
ago! We are all sending you
lots of loving birthday wishes
& shall be thinking about you.
'Auntie & Uncle will help
you celebrate the occasion!

Wish delighted with their picture
cards from you en route east.
They each have a stack of colored
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I and get as much pleasure out of
going thru them occasionally as
out of anything they own.

It surely was lovely for you that
you & mother stopped off to see her
& Tally & now can see them
in your mind's eye in their little
home. I've been rather anxious

about you dad dear - as to
how you stood the trip in the
stuffy cars & the food &c.
Are you O.K.? You don't go
at your work like a steam
engine & try to get everything
started all at once - & tire your-
self all out at the beginning.

I wish you could move your
own office up to - say - Ze's rooms

since it's warmer so you don't sit in a
cold puddle of air as you do in the
old parlor - & also where you'd have
fewer bothersome interruptions
from people coming thro' the hall
&c. I know the heavy file cases can't
go upstairs but it does seem as if
you could be more comfy & quieter
up there with your own office - if
it was possible to manage without
too frequent running up & down
stairs.

How'd Tally seem? And dear
old Zee? Just but won't it be fun
to be all together this spring? Henry
has planned to drive us down for a
week. Our affairs are still up in the
air. There's some talk of a possible
merger with contracting firm here - but
it would mean a complete sell-out of
V. Sup. to them & I don't know that Jack
would do that. Details have to be discussed
&c - no quick process. The co. has 5 branches
Annunciati, Cleveland, Boston, Cumberland, Md.
(which H' would like for himself!) & one other in ^{the south}
Maryland Co. had nothing to offer now. - As
things progress I'll write you - tho' it may
be some time before anything definite is
decided.

Bestest love for the birthday
(& always!) & another too - I don't be too
lonesome without Zee! Kisses there too - Dec

Quind. Jan 6, 1929

6 B. Place,

December 31, 1928.



Dearest Daddy,

Thank you heaps for
our 4mas checks in your
short but most welcome
letter. We're delighted that
you are well and can
be kept so with proper
care. It's a huge relief
to our hearts.

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office help this year too
& are able to keep warm

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We're delighted to have a copy but
appalled at the task she has
completed. The tremendous,
The illustrations are beautiful.
Too bad all aren't 'Freretz'.

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yet - as only preliminary
talks have been had so far as
lead of ^{other} firm has been ill for
some weeks. We are anxious
to have that plan (of selling out
Vaughan Eng. outright & going in under
other firm) settled one way or the
other before doing anything
about selling this house.

We're being rather forced
ahead of ourselves & against our
wishes on latter however,
because of selling of lot beyond
our garden (we'd been assured when
Pater bought here that that lot would
never be sold!) to woman who wants
to build a double or 2 family house
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section has always been
one of good simple
dwellings. So if we are
selling we'd want to
do so before she builds.
Yet we don't want to rush
into selling till our business
plans are settled - so
we're in rather a muddle
just now!! Things seem
to pile up don't they?

What do you hear from
Zee? I've been anxious
we can be sure her

letter at 11 was telling of
her flu, & not hearing
since 9 am. Hoping
isn't a bad sign! Hope
I'll escape.

There's a lot of it here
tho mild — & not
bad unless complications
set in due to getting
up too soon etc. —

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abed till today & she's
about well now. At



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d much joy, health & happiness in the new year! Lovingly & truly

first signs of a cold, go to bed,
The Mill's here all say. -

We had a fine time, nice
tree & Z's new Mex. green to
dress us up. Had dinner
at Aunt Mary's & her 3 other
house & the 5 Dates came in
in P.M. to call & have cider
& a bite of Z's fruit cake.

Merriam is all right & full
of pep. Santy brot him a red
"bike" (velocipede) so he's out on
it & exercising all day long
& getting to have rosy cheeks.

H & I are working all
year time clearing decks
in trunk room, attic &
for possible move later on.

Hard to give up this beautiful
home - I love it - harder more
for the children's sake than
for H & me - Dearest love to you both

Abbot, Dorothy (Meriam)

1929

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6 B. Place,

Wed. morn, Jan. 9, 1929.



Dear Honey,

Honey dear I don't like that returning cold of yours & I do wish you'd go squack to bed when you next start sniffling & have had Mr B's treatment. It scares me to have you sick honey. That wretched flu is everywhere - tho not serious if people go to bed at once & stay there - & Mrs. here says the peak of it has been reached, 1st in west, then in south, but not here yet. We're warned not to get panicky tho - but to be careful of crowds & overtiredness & getting chilled - latter a silly warning when temp. is 15° or 20° above zero! How's anyone to keep warm then?

Better here today - 25°. Kids love it & even M. gets sore checked outdoors. Beth has been skating on Common last couple days & she loves it. Good exercise for her too. M.

has 3 tiny short ^{piano} pieces he can play now
& is learning a new longer one now. He
knows more about $\frac{2}{4}$ & c time now
than I do - doesn't seem to forget
what Miss Banner, the music teacher,
tells him. Today I took B & M over
to her house for rehearsal of all her
pupils in a "toy orchestra" she is
going to make out of them, while she
teaches them rhythm & accent. It
was surprising how fast they
caught on to beating time with
batons & then using each a
different orchestral instrument,
cymbals, castanets, tambourine,
triangle, bells, &c. Some one is giving
a toy xylophone & a drum. B. likes the
drum & music teacher at school has
been teaching her how to play it so
she can go in to school orchestra some-
time. Miss Banner used a baton to
direct her "orchestra" while they
beat time & her mother played
various pieces - Schubert's mostly
& it really was delightful & all the

Kids were wild about it. She's going to give
Beth more difficult accent & they than &
the harder instruments to learn, as she is
a bit older & a lot more advanced &
B. is "keen over the idea." M. is so wild
to learn the violin he said tonight he
hoped Miss Warner was going to teach
him that! Bless him! I hope we can
let him take lessons when he's learned
a little more piano. He answered
every one of Miss B's questions today
square off at once, ahead of everyone
else - spoke out like a veteran! Too
cute! On way home we got into a poorly
buddled jam up of traffic due to a
fire at a double cross-roads, so that
cars from everywhere were balled
up before traffic officers got us
backed up enough to get around into
another street thro which we were
headed to get around the block in
which the fire apparatus was
working. Sure was poorly
managed to let us get so far
in that no one could turn around
for 15 or 20 min. - till a cop had
gone up several blocks & then turned
people off & backed end cars of the line

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back, to release us, as I
near the 2nd car from the
fire hose itself you can
imagine the time wasted,
& also the thrill the kids
got watching the doings &
seeing the hose & hearing the
steaming noise when water
hit the fire & seeing all the
smoke. M. is so tense even
at talk about a fire he is
pathetic & I have to be careful
talking to him not to make
him worse but to show him
the other side of it - how the
fine old fire engines put it
out etc. His only fearful
nightmares where he comes in
to us to be comforted, are
of fire - of being trapped in
a burning car or house etc. It

is the only thing he seems to be
afraid of. This P.M. while waiting
in our car he asked Beth could
she remember how big that fire
was at Tazewell & how it crackled
& snapped & how high up the
red went - you see he hasn't
forgotten that experience either!

Hurry sleep I've got to go to
bed now - it's after 10. So as I've
a "tummy" today I guess I'd
better go. B & H got bhft & made
me stay abed till I feel better
this A.M. B. is so capable she
amazes me lots of times. She
can get a whole bhft alone now
- start cereal & all, without
getting it lumpy now, measure
coffee & water & start peric, squeeze
oranges & boil our eggs. I think it
wise to teach her a little of the
simpler things in case of emergency
& especially as she likes to learn &
feel she's "helping." M. runs for

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rise to be regular with heart again - instead of "parent" all the time! You
daddy like each other for me, for cause police both as dear! H sends his love to you!

dishes, milk, cream, sets table & - He's not
allowed near the stove of course. I can
tell Ruth 3 or 4 more things to do & be
more sure that she'll do them all &
correctly than any poor-up maid I've
had in some time - I feel lucky if
a maid remembers one thing at a time!

- Radio man says it'll be warmer
tomorrow - hooray! Rain likely tho, -
not so good as Mattie comes to wash. She's
the best lumberer I've ever had - & a
cooking good worker. She's black (from
Georgia!) & as big as a whale - she must
weigh most 300 lb but she sure is spry!
And she tells Mary & the children that
"she loves to work for me" - which is
some real consolation after the ex-
perience I've had with maids this
fall so far!!

He watched the "Greeting Mark" air
endurance record flight with much
interest. Didn't you?

Henry broke up his cold entirely
& rest of us (M & I) escaped by spraying
& hefidin &c.

Bad news - no good night &
bursts of love began back. I think
you & daddy together again all by you -
where - are awful sweet. Must be kind

6 Berkeley Place,
Jan. 30, 1929.

Dear Daddy,

I'm inexpressibly shocked to hear of the accident that befell Uncle Vernon and am anxious to hear how he is. I hope he wasn't seriously hurt but will be O.K. again in due time. Hard on Auntie to be witness to the accident herself - I hope she's all right too.

Thanks for Zee's letter, enclosed as per your request. I didn't mean to keep it so long but kept putting off sending till I could write you. I'm always tickled pink to have a

letter from you & feel it deserves
more than a hurried scrawl in
return!

I'd read that article in the
Literary Digest in October, about
the amazingly large number of
bacteria per inch on one's unders!
Fearful — & one more reason to
approve mother's custom of a
bit of ^{exactly removed} silk lining tacked under
yokes & sleeves on non-washable
dresses &c —! Luckily this family
isn't one to wear too scant
undies à la the flappers!

I hope the office force whatever
you have now, continues efficient

and helpful and that you may accomplish
a satisfying amount of work this
winter in spite of having to go carefully
and not get overtired. Don't your ears
just burn sometimes. At the nice
things mother writes me 'bout you?
Why she's worst as bad as a bride!!
Funny she should like her "Old Man"
so much, isn't it? I'm 'spriced!!??x!!

You're a dear & so understanding
about our uncertain times now. I
feel things will come out all right
if we can be patient & mull along
somehow in the interim. — As for
you daddy dear — of course you're going
to be able to publish your important
volumes — you know now how to
safeguard your health and the need
so to do or get into trouble at once, is a
good guarantee of many many
more years of work ahead of you.
It must be wonderful to know one
has so much to contribute to the
world's knowledge — it alone would
make one live to be a veritable Methuselah!

B & M over their respective knock-outs.
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his own affairs since Beth
laid him out - & hangs
about her an abject slave!!
So there's peace for awhile.

Snow still with us & much
ice on streets, sidewalks &c
- fine for kids but not for
the rest of us. Fearful cold
yesterday & Monday too - 2° to
9° above but they don't seem
to mind it at all.

Poor Zee - she surely doesn't
know where she's at yet - or
going to be! Whatever their
plans are I hope she'll come
to Hongquitt awhile this summer.

This P. M. the youngsters' toy orchestra meets again at the music teacher's house over in Brooklyn. Each child learns to play a different orchestral instrument to emphasize accent & rhythm & you'd be surprised how well they sound, accompanying a piano. Beth, being older & a bit more advanced than others, is to have the more difficult ones - drum & xylophone - & harder rhythms &c. She & M. can hardly wait for Wed PM to come! They've tambourine, triangle, castanets, bells, cymbals,

in addition to the drum & xylophone. It's very entertaining to listen to.

Aunt May often asks after you & mother & sends her remembrances & hopes you'll both see your way clear to come to Cambridge again someday. Me too!

But you'll see us with bells on (just but it'll be great!!!) the end of March. We're looking forward to it most mightily & with hopes you'll have a spare corner of a desk in the office for her so she can "work near Grandpa." You'd better be prepared for Merriam too for he likes to do just what Sister does!

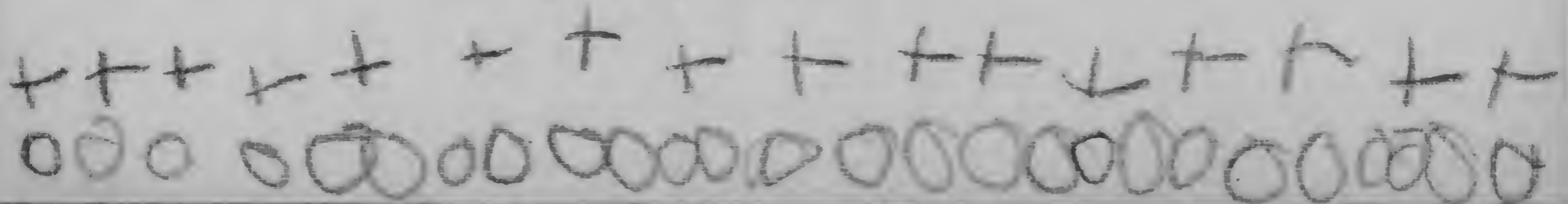
Henry is well - busy at present doing tax returns for the estate, Aunt May & ourselves.

They keep him out of mischief!

Love and bestest love from us all -

Kisses to Grandpa

From Merriam



6 B. Place,

Tues. Feb 12 -

1929.

Harriet Honey,

I sent Z's letter about the
Indian dance back in my
last letter to dad. Ask him.

Will show H. your
about Argentine work.
Wouldn't that be exciting
tho? I'm game to up &
go anywhere - other
than New England!!

Prize be the \$4000 unpaid

Other day that's part of 9500
due us for years on 1/2
commission on a job
year ago. Men we dealt with
were - are - crooked - &
we've sued, & gotten a
judgment against 'em.
One of 'em is less crooked
than other 2, so I've went
after him tooth & nail
& threatened poor debtor's
court - so got part of
it (4,000) in cash out of

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him & \$440 in next 3 mos. So-
that's going to keep him
going a ~~little~~ longer & pay
employees, & some to us -
the only 1 month behind them
in salary. So all is still tem-
porarily! No signs of life with
other company yet tho. -

Sorry old Mrs Sammet has died
but she must have been pretty
old, wasn't she? Remember
her always as I look back thru my
childhood - going to see the
family at Le Droit Park, hearing
her tell stories to us & -

Have you tried broccoli for
dod - like spinach in taste
they say tho look like a
spread out green cauliflower?
I know how hard it is to get any
variety for D & M in vegetables
- seen to be so few to choose from.

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Other neighbors raised such a
hubbub about possibility of
even a good-looking 2 family
house going up on lot next
to us that Mr. Bell withdrew
deed & will not allow the
Baileys to buy the lot now
even if they'd put up one house
so - at present there's no
chance of building on the
lot as no one else has
been interested in it. She

Baileys have asked us to
dinner next week, wed. -
He knows Mr John C.
Merriam - had that I was
his daughter, it -
& is connected with
Harvard Observatory.
Aunt Mary Malbone
miniature of Moses Everett
painted in 1798 went off
to Mr Holmes at the ^{nat'l}
Museum gallery yesterday
(valued 2 to 4 thousand !!) & will
be in the Malbone exhibit there.

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 underneath has been hurt.
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 to hurt himself more —
 Can't use that finger at
 all — & still wear his
 bandage. — He wouldn't
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 on Berkeley Street — & an
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infected & spread all over the
system & to her lungs &
several operations proved
of no avail.

Let me know what you
decide on for E. Stephens.
I am much interested.

Hamilton ^{Co.} have been
unusually nice about
Z's things - we've had
many letters back & forth,
now they are sending me
another cup & saucer (with

going to Smith lecture at College Club - This P.M. & to M's class meeting of Parents Teachers tomorrow P.M. - Burdick Lane - see.

runner slightly larger & heavier) to see if I'd prefer that - They sure have been nice to deal with - & I'm one funny particular girl 'bout my sister's things & want 'em to be the very nicest ever.

The coffee pot set is lovely. We are getting the heavier more expensive set. It is a lovely dainty one - I'm crazy over it!!

Kids O.K. Lovely clear snappy days for them to be out - & M. is so much better than when it's snowy out & damp. Terrible mud tho - those fits tracked up so badly - it fits discouraging!

Oh - my forsythia we cut bare stems of last week & stuck in tall brass vase in sunny window is in full bloom today & simply lovely & shiny - like - Am

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P.S. Thanks for advice about coats
for trip - I feel so stupid not
remembering reasons & - here
it's so cold generally till May
that I don't begin to think
of light duds till then,
B. wears light weight slip on
sweaters - white collar & tuffs
over pleated flared shirts
& a rumblest flare ^{skirt} with velvet
roublouse for best -

I'll bring along a couple
light sweaters for her & one
thin pants for M. (He wears
shirt-blouses now - with sweaters over
'em - so can leave off sweaters if hot.)

oh I get so excited when I think
of seeing you & dad again so
soon!!! Hooray!!

oh - by way - Mum would
like to rent 3 rooms & 3 baths
over inauguration if you hear
of anybody wanting rooms
then. -

Work now - got lots
to do as usual!!

There now - I nearly forgot
something. Enclosed
minute jelly is new this
year & I've tried the mint

& the blackberry & they are
 delicious - & such a cinch
 to make. We like mint jelly
 with lamb & Sun. while I
 was getting lamb browned
 1st ten minutes, I made
 the 2 glasses of mint jelly
 & they set & chilled, so that
 we ate ^(some of) one glass for our
 dinner $1\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. later!!
 Also made blackberry & kids
 love it - its delicate &
 aroma lovely. It doesn't dry me

To put up a lot of jelly in
summer sets hard & when
we're at Newport - so I
usually buy a gallon or 2
of Tea Garden (25 & 254) jelly
(made in San Francisco) when
we need any - but if
amount is a good as other 2
I've tried of Minute jelly I
shall make it hereafter. The
tiny bottle costs 15¢ + 2¢
flavor jelly cost less than
10¢ each, when done!!! Try it
once. Follow directions exactly.
I shall send another label to you.
It makes a delicate clear jelly - not gummy.

6 Berkeley Place,
Feb. 22, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

I'm returning herewith Zee's interesting letter of her trip to pueblo dances & Albuquerque &c. Thanks for letting us read it.

Can't say I enjoyed reading the article by Vera Connolly on the frightful situation at Indian govt schools and reservations. One can't read dry-eyed of such shameful disgraceful almost unbelievable inhumanities and negligences. It

make you urge to do something to help. There should be some way of publishing all over the country the true facts of each school & re-education - goodness knows murders & scandals & such like take up enough front page space in our newspapers, none of which compares to the scandalous treatment of our Indian peoples. Who is responsible for the appointment of the various superintendents & the Indian Bureau direct? Could an appeal to the President be made & do any good? Some of

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The many millions constantly being given to Harvard for one purpose or another could do so much good being used to stir up public opinion & winning people to a sufficient interest to start to remedy conditions.

Henry has been fighting a hard heavy cold ever since Sunday but without his usual success so yesterday when he seemed worse rather than better & had accumulated a fearful cough I persuaded him to stay in bed all day. Today he seems better. We have him bundled in the pillows & blankets on the couch in the den, doing one of his three income taxes.

Yesterday we too had the worst snowstorm of the year & it was a beautiful sight. I enjoyed bucking it to market & back, tho the flakes had a tendency to stick to your eyelashes! The snow fell all night wed. & all day yesterday till evening when the moon came out brightly & I never saw a more beautiful sight during a winter than the outdoors was, especially looking

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vent in to the woods next to
us. Today the kids have
been out all day shovelling
& making snow-bears
(realistic enough for me to recognize
one of them as a bear!) &
having a glorious time.
Its thawing fast tho, as
the sun came out early &
its so high now it got in
a lot of good work!

Had you and mother have
been feeling better lately, that
Uncle Vernon seems to be O.K.
again - a lucky escape he had!
See winter that she doesn't

yet know their exact plans.
Sure will be disappointing not to
see them too when we all go
home next month. Buick Special
due to leave promptly a m early
on Mar. 28th!!!!!! Most exciting
to think of.

Last nite we had a surprise
supper party upstairs in the
den. The children were thrilled
over the idea & there was
much whispering and ex-
cited running up & down stairs
in preparation! We - or rather
B & M - as they fixed it all
themselves - set up two
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couch, put cloth on them, + all the
necessary silver + dishes etc. - Great fun!!
Then we lugged up the roast lamb,
taters + spinach, milk + olives etc + in-
vited daddy to come in on to the
couch where course he was muchly
surprised!! So everybody had a grand
time + the children ate enormous
dinners + then we carted everything
down stairs again! Funny what a kick
youngsters get out of doing things a
little differently once in a while!

Bestest love Agun + mother -
Dorothy.

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Love From

Merriam

Dear Grandpa,

Grandpa

I thank you lots
for sending us
so many lovely pictures,
Merriam and I take time choosing
them. Lots of love to you
and Granmie

Love from
Beth

9-11-29
c box 1

6 Berkeley Place,
March 26, 1929.
Tues. nite -

Dearest Daddy,

Dear of you to write & we're
all so happy that mother's
bad knee isn't going to
keep us away. We're glad
she's improving favorably
but insist she does not
try to do a single thing
while we're there that
she'd not do if we weren't.
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with you! Better get ear
plugs, 'cause after all the
nice peaceful quiet all
winter four of us are going
to sound like a troop of
horses!

I think we can leave
Thurs. (H. taking work
down to do) & be with you
Fri. apt. if all goes well.
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ready — finish stuff in bags in
A.M. & put up luncheon for 2
days in P.M. & get car packed as
soon as H. gets home. We plan
to leave by 7 A.M. !!! Here's hoping.
We go shore road to Bear Mt. Bridge
& over thru ^{1.4}supper (to avoid N.Y. City)
& then down on straight as roads
can take us. Kids are already wondering
if they're going to be so excited that
they can't eat their breakfast —
as happened last Xmas!!

We'll wire Thurs. & should
we be delayed Fri. & held over
later than late P.M. — of course
we'd wire then too. So if no word
comes Fri. you'll know we're getting
there O.K. & due for supper!! Oh Oh
isn't that just grand!! XV!?!!!

Way fast but time now
so bye & much love till we
can give it to you with a
big hug!

Love
Dorothy

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6 Berkeley Place,
Apr. 24, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

Hope you & mother are
all about town & having
us gorgeous a day as this
one of ours in turning
out! We've had snow,
sleet, & rain rain rain
so long now that a sunny
day sandwiched in
makes us feel quite
light-headed!

If you like a happy
rolling tale of adventure

go to see Douglas Fairbanks
in "The Iron Mask". It's
a combination of Lummi
'3 Musketeers, '20 yrs. after'
& the three Kings' over
imagination & it's quite
a yarn. I'm taking
Beth this P.M.

It's getting kinda
monotonous having
Hurry every so long
& we shall all three
rejoice with a whoop
when he shows up. He
is trying to make it by

Sunday - but isn't sure yet. Been working till 11 P.M. + after w's to get thro on time + a bit ahead if possible. Housekeeping + cooking seem useless and futile without one's "best bean!"

Both O.K. again + back to school + Merriam never + he killing his cold. He's cutting a real molar now + it's a hurty swollen red lump + makes him feel below par. Yesterday his tummy wasn't quite O.K. + he felt so miserably for a while that I kept him quiet all A.M. Soon's ole touch is thro he'll pop up again.

He has a speaking + acting part in a little Indian play his class gives at school next week + I hear him saying his lines (with great expression) when he's supposed to be resting!

Love to you + mother - I must start lunch now. When do you hope to start west? And any news of the Baileys yet?
Dorothy

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6 B. Place, Camb.

May 14, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

Thank you for writing me so promptly about precious mother. Your letter came this noon & very naturally I am worried & anxious to be kept posted about mother's condition. Has she seriously hurt - back knee or elsewhere or anything broken? I don't like those pains in her back. Did she fall on her back or forward on her knee & breast & face? Dear mother - it just wicked to have her

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What was Mr. Davis's report today after his call? And is mother to be in the hospital again or can you get a good nurse there at home to take care of her? For its obvious she can't take care of herself.

I'm certainly thankful you've James & wish she could go to Lag too for I don't see how it'll be possible for mother to manage alone out there after these two accidents even tho she might be up &

wounded by them. Please tell me
just what ^{the} condition is — if it's
serious I'd rather know now —
it's better than imagining all sorts
of things. I'm worried &
don't know just what has happened
to her. You just give her all the
love in the world from all of us.

I went over to see Aunt May as
soon as she got home talked
over arrangements — & if I can
be of any help at all or mother
wants me, Aunt May will sleep
over here till H. gets back this
week-end & have B's & M's meals
sent over by her two maids & keep
a general eye on the side &
have \$10 in also for same
purpose very few days — so I
could go home to be with
you & mother if I'm needed.

I just hate to have you two there all
alone without either of your children
or the Baileys or any family at
all.

M's whoops are a bit better
these last two days & Beth seems
to be getting off easily so far.
The rumour caught her soon enough

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to be a real benefit.

You surely have done a stupendous piece of work on Mr. Sheldon's MS - & it seems ~~to be~~ ^{me} it'll be more your book than his when you're thro with it. It's wonderful of you to give up so much of your valuable time away from your own more important work to do that huge task for your friend.

Dear dear love to you
both - & let me have a line
whenever you can.

Henry

6 Berkeley Place,
May 21, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

You timed your letter
to reach me at breakfast
today on my birthday! It
was dear of you to write
and I'm thankful to hear
of your taking an evening
off once in a while from
that stupendous MS you
are editing for the Sheldons.
Congratulations on your
progress. When it must
be a relief to have gotten
along on it as far as you

have. But I hope to goodness
no other friends ask you to
spend a year or more of
your precious time editing
other folks' works.

Thank you for my very
nice birthday check, which
is going in to the bank again
a rainy day!

Oh that now - This is a
different scene! Cold & rainy
& dark out & we're glad we did
not let the furnace go out
as we're always tempted to
after the first few hot days
hit us. But in on to this
changeable New Eng. climate
and know it'll get cold again

up till the middle of June & with Beth
& Merriam, this year I didn't dare
risk them catching cold in a chilly
house. This is the season when your
oil arrangement would be perfect
here.

Another family down Berkeley
St. has whooping cough too & one of
the boys has come up to play with
Merriam the last few days. The
lovely for both of them for course
none of the other kids can come
near them for weeks. They're up
playing in the playroom now
happy as clams at high tide.

Glad to read Auntie's letter
which I return herein.

Real joyous news that mother
is progressing well. You sit on
her if she gets too frisky.

You'd be proud of your little
granddaughter if you could see what
a good little housewife she is
becoming - & enthusiastically
too! She is eager to learn to cook
and has the intelligence to follow
instructions exactly & therefore
has been successful in every
thing she's cooked so far. Before

I went off with Henry yesterday
 (to see last detail & about the
 granite tablets & for Brand-
 Jaffe's & Pater's graves) & then
 into town for a couple errands
 I asked Ruth if she'd like
 to start lunch to which she
 eagerly said "oh yes; please,
 may I?" When I got home
 the baked potatoes were done
 + fluffy dry & the vegetables
 just ready to take off &
 serve (she'd prepared them
 first before cooking), the table
 was set & the oven just
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I hadn't forgotten the hour to start
the various things in order to have
them ready at the same time
(which is more than many maids
can do that we pay \$14 a week to!)
She has frequently gotten her +
M's supper if I happened to have
to be away from the house
between 5 & 6 - when I'd
get home + rush in to prepare
it for them she'd tell me
they'd had it + were all thro.
I'm so glad she likes to help
for she'll learn a lot that
way + things will be easy
for her. She's made hang-up
compoues, hot biscuits,
scrambled eggs, crisp bacon.
Merriam wants to learn now too!

We've had lots of fun doing things together this winter. Both kids have been taught how to make their beds nicely and are expected to take care of them except the day the sheets are changed & mattresses turned.

I'm enjoying having both of them home from school!! Beth has kept up her daily lessons.

M's are chiefly to read aloud so I am postponing his till we're at Nonquitt as the reading aloud makes him start coughing.

Thanks again daddy dear for my lovely birthday letter & check and bunch of love from and mother from us all —

Dorothy.

Kids did enjoyed jobs.

P.S.

Is your old Uncle Henry still alive? I wonder about him now & then. Does he know anybody at all now?

Boston & Cambridge are being flooded this week with counterfeit \$5, \$10 & \$20 bills. Some places have taken in half a dozen spurious bills in one day, chiefly theaters & stores but even one bank was fooled. The authorities think the gang is trying to dump them quickly before new size bills are issued by U.S. govt.

6 Berkeley Pl.

June 3, 1929.

Dearest Maddy,

Thank you for writing so
fully & promptly about
the condition of mother's knee
as shown by the X-Ray.

I am thankful Mamma had
her X-rayed & found out
what was wrong & started
it on its way to recovery
at last, by operating.

No wonder mother dear was
in such dreadful agony
when she fell the second
time. I'm so sorry she
has to go thro all this extra

laying - up just as she seemed
better again but of course its
better in the end for her & the
only wise thing to do not to
go around crippled with a
broken patella & liable to
fall again & be more seriously
hurt.

Your letter has just come
this P.M. - real Cambridge
P.O. service. It postmarked
7:30 from home & I should
have had it Sat. afternoon.

How long will mother be
at the hospital? And when
can she walk with a crutch?
I hope shell stay quiet long

enough to make certain there's no
danger of complications.
Such dreadful times you two
darlings have been having
this winter. I'm so glad you'll
be with you this summer I
could shout for joy!

I hope you are staying O.K.
thru all these events.

Everybody sends heaps of love
& you all down there!
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Grand to have it cool again. Ther-
mometer dropped at Fri. noon from 96°
to 40° by night — & last night
there was frost in lowlands
near Boston most amazing
climate. But very nice
when it changes to cool.

Been having picnics
daily — supper out in country
& it's been lovely. Bye.

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6 Berkeley Pl.
Fri., June 14-29.

Dearest Daddy,
Bully for you all getting
off to Lagunitas on
Monday!!! Hooray for
you! I priced me very
much that you could
make it so soon with
mother's crochery
still on, but I'm
delighted for your
sake that you can
get out of the heat &
into that beautiful

redwood home out there.
I love to think about
Lag - & all the surrounding
country along to go
out again some time.

It's a wonderful place.

And you'll see Zee
soon & be together all
summer.!!!!!! Hooray for
that too. Give her heaps
of love & hugs for me
too.

I hope your going
now means that the
Sheldon MS is done -
or in its final stage?

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My half-day worker walked
out on me this week & left me
in the lurch so I have my
hands full tending to every-
thing & it's a tiresome horrid
job washing dishes & cleaning
up - it never seems to end! B4
M are dear little helpers tho
& you'd be surprised how
much Beth has learned to
do this year.

Must go to market now &
get some dinner for the
launderer who's here
today. Everybody sends
love to you all & hope
you have a fine trip
out. I'm tickled that
mother can go so early
& be under Dr Bunnell
out there!

Oh thank you for pictures & Order of love -
I for that nice old X-mas waltz Dorothy.
I had so long ago & always liked!
I was amused over the old letters you sent!

BOX 7
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Aug. 4-1929.

Dearest Daddy,

I was interested to see the enclosed article & wondered if you knew who this Mary Stuart is & if she's right one for the job.

Hope all is going well with you all out there & that you've got competent house help - so necessary this year when mother needs mental relaxation & freedom from worry - & you too! We

wish we were nearer - its so
unful. living so far away
from ones dearest ones that
one sees 'em only once a year.

After three months' drought
here in Mass. which has
wrought havoc with crops
which are poor & scarce - &
which has about ruined
grasses & nearly dried up
our wells, we had a
real storm last nite
with heavy rain all
nite long. Praise be but
we sure were glad to see
it tho to do real lasting

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good, it should pour in sheets
for a couple days. It is so

BOX 7
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

hot and muggy today that
we feel all stuffy for
breath. And yesterday before
the storm we wore coats!

Marriam has slight sniffle
cold today & is basking it
out in the sun. When he
stayed in water too long
yesterday & then got chilled
later when it was colder.

He went out on cliff in
P. M. to watch sailboat
races & airplanes & blimp
overhead. We have about

But love an m -
muffy.

24 sailboats in our well cove, most
of them run by the children &
kids up to 18 or 19. One boat
is gorgeous - it has orange
sails on a green boat!! M.
says he'd like one like that
some day.

Beth's rowboat
was more than half full of
water this a.m. due to the
storm so she's been down
bailing & cleaning it out.

Now its swim time & H.
is telling me to hurry up. He
went up to Vermont unexpectedly
Thurs. a.m. till Thurs. nite on a
small job & most roasted it was
so hot. It been a bad week - hot &

"ABBOT COTTAGE"
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 11, 1929.

Dearest Daddy in all the world - you're all safe sure, honest
Engine? It seems miraculous daddy dear that you
could go thro such a ghastly accident & come out
really not seriously injured. We are all so thank-
ful & relieved & grateful we just haven't any
way of telling you how we feel - tho I guess
you can imagine what an awful clutch at
the heart we had reading your letters. You
were dears all three to write me so soon &
to tell me about it & I was mighty glad to
see dad's handwriting I can tell you! It
seems almost unbelievable that you didn't
jar loose any of your innards, break bones
or smash yourself in in any way. Oh daddy
dear - I'm so thankful you're all right but

don't you dast do any such petrifying tricks again
& scare your adoring family to death.

Poor Dolly all broken up! It a wonder she wasn't
in Pinkling & iron scraps but I know she must
be pretty well constructed not to have crumpled
on you - I'm glad it wasn't a Ford you
were in. Did steering apparatus go wrong to
send you off like that? Such an awful
experience to have happen to my precious
daddy - & he supposed to take things
easily - no excitement, no minding etc! A
nice way to obey instructions of your M.D's.

I wanted to wire you squach up & send you all
our love & tell you how thankful we are that
you are all right 'cept for cuts & bruises -
but I knew you'd know how we felt here &
that possibly you'd already started to S.F. to take
mother down & a wire might never reach you
& it wouldn't have done any good anyhow - only
I wanted a message to reach you K&WIK.

long now & my it'll be good to have you all
nearer us at 1919. No like getting news
& letters 6 days old!!

It's good that mother can now manage
enough for herself to be left in the city
while you & Zee are gone. That's better than
I had thought. But it's discouragingly slow for her.

Another long letter came from you
a few days ago with those pictures of you &
mother & of beautiful Laf. We're so glad to
have them - thank you a lot. One each of
you & mother I don't like - both are worried.
I never will get used to seeing you so thin
dad dear - especially your face. Fine new
bridge - Carquinar. I'd read about it in one
of Henry's engineering magazines.

Wonderful to be in such a beautiful spot all
summer - so cool & so green! Makes us comfy
here in the 90's (recently) just to hear of it there.

It's good you had to have a few days to rest up
 in while car was **"ABBOT COTTAGE"** being fixed before you
NONQUITT started off on your 10 day trip. I hope the
MASSACHUSETTS scare + shake-up didn't set you back again
 in your test daddy dear - Lucky the ignition
 switch was turned off tho your sensations
 as you felt yourself going off the road +
 then something must have been awful
 enough not to have ignition worry seem
 overbig just then. Oh dear - we'll have to
 keep you in a purrphic shell along with
 Peter's wife for safetkeeping! You're worse
 than your grandson about rearing the
 life out of your family. It's comfort to
 know Mr Bunnell went over you so
 carefully + found nothing serious wrong.
 I sure you'll be coming home before

And that dense growth means enough water - which we haven't here!

"ABBOT COTTAGE"
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

The papers here tell of serious & many bad forest fires thro' out the north west this summer & we hoped you all wouldn't have to go thro another big fire scare again - especially this year when goodness knows you've enough worries.

Both Merriam both showed great concern for Grandpa & haven't been able to talk of anything else all day but your accident & "oh my I'm so glad Grandpa is all right" over & over all day long.

Merriam said right off "I'm going to write Grandpa." And later he said "I sat down & didn't know what I'd say but just as soon as I had the pencil over my paper the words all came right out."

of my head." Short & sweet daddy - but expressive of much loving thought his wee note is, 'cause it's very hard to make all the letters - a real labor of love all of his own accord! Beth's was finished before he was half there!

Tomorrow I run up to Cambridge with car back full of baggage which the children helped me get out & into the car late today. Tommean is full & seat beside me! Already to hop in rooms & get breakfast. Have to get some work done at the house & will drive back with Henry Friday nite. Children will be O.K. with the nice young girl I have now.

The air was very cool today we all went in this a.m. for our daily swim & the water was delightful & warm and buoyant. But ooh - the cold N.W. breeze

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when we came out!! booooh! M. jumped off the
2nd step out of the "ABBOT COTTAGE" water - of the ladder
off end of pier & for NONQUITT MASSACHUSETTS first time went
under & got top of head wet. He's getting
more confidence daily & the air-filled
rubber belt around his chest of course
helps to hold him up & give him a feeling
of security. He paddles without it too
but not as boldly yet! It'll come in time.

B. is upside down under water half the time
- having grand fun - a regular fish she is.
She dives pretty well too.

Days are cool & delightful now. Today
was a perfect one - cool & brilliant blue
sky. It's been so hot the last 9 days or
so that we've wilted under it. We
should have this cool weather from now
on. We'll be down over Oct 12 & close up

then for good. Gets too chilly ^{after that time,} in these board
cottages with nothing but a wee fire place to
keep warm at!

The summer has benefitted the kids
a whole lot which after all is all I ask of
the sojourn here. Beth is strong & husky
& hard muscularly from tennis,
swimming & rowing & walking - I've never
seen her look better. Merriam has
gained a pound - or maybe 2 - (scales differ
so in town) & is bronzed & stronger.
And he's now noisy & mischievous
& sometimes just plain bad - no, according
to everybody who knows, he must be
well! He's still thin as a string bean but
he seems so much he'd seem of any extra
as fast as he'd put it on!

All our love daddy dear & thank
you for writing & reassuring me yourself.
Dorothy.

6 Berkeley Place,
October 2, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

Two letters from you lately are very welcome indeed. So glad the trip home was easily & comfortably made & that you're so much nearer us now!! Hope by now either Jamie or another A1 girl is in charge of the kitchen end.

Suppose you all got the ends of the hurricane storm also as we have ~~been~~ all day. Heavy rain & high wind ever since we went to bed last night & still at it tho clear day promised for tomorrow.

Miriam home with me

all day - couldn't read him out of course
with his cold tho Beth didn't mind
the weather & was away at school
& then at one of the girls' homes till
5:30. M. will go back to school to-
morrow if its a clear day. He's
thrown off his bags well this time.
Rest of us are O.K.

Have you & Tally found their
apartment yet? And how's the
knee? Have you felt all right
since your awful upset? No after
ill-effects? You must have held on to
the steering wheel very tight & with great
presence of mind, thereby not getting
thrown all about the car as it
upset. Laws it gives me the jim jims
to think of you doing that loop the
loop daddy dear - don't you ever do it
again! X! X!

You've gone sent in the Literary Digest again
for another year & as before we're both tickled
& thank you very very much. Louis its due each
week each of us goes for it & if its not there
asks the other fellow "where's my Lit?" Beth
wants the jokes too & M. ^{any} pictures so
its become a family affair you see!

Men have been here past week to estimate
cost of re-tarring & re-pebbling flat roof sur-
faces which are in bad shape & liable to leak
badly & then house trim has to be painted
for protection of house - it should have been
done two years ago. Always something ah?

We'd planned, if Merriam was O.K. by then
to go down to Annapolis for this week-end
but tonight Henry said he'd have to be on
deck Saturday trying to land a job that
he's gotten wind of - than which there's
nothing much more important just now!

I guess we can make it over 12th instead.
Its glorious there in October.

Didn't you ever get Merriam's letter I
wrote you he was writing when I enclosed
Beth's in with mine? I think I addressed the
envelope for him.

But time now. Bunches of love
all round to our dear ones -

Dorothy

Answered Nov 13, 1929

6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 7, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

You certainly sprung a surprise on me when you stuck in the copy of Tommy Topics so casually among the cut out pictures for the children and said nothing to warn me of the great surprise in store for me when I should go first thro the pictures & then thro the magazine. Such a start did it give me to turn over a page and come upon a picture of my daddy!!! I was tickled to

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Crew might have said - said
lots better! However that's cause
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"speck" . I'd like to get another
copy of Touring Topics if I can
find where to buy it - no luck
so far & I guess I'd have to send
to AAA at Beverly Hills where it's
published. I like the picture of
you that was used. Had you
known where & when the article
was to be published? Aunt May
borrowed it to read while Henry
was away & only returned it today

so Henry can read it for first time tonight
when he gets back - or rather when
I fetch him. Thanks a heap for sending it.

Our schedule since Henry started
in with Technicolor is rather hectic
as it takes at least 40 min. by sub-
way, trolley & walking & go one way,
it meant his leaving here at 15 of
8 each a.m. & not getting back till
6:45 at earliest & he'd be tired &
there'd be no evening left after a
late supper.

So now I drive him
in & go for him again at 6 - & when
I get ^{more} used to being in the terrific
traffic jams at the worst rush
hours I'll not mind it as much nor
get as tired as I do now when it's
all rather new as yet. I get the
children's supper ready for them &
they start eating as I leave at 5:30
to go for Henry. We hope later
on when things get better organized
that the hours won't be so long
(8:30 to 6 or after as at present!)

The new work is interesting & quite
different from anything Henry has
ever done except for the organizing
of an enlarged force he's already started
doing. He has his own place to find in the

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

organization - So far he's in engineering
division - one of the 3 branches of the

plant, the other 2 being the research
& the operating branches. He'll
have to tell you more in detail

than I can. It looks as if
there is a future in it anyhow if

we can fit & we're signed up
for 6 mos. anyhow at ⁴7500 a year

& if all goes well will then go
on for 18 mos. more, the 2nd
year at not less than 10,000

salary. - He's hoping. He's
had so little ^{constructive} real work this last

year that he says he's enjoying
very much digging in to the pile
of it waiting for him now in
the new field. A steady salary
will ease us up considerably
too sensible us to save again.

The uncertainties of the past
few years have been enough to
turn our hair gray & never knowing
when we'd not get another
month's salary wasn't always
easy! We ~~we~~ there months salary
due us now from V. Eng! We
sold Liberty Bonds & other savings
to keep running so when & if
back salary is paid we plan to replace

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the cold savings by investing in good stuff.

Did you hang on during the recent market slump or did you sell any stuff? We hung on to the little we had - in By-Products which is slowly recovering.

Beth is a full Girl Scout Tender-foot now & happy as a lark in it. Merriam wishes he were old enough to be a Scout too. Boys have the 12 year old.

We rejoice when that the Sheldon MS has been sent to the publishers & that that great load is about lifted from you. I think it was dear of you daddy to give up so many months in loving kindness to your friend's memory - when so much of your own valuable work is clamoring for your time. I hope Mrs Sheldon really half appreciates what you've done.

Some of the magazine cover pictures you sent will be fine cut & stick on Merriam's wall when I change his scenery next time. The one of Half Dome is lovely across the room. But - I'm especially delighted over the article about "Merriam the Naturalist".
Hugs & love always - Dorothy.

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 19, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

Thanks a lot for sending me
duplicate copies yourself of
'Joining Topics' instead of
telling me where I could get
more myself. I'm delighted
to have more than the
one & am much obliged
to you.

It was great to have
your letter but please
don't feel you've got to
write when so much work
& your own clamor for your

every moment. Naturally I
love to hear & am tickled
to pieces whenever I do!!!

We're so glad the Sheldon
MS is going way now to your
own works & know how gratified
you must be to have that
other job past & to be on
your Indian articles again.

I hope you read we had
an earthquake yesterday
afternoon. It gave me a
most peculiar feeling to feel
the shaking & watch my two
desk floor lamps actually
teetering & the watch hung on
hook over my desk dancing a

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MASSACHUSETTS

jig & a rocker swaying back & forth! A batch of pencils on one of the playroom shelves rolled down the length of the shelf & back & then on to the floor & the light fixtures moving so, that Merriam was a bit scared & was half way down the stairs when I called him to come to me - feeling a bit uneasy myself at the seemingly long duration of the shaking & the strength of it. Merriam was excited over it all the balance of the day.

& asked me no end of questions which I tried not to rouse him in answering. However with 2 news broadcasts emphasizing the quake's intensity between 4 & 5 AM & his bed time he was so worked up over it that he scarcely slept all evening & kept calling to us every few minutes till nearly midnight - much as he did at Lag after the fire scare. I wish he didn't take things so hard - he has such a lively mind & imagination he does think of so many things & ask & worry about that he keeps himself all tensed up.

Merriman's cold is much better

she went back **MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT** to school today.
6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS
 It was raining too hard yesterday
 to start him back after being
 sick several days. Today its a
 lovely cold bright one.

Butt was at Scout meeting
 yesterday when the quake
 occurred & rattled the benches
 around the large room &
 shook the chandeliers.

Henry was knocked out on
 neck-end by something at lunch
 on Sat. Has felt limp &
 mean inside ever since. This
 AM he says he feels worse
 like himself tho will continue
 with toast diet again today til

all his internal quaker finally
subsided. He spent all Sunday
on couch with a heating pad on him
& did look pathetic!

The pictures in other room
are fine & will make a grand
addition to the wall collection.
Both kids had great fun looking
thru them yesterday & Meriam
was very enthusiastic about
certain very lovely ones &
would hold them up at arm's
length to admire them &
ask me to too. He was cute
over them - a regular art critic!!

Must get to work - I've just returned
from taking H in town & doing
marketing & have plenty to do.
Orders of love & thanks
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P.S. - Tuesday.

Children in Beth's class
were asked to hand in
~~for~~ Monday's lesson,
a poem or verse of
some sort about
some place they'd
like to be or some
thing they'd like
(~~of~~ Longquitt)
& this in Beth's which,
tho far from perfect according
to adult standards, the
teacher that so very good
in that suppression and
picture description that she

read it out in teachers -
Teachers meeting this
afternoon when we all
met for discussion
of class 7 &c. -

Also one of her maps
showing westward move-
ments - like the Lewis &
Clark expedition, the Cumber-
land trail, the 1st U.P. rail-
road &c. was shown &
her ^{colored} drawing of a Viking ship.

1.

I long for the sunlit waters gold
Where shaggy cliffs protruding, bold,
Are often damp with foamy spray,
And most of all on a windy day.

2.

I love the boats that drift all day
Around their moorings deep in the bay.
A faint white spot appears and goes
'Tis the sail of a boat, as everyone
knows.

Beth Abbot
Nov. 18, 1929.

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Sunday,
Dec. 29, 1929.

Dearest Daddy,

Our wee talk with you all on Christmas was the happiest bit of the day - and yet most unsatisfying at the same time, 'cause it only made us eager to talk the with you more! Oh dear & awful to be so far away from one's dear family so much of the time & especially so on Christmas which is Family Day. But the round of your dear voices & the moments remaining nearness gave us a warm feeling about the heart for the rest of the day.

We had a busy full day of course, opening the piles of lovely gifts in the morning and seeing our visitors all afternoon - the 5 Oates, the Steenbras & Ned. Aunt Mary's cold kept her at home so I & I went over in the evening & wish her a Merry Xmas & to see their things. Everybody went in two much again!

The children were delighted with the handkerchiefs from you and the books mother delegated me to get - & delightfully absurd & comically illustrated, one for M called 'The Komical Kow' & a practical 'What to do, Boys' one for Beth which she says is 'Keen' which

burned (in his lungs) by fumes from fumes
but was a fine piece of work those men did!
Rushell love & thanks & happy New Year
to have the plant - & the ice - will show its feeling
it didn't put in to them.

in child language for S.Kookum!
Then along came your lovely letter with
much too generous checks daddy dear - for
we hadn't expected anything because of the
heavy expense you've been under for your and
mother's long sieges. Both checks will be
put into savings accounts, one for Beth &
one for M. & 'toker for H & me in ones.
Thank you very much.
I was near a bright clear day with
ice underfoot but it's been raining almost
every day since and cloudy, and
the streets are a mess, especially the
small side ones like ours where traffic
isn't heavy enough to break up the ice.
Henry has gone down to the plant to
work today on some rush estimates that
have to be made & completed in the next
few days. Mr. Kalmus (Pres. of Technicolor)
arrived yesterday with new work &
things are humming. Right before
last there was a fire in the film room
but for the courage & stick-to-it of the few
men on hand who kept the blaze in one
(2,000 ft. film burned)
corner, & rescued 80,000 more feet of
film & stuck it away - the whole
plant would have gone. The 6 men were
burned & overcome by fumes but had fire
under control before fire apparatus arrived.
Three of them are in hospital tho' & one so seriously

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I hope you won't take on any more friendly
jobs for anybody else hereafter. You've
plenty of your own for usual men's
work!

It's great to hear of your and
mother's improved conditions these
days. There's great rejoicing in
our hearts that you both are so
much better.

Love —

Dee

P. S.

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About the porcelain pictures. We'd love
to have them - & it's dear of you and
mother to want us to have them now
I & me - I talked it over with Henry
and he hasn't the faintest idea
where he may be or even if he'd
be sent west or to London - or
anything - or whether he'd be
kept here to run this most
important part of the "works".
So don't feel hurried about sending
them. Give 3 hours & when we're

Some in April we can do something about them then perhaps. Henry should have a bit better idea by then of what the probabilities may be. At the present time he's working along day by day on the jobs that are always at hand & nobody can see very far ahead as yet.

The failure & bankruptcy of Fox Film Inc. recently, is of advantage to Technicolor! One man's poison is another fella's medicine, eh wot? Fox was trying to develop color but had the wrong principle & were bound to fail at it sooner or later. They bit off more than they could chew & weren't financially sound enough to stand the strain.

So glad the Sheldon work is nearer completion

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1930

(Mrs. Henny Biron Abbot) - daughter

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Wed. P. M.
Jan. 15, 1930.

Dearest Honey,

That (?) it might interest you to hear little bit of newest news 'bout Henry. Few days ago he had a personal letter from Mr. Kalmus in which the doctor said he'd sent Henry's name in to Directors & with the recommendation to include Henry in the annual stock-bonus privilege which is given to "a very few" who are deserving, & heretofore never to one with the company less than a year. How an awfully

nice encouraging thing for Dr Kalmus
to do - & came most unexpectedly of
course as H. has been with them
only 2 months. He's included him
as he does Frank - in the chance to
buy 100 shares Technicolor at 26
a share - 26 points at present be-
low market value which is at 52.
Anytime in 1930 we can purchase
the shares (when we can collect 2600
\$ do so!) & if we sell again we'd
make 2600! Anyhow the profit
will be on paper - as I imagine
we'd hold on now that color is
on the up & up. — But it sure
was nice to have Dr K. show his
confidence in Henry in this way.

I was surely also very "amused" of him.

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Adelaide told me too, same as Mr. L. did - but Adelaide's was thro' Frank of course, that "all the men at the plant like Henry immensely & are so glad he's with them". So that's kinda nice eh what? And I'm real pleased that the Mr. wanted to show honor to Henry as soon by offering him what the longers - there - sperntover have always looked forward to hopefully once a year - the stock - bonus. Frank has a lot of shares of course by now - he's been there 5 years - & thinks in

good to hold on to while he's where he
can watch things. Henry would
rather the twins, with their scant
savings, wouldn't go in to it just
yet - or after all the motion
picture industry is still in its
development & not stable
yet. (See what happened to rest
of co's when Fox went under -
altho now they're recovering)

Monday Aldaide & I met in town
early for lunch (in rain) & then
sat up high on the Washington
monument, ^(was back in balcony - rest of house full) see Amos n' Andy
(we got there 12:30) & then did some
out 20 miles

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shopping & had tea together & -
 came home. We had a grand old
 time. She's a great girl & likes to
 get away on a boat as much as I do -
 so we have great fun when
 we do get together. She's going
 with us tomorrow night to see
 Janet Gaynor in Sunnyside up
 I adore her - she's always so dear
 & sweet. Frank can't stand
 movies at night after watching
 her & she's so colored over for
 hours & all day long - so he
 goes to bed & Adelaide bats without
 him. (We're turning out 60 miles)

of Technicolor film finished
every day now from this
Boston plant - (He said I would
tell you that.)

Tonite had dinner &
supper before we go up to
see "Miracle" again - had
missed it before when we went
& it's so good I'd like to see it
again. Friday date in Camb.

^{g. g.}
Scout Rally of the 600 Scouts
in Camb. at the Harvard
Memorial Gym. he goes of
course - & takes Ruth early as
she is in it, & is thrilled of course.

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Pat. nite Frank & I
two go Dutch, to see a comedy at
Copley - Middle watch - an absurdly
good thing - he four go on -
three once or twice a year to a
real theater & - this is one of
them!

Aunt May has invited
us to opera - Chicago Civic
Opera Co. on Thurs. nite Feb 6
- Tristan I think & that'll
be very nice. H. not over
keen about opera but he
loves the music. I'm dead if
Aunt May does it.

Rained all this week - not so
good.
Have everybody down
there? Been a year since I
saw a letter from home!!

Been patching two old
morning dresses, cleaning
necks with cleanser & putting
on fresh collars &c - &
I feel real virtuous.

Now I have to wash Beth's
hair. It's been getting very
oily last month or so - it used
to be too dry, & it worries me. Do you
know what to do to stop it? Love - Lee

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Friday, March 7, 1930.

Dear Daddy,

I'm mailing you the booklet -
program - story of the most wonder-
ful motion picture in the world -
so far - 'The Nagabond King' whose
Boston opening, a gala event, we
saw last night.

The color is so exquisitely
beautiful - it is all in Technicolor.
The story so thrilling and the
songs so good that the whole
splendid tune-fun colorful
forgoing picture left us

Too thrilled for words.

The small reproduction of various bits of the production ^{in the booklet -} are very poor compared to the beauty of the original scenes.

It is a stupendous performance - made comparatively so by

Technicolor. Color makes it -

no question about it altho these

is a good yarn to start with.

Don't miss it! Should it be there in W. when we are home I invite you now to go along with me to see it.

Some of the scenes are so exquisite they seem fairylike & fairly make me envious.

you gasp!

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I've been hearing about this "best picture" for months you know - as it's been thro the plant where all the men saw it constantly as they turned it out but their unusually keen enthusiasm hardly prepared us for the treat we had last night.

The Trullandi (Dr T. in head of research & it thro his dept. that the ^{Technicolor} process has developed) have seen it five times already (at plant & at New York opening) & say they haven't started yet!!

He went to Adelaide's dinner first & drove her & Frank & a very attractive aunt from Rochester, down town as far as the plant where we left our car & hopped a taxi for rest of the trip - Knowing there'd be no chance of parking within walking distance of the theater.

The crowds were huge tho well-handled. We were 'most blinded when we came into the foyer where blazing lights dazzled us & moving cameras recorded the crowds coming in.

It was all very novel & entertaining
 There were nine of us in our
 Technical group but we weren't
 able to sit together even tho
 the seats were reserved and at
 \$5 a piece! The place was packed.
 Our party were "treated" by the
 company - which was very
 nice.

Afterwards we all went
 to have ice cream together &
 then divided up as we had
 started out, & our own group
 returned to the plant. Frank
 asked me if I'd like to go thro
 it again to see the new IB machines

& the many increases since I saw
the place year ago - He showed
me the various steps in turning
the blanks into colored films
& I thought right then how
interested you'd have been & have
been there too. We climbed up
ladders, on to platform &
& peep into dye tanks, rinse
tanks & glass encased driers
& - film running thro
everywhere, seemingly too
intricate to ever understand!
They are working 24 hrs a
day right along & even the
humblest employe gets a thrill
out of his work.

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It is very significant that Lasky himself made the statement as quoted in the program I'm rendering - to the effect that color will soon be as essential to a movie as the sound is now. Course all

I see think every picture should be all color & that the black & white look very flat!

We are going to take Aunt May next week. She thinks so little of the movies that she

rarely designs to attend & then
feel her time wasted. But I'd
like to wager "The Vagabond
King" will rouse her
enthusiasm for once if only
for its beautiful color!!

The cast is well-chosen too
- the girl is lovely & the hero
well suited to the part of the
romantic dashing Villon - &
he has a fine voice as well
as looks.

Did you ever hear such a
raving lunatic before? Henry
is just as bad - so are Adelaide
& Frank! Adelaide & I are taking
our children next wed. afternoon -

They'll love it. He'd thought of
 going today but luckily Adelaide
 showed the theater first ~~was~~ told
 there wasn't even standing room
 left on the sidewalks!!

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We're going to bed early tonight
 to recover from the excitement
 and the late hour we kept
 last night. It was 2:45 when
 we got in to bed.

I see you all in three
 weeks! Oh doesn't that sound
 just g-r-a-n-d!!!!!!

Therese love -

Therese

Ans. March 23, 1930

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Friday, Mar. 21-'30

Dearest Daddy,
One more week I F all goes
well - we'll be with our
belovedest ones! The I F in this
- just now I've received a
notice from the school that one
of the boys in Merriman's
class has measles that exposed
all his class II & classes I & III
also & the contagious period
isn't over til Mar. 29. It may
be wiser to wait here til nite
of 29th & make sure Merriman

hasn't caught the wretched thing
& take sleeper then, getting in
Sun. instead of Friday. It would
be ghastly to take measles home
& be quarantined there. You
can imagine, maybe, my
present state of mind - after
looking forward all the
year to this blessed one week
at home with you dears -

The school that it would be
wise to keep M. out of school
from now on in case any of
the other kids ^{have} caught the germs
& ^{should} spread them before the
rash showed - so M. is

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being sent home this a. m.
& if he hasn't already got
the watched thing, he ought to
be O. K. Here's hoping -
H A R D.

What a ghastly thing
the sudden death of Sally's
young husband is. I'm
so sorry - poor girl. If
I had her name & address
I'd write to her.

We are tickled to have a
copy of your splendid

introduction about Mr Shelton.
You certainly said some lovely
things about him - it was
a tribute any man's family
ought to be very proud of.
I'm thankful the big job
is done & glad you are on
your own work again &
getting some Indian articles
finished & published.

We're delighted over the
news of Mount Merriman!!
Merriman announced at once
on hearing it, "well, I've
got to see that mountain
myself some day."

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Henry said to tell you all
not to be uneasy because
Technicolor dropped \$72
day or two ago. Its fall was
due to a typical Jew trick &
won't be permanent. Warner
Bros. contract for work with
T. has about expired & they have
been trying to "jerk down"
our prices for renewal work
& when Mr. Kalman refused,
they ordered the T. cameras
off their sets, talked loudly
about the treatment they were

getting from T. & that they
"weren't so crazy about color
anyhow" - etc. etc. - just a
lot of bluff. As all the
other producers are clamoring
for more work than Technicolor
can possibly turn out for
them (at top speed of the 2
plants), Mr. Kalman isn't
a bit impressed or
worried about Warner's
flurry. In fact, Warner's
has to decide very soon
whether they'll renew or not
on our terms - or the
time reserved for their production
will be given to one of the

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other companies only too eager for
it. As Warner Bros. "Gold
Diggers of Broadway" - all
in color & beautiful - made
more than it cost, in its run
in New York alone in a few
week's time, - there's not
much chance Warners will
be so foolish as to pass up
future chances to "clean up"
in color. - The T. Co. is
rather amused by the whole
flash in the pan - but the
papers made a story of it

for something to talk, I - that
warmer's wasn't going to
continue color & - & it
temporarily affected the
stocks. But H. says there's
no cause for worry! -

Must get to work now.

Here's M. home now &
send his love to every-
body at 1815 + 3220.

He has a slight cold -
has had for 2 days - which
doesn't make me any easier
minded just now!! Oh dear!

Happy love - Thanks
for articles & pictures & -
Lovers.

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6 Berkeley Place,
May 21, 1931.

Dearest Daddy,
Your dear letter you
timed so well that it
reached me late yesterday
just in time to greet
me on the anniversary.
You were dear & remember
the very much grown-up
infant that came
squalling into your life
so many years ago! I
believe you need to visit
I shouldn't celebrate before

The 25th however, even tho I
was a bit nervous in
my entry into this old world.
The check is very welcome
daddy dear and instead
of going into the usual
savings will be used this
time to supplement my
eating tools supply, a
few gaps in which I've
long been wanting to
fill. So your gift - when
I get it - will abide with
us always. Many thanks
daddy - most particularly for
your loving thoughts.

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all had fun opening them! Our garden is so lovely now we shall enjoy sitting out there a lot till the
mosquitoes come!! Heaps and trees & many more than a half an acre - see!

The family gave me a scales - detects - which I've tried to have as it more encouraging to watch the pounds go as I'm struggling with em, than not to know where I stand till I go over to report to Mr D. - Thanks to thyroid tablets plus caloric counting & mild exercise, I've dropped about 20 useless pounds and when the next 20 leave me I shall begin to look some- what more like a human being! Already my feet are more comfy & do not get as tired as they did. Their load is a bit lighter!!!

It must be beautiful there now & how we wish we could see it all & be with you. I'm so glad Mrs M. is there - she's such a dear & such dear company for mother. Also the change should be good for her too.

Just now a big bundle was delivered & on opening it proved to be two canvas & wood garden chairs - one like yours ^{that} B & M sat in in the carrying nest & tocher one of the long beach kind with a canopy roof - (very lazy!!) They're orange & green & will be sporty & bright outdoors. H. got them for me & we

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Mon Mar 31, 1930.

Dearest Daddy,

Merriman delighted over both letters from dear Grandpa - the later (Sat) one arriving on 1st mail today & Friday's just now at 2:30! Such is our Cambridge P. O. Your combination air & spec. del. reached me

3:30 Friday -

Merriman happy as a lark today - temperature normal f a m & noon - & he's back on

simple but regular diet & hungry
as a bear - the D. cautioned me
not to overfeed - which I wouldn't,
& also to keep him quiet -
not an easy in M's present
frivolous frame of mind.
He's tremendously relieved
of course & thankful he's had
such a light case. He said
it showed him to be in good
condition. I'd been picking
myself on getting M. into
better physical shape this past
month than he's been in a
year & was just about -

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heartish & have been pulled
down again by measles. But
Mr D's word has cheered me
up a lot! Both fine
so far except for tiny cold.
But so near M - for 10 days
after he started a cold!!!
She feels O. K. however.

If all goes well, maybe
some of us will get there yet.
Anyhow we've not given up

lose. But is least likely to
be able to go - on account of
school. - But we'll see
about M & me later.

Then maybe you & mother
could plan to bring Zee up
on your way to Lag. Some
visit us awhile - a bit out
of your way maybe - but isn't
it worth it to see your grand-
children? And then Zee would
stay on with us - till into
October - I'm hoping. -

Much love - & disappointment

But M's remark
means love. -

Love,
Dorothy.

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Mrs. April - 30.

Dear Daddy,

You all are darlings to have
been disappointed too. The bottom
just plumb fell out for us & when
I couldn't go Sat. alone even, it
just seemed too hard.

Merriam was fine all yesterday
normal all day & only up .2° by
5:30 - & normal this a.m. &
again noisy & full of pep. He's
talking a blue streak that, ever
since he woke up & I wish you

were here to help answer questions
etc! I tell him he's wiser than the
radio course you can turn that
off!!

Thanks for forwarding
letters to me.

I'm not giving up
hope that one or two of us
may get home yet. Fraid
not Beth tho - a school is
through their year. -

Lots of love all 'round.
Dorothy.

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April 3, 1930.

Dear Daddy,

Bless you dear for your
previous letters - which
cheered me up a lot & helped
to lessen the big disappointment.

We're determined to squeeze
in a visit somehow - a
little later. I won't set the
date yet - sheert to in face of
my joint! - but we'll be
hoping for it anyhow!

Merriam has been normal

since noon. a.m. twice a day
~~since~~ except a 98.9 one after-
noon!!!! And today he was
allowed to get up & dress
& play in den all afternoon
& tho he felt wobbly said
he didn't feel badly after-
wards. Sure is great to have
him get well so fast. He may
go out door a little while to-
morrow if its warm.

The Health Dept. nurse came
today with certificate allowing
M. to return to school Monday.
She looked Beth over & said
she thought TB. might escape as

We have no
Lili' hope!

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sign yet.

A beautiful balmy
spring day today. A few
crocuses are in blossom
but no Forsythia. You all
are ahead of us always. -

M. tickled & pleased
with his package from
you & has been drawing
things all afternoon &
having a lovely time. He
likes all the new pictures
too. Did he ever thank

you for reviewing Nature
Magazine? He has delighted
to have it again. Last few
days he's been able to look at
pictures in it & his jokes.

Wants magazine - usually
he reads them, often out loud
to me.

Supper time now -
so bye & best love & all
my dear ones.

Dorothy.

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Thurs.

Apr 10-30

Dear Mr Folke,

But looks better today
& rash less angry-red on
face & neck as it slips
downward. She is less un-
comfy from it & fever -
or temp. is in 99.5 - Eyes
still red & swollen but face
not so full as yesterday.
She's had a much harder
case than Merriam hasn't
felt at all combs. To keep her

quiet at all yesterday I had to keep
bathing her — 4 baths in
all, last one at 9 PM so
she could sleep. But today
shows she's thro' the worst
part & the 2nd stage rash
may be about gone by
Saturday.

It's an mild & nice today
as it was raw & chilly &
looming yesterday! In 60's.

To market now, no bugs
Hope Sally's market ore —
is better now. — Lee

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Tues

Apr 8-30

Dearest Trimbly -
Well - we've a second case
of measles in our midst!
Beth's head was hot Fri. nite
but Sat a M she seemed
quite herself again til
about 4 P M - when she
suddenly fret all in,
looked so - & ran up -
sudden temp over 100 so
we popped her in to bed &

Kept shade down as her eyes
were running. It sure does
hit fast. Mr. D didn't ex-
pect her to get it before
Wed., if at all!

On Mr. D that she'd not feel
specially badly Sunday, H.
& I went off as planned to
Longmont at 9 - reaching
cottage before 11. It was a
gorgeous day - & simply
lovely at N. Had carpenter
meet us there to see about
few things to be done at home -

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more for Z's comfort in her room
than anything else - new screens,
etc - + then mother, the care-
taker, to get several flower
beds planted so W's to have
flowers well up before we
get there in June.

9'd taken along some crackers
+ Chateaux cheese + some pitted
dates + a pint ~~therms~~ of hot coffee
which we ate there watching the
water after our jobs were done
+ then drove on to New Bedford

I went thro St Lukes Hospital
with especial reference
to the maternity wing. It
is a fine modern hospital
clean as a whistle, & so
far ahead of what I had
seen of Cambridge Hospital
here that I & I gasped
in amazement. The rooms
are delightful & I picked
out an especially nice
one for Joe on a corner
overlooking big court of
granite - an end room with

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2 windows & therefore a
cross breeze — & on the
cool side of the bldg. <sup>with porch next it to be wheeled
out on to</sup> F
10 rooms away from desk
& noise & the nursery.

It is so much better there
than at Court. Hospital
that I am as glad I didn't
realize what I didn't have
when my 3 were born!!

Running water in each room,
closet, bureau, 2 chairs, a
out case rack & screen — &

fresh container do for each new
patient (which wasn't case
here!) Windows are large
& low - plenty of air stirring
& naturally coming in off the
street. Rooms large too - (325 beds)
Hospital is large - &
new wings ^{are being} added from time
to time & equipment is of
the very latest & best. I
felt very satisfied after
seeing the place again. Also
the case room is not on same
corridor as the patients - but
rooms are nearby

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downtown & out of hearing.
I had rooms next or so near
that chamber of torture that
for all 3 babies I had to go
thru it every time the other
poor women were having
theirs — a noise was so
close I got every word —
& it was nerve racking!
We got home just at 6,
but over 2 hrs. from New Bedford,
which wasn't so bad after
all, considering the hours

Sunday Traffic. I'd asked
Margaret to stay in till
5 & give children their
supper - but she didn't leave
them till after 5:30 - so
they weren't alone long.
She gave B. her medicines
& took her temp. & fed
her her broth & toast &
- so I didn't feel uneasy
over her. She read to
B. too in P.M. when B.
awoke from her nap.

M. is entirely O.K. full
of pep & excitement on his

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wonderful birthday yesterday.
You were dear to remember
& send him check which
will go in his savings
bank. He had many
little things he wanted -
marbles, a nail file,
jumping bean, pencil
tops & books, but
his greatest thrill in his
new really truly bicycle
which is due to come
today! he got it at Sears

Rebuck & thereby saved
half its cost over regular
store's price & M. is
simply wild with joy.
He didn't give him any
big thing at Kurar, saving
up for this & combine
the two months.

In P.M. an enormous
box of flowers came for
him from Harry Pugh
& he was thrilled & gazed
over each flower. 2nd look
to watch his face, he loved
them so. But 1st of all he
said how dear it was of

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Aunt Mary

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& then at once

"I'm so glad they came because they will be so lovely for Beth to have in her room while she's sick." How's

that for unselfish that for a small boy? — He

insisted we go right down to the pantry & get out the

vases & fix them at once for Beth to see.

I've a huge ^{flower} basket that Chapman the summer came

in several years ago & in that
I put the 3 tall ^{pink} red tulips,
sprays of pink sweet dragons
& blue delphinium, ^{artanagum} ~~asparagus~~
fern, white pallas narcissus
& a few jonquils. There
were a few sprays of a
tall orchid colored flower
something like delphinium
also. — The mixed basket
is exquisite — over 3
ft tall in all. There
a low vase full of
pink sweet peas came
next — & another large

shallow bowl of
jinguils & narcissus.!!

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Can you imagine what a
tower we have? Mary
was very extravagant I'm
afraid - but has given
a great deal of pleasure.

Both feet uncomby ^{hot} late
yesterday - up over 102.5° & I
think went higher during
nite tho I didn't take it -
as she was restless a lot in
the nite & so hot I bached

her off (as per M's case) couple
times - Both kids helped their
cases by drinking quantities
of water. The cough part is
a nuisance tho - I kept both
awake a lot. She seems
better this a/c tho she's not as
rash-y as M. was. They seem
to feel better rooms the rash
has all burst out. Gave B
her bed-bath this a/c & her
cooling rub - 1/2 & she's feet
lots better & cooler ever since.

Xpert Dr D again sometime
today - tho he doesn't do a/c

thing, but see that all is O.K.

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with their bug they give a child
1/2 aspirin tablet every 3 hrs. if
fever is high & child therefore
very uncomfortable - to keep fever

down. It works too apparently
as child feels better hour or so
after each dose. They hate the
taste tho!

Sun. visit whole town - &
many neighboring ones - got a
bad scare when Camb. Ice
houses burned to the ground
with \$150,000 loss. About 28

Other houses & stores caught from
sparks & fire apparatus was
called from 13 other cities &
towns & worked several hours
to prevent more damage.

The houses too far gone to save
but it was a battle to save
one section of the city which
looked doomed till sudden
reversing of wind sent flames
& sparks over the large pond
on whose edge the ice houses were
located. The sky was ~~so~~ raffon-
red ~~the~~ & fire so big that it
was reflected in clouds & was

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with the
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taste
many
had
houses
with

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visible for 20 miles - making other towns
think theirs was on fire - curious
feeling we all had that fire was
quite close. Sky was a horrible sight
- real fearsome somehow.

Traffic tie-ups were worst in
Mass. history - not only because of
thousands of cars returning to
city from day in country but
because of the hundreds that
wanted to go to see the fire.
Roads were choked for miles -
steady line of unmoving cars -
some of which were blocked
as many as four hours.
Papers full of it - & many
other Sunday fires. bc' we had
so little rain that grass fires
are a serious menace every-
where. Sat AM our neighbor
who owns the big estate & trees to
west of us, burned over his place
- covered it - & not only scared
us at first, but filled all the
neighboring (8 or 9) houses with

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Smoke.

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Our Forsythia buds are swelling fast + growing up several more inches. No signs of green on trees however.

M. returned to school today with his Heath best. permit so to do. Course we had birthday cake + ice cream for supper. I took M. to market in A.M. afternoon + let him decide the whole dinner. He had a great time picking vegetables, + I loved watching him. The meat was easy - + the

decision almost instantaneous -
want lamb & mint jelly. He wanted
peas but they weren't very good so
he chose a cauliflower instead
(love it) & some fresh asparagus
(304 grams for big head!) &
said he wanted corn for
mopper - then he decided on
choc & vanilla ice cream &
came home & told Margaret
what we were to have!!

Oh my land - it's snowing!
It's been raw all early AM
but it can't last surely!!
I'm making new curtains

today for front hall vestibule - all
over in ribbons - & must get
back to work on them now.

I'll get M. a pot of tulips or
whatever else I see when these
other flowers are gone & he'll
enjoy having it in his room
to watch develop.

Best love & thanks
& write when you can.

Hope you both are
feeling better now - hope
that party wasn't too much
for you both honey.

Love
Beth to the says
See

Read by mail
Apr. 14, 1930
Told her to bring
some letters to me

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Sat AM
April 2 - 30

In Route in
Subway -

Dear Mr. Honey -

How's everybody? I get out

of misery when I don't hear
for several days, for fear some
of you aren't well! Silly

eh? Both normal temp. all
yesterday & today, but
rash is all gone by Sun. She
can then get up. If Dr D
would let her go in train I'd
visit home next week as she
can't go back to school then any

Love the D rays, The Board Health permits
Len to (permit ~~come~~ this AM). If
some B you are sick & you've a hand
& all is OK for you and - I'll
wink if I find we could see down
I don't quite like to leave B with
Mary, all next week while B
is convalescing & should be watched

as to getting cold, continued &
Mary doesn't take responsibility very well -

How are you & dad & Joe?

Going in for shampoo now. The
Dates coming to dinner tonight. -

Nice day. M's bike came yester-
day & he's on broad grin, as he
rides up & down B. Place, tumbled
to pieces! Bye now - Love - Lee

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May 26, 1930.

Dearest Dad,

Many thanks for my birthday
check and your well-wishing
letter on the same occasion.

You write that you've seen 'The
Vagabond King.' I hope it was a
good print, properly projected
by a competent operator. The
latter if poor or inexperienced
(as most are on showing color)
can nearly ruin a beautiful
colored picture. One we saw
here lately was so poorly lighted

some of the scenes were almost
invisible & we surely were
prieved! No excuse for it at all.
Aren't those cathedral scenes,
the rose garden, the interior
justice room scenes just ex-
quisite? The bedroom awakening
should be a bright scene - as
we saw it first with colours
pale & lousy. O. P. Heffie
who played King Louis XI was
very good. He made a long
study of all he could read of
Louis' life & pictures before
portraying him & is quite accurate in

his presentation.

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If you've seen

it only rather close to, go next
time & sit $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ back & the
effect will be infinitely im-
proved, esp. if projection in
your theater isn't good. Henry
says special operators who under-
stand color projection should
be the ones to operate color films
but it's a long way from attain-
ing that day yet. More skill
in running the lights (arcs)
& film itself is required - more
than usual run of operator has!

"Song of the Flame" is all in color & is good - we've not seen it yet however. "Hold Everything" is ~~all~~ also all color (I think!) but is a type of show - comedy & musical stuff - you may not care for especially. It's not on same plane with "Vagabond King." Song of the West - outdoor picture of west - is all Technicolor too.

Mr. Kalmus returns tomorrow from Hollywood & from then on the wives won't expect to have any thing regular - as

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meal times & regular hours mean
nothing to the doctor who is a
hustler who never goes it at
top speed all the time.

Soon I can find a
cook I want to have Mr &
Mrs K. out to dinner.
No hurry tho as they will be
here all summer now -
going week-ends to their
place on Cape Cod.

Children well. Meriam
home as another case of
scarlet fever has broken in
his class & whole class has

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to stay home 5 days to prevent further unnecessary spread of the thing. I doubt if M. was exposed. — I certainly hope not. — Beth is not going near him from now on anyhow!

Had a rainy trip to Longview back yesterday but accomplished a lot by going & were delighted over the job in Jess room — roof lifted & 2 ^{downer} windows put in & a closet — & got some cleaning done so were satisfied that the trip was worth while.

Beth is at final meeting

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of her Scouts' today & will stay
for a picnic supper which she
took along.

Did you ever find that
book Auntie Flo wanted? I
didn't have it here but if
it's turned up somewhere

I say it lovely seeing
you all at some meal
daily. Hope she'll be coming
our way before long.

Quite cold lately & we are
hesitating about rebuilding

furnace fire! This is the time of
year I'd like an oil one
so easily turned on & off.

Bursts of love all
round & special thanks
for the birthday greetings -
Dorothy.

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Wonguit, Mass.,
Sunday, June 29-30

pleasant & sunny,

Zu + I are sitting out on the front
porch in a stiff cool breeze +
enjoying it after those fearful
hot humid days up in Camb.
before we left Fri. mite.

Z, M + I drove down in Buick
half an hour ahead of Henry,
Beth, maid (Marjorie) + Alice
(high school) whom we fetched to help
for week-end + to give her a spree.
She'll drive up with H. tonight in
Corbett's Ford. H. meets M +
Mrs. Corbett at train 9 a M

tomorrow & takes 'em home & turns
over their car to 'em. We had
it all turned up, engine &c,
& washed & shined &c & it
looks "elegantish" again & better
than when we got it. Henry
thinks he'll buy a Ford
himself tho hasn't decided
what he can use for money
yet! His "on paper" losses tho
temporary - due to fall in ^{general}
market (They're deliberately knock-
ing Technicolor down just now
& buy in) make him feel very
low!!! He & Frank Oster are playing
golf now. They got here Sat P. M. &

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befo
3, 4
Lacy
But
(high
for
She
Cork
hurs.

heat in middle west but hope it's usual cool at Lag. Where's new concrete road some from in all - see I'll see ^{nat'l} ^{Parke} ^{camp} ^{hills}

all came over last nite.

I seem fine & trip down didn't bother her. We all were used up by the heat but I watched her pretty closely & kept her as cool as I could with elec fan & resting in coolest rooms as sun swung around the house - & she'd undress every 1/2 hr & get stockings & shoes & "braces" off & in & her Kim - & we'd have fruit drinks "plenty & frequent" & so were able to keep her fairly comfy. She's a dear - & we're all so happy having her.

It's heavenly here - but I'm not get unpacked for setting around too much & enjoying the coolness! It's just beautiful here & the bathing is great - water 70° today. Wish I could go in too.

Our roses are all out in glorious masses - red & purple & pink & Perkins & all our arborway back fence.

House trim painting at 6 B. will be finished by 4th - cream color with screens. The usual dark green & it all sure does improve the look of the place which had become shabby. Aunt may give us to lock up each ill after they leave. - I have you hit that

"ABBOT COTTAGE"
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Mon. 7:45 A.M.;
June 30, 1930.

Dear Honeyys,

Henry & Alice drove back up
to Cambridge leaving here at
6:30 sharp in the Ford. Got

them up at 5:30 for coffee
cereal & bread & milk at 6
& off they went at loveliest

time of day. Henry was
to meet the Corbets' at their
train at 9 o'clock.

Terrible thing occurred
about 7 P.M. yesterday not

long after I'd sealed up letter
to you.

One of the airplanes from
Col Green's air field $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles
from us went in to tail
spin just off our rocks
here in sight of us all
& sank & the pilot who
was evidently hurt in the
fall but got loose of the
plane & in to the water
& yelled Help for about 5
minutes sank & was drowned
before any of our boats
could get out to rescue him.

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He was within swimming
distance of ^{"ABBOT COTTAGE"} shore too
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but the boats had all been
tied up - supper hour
here - & the motor owner
who did get out quickly
couldn't hear us on shore
yelling directions & went
out too far beyond where
flame sails & too far to
one side & the man was
drowned right before us.
It was ghastly. The flame
was righted by another air-

plane that flew over the spot
later & located it & after
dark last night, under the
local police, boats went
out & searched till they
found it & put a buoy
there w's to find it &
raise it today, as it's in the
boat channel out here. The man's
body was not recovered before
we went to bed late

We had just returned
from Col. Green's a few minutes
previously where we'd taken
Zoe & Alice to see the field &

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The old whaler & had watched this
very plane with an experienced
pilot, doing terrific stunts
over the field (& too low too
to be turning upside down &
swooping sideways) & then
he landed to fuel tanks &
as we left a new man got
in & took off - a student
flier who before we got back
had flown over N. & so close
over our house that the maid
ran out to see it - & soon after
after we were home, he lost
control & went in to his death
dive. It was shortly watching

the plane slowly sinks & no sign
of the pilot. The girls who ran
to rocks nearest it heard him
cry help 3 times, the last one
muffled - & then no more &
no one saw him. The folded
parachute was recovered later.
He was flying too low to use it.
Now - at 8 AM Meriam says
they're raising the plane, so I'll
run down to see it.

Terrible thing for J to go thru &
she was shaking like a leaf but
wanted to see all there was to see
But later returned O.K. I've not seen
her this early this AM yet so don't know
how she slept. Got a happy experience
for anyone here tho. - Hear love - All

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Recd
Sept. 29, 1930.

Dear Dad,

The enclosed sketch interested us all very much in yesterday's paper. Has the project actually started + if so just where does it start from at each end?

Both + mamma were quite concerned for fear it meant no more ferries for them to enjoy riding back + forth on next time they go west!

We're gradually getting settled + cooler days have arrived at

last so we all should pick up now.
The baby is lovely - & good
when his tummy is full - &
noisy when he's hungry. He
is sure a healthy vigorous specimen
& I'd not be surprised if his
Granddaddy & Grandma rather
liked him when they see him!
He's quite fascinating, especial
when he smiles.

Zee is coming on all right -
is less nervous now especially
when she's tired - & course she
tires quickly, & the baby crying
frets her & tires her. He's restless
& frowning so fast I think he's going

to need more food - & that he needs
 more now +
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 Then even now
 than he gets. Z is starting to add
 an ounce of formula at a second
 feeding today - which will help
 a lot - the kid cries cause
 he's hungry. In A.M. he
 sleeps out on front porch in
 sunshine, with umbrella shading
 him & on west porch in P.M.
 when sun gets around there.

Lovely place here for him.
 Henry busy all time &
 hasn't going 24 hrs. still, but

we expect very slack time in
Oct & Nov. & are letting off men
thro that period of expected
slump. Its market, ^{value} down now
due to low level thro' out
most of the market. When
the producers are hit by the
depression it reflects on us
of course as they don't do as
much work as when we are
prosperous & don't order as much
in color. -

Early winter of 95 & up to 102°
temperatures in Wash. all last week.

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It ought to be cooler there by
end of this week when Ze returns.
Don't see how I can get along without
her & Lee - it's going to be awfully
lonesome all day with out those
two dears. It's been so lousy
having Zei all summer & I
do feel it's been much better
for her than the terrific D.C.
heat. She is both stronger
when Lee will sleep thro
from 10 til 6 & she can get
a good nights' sleep not broken
(as now at 4 a.m.) she will feel

peppier all day. She's so sweet
with the babe but has her hands
full just with him, let alone
housework. Pauly has hired a
colored girl (the one Eve had) to
come noon as I arrives home
& to stay a month - or longer if
needed. I hope they'll keep her
all winter. It always took me
at least 6 months to feel right
again after a baby & I was later
younger. It's no picnic party
for any woman!

Every body sends heaps love
to our dear ones -

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Reel & Ached - Oct. 22, 1930
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Oct 20, 1930.

Dear Dad,

This may miss you & chase
you back home but I'll risk
it to give you a last word
of us before you start east.

I had the work has been satis-
factory this summer but it's
too bad you have to put on the two
last trips because of tickets expiring.

We'll be glad to have you home &
near us however!

Have a batch of 3 & baby & my
two kids' photos ^{for you}, but won't send 'em
now, till after you're home. Then you'll

see the new kid I won't want 'em - eh? He's
some baby - jis too cute slowly for
words. Wait till you see him too. I
miss him & you awfully - big hole
left when they had to go. It was
dear having I so long - she's one
nice sister she is.

Thanks heaps for Literary
Digest again. You know how much
we like it.

Have new girl - not entirely
satisfactory but was rock out so -
she "knows it all" (only she doesn't)
& won't be told anything. Pleasant!!

Very cold last couple days but sunny.
Down to 36° in nite - in 40's & 50's all
day. My cosmos - late blooming - has
grown to 8½ ft in one bed & 10½ ft. out
in back beds. Ridiculous looking stuff! It

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full of buds at the top too & big healthy
ones. The marigolds, usually 3 or 4
ft tall are higher than my head
this year. Drought season plus
Loma fertilizer seems to agree with
them. Some of dryness was helped
last week by 3 inches rain over
24 hr period but we're still
7 inches short for average for year.
Our hygrometer will run dry for 1st
time in 30 yrs.

Henry fine but under quite
a strain now as his dept is
badly crippled because Dr K. has

job at this stage being - He has personally hunted blanked job for several - so they know
he is "for them" Bye & a good trip from all - Haph N. L. here -

-cut staff almost to the inefficiency
joint (or should I say insufficiency?)
Thro' out the entire plant till
business conditions thro' out
whole country & in movie industry
particularly, sick up. Most of
movie producers are hard up &
slacking down production &
unable to pay yet for contracts
already signed & we're not
forcing them of course & thereby
cutting off future ones - but
just running slowly under
& keeping plant expenses as low
as possible till things pick up.
But its made H. about sick to lose
some of his best men & turn 'em out to hunt

Democratic curblike all
the mass & repeal of Baby
Volstead - both
reimbursing
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Nov. 8, 1930.

Dear Daddy,
I thank you for letting us read
enclosed Sierra Club bulletin
which interested me especially
of course, as I remember some
of the places visited. With
my family would have the great
privilege & pleasure someday of
seeing that glorious country.

Glad you're all home & well,
& that the cold isn't worse. But
how about that Brandon eh?
You think he'll do? No body^(?) of
course has suspected it at all
but I'm jes plain nutty about that

baby!! Hope you're feeling fine too tho I know she'll tire easily with so much to do for her son. -

The Phila. friend of Henry's who spent week-end here over the Hartmouth game, wrote us of the advent of twins - $7\frac{1}{2}$ + $6\frac{1}{2}$ - a week ago, Lee's 3 month birthday. An Helen his wife has a 15 mo. old one already, she's not going to be idle from now on!! Whew!

M. ailed today with a cold but lots better than yesterday. Been giving him lemon + soda "cocktails" + nose spray + they've helped a heap. Beth has been invited to see the Harvard vs. Michigan football game today in the Stadium (seats 78,000!!) + is thrilled to pieces.
Best love from everybody at our house
Doe

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Abot, Dorothy (Memorandum)

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6 B Place.

Apr 8-31.



Dearest Folke,

Both your good letters and checks for the small boy came safely and we must appreciate.

Wish you could have celebrated with us tho I guess your card runner would have felt abused

too. Such a dice! "khees!"
Course it rained, then
hailed, then snowed
hard & furiously all
afternoon covering
ground with a blanket
of snow which this
A.M.'s sun has now
melted) so the suit
boys had to play
indoors instead of
out as I'd planned.
And such a racket
& such racing over the

stairs & such hilarious fun. You should see the playroom today!! Look as if hit by an earthquake. And they were here little over two hours.

I was amused at Betty who in her superior years that them "frightfully noisy brats".

Gave them ice cream & the cake at four 20's they'd have room for supper at home. They are at an age too impossible to deal with for a whole meal plus a whole P.M. so I didn't ask 'em for lunch!! Mr. Fiske gave me the cutest pink & green wooden Easter wagon drawn by a bunny

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when I went down
for ice cream & for
candies & fill
the usual paper
baskets - & then
told the girl to fill
it for me - gratis -
- about 2 lbs. of
mixed ^{hard} candies
in all. Wasn't it
kind of him?
Edna made a cake &
wrote Happy Birthday
on it in pink frosting
& - very festive!



3's (or rather Lee's) telegram
trilled him to pieces.
Aunt May brot him
a golf game, Mary
Nagh sent a lovely edition
of the "Children of
Lichens", we gave him
St Nicholas for a year
plus baseball glove & ball,
marbles, a long focus
flashlight & - He
was one mass of
equipment all summer



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Enter on: - Haps love & take care of friends.
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but too lazy to eat his breakfast today - reaction. Don't really approve of parties but they do love 'em so when his age. Beth prefers a supper party relatively!! Day before school opened again she did a huge washing of all her dishes - even to her beret - ironed 'em & got everything all laid out ready for Tues. morn.!!

Eager for news of trip en route - & be sure & send me some addresses - I've none yet. Best of luck to you both on the trip - & many thanks for the birthday - M will send his too

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I pour at Aunt May's Barchitt Club tea tomorrow - a typical prim
replete formal gathering of which Aunt M + Belle are the "young" ones!
Am looking for
2 lamps too
as her room is
not well lighted.

6TB. Place,
Oct. 18, 1931.
Sunday evening

Dear Honey -

Well I'm a bit early to
welcome you home when you've
not even left Lag. yet - but
anyhow I'll be waiting to
meet you whenever you do
arrive.

I know now how you
felt when you had two of
us to write to - one here & one
in Santa Fe & couldn't quite

remember to which one you'd
just written thus & so &
we were wondering whether you
were duplicating news to one
& omitting it entirely to
t'other! What' how I feel
now you & Zee are in
different places & won't
get word about us to each
other as at Lag!!

We've joined the great
army of the unemployed!

I pour at Aunt May's Backbit Club tea tomorrow - a typical prim
relate formal gathering of which Aunt M & Belle are the "young" ones!
Am landing her

Our last salary check came to us yesterday for the full month - plant is all closed except for guards & firemen & one "super" to keep tabs on the expensive equipment. H. got in in a 'M. to make sure everything in his dept was left properly - one section he didn't have time to examine Sat. Hays says everyone was much upset & some teary over the breaking up - the crowd has gotten along so well they hate to separate. They've sure been nice to Henry - many of his "boys" who are fired said they'd jump at chance to work for him again anywhere anytime. And Frank & the Treasurer told him nice things he had said of him this week &c - which helped a lot.

By Thurs. we expect 14 & 9 to hop in British for a run up thro' the

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white mts. & H. want to stop
at Hartmouth on way
back. maybe we can see
Smith too - it changed
since I was there &
new bridge & athletic
field were just opened
this week.

I feel I can leave
with old Myra here -
anyhow we're going &
just hope all will be
well with the children.

Think between remembrance
Both & nayra, they can
fit proper marketing
& food etc. —

Tuesday A.M. —

Just like summer today & I
was out to market in a thin
summer silk suit & white
shoes! Such a changeable

climate. Two days ago I
needed I had on my fur
coat!

Getting it out of
storage however, for our
trip. H. out polishing the

Bottom line. I'm hoping I won't raise too much Cain while wire fence. He would be a big help. I'm hoping I won't raise too much Cain while wire fence. He would be a big help. I'm hoping I won't raise too much Cain while wire fence. He would be a big help.

Buick - remounting it. He's having a fit because he can't find our carefully saved map of intended route!! He put it away too safely!! We expect to be away about a week.

But if daddy can come up - or you & daddy, wire us here, + Bert will let us know - for we can get back anytime in half a day. If I were sure daddy could come we'd plan definitely to be back with of 27th in case he'd come on from N.Y. that night. Let us know. I do hope you'd be able to secure Kurar too.

Been hearing beautiful tributes & music service to Edison. Fine old man -

Auntie wrote of Uncle Coll's serious illness. I hope next word will be more hopeful tho at his age + without the will to live on, it looks bad.

6 Berkeley Place,
Nov. 3, 1931.

Daddy dear,

We felt sorry when we returned to the news of dear old Uncle Coll's death ten days ago & realized we'll never see his jovial, friendly self again nor listen to his dear funny yarns. But none of the family seemed to think he had any heart to live on alone after Auntie Florent - & when we knew he had pneumonia

& at his age - we felt fairly sure
of the outcome, tho of course
hoped he might recover.

Saying that he is better off
than being an invalid his
last lingering years & -
is of course so - but it
doesn't make it any the
less hard to lose one's only
brother - for you & Auntie -
& their daddy & granddaddy
for the rest of his family.

We are waiting for you to tell
us about the medal & the

to take the Taconic trail from that side. - Beth had a thrilling time keeping house & doing the marketing & meal planning & keeping accounts & was a bit nervous to relinquish her job when we returned. She asked if she could market & plan dinner a couple times a week now too.!!

Roosevelt dinner & to have a copy of your speech. So don't be shy and modest now!!! Tell us all about it. We are thankful your cold was sufficiently under control to allow you to make the trip to N.Y. on the eventful day. We thought about you all that evening & wished radio television were accomplished! Our trip was a great success & had us no end of good besides showing us many of the beauty spots of this country up here. We just poked along in order not to use up all our places to go in the first three or four days! Distances are so small here compared to the west, & the roads such amazingly fine wide boulevards that you're likely to arrive places too soon!! We covered about 965 miles in our week's jaunt - White Mts, Green Mts, Cal Coolidge's birthplace in Vt, & the 3 main trails (wide 4 car & 3 car roads) over the Berkshires. Even got over in to New York State in order

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 4, 1931.

Dearest Birthday Daddy,

Many happy healthful returns
of the day tomorrow daddy dear!
We shall all be with you in thought
and sending you bushels of
loving wishes. I hope most
of the family will get together
to celebrate and we wish we
could ~~be~~ ^{have} been there too. — But
we'll save our hopes for
Xmas — & try to drive down
them for some of the kids'
vacation time if all goes

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colds.' We'd like to be there
one & near without one of us
full of germs.

Butch is getting over her cold
nicely and so far none of the
other three have caught it,
despite the vacillation of the
weather ~~with~~ which have
from 50°+ one day to 30° the
next, unable to make up its
foolish mind that winter
should be here!

Harry has been helping
Jack in at office for about

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a week till the small job was finished. Yesterday he skalsomined the bath & dressing room ceilings and did a fine job of which we're both quite proud! He's quite surprised at his success for he'd been warned that it was a perky job & likely to be a failure for an amateur. Now he's so cocky about it he's wondering if he has nerve enough to do the music room ceiling which is the worst in the house to a perfect eyesore! But first the bath walls must be painted & the kitchen - & then we'll see how our nerve lasts.

Yesterday Merriam had a very terrifying experience. One of his school friends walked ^{part way} home with him from school & left M at house on Craig St back of ours (through driveway & backyard M. I comes as short cut to ours). Then Harvey, this friend, started back across Craig St. & M. walked down the driveway

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Craigie St at a terrific speed
struck Harvey & knocked
him unconscious after
tossing him out in to the
middle of the street. Poor
Merriam said it was "awful"
& made him "feel awful"
but he had presence of
mind to yell at a passing
car, which stopped, tell who
the boy was & his address &
ask them please to take

him home. Then M. fled
home & watched the crowd
& from our bathroom
window. Unfortunately ~~it~~
I were out when he came
in - had gone to market &
a hardware store - so the
little fellow ran alone
& also we weren't able to
help by perhaps taking
Harvey up to hospital as
we'd have done had we gotten
in sooner. - A passing car
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find out how the child was - & Mrs B. hadn't heard - was just worrying because he was so late for lunch - & I had to tell her - & I didn't then know which hospital he'd been taken to - tho' I guessed it to be the Cambridge H. as it's nearest - which was correct. The boy's skull is fractured & he's cut & bruised but the M.D. said it would be 36 hrs. before they'd know whether he had fatal internal injuries. He was concussed yesterday P.M. & renewed his family - but Dr. said then he had only a 50-50 chance - It seems dreadful & Meriam & the rest of us too - feel pretty upset over it. One of M's 2 closest friends & a mighty nice kid. Friends came in to ask about it & M's teacher^{came} & principal of school called me last night to ask if M. was all right or if the shock had been too much for him. - The car stopped & usual crowd collected so the number & dossier are known - & there were other witnesses. It's a dreadful street - heavy traffic & swift so in a U.S. school has a cop on duty at main intersection with the

school street - but none is there
when school lets out as the
various classes let out at
different times from noon
till 1:30. —

Inquired this a.m. about Harvey
& he had some sleep last night
& seemed brighter this a.m. but
of course as they told me - it'll
be 2 days before they're sure he'll
be O.K. —

We - 14 & I - went to a
pan-noon at your friend's
like Chas. Batchelder's a few
days ago. They gave a coming-
out tea for a young girl
whom Beth knew in school &

whose mother is a widow unable
to afford such a party herself,
tho she is putting the girl thro
well-seely.

Saw a bluejay around here
quite a bit - he's a noisy chap!
and our grass is still as
green as ever! Such a funny
autumn. There are buds on
the lilacs & the hollyhock
plants are still green & growing.

Best of love and happy
day tomorrow daddy dear
from all your up here family
Dorothy

But we aren't in Manduria & neighborhood now! Bad news.

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CAMBRIDGE
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Dec 13
Sat. P. M. 1931?

Dearest -

Hope you're not getting too tired
with all that mess. But just
think how lovely it's going to be
when "all did". Crazy to see it I am.
What's become of maid all this time?
Don't you dare let us come down
unsuspecting if you're mimes cause
I know what a load 3- & maybe 4-
can be & how little real help they
give no matter how willing.

H. gone in to have much-needed
suit fitted that's been ready since Dec 2
but 1st Sat he was at office till 6 PM &

wouldn't last week of course because am
we started up. He's lots better & thanks a lot
& you & Auntie for your sympathetic letters
which "warmed his heart."

Helaine called up this AM that Frank
had a tummy ache & so they'd not
be over to dinner tonight. I'd ordered
a big roast, mushrooms for soup,
& had dessert made & had been
out getting table flowers! I can't
exactly blame them when one of 'em is
sick - but it's been happening
at least 4 times in just 1 1/2 years
when A. has "given out" at last minute
- twice because of a headache & her
bad day - & twice when we'd gotten
special tickets for them & Dramatics had

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asked in weeks ahead so's the sure of
tickets - which are MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
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MASSACHUSETTS service & have to be
signed (+ are \$2.50 apiece too.) Both
times she called up at 5 to give out
& once because she'd been in town
all day long & was "awfully tired."
I can't understand that sort of
expense can you - 'cept that one
means a snub? Horrid, anyhow.

So we're eating one of it roast
by ourselves! Nice rib one too.
Such is life eh what?

I'm so glad if daddy likes the
red scarf & is wearing it. I'm
never sure 'bout him! or whether I'm

a mile away from anything he'd like.

Cool here today but clear & after
so much damp darkness the
sun seems wonderful.

Hope they're no parties & please
don't plan a thing for us except
to go to movies with you - I'm
kinda tired out & no good myself
& am anything but peppy about
fadding. Sider I've no dude but
left-over & plain stuff - some-
how I don't seem to care this year.

Here's H. home no bye &
heaps love - He sends heaps love too.
Love

But M eat same as we do so don't
feel you need bother as we used to when they were little.
Fresh pork is only thing I can think of they can't digest, &
they love eggs & milk so don't fuss
one speck of wheat!

Friday
Hello Buddy! 1931?

Here's one case
where Kipling's
line "The female
of the species is
more deadly than
the male" seems
to fit — if
true."

Love to you —
Dorothy

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Jan. 12, 1932.

Dear Daddy,

Thanks for letter enclosed in your
good one - which you shouldn't have
stayed up so late to finish. I hope you
went to bed very early the next mite
& catch up on your sleep.

We hope we didn't worry you
about our homeward trip - for in
spite of the danger in the snow storm
the experience was rather fun in
a way, & the scenery was most
gloriously beautiful. In our unevent-
ful lives it was quite an experience
you see & gave us all quite a thrill!

Snowed here all Sunday & was perfectly beautiful. Trees like fairyland & every thing covered with a soft rich mantle of white. Outlines, black, of some of the trees whose branches were fluffy white, standing out against the whiteness made a picture such as the Japanese like to make — H. took a roll of film ~~from~~ around our house hoping to catch some of it as it looked to us. It froze during the night, & was bad under foot yesterday & under wheels, as glare ice was slippery

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under the stiff snow & as it was 16°
above all a.m. it didn't melt
much (?)!!! Today the sun is out &
its melting fast, esp. of the trees.

I had a dentist's appointment at
10 yesterday & when I came out an
hour later couldn't get key in to
lock of door of car as it had
frozen again — so had to go to
nearby drugstore, borrow a rag wet in
hot water, & wrap it around the lock
till it thawed out.

Both & Merriam are missing
lots of fun out by being full of

cold germs & therefore in bed till they quit having freakish ways with their temperatures. B. goes up to 100.5 or 100.9 for 8 a.m., then is most normal, & gertem was normal at noon - only to go back up again at 4. Something queer about it eh? They don't feel sick at all so it's hard to keep them from using their eyes too much. Beth is inclined to be teary at having to miss school. M. was full of noise gertem & just irrepressible even when his temp was 101.3° which worried me a bit - but ^{are both} he & Beth _{are both} subnormal this a.m. after a

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good inter sleep
^{getting} over whatever it was they caught. Lots
 of flu & heavy colds about. Both
 have coughs now. Scouted out & got
 a chicken (fowl) for brother for the
 two & I have been kept busy
 waiting on them for meals & spraying
 + nose-dropping &c. But I think
 they're anxious being left to them-
 selves & not expecting to be amused.
 But I do miss their help. They both
 do help much here by setting table,
 &c.

We hated to leave so soon too
 daddy dear & had we been able to find

out that the 14th trip was to be postponed
so long, ^(due here 7 hours.) we'd have stayed a day or
two longer as Beth said she wouldn't
have minded missing the dance, she was
having such a good time home.

She said she had the "grandest vacation"
she ever had & hoped we could go down
home often after this! Here's hoping
too - except we don't want our army
of four to tuck out the home-folks
by staying too long.

Beth is "simply thrilled & pleased to
pieces" (her words) over your extra gift
to her of the Geographic Magazine, four
of which (Sept, Nov, Dec & Jan) have already
come. Merriam seems much impressed
over the scroll announcing that Beth
has been made a member of the Nat'l
Geog. Society. He thinks that's fine!
The whole family will enjoy the magazine

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each month so ~~the whole family~~
want to thank you for it.

Henry is touching another coat
of paint in the bathroom
today while light is good. This
is only the 2nd day since our
return a week ago Sat. that we've
seen the sun!! There he had his
paints all wiped & blended & his
painting rig on when his friend
Corbett, (his predecessor at T.) phoned
& asked him to lunch & to go over
his invention of an automatic furnace
stoker &c. Owen D. Young is interested

in it besides the nat'l association of
furnace & coal men... & H. thinks
Corbett has a good chance of making
a good thing out of it. We hope so. -

Have mending sewing on many
buttons torn off in wash, & do
now before its time to start another
meal.

So must get busy -
from each of us
Heaps love, to you and
mother send us a line
about yourself & doings
whenever you can.

Devotedly

Dorothy

Hope Mr Hall has recovered

from his set back. Please don't try to pick up these notes
dad dear - & not when you've had a tiring day. Streets

as worried thinking of you crossing those terrible streets on foot.

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6 Berk. Place
Mar. 10, 1932.

Dear Daddy,

The whole family tumbled
to pieces to have copies each
of your splendid Roosevelt
speech. I'm so glad you
had it printed & pleased
us punch to have copies
of it. Dear D. you to send
one to each of us. M + B
were tumbled as could be
& sat down promptly to

read it. How do love to have
special attentions that way!
Thanks daddy dear.

We are so sorry about
Mr Hall. Its dreadful for
his wife & for you and
mother, their friends,
& I know how hard it
must be for you. I know
you can't do anything more
for him.

Its cold as X! X? X!
out today with a high wind.

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we were luckier up here than you,
when the last storm swept up
from Florida & gave you many
other glaciers and around
here, snow & sleet, but
just raked around
Boston with its nose in the
air! It left a bit of
sleet & rain & some
wind, followed by clear
NW wind & sunshine &
it been perfect the last
3 days. Merriam is
improving we think -
color & appetite better after

staying outdoors two last
afternoons struggling to keep
his feet (on skates) under him!
He likes to be doing something
all the time.

Time to start lunch in a few
minutes so bye - & much love

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6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
June 7, 1932.

Dearest Daddy,

Stop calling yourself "old and forgetful" - that's my daddy you are talking 'bout & I won't have it, so there now. And he isn't anyhow - he's a perfect dear & all time doing nice things for his family that adores him. And who'd expect to have a dad still 'member & send a lovely birthday letter & such a

nice check to a daughter so
may part 40 anyhow? I
think you're pretty nice, I
do! And here's bushels of
thanks.

Both was much touched
our your letter & checks for
her horse, & Mervin
got a real thrill out of
finding a new & huge
bill inside one of his
batch of pictures. It's
a terrible ordeal for him
to write & almost im-
possible to read after its

H. sends his love to -
School over last Fri.

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finished, but he'll get it
off to you sooner or later!
He took the bill to bank
himself with his dad & put
it in savings account, all
of which performance gave
him quite a kick!

Over the week end we had
88° & over 93° days, several
on end, then yesterday it
dropped to 45° - most 50° in 24
hrs., & down to 41° last night
so we've shivered in the
shivers ever since. But what
a climate to live in! It's
just as likely as not to be 90°
again tomorrow.

Our garden is a glory now -
huge bushes of white & red
peonies, between big clumps
of purple, gold, yellow & orchid
iris & yellow lilies. Roses not
out yet. - I wish I could see
again those fields of
Golden Calif. poppies - what

There is a slight feeling of
optimism here due to the
balancing of budget, but its
too soon yet to see any results
in jobs & better times, we
are so ashamed & irritated
by the bonus army in Wash.
trying to hold up Congress by
force. Its a disgrace. Some talk
of the "march" being sponsored
by Reds & Socialists. Chile
Gov. quit. is astonishing news

I wonder how long it'll last.

Great to hear you've electricity
& a new stove at Lag! Great!!!

We go down to N. for our last office
our week-end till August as Henry's
family arrive Tues. & we shall have
banquet ready for them & then come back here.

Happy Love & Thanks

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a glorious sight they are!
And Lay - how we'd love
to be there with you dear
ones too. But its not
possible this year dad,
so dont count on it.
we'd have gone up from
Hollywood for the summer
had we been sent out.
Boys write that things are
pretty low & desperate
with the Co. now - so its
just as well we werent
there I guess. And Dr.
Trolands tragic death
is a dreadful blow to the Co.

ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday
July 17, 1932.

Dearest Daddy,

Here's a batch of foolishness
which you may like to
pass on to Sally after-
wards for what he may
enjoy of it from me.

I am so thankful you
acted so quickly on
Sally's behalf & that
his trouble was promptly
& correctly located by
so able a man as Dr.

Bunnell & removed at
once & not have powder
Halli experience re -
presented in our own
family. I look
eagerly for later word
of Halli when I get
back to Camb. to -
morrow nite. No wonder
Halli has been wretched
with that appendicitis growing
- probably for months -
& now he should return
to normal health
inside the year. He like
a new man.

Your note with the \$50
checks came ~~before~~ we left
C. Friday nite & sort of over-
whelmed me. I'm of two
minds about it dad - torn
between gratitude & appreciation
for the dear generous loving
dad I have, & a very
real reluctance to take
so large a sum, even as
a loan, which I am
going to consider it, &
pay it back to you later when
Henry has a salary coming
in again. I'm going over
to see the Dr. next week when
up in C. again & see what
he has to say about me &
what he advises &c. -

Both had a lovely 15th
birthday yesterday made com-
plete by your & mother's dear
letters which made her very
happy. She tho't herself the
very luckiest girl to have
such a dear loving big
family, all remembering

her day, & getting
a greeting to her on
the very day! Your
checks made her gasp
with their size —
but she will write
you herself. —

We fetched a home-
made birthday cake
with candles & the big
family party made the
occasion very gay &
festive. She feels very grown-
up at 15 now!!

all my 4 sent just bursting
love to Susanna & Sammy —
& her's reach from Dee

Box 7,
Longfitt, Mass.,
Aug. 6, 1932.

Daddy dear,

It's ridiculously hard to write letters down here in this sleep-inducing place! We have late breakfast, then get the daily meals planned & some marketing done maybe, & then it's time for our daily swim. That takes at least an hour & we're dressed again just in time for dinner, after which we snooze awhile. This is the greatest place for making one sleepy - the salt-air I suppose!

Humming birds are whirring into the trumpet vine behind my head & several birds are bathing in bird bath beside

the porch. A baby chipmunk went in
to the water suddenly & quickly hopped out
& set up a great squawking as if it
found the water too cold! Two goldfishes
come now & then - my they're frozen! -
& a little yellow warbler of some
kind, I don't know his name, &
of course the commoner towhees,
robins, cat-birds, & song sparrows.
A ^{bob} white-~~throat~~ set up such a loud
whistling call in tree next the house
the other day that we all rushed to the
window expecting to see him on
the porch! Seldom see him tho - he's
why isn't he?

We're getting a lovely rest here.
H. took his family to train in Provi-
dence & then drove up to Cambridge to

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do few jobs & close up to B. for rest of summer.
We'll have the A's nice colored cook ^{son or} & houseboy
till Sept 5 when they go north at expiration of their
round-trip ticket, so I'm having a real rest
from the stove & dishes & housework, which no
woman really likes, & shall be on my feet
enough by time we return, to be allowed
to start up those treatments which Dr D
won't let me have now.

Auntie Florence says she & Uncle may
drive to the Falls, then to Squam^{N.H.} to see the
eclipse & home via us here so I've written
& beg them to stop overnight at least with us.
It'd be great to have them.

This place surely does agree with Beck &
'Merriam! They're the healthiest looking
things! M has filled out & is getting
solid - feeling & since he's felt better
he has stood better. He slumped so
all winter, & had such a solemn look on
his face. Now he's all mischief & grins
& jokes & teasings, esp. of Beck!! And
much more like a regular boy, & he has
a regular stentor's voice when we remind
him to put on the soft pedal.

The new Sec. of Commerce, Ray D Chapin
is husband of one of my college friends -
a classmate. They have 6 children now!!

We're all so glad you got Tally off in time, to
Mr B - & prevented any further & dangerous delay. We're
thankful you were on the job. B. H. & M. all send love with
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Hongquett, Mass.,
Aug. 26, 1932.

Dearest Daddy,

M. very pleased with
his big envelope of
cut-outs which came
fortem.

We're all on tippy-toes
over the coming event
next week. For once old
New Eng. is putting on
a show beating that
in dear old Calif. + as
family may have told
you we're shutting up

shop here and going up
to Carnt. as a better
starting point into
New Hampshire hill
country. we plan to
get an early start
Wed. A.M. ahead of
the worst traffic (we
hope!) but can't make
any plan about
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we'll take our supper along too
& then - who cares when we
get back to bed in Camb.!!!?
he's taking the Abbott's colored
cook & boy along too & they are
thrilled to pieces & most awfully
appreciative. Two nice colored
folks - wish I could find white
over here half as nice & half as
competent!

Most of August we've had
such record weather - clear
brilliant sunny days more
like October that we're hoping
it'll rain like 60 over this
week-end & get it out of its system
before the Big Show!

Auntie & Uncle & Betty will
probably be with us over Labor
Day.

Merriam has benefitted
a lot from the month's here.
He has filled out, is less nervous
& jumpy, has a whole of an ap-
petite & is brown as a berry. B.
always looks well here & is having

ABBOT COTTAGE
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 13, 1932.

Dear Daddy,

We're all delighted to have the batch of beautiful pictures of your recent trip thro' several states in your new Ford! Thank a heap for sending us such a gorgeous treat. Makes our eyes fairly water looking at such glorious scenery & imagining how superb a whole panorama of it in the vividness of its

natural coloring must be.
Some of the views are
breath-taking, others
too weird to imagine ex-
isted if one didn't see
them. Wish we knew how
to take such good pictures
with every detail as
clear & in focus, as
you do. Your detail is
remarkable - whether in the
aspen forest or looking
way across a canyon at
those remarkable pinnacles.
It must have been thrilling
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the surf before lunch & came out looking like tomatoes. Wet chaps covered with red sea-need! Much chafe & blisters from all of us for the most interesting picture - ^{remotely}

How can these New England folks go off to Europe year after year without ever knowing such glorious country as our West, is beyond me. Henry & I are longing to go out again some day & see all we can of the Parks & then go back for more, time after time. That's one of our castles in the air!

Josephine, the high school girl of all work that I have now was almost overwhelmed by those Zion & Bryce photos - she never knew such impressive tremendously interesting country existed. We've all gone over each picture with Henry's strong pocket magnifying glass & catch all we could. Wouldn't you have liked a colored-picture camera along eh?

The wind is turning northeast again so its much cooler after a warm day yesterday, when to escape it we packed up a picnic lunch & drove on to the long sandy beach on the ocean, about 14 miles from here, where we went on coats or sweaters all day & were glad of my beach umbrella to keep off the wind rather than the sun. B, M & H went in

Longmeadow, Mass.,
Sept. 26, 1932.

Daddy dear,

My packing jobs are
all done - boxes, suitcases,
duffle & laundry bags,
beds left ^{made up} with fresh sheets
for the next few week-
ends &c &c - so now I
can take it easy the
rest of the morning!!

We go up soon after
luncheon & tomorrow
we'll have the job of
undoing all the stuff
and putting it away!

It's so glorious here now
it's a shame to have to
go back. Dites are cold
(nearly frost-cold last
nite) + A.M.'s snappy
enuff for sweaters
& midday is comfy &
sunny. It's been
a wonderful summer
all told - not like the
2 terribly hot ones we
had to have of course
when I was here. I'll
never believe it can be
anything else here!!

Hurry pushed back of

Quick yesterday & is putting
in last odd sends now,
except food which Josephine
won't have ready till after
lunch, when Jarr &
will go on running
board. —

I thank you again
 heaps, for giving us
another year of the
Literary Digest. I don't
have to tell you any
more how much it is
appreciated, do I?

Would sure like to be
going along with you on

your next trip, into
Tussock, I shall be,
another very good
planning now. I think
you're a marvel to stand
those long trips.

Do you remember
meeting, as a young
man, a William Priatt
Abbott in Utica, N.Y.?
He's older than you
but remembers well
meeting you in Utica
when you were a
young man. He is
now retired - a wealthy
man - living in Suffern

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N. Y. & is a close friend
of the Roberts'. He met
Col. A. in St Paul
way back in the 90's
then kept up the friend-
ship ever since.

Murrian is calling
me to hurry as he's
ready to go to the
Post Office now - so
bye & ocean of
love from us all -

Stroby.

6 Berkeley Pl,
Oct 13, 1932.

Dearest Honey -

Our congratulations
to our precious dear
parients on their
46th wedding anni-
versary! Blessings
on you both and
our hearts full of
love to the dearest
mother and father
in the wide world.
What a grand day

Just had over radio Chief Justice Hughes' address at Cayuga (by Pres.
Homer) of cornerstone of new Supreme Court Bldg. home.

trick you two have had
side by side. That's a
wonderful record. I
just wish I could be
out there to celebrate
with you & give you
such a bear hug.

And we are awaiting
excitedly news of
dado's first air
plane experiences! How
I envy him that
flight over the mts.
I want to hear all
about it & you

Just heard over radio that Justice Hughes has address at Cuyahoga (by Pres.
Honor) of cornerstone of new Supreme Court Bldg. home.

sensations! I bet you were
some thrilled to fly over the
top of all that country you
travell so well by horse &
motor travel. Trust daddy
not to miss a trick! The
idea of his getting ahead of
his own daughter taking
an airplane trip!!

Tomorrow night we are having
the annual parents teachers
supper at the school & are to
hear a well-known lecturer on
children speak later - a
Mr Lehmann of N.Y. As chairman
of Beth's class'parents' com. this
year my job's been to phone all
parents to invite them, & tomorrow
to be hostess for my table of class
10 parents. In P.M. I see to setting
of table for our group - using my
own tablecloths & flowers &c. (I
hope it won't freeze tonight as I've a
lot of marigolds & cosmos still in
garden!) Dream of love from us

All things good wishes for many more adventures
of course - Dorothy

6 Berkeley Place,
November 14, 1932.

My dear,

Who has been whispering in your ear about me anyway? You're such a blessed generous dear person you didn't even go ask if I'd used up the \$50 you sent me last summer before going ahead & sending me another enormous check. - I still have that \$50 you know which I expect to use shortly when the hecticness of house settling is over & I can have a little more spare time certain days a week. The cooking & housework leave me very little time for anything else & tired

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preciate your help tho I declare
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accepting so much of a gift
daddy, especially these hard
times when investments are
not as productive as normally.
I guess you know how deeply
grateful I feel to you & how
much I thank you. I am
start in next week probably.

Last week I had the one & only
dentist appointment I'm going
to need for several months —
I have a gum treatment every 3 months
when he looks me over & make
sure I need no fillings too. After
last winter's steady siege you
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have a heart full of thanks again daddy dear helping so tremendously to put
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teeth are concerned. I should be better hereafter now that
 my mouth is in better health. - The children
 have 1 appointment each for one filling apiece
 (H goes wed. for his exam!) but they need some
 straightening work done for which we have to
 go to an orthodontic man whose name our
 dentist gave us.

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 from Thurs. P.M. till late yesterday
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 bracing but our La Trobe heater kept
 us warm indoors & the fresh air out
 side did us all good. H. with M'sheep
 & B's one, painted last coat paint on
 floors of 2 rooms in the littlest
 cottage & both houses were "put
 away" for the winter & water & turned
 off. We drove up by brilliant moon-
 light from 5 to 7 yesterday & it was
 cold - 32° when we reached home.

Mountains is a mess! White dust over
 everything from the plaster being bored
 & screwed up to the laths (tell you about that
 new wrinkle when we see you next) & the men
 put sheets over & shut doors, it seeped
 all thro the house! And I'd just gotten
 completely settled less than 10 days ago!!
 Ceilings gave out all at once - suddenly - & were
 dangerous - so we dared not wait. H says
 the estate will pay the bills - which means
 our share is 1/3 that all of it - praise be!! I hope
 we'll not be settled again now before 1st of next week
 as men will be here couple days longer. - Dearest

love & a heart full of thanks again daddy dear for helping to put
me "in shape" (more like than one or two) again. H really did love too &
Dorothy. so tremendously

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have 1 appointment each for one filling apiece
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straightening work done for which we have to
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from Thurs. P.M. till late yesterday
afternoon. It was dear & cold &
bracing but our LaTrobe heater kept
us warm indoors & the fresh air out
side did us all good. H. with M's help
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6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Dec. 4, 1932.

Daddy dearest,

Many many happy returns
of the day tomorrow. When I reach
the grand sum of seventy-seven
years, if I do, I hope I'll have half
the vigor, ability and interest in
things in general that my
dear dad takes with him
along the years. You're
celebrating seventy-seven
years young aren't you? And
the whole family is thinking
of you today and talking
about you and wishing

we were to be home to join
in the celebration there to-
morrow.

It doesn't seem like December
outdoors this warm sunny
morning but more like late
April. Let's hope it won't go &
even up its weather on us in
a couple weeks' time when
we hope to start over the
road for HOME and dear
ones! We're already collecting
newest road maps and
information and laying out
our route to N.Y. & on. We'll
probably be able to use the new
Jersey meadow viaduct - I think
it's open now. - if all goes well

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come another time instead) we'd leave here
early Wed. Dec. 21, ~~taking~~ B & M out of school
a day early, & try to make Trenton that
night to Hotel Hildebrecht which we found
good & reasonable last year. The weather
will be of greatest influence on ~~this~~
part of the trip because if wet, ^{or snowy} ~~an~~
last year we can't get so far of course
(we took 3 days returning last year due
to snow & sleet plus stop-over all one
P.M. in Wilmington on H's business). We
could undoubtedly reach Newark the same
nite - or last year to Hotel Douglas
but we'd like to go farther toward
Philly where we want to spend some time
next day showing the children Liberty
Bell, Independence Hall &c. We'll
wire when we are leaving here, that is,
just as we set sail from the house
and if you like, next day from Phila.
so you'll know when we'll arrive. I
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weeks downstairs & in our
own bedroom which Henry had
half painted when we had
to use it for a storage place
for paintings & taken of
the wall downstairs. We've
most reticled again down there
& have changed the ^{living} room about
and like the change. The
lovely porcelains you sent
us last year are just a
joy. You'd hardly recognize
them in their dear faces now.

we washed them just as you did
here & they've come out so
beautifully they're a treat
to the eye, especially the old
ruddy faced alchemist. "I
bet you'd no idea of the rich
beauty of the colors of that
smoky-veiled picture
had you? We gave its position
in the room more consideration
than any other in the house
because we didn't want its
rich beauty lost either by
day or lamp lighting and
we're pleased over our final
choice. The two pictures
give a rich feel to the room. I

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wish you could see them - & it. The room is greatly improved as to looks and general warm livableness since your brief visit so many years ago. Maybe you'd be able to come up in the spring when it's warmer if you don't root west too early. We'll still be hoping!

Betty Hone had gone to Carol's in Walsley this week-end but I'll try to have her & the Nicholls over the Sunday before we go home. I've not heard whether Augusta is here or not. - Next Sun. I'm having one of ^{to dine!} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~sons~~ ^{sons}.

Merriam had already finished his letter to you when I got home from market yesterday or I'd have suggested he be a bit more explicit about his requests for any chance cut-outs of prehistoric, Egyptian or Babylonian times. He's perfectly crazy about the general history course he's having at school now - studying briefly ^{from} ~~from~~ stone bronze & iron ages & on up ^{through} ~~through~~ Egyptian ^{ancient} ~~ancient~~ ^{ancient} times &c. He has a history scrap-book to fill out & already has twice as many pictures in it, culled from magazines &c. as anyone else in the class. He'll want to pick up the sphinxes off the steps of the Masonic temple & paste them in his book too I know!! And he can hardly wait

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to see things. But he's quite emphatic
about telling us not to stay too long
at a time as his "legs sure do get
tired." He also wants to go thro the
Capitol & the Treasury - ^{Henry}
says he expects to have a right-
seeing leg before he gets thro!

Merriman's report came a few days
ago in the form of individual
comments by each of his teachers
on his work in each subject
and when we reached the
report of the school's teacher
in ant we let out whoops of
joyous laughter over its
absurdity. She wrote "M. has some
good ideas - some very strange

ones too. But he takes out too easily and paints poorly." — It tickled us nicely. Henry remarked that he'd like to know how, other than "easily" any normal ten year old boy would take out "anyhow" — & thank Heaven he had a normal boy!! He thought it was most amusing. Later I asked M. casually, with a straight face, what he thought the teacher meant by strange ideas & he said all he could remember was when once he painted(?) some boys playing football, she

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P.S. Don't it thrill you + T. my bill next spring?
Dorothy
every one of your devoted family

asked him why he'd made their faces bright red and he said "well when I play football my face gets as hot as fire, and fire is reddish and I knew they'd be hot so I gave 'em hot faces." He's nothing if not original. He's getting on in school all right - much better than last year when he wasnt up to par & it showed in his work & his general lack of interest in school. He still lacks concentration & "is easily distracted in class" several of his teachers report - but so was Beth at his age & then he's so interested in everything that goes on everywhere that as yet he's not developed discrimination. I'm glad he's a regular boy tho - not a prodigy!

Beth's school work is hard but she plods on thro several hours of studying daily & is deaf dumb & blind to all else going on in the house. She's a good student and a most wonderfully dear lovable person. The vacation will do her world of good & she's glad its coming too & we can go to Washington again. We're coming "on our own" tho - & thats final.

The bestest birthday ever daddy darling and oceans & worlds full of love from

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1933

(Mrs. Henry Dehon Abbot) - daughter

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JAMES A. LEVIE
MANAGER

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will have it fixed
before we
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HOTEL DOUGLAS

HILL STREET, OPPOSITE CITY HALL

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

6 PM Sunday

Jan 9 - '33

Dear Honeys -

Here we are still in the same
place we stayed on way down
2 yrs. ago - nice hotel &
new & very comfy - with
adjoining rooms & bath,
one with twin beds (B & me)
& other with double bed (for H)
& cot which they bring in
for M with no extra charge.

Came along easily &
would have reached
Trenton (had we branched off

to it) before 4:30 & as H
said the felt 0 12 &
prepared to come on
the extra 45 & 50 to
remark, here we are!

we'll get supper soon
as H. puts car in
garage. - If H. remembers
to look for exact mileage
I'll add it - I forgot to look

Sunny most all day
& cool - by Camden N. J.
I put on fur coat.

M. left his dark red
overcoat hanging on
hooks in his back
room - I left it for
him to put on & he was
too excited to remember.

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HILL STREET, OPPOSITE CITY HALL

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

JAMES A. LEVIE
MANAGER

I'm terribly sorry to have
to bother you all to
~~return it.~~

Only heavy traffic we've
had has been last
1/2 hr. in to Newark - rest
of day very good.

H. not too tired - he
stood it better than I feared
refused to let me drive.

Had the grandest lunch
mother dear - that
chicken was MARVELOUS -

& we drank our liquors
while crossing Pennsylv-
ania ferry! Worked out
perfectly.

Here's H. - so we'll
go down for supper
now & then early to
bed - He's resting 1st - is OK
- but glad to lie down 10 min. -

Hated to leave
& was awful blue
at idea of going back
to old Bean country. But
it was wonderful being
with you even tho H did
scare me & we made a
lot of bother for you.
Take good care of my 2
previous dears till we
H come again!
H said 226 miles. Ocean love - all of
- 42 - D.S.

6 Berkeley Place,
Feb. 24, 1933.

Dear & Gladly,

I do hope your teeth are less
"hurting" now - & that those holes &
gashes are less painful &
are healing properly now. What
a miserable time you've been
having & I only hope to goodness
you're getting the right care at
the dentist's & are being
thoroughly disinfectated to
prevent any further chance
of trouble inside your
mouth. - You must be certainly

Have had more than your share
of "the misery" this year
& I hope this spasm is
the last. & that there's
clear sailing ahead for
both of you indefinitely.

Mild spring weather
with us which is nice
just now when Beth &
Merriam are having
a few days' vacation
& can benefit from
being outdoors. Beth is

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we need help - & being terribly sorry & she for in all - been having cough & toward time lately.

Throwing water cold nicely & will be O.K. by Monday I'm sure. M. is noisy & rambunctious so I'm sure he's O.K.!! Sometimes he seems like G & S all in one - such is a healthy normal boy!!

H. busy finishing a stunning copper lantern he's been making for our front hall way - cut design from cardboard 1st, then out of copper, & glass - & it's a beauty!

Good school report today for Merriam - doing good work in all his subjects & showing great improvement over fall report when his "effort" wasn't very good - & teachers comment that - his attitude - quite a lot in total sum-up of the term's work. -

market now - & heap to do - so bye - but I wanted you to know we are thinking of you dear dad, & wishing

Tues., July 25, 1933.

Dearest Dad,

We brot our 1 kids & the 2 Under-
wood ones ^{Bayard} 17 & ^{Ann} 13 & their mother
over here to ~~one~~ of the Horseneck
beaches to go for a splash in
the surf of real ocean instead
of calm bay at Longport. It's
about 12 miles over here & they
all enjoy the different sort
of a bath in the waves for
a change. The beach here is
several miles long & flat &
hard & free of stones - more
like southern beaches.

Your second letter from

Banning reached me not long ago -
but no other since that second trip
of yours into that beautiful country
of fruit valleys overshadowed by
gorgeous mountains. Good to know
your quest for material was a
success. Where do you go next -
that is after you've written up all
your notes?

How's the fine young Brandon?
You'll have to give him our
huge love on his great big
3 year old birthday & tell us
how he enjoyed his celebration
& what he had to say. He's some
cute youngster!! I'd love to see him too.

How's Ze's house coming on?

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Also the Baileys' at Twin Oaks? Auntie wrote me that she + Uncle might drive out there when her knee is well enough, going 1st to Ariz. + D.M. to test traps &c. Uncle's ^{early} retirement may hasten their permanent adjournment to the west I suppose. Auntie was lucky not to be worse hurt in that accident but what a coincidence to have another member of the family with a broken knee cap! No fun - but we're thankful she's not mangled as much as dear mother has with hers.

Henry has about finished nailing up the insulating wallboard on our room up under the roof + already it makes a difference in the temperature there. When it's all up he's going to paint the entire room with a paint spraying outfit he'll rent. Then won't we feel clean + fresh + nice?!?! The 2nd floor rooms ~~have been~~ ^{are} bare boards unfinished - + ugly! The house is so tiny that that dark wood up there makes the walls + ceilings seem to crowd in on our heads. Downstairs is cool + fresh with white paint - quite a different story.

Here they all come up out of the water now - my cue to get out the lunch stuff for em. So bye - + heaps love
Dee.

Box 7, Norquitt, Mass.
Sat. July 29-'33.

Dear Daddy,

On the way back from
market 3 miles from here
to and from which Beth
drove us, we stopped
by at the P. O. for our
mail and found two
most welcome letters
from Lag - yours and
mother's.

I've only stopped long
enough to count & put
away the returned

laundry before telling
you how tickled I am
to have some snaps of
my family even tho
they are blurred & to
hope you'll try again
with better luck another
time. Nice to see Flossie
& her hubby too - &
jee tho I couldn't be sure
of her till I saw her
thro H's magnifying
glass.

We want some of the
baby too - plus Granny
& Grandpa - so get busy

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next time you're all in one place
& send me the results. I suppose
it's about as easy to catch her
still as a Mexican jumping
bean! You have to be quick on
the camera trigger eh?

We're waiting to hear whether the
cast could be removed from
Auntie's knee yesterday or not.
What a relief it'll be to get
rid of it. Mother knows!

Mr. Bunnell's news of you is
unbelievable grand - we're
so pleased we could dance a jig
with you. You should be very
proud of the way you've taken
care of yourself these last
few years to get rid of that
horrid disease. I'm glad you're
going slowly on your first
tastes of sweets & starches -
just to keep O.K. & safe.
But it's wonderful news daddy!

Seen J's house yet - or rather
as much of it as is up yet?

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Flora's
perfect
day - breezy & sunny & cool &
blue! 5/14/49
See

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Oct. 30, 1933.

Dearest Daddy,

Not knowing just when you all were leaving Lagunitas I thought I'd better wait to acknowledge receipt of the copy of your will till I had some idea you'd be home soon & then write directly there & that have a letter to have you all the way back from Lag.

You and Mom will fulfill our obligations under the will to the best of our ability, but we hope the need for any such duties will be many many years away daddy dear. We've been so blessed having

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our dear family together intact
all these years, I can't help
hoping our luck lasts many
many more. Grow-up-to-
face things - as I be, I can't
bear the thought of being
separated from our beloved
family, any one of 'em -
you are all three so infinitely
dear & precious to me.

— Before the time came to
write you to 1919, your letter
came with its enormous check
for which saying just "thank
you" for a dear generous under-
standing heart doesn't seem the
very adequate. Such a helpful

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fat addition to the shrinking bank balance just now at the beginning of the school year when shoes & heavy coats are outgrown, is just too wonderful for words tho I truly do feel you shouldn't send me such a big sum. The most mighty dear of you tho, + we thank you heaps & piles more than we can very well express.

Then those lovely pictures! I was tectolally tickled to have that grand batch of you + mother + those of Zee with you too. Hoo ray! That's a real accomplishment that is, + are we pleased ????. Who on earth took the one of all of you in it - did you pull a string for it or was someone else present we didn't know about? You did such a fine job of realing up each wrapping around the innermost cardboard containing the envelope of pictures + the magazine cut-outs of trees + Lake Tahoe, that I had a 3 ring circus time opening each layer & reaching the bottom!!! Were the prints enlarged from Lisa? They are fine & clear & I'm so tickled to have em I hereby, figuratively, stand on my head in joy! Thanks a lot + love.

We've been busy as all get out all
 this month, housecleaning first,
 & here & there all along (not yet
 completely settled!), two trips to
 Hongkong week-ends, once all with
 horrid colds which everybody else
 but myself left at N. Last
 week we had a delightful
 spree, 1st & 2, up to the Navy
 Yard at Portsmouth (60 miles)
 to witness the launching of
 one of Uncle Sam's new
 submarines the Cachalot, to
 which Capt & Mrs Hooker
 invited us. The Capt. is in
 charge of production at the yard

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+ was responsible in large measure
for the success of the launching
etc. He invented a new ^{by rope} method
before used trigger release,
for sending the ship down
the ways at the crucial
moment. Naturally we were
keenly interested in the
whole performance.

Afterwards we were invited to
the luncheon in the yard,
I had seats facing the sponsors
(Admiral, Speakers etc, Senator
Hall of Maine for one) & heard all
the speeches, were given some
of the flowers on the Admiral's
table (which are still fresh down-
stairs now!) & then adjourned to

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indoor now!! Both is at a dinner & dance tonight & another was on Sat. with a
gay young person!! Memiam is growing up fast & we almost feel him doing it. Dennis & love
of thank you's again. Delicately

the Woodruff's house where a lot of their many
friends dropped in for tea during the
P.M. About four we started back
to Larrick. After a delightful day &
had supper at home on time.

Then early Sat. after hearing Rideout's
weather forecast for the week-end, we
made an 8:15 start for the White Mts.
with food for 2 days & plenty of warm
ducks etc. - The foliage was glorious some
202 miles up to base of Mt. Washington

& thro Crawford Notch was accomplished
easily by 4:30, with an hour's stop
from the others.

to climb down to see Glen Ellis Falls
of which I sent mother a postcard. We
spent the night in one of the log cabin camps
(at \$1.00 per) at foot of Mt Willey & across from
Mt. Willard, eating our prepared supper
inside the cabin.

Next day came home
via Hartman's College & lovely scenery
of rolling New Hampshire - a beautiful
trip, totalling about 450 miles for the 2 days.

Bestest trip in between for all of us when we
can fit them in (I'm thro, after 1 filling!!!)

One cold day last week we, 4 & 7, dug up our
garden plants & brot them in & armsful of
orange & russet marigolds etc to save them from
heavy frost killing that night. Next day all was
dead - so we were just in time & look like a garden

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home again
and well
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bring us
down to
see you
over the
Christmas
Real thank
just the
home.
affectionately
Jimmy

dearest Daddy,
Your special delivery has just come
as we were listening to the program
of the opening of the new Radio City
in N.Y.; and you make us all lumpy
inside by your dearness in offering
us your fine beautiful Amer. Six.
You precious dear you - you'd
give us the shirt off your back if
you that we needed it wouldn't you?
We appreciate your offer heaps & thank
you for it, bless you - but old
Buick is on her feet now & with
renewed innards in vital spots, is
good for several years more. The
co. found a 2nd hand cylinder block
to replace our n.f. one) on a turned in

Berkley Place, Cambridge,
Sun. aft. Nov. 12, 1933.

Actual Nov. 21, 1933

Buick + H. examined it thro microscope
 lens for imperfections if any, before
 letting 'em go ahead + put it in. now
 we have to drive not over 25 m. per
 hr. for 1000 miles!! Whew! H. let
 her run out in opened garage
 several hrs. daily after we got it
 back, at speed to approximate 20 per
 hr., + yesterday we used up
 140 miles more to Longmatt back.
 We'll drive her all the short runs
 we can between now + Xmas to get
 that thousand behind us before we
 start the long journey home to
 1919 because we'd get there by
 New Year almost at 20 m. per hr.
 rate!!! — So keep your lovely car
 till someone comes along to buy it
 from you, but don't think we don't

Dear Daddy — It was just like you to offer us the American
 car and I have to tell you that I think you are thinking of such
 a fine car. I don't know what a fine car is and that makes
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were here, either one of you dears. You start thinking about it now - I don't say no - & perhaps it'll be feasible before you know it! We're going to keep on hoping so. Better love & thank you again dear

love you & thank you for offering to give it to us. You're one dear dear daddy. -

I hope you got home without a cold this year & will take care of yourself in the dampness & coldness you find there in contrast to the milder California climate. We feel the house driers very much with furnace fire going - Harry has been building a copper humidifier to help out a little more than do our small 2, & tray of wet pebbles on the landing. Today is so mild we've opened all windows to let ~~a~~ damp air from the melting snow, into house to relieve that dry nose & skin feeling.

Have you good stenographs this year - same ones or do you have to start new ones again? Breaking in new ones so time & strength killing? Hope you don't have to go thro it now with such a lot of accumulated matter to catch up with.

You'll have lots to tell us about Lee & Joe & T so don't forget any of it but keep it all stored up till we can get down (I hope) to be with you & near vacation. H & the kids and I are still hoping & hoping you & mother can & will plan sometime soon to come up to visit us before you go to Calif. again - we are eager to have you here again & it's been years & years since you

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Sat. Dec. 9, 1933.

Dearest Daddy,
Think me a dreadful child to be such
a long time answering your
nice letter? I be - but I seem to
have been busy on anything
all this week - and I love you
heaps even tho I am a "fat girl"!

Elmer E. has been here since before
Thanksgiving & we've had her over
most every day, sewing with
me all day, or to dinner and
chatting all evening & what with
addressing our few Xmas cards,
making a few family I.F.M.B. 2, &
Xmas towels, mending, & making

over female dub [signs of disapproval
by male patient!!!] and getting my
family fed, there don't seem
to have been many spare hours!

I didn't want to tell you
the dentist's bill daddy dear -
so there now. Why you 'spose I
omitted it? I certainly didn't
intend to ask or hint for
help daddy - you 're such a
dear about that anyhow that
purposely I kept quiet. We
can talk it over later when
we 're home if you like. The
bills are monthly - not all
in one lump.

D has written Shell
& Gulf Co's for their new

road map & routing Boston
D.C. - latest information
an & conditions & best
roads &c. We've a marvelous
new highway, 3 car width
each way with strip of
grass down center to separate
the one-way riders, that comes
in from Worcester 45 miles
straight & has almost
reached Boston - last
few miles only, & finish.
Auto time in half as we
avoid endless mud holes
& narrow winding roads.

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M's school not out till after
noon Wed. 20th & vacation ends
Jan 4 - B. out on 22nd till 8th
so we may take B. out at 1st
part of vacation leave Thurs
A.M. 21st, & then hold on out
at end of his so we can be
with you 2 full weeks till
Fri. Jan 5th. I hope that won't
be too hard on mother - its a
long visit when we are so
many. We'll let you know date ^{we can leave} later.
Its so heart-aching
& see you + mother only once
a year & it gets harder to
endure the long gaps between
as each year goes by. Its
awful to live so far away that

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we can't get together 1919 or here at
least twice a year. Our
family means so much to us
& to the 2 children too, that
we long to see you oftener.

If only we don't bring another
batch of colds this time - we
have a pretty desperate sort of
feeling at this season every
year, trying to keep well
& out of crowds &c &c -

B & M both had colds last week
but have gotten over them now
& H & I haven't caught them
(praise be!) Half of Miss School
out with colds & many other kids

with bad ones kept on at school
— came with B's class, but
H & I kept away from the
kitchen as much as possible, &
sprayed & washed hands
often & — & so far are free.

The new Literary D. didn't
send any announcement or
in all previous years, of your
gift subscription to us again
& I didn't think much about
it till a few weeks ago I
suddenly realized I was still
getting the Lit & looked at
the date & on address slip on cover
& course saw that it ran
till 1934 in fall. So thank you
again, daddy for we always
read it with interest. We're glad

to see that the **MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT** new one-man-
 opinion articles **6 BERKELEY PLACE**
CAMBRIDGE on various phases
 of news bro't enough criticism
 from old time subscribers
 to ^{force} return to the general news
 paper comment from widely
 scattered news sources all
 over the country - a feature
 of the old lit that I particularly
 liked:

I hope you had a nice ^{79th}
 birthday when you were
 78 years old a few days
 ago & I wish I had gotten
 off to you the birthday letter
 I meant to write when the

children did but we had Kumpny
tril too late to reach you on
time.

H. had taken the kids up to Sears
Rochbach this A.M. to see the elec.
Lionel trains on their Xmas
displays - half a dozen going
on tracks at once - quite a
sight + I think I heard
car come back just now,
which means Beth is ready
to drive me to market.

She's been trying to get an
appointment for test for
driver's license every Sat. so
far when she's free of school
- no luck yet, but she's at wheel
for errands if H or I is along. She

handles car well. - Ocean's love - Dorothy

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Dec. 18, 1933.

Dear Daddy,
Both your letters here - the
one Sat. & airmail today,
Monday, about the "slip of
paper" to cover R R fares
home in case it proved
necessary to travel that
way. Thank you very
much Dad dear, but we
"don't aim" to use the checks
at all, but wheel along
& you all same as before.
It was dear of you to want to

give us such a big lift & we appreciate it heaps.

We are collecting our duds for the chest in lieu of trunk - clean changer for each of four for 2 weeks & darning socks & counting out handkerchiefs &c &c!! Not to mention toothbrushes.

If all goes well we'll be off Thurs. A. M. At present Merriam is still a bed getting better of a wicked sore throat & 102° fever he had yesterday when he looked pea green & was one sick child. He slept nearly all day & ate only a few snail-sorts of milk

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at noon & of broth at nite, but
is better today tho throat
still sore. More than half
his class was out sick
last week & several of the
boys who came to school had
fearful colds, so I'm not
surprised he caught it ^{or them}.
So I can't tell ^{yet} how he'll
be by Thurs. & we may
have to be day or two later if
he's not o.k. Don't intend
to risk him - or you & mother

either!! So don't give us up! We'll
hope for Thurs. start. B, H & J = O.K.

Snow melting now & run out
& high wind drying the highways
so prospects look good! We
look forward to the trip &
oh so much to being with
you & mother again.

Henry says he's concentrating
on doing your income tax
for you - so get the docs ready
for him - & he's all set
for all the other tinkering
jobs you can find!!

Burnie love

Lee

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Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

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Feb. 5 - 1934.

Dear Daddy

Thanks for the prints of Zerkas's beautiful house. I'm delighted to see what it looks like from the outside and match up each side to with Z's drawn plan she sent me last summer. From them I'd not realized the house is on two levels, or rather that one part is higher than the other - a very attractive effect. And what a hill! Whew! You get going down it on his little car where'll he end up? In the Bay? - 9

agree with you & see that it's one of
the most attractive houses I've ever
seen & it has so many
windows it must be beautifully
light & sunny inside.
Now I'd like to see that inside
too!! The roof red tile, or green?
When her flowers & bushes
grow it'll be beautiful
indeed. The only drawback to
it that I can see is it's several
thousand miles too far away!

But then I suspect she prefers
roses in February to snow
& zero weather such as we have
here, especially this winter.
C. B. Abbot said it would be a

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cold one & so far we've had
more lower temps. than in
years - Today mild - about
21° above. - Only went down
to 9° above last nite!!

I couldn't pry my family
away from the snowy hills
yesterday but after five
o'clock but when they did
come down to go home they
wheeled cups of hot cocoa
I'd taken out of thermos for
them. Instead of walking
down the hill, H. fastened

all four skis together to make
an improvised toboggan & all
four of 'em sat on it & came
whizzing down the hill, M.
^{in front} "completely hidden from my
view by a constant spray
of snow right over his head.
"Yes", said Buck, "It landed
flop in my face!" They sure
did have one grand good time.
M. fell on his thumb & strained
it so is bandaged today & H.
skinned one knee but both
wounds are being made very
little of lest we can't go ski-
ing again. "!!!" "!!!" I never saw a
more enthusiastic crowd, nor

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a hungrier one! They most ate
up all we had in the larder!
While they were changing their
wet duds & rubbing down
well I made two big
trays of cornfones, a
platter full of scrambled
eggs & heated up the
string beans meant for
dinner & not alicking
of anything was left!! I think
they each ate 5 cornfones!!

We're enjoying Duffing in the
S.W. about — the too good, ^{not} to

share as we go along.
Mrs. Morris has the most de-
lightful way of interspersing
humorous comments in
among her facts that makes
the book fascinating reading.

Did you hear Byrd's 1st
broadcast from Little
America Sat. nite? Seemed
almost unbelievable that
man could make such a
feat possible.

Happy love from us all,
Dorothy.

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Mar. 15, 1934.

Daddy dear,

Thank you for your generous check for \$100 which gave me a fit at first sight and until you assured me you'd given some to you and mother. Certainly is dear of you to share whatever windfall it was that came to you, with us, and I don't have to tell you how useful it will be, especially if we have to have Merriam's tonsils out

as seem highly probable.

He feels fine most of time but the run-up of degree or so of fever comes in waves — free of it a day or two & we think he'll be able to be up soon — & then up he goes a degree — & back he pops in to bed. It did same thing to me but I seem to be over it now.

I got dressed yesterday for dinner upstairs for 1st time & am up today for all day. Tho wobbly as to legs of course. It's queer how long our bug has

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hung on! I've been absent since Feb. 23rd.
Shameful! But ain't out of woods
now - for good? hope. -

I'm sorry to hear you are so
tired - don't like that at all &
wish you would let up a bit each
day before you get to such a
tired-out point.

he that we were in for another
couple feet of snow yesterday
but it quit after a few hours
snowing, got very dark gray
out for rest of day & much
colder - & today the sun is out

some more for the wonderful check. - love - please

& the snow is melting a little. Beth & Henry re-dug their back yard canal yesterday AM (they'd filled up in last storm) to let accumulated water run off again instead of in to our cellar windows.

Thanks for enclosure about U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey CWA job for engineer. We shall be thankful when H. can find something to fit in to - its not good in any sense to be idle so long & it frets H. all the time.

We and Beth have done a lot of skiing lately on the hills of nearby towns - good exercise for them & they love it. So does M - but he's married out. Best love from us all & thanks a heap

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Mar. 20, 1934.

Dear Daddy,

You've not had a line from us for several days while we've been getting our legs under us again and not having much pep to do aught else. Iilly isn't it that one can so easily lose strength?

but in meantime the huge check has arrived, which leaves me flabbergasted. It's wonderful of you to share it between you three women-folk when that mortgage matured instead of re-investing it

yourself as part of your estate.
I want very much to invest
my share but have no idea what
I should put it in to nor can
the bank nor Henry give very
confident advice these were
uncertain days. So for awhile
I'll put it in savings account
where I still get $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

I have been up + down for
1 or 2 weeks since Sunday + am
coming on O.K. It was so
warm Sun. (68°) we sat out on
front upstairs porch for couple
hours in warm sunshine.
By 10 P.M. it was 18° above snowing!!

came right over & looked M. over
carefully, finding nothing
but attack tonsillitis to account
for his illness, but he said his
tonsils are so enormous that
frankly they ought to come out
& that their size & roughness
is enough to cause the slight
daily fever & to sap M's
strength till they're out.
But 1st. he had us take
over to him today a urinary
sample & Henry is to go see
him again later today for
report on that, & if it's O.K.
to see about the tonsil operation.

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Crazy climate! H. took me for
a short drive .6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS - lovely to
get out again. That's enough for me.
M. has been alternating between
normal temp. + $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 degree
above - in waves so to speak,
& not seeming to get anywhere
& altho his throat is no longer
raw (but still swollen as to tonsils)
we called up the M. D. again
yesterday a. m. only to learn
he ^(Dr. Stevens) was out of town ^{next} for 2 weeks
at a medical convention. So we
called next M. D. whose name Mrs.
Darling had given us, Dr. Dudley & the

came right over & looked M. over
carefully, finding nothing
but attack tonsillitis to account
for his illness, but he said his
tonsils are so enormous that
frankly they ought to come out
& that their size & roughness
is enough to cause the slight
daily fever & to sap M's
strength till they're out.
But 1st. He had us take
over to him today a urinary
sample & Henry is to go see
him again later today for
report on that, & if its 0.14.
to see about the tonsil operation.

In meantime Mr. said to let M. up & around house & watch him not to venture & even to let him return to school for a.m.s if he gets no worse, if decision is made to wait till spring vacation & take out towels. ^(integrate) We'll know all that in couple days. I'd prefer & get it over with promptly if course & not waste more time pulling M. down with those big things that need to be out.

Some unit - up about it - the M.D. who is away is the rumpson, & this Dr. Dally may send us & a throat man - but

we'll know later & I'll let the family know what's what.

We are learning anew how blessed we were in our dear Dr. Darling - not only in his fine ability & integrity but in his personality - & these 2 M's tell us how desolate many other families here feel without Dr Darling. He was so capable - & filled you with much confidence you didn't feel any hesitancy as to his knowing how to cope with any situation. We feel so lost trying out these new men &

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not being able to learn much about
them, tho they're ^{6 BERKELEY PLACE} on hospital staff
^{CAMBRIDGE}
^{MASSACHUSETTS}
here - & recommended by hospital. -

3 P.M. - M's ~~sample~~
(pen misbehaved!) U/K - It has just seen Dr.
Dudley who is having a Dr Butler who does
tonic work (that Dr Dudley doesn't do) come
in to see M. at 5 Today. Dr. D. says
he'd say "out now" esp. as the ^{M's} school
is going thro period now of 3 weeks between
cane measles there & time for next
crop to break out, if they're going
to, & M.D. says he doesn't want to
risk M. & measles now, even if he
has had it before. So he thinks it a

"good time to get it all over with" with
M. now — So now we await
the 3rd M.D.'s word at 5 P.M. — after
which I'll add another report.!!

Having Beth's tonsils out years ago made
the greatest change in her health that
you could imagine — she's seemed to
be like a different child ever since.

Did I write you that the school doctor told
me this year that Beth had entirely overcome
that heart irregularity she's had ever since
she had measles & which naturally has
worried me & made me watch that she
didn't over exert at tennis, swimming
etc. without letting her nurse I was looking
after her? It's been the biggest relief to me
I can just tell you. — More later — so bye.

P.S.

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Next report will
go out soon there's
any more news!!

Dr. Butler, throat man, came & examined M's throat carefully & found adenoids at rear & such large tonsils as to account for continued low fever & his white peaked looks. Said there was much deep rooted congestion at rear of tonsils to allow slight poison seepage into his system & cause fever &c — & they ought to come out before poison attach heart &c — within a week he

said. He & 'tocher M & D are to
"get together" & we're to know
tomorrow what we're to do, -
& when. - He'd like M. & get a
bit more legs under him for a
couple days as he's pretty weak
now - but condition of throat
is such & operate. - So - every-
body says to pull out - as that's
that. - M. is most interested
in all that's going to occur &
asked 40 - 11 questions!!

Some kind person sent us copy of
Nature Magazine containing Auntie
F's article & 2 of Uncle's & if it

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

was you, thank you very very
much. For last few weeks I
have been trying to get that Feb.
number here on book stalls for me
^{but} hadn't found a copy, so I had
decided myself to order one direct
from Alice on 16th St. home, so
I was up + around to it. We
aren't taking the magazine this
year but saw that interesting
number at dentist's or somewhere
& of course wanted it.

Dr Butler yesterday spoke almost

He suffered frightfully that last hour with heart attack before he died
+ knew he was "gone" - Dr. said - dreadful he had to suffer so.

reverentially of Dr Darling's
bigness & brilliance of mind.
Said he was "most brilliant
speaker & writer in Cambridge
barring none," & a wonderful
teacher (he'd studied under
Dr D in medical school where
Darling had course of lectures.)
A number of Dr. D's patients have
turned to Dr Butler since his death
Dr B. says he has seen strongly
another side of Dr Darling - his
compelling personality & loveliness
thro' ^{eyes} these patients who all speak of
him with such love & feel his loss
as of a deep personal friend, as we do.



Hooooooooo - Ray!

Are we glad? Well I guess!!!

Bully for you, precious
dad dear! You jes' say

im don't you, you & your

insulin diet? We're so

enchanting tickled happy

& hear report of Dr. S from

S. F. we are fair standing

on our heads too - name as

our little friends above who

are rejoicing with us. 11

Keep up the good work
& if you're properly good,
maybe your horde from
6 B. will descend upon
you in a few short
weeks for a vacation
visit!

We look forward to it
all fall & if all's well
enough, ^{with you all} for you to have us
down we'll go & poke old
Buck's nose towards 1919
long about Dec. 22 or 3. -

Bushel love from
you all & congratulations
on your improvement — & don't
get too tired now 'fore we want to

see you!! always devotedly, Dorothy

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

March 25, 1934.
Sunday afternoon,

Dearest Family,

By the time this gets to you Tuesday small son will be having his tonsils & adenoids out. We are to have him at the Cambridge Hospital at 7 A M (fearful hour!) & the operation is at 8 A M before the child gets tired or worried. Also the anaesthetizer, Dr Hapgood, has another op. in Boston soon

after M's so M had to take
earlier hour.

Henry had long talk with
the throat man & felt he
has a good one aside from
what hospital & other MD said.
His price is low & very
considerate for us & he said
we might take a couple years
to pay if we wished - but
we can afford it all
right now - & are relieved
on that score. - That you'd
be interested at new wrinkle
since B had hers out. She

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day before the op. The child is to
have several **6 BERKELEY PLACE** pieces of simple
CAMBRIDGE sugar candy and ice cream for
MASSACHUSETTS dessert at least once, to build
up energy + prevent acidosis +
then after the op. he gives M
actually a dose of glucose
for same purpose, + a bromide
to keep him quiet as he comes
out of ether. They sure do
improve their technique
every year! Dr Hafford
has long time reputation as
ether-giver - the best anywhere
around. He gave it to me

before my right op. years ago & to
Beth twice & M. once when he
had to go under "gas" for a rear-
end splinter. He's very skillful
at it. We're having a nurse
for 1st 24 hrs. jes' cause we
will feel happier - & Dr B
preferred an to & was glad we
felt that way:

M. is an interested as he
can be in the whole show &
not a bit scared. His only
worry is having a girl (nurse) in
his room all the time - he says
he'd rather have his mummy &
what'll he do if he has to "get up"

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in the night? I measured him but he
"doesn't care for **6 BERKELEY PLACE**
CAMBRIDGE the idea "at all."
MASSACHUSETTS

The rest is fine. He thinks it's
very silly & have to undress &
go to bed, room's he gets up there
after having just dressed so early
in the morning & was quite
amazed when Ruth told him
he couldn't take his mechanism
up to flag with sitting up in bed
room's he came out of ether - (with
children they gave h. for 1st & then ether.)

In talking to H. or Butler said
that M's adenoid growth may
back (it doesn't make him breathe
open mouthed - not that kind) is

more pitted than tussle & he feels
sure they'll prove to be worse
than tussle tussle (pus racs in
em.). Says he'll be so much better
& gain his weight back after it
is all over. —

M. has grown fast since you
saw him & is almost as tall as
Beth now. H took snaps of
the 2 together in sun on front
porch after dinner — M has
a 5 min. "walk-around" each
day at warmest time of day.

He was tickled & gave Sanny's
letter but said the skirt bill
thing was too much for him to
understand so handed me the

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letter to ravel **6 BERKELEY PLACE** its meaning myself
& then explain **CAMBRIDGE** to him! He'll be
eager & "puncha da bulb" I
know - so I'll have to write it!
That's dear of you to send me
that big help - Lemons are the
very old trick on oneself,
so I don't have to tell you!!

The rest of boxes came O.K. &
M. loved undoing em. He began
to chuckle soon's he'd started on
the several unwrappings & called
out that "I bet Granny is
sending me a lemon." He got
quite excited in his heart, was
this the pho you referred to?

PKg to
Birth from just
mother's rent down
I'd from Cambr. - both
Tell her both
phop come D. 12.

Wongquitt, Mass.,

Mon. July 2, 1934.

Ackd July 8, 1934

Dearest Daddy,

Your letter postmarked San Fran. on
23rd has just come down here to me
from Cambridge. We envy you the
coolness of your recent trip in
Coast mts. west of Salinas Valley!
It is fearfully hot here in the
East - & today we are getting
it a plenty here too. "Authorities"

wherever they may be, tell us we'll
have a scorching summer all over
the east this year. Isn't that nice!! K?

And Harry has to drive up to the
boiling city this afternoon to carry
his mother & sisters up. & Aunt
May's for July as they've rented
their cottage beginning today & until
Sept. 10 when they'll return here.

I'm having them over to dinner
this noon before they leave. I hear

their tenants arriving just now & all of them & the A's are going in for a swim to cool off. The new people said 'it seems delightfully cool here compared to the city when they left it.' — Even the last two miles have been warmer. Wash. D.C. Phila & N.Y. have been 100° & 102° lately when Boston got 93° — but when it gets that hot a few more degrees don't matter much!!

I hope you won't go on any more such trips as you describe this last one with trails for roads & too narrow for even a Ford to pass. Sounds too risky to me & I'll be glad to hear you're not taking any such chances again.

In this last letter of yours you enclose a check to me for \$100 dated May 16, 1934 (#40). I don't know just what I ought to do about it daddy dear because you'd already on June 11th sent me a check for \$50 for my birthday, the check dated I think June 7th — the

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too wonderful for words!

Elinor has a pet towhee - male - that she's been training to come to her for food & now he'll hop up on to your hand for peanuts (his pet food) & if you haven't anything for him or try to palm off something else on him he'll scold & scold. And if he comes in to the yard & no one is there he sets up the greatest scolding till you appease him & then he's very happy & talky & friendly. We've gotten some pictures (we hope!) of him with Elinor. He'll come to any of us the same way - it's too cute for words! Then there's a big gray bunny with the tallest ears & the biggest brown eyes that suddenly appeared from nowhere & he likes bread, sun-flower seeds, corn, & cantaloupe seeds but won't touch carrots or lettuce! There's a baby brown one around too, as tame now as the old one. Fun to watch 'em & ~~merrier~~

Josephine was 20 yesterday we had a lovely happy day - she's nice & kind for her & a few gifts

think they're great. He built a two story wood bird house for the wrens and put it up on corner of the A's porch where the wren had already hatched one brood in a coffee tin that needed to be thrown away. When the pa wren saw the new house he was so excited he jabbered & fluttered around, went & got sticks & stuck one in each house, talked some more, unable to decide which to occupy of such spacious accommodations. I guess the Mrs. decided for him for they're nesting again now. The neighbors say the Abbots have so many attractions the birds all flock to their yard but that after the A's go up to C. maybe they'll have a chance to feed a few at their bird baths.

My table set for seven now & ready for folks who are just coming up from their swim as I must go help with the dinner now.

Dream of love & take good care of your dear silver away out there so far away from your devoted Lovells.

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I'm a bit uncertain of the exact date. I feel you must have mislaid one of em perhaps, + when you came across it sent it on - + much as I appreciate all you give me + dear as you are to do it, I certainly don't want to take what you may not have intended for me + thereby seem a greedy pig. You are away so much of the time on trips I don't see how you keep track of anything - + you see I don't want to take advantage of you! So I'll hold the check till you look up your bank stubs + your intentions + you needn't mind saying plop out if you want me to tear it up. You didn't mention the enclosure in your letter, hence my uncertain feeling.

Merriam caught cold few days ago so has to stay out of the water - but today he seems 'most over it. My 1st swim Sat. after days of heat + a week-old headache make a new woman of me + felt

P.S. Family came thru when I turned over & shipped this page when I went over to meet the new tenants next door. A girl younger than Beth looks very nice & friendly. They range up to 80 yrs. (grandmother who is paying the rent!) Lidjon

Now your yellow haired granddaughter will be seventeen years old in a few days? Merriam is 12 & as tall as Beth & wears shoes a size longer tho narrower than Henry. How's that for growing a man child? He & Henry interchange His Knickers, M's having to be lapped over at waist for him but length 012 - & we're not buying new duds now, so its very convenient!! Heap love from all ^{the}

Box 7 Longmont,

Sunday

July 22, 1934.

Dearest Family,

We're now end thankful and relieved to know that the peaceful strike is over. We were very troubled about your safety & ability to get food & feared mother might be in a S.F. hotel & you off up with daddy, & the papers here were full of the shortage of food for hotels & all but union people's families. It was an outrageous national scandal & I'm glad Gov. Merriam had sense enough to order out militia & not hang back a la FDR to see how things "came out of their own accord." The sooner & harder the communist group is squelched in this

country the better. They certainly
are the most useless destructive
element in any civilization &
contribute nothing helpful for the
world's good. Dad's note with Sun.
Chronicle came 0.14. with its 2 pages
full of strike situation - was mighty
interested in it.

Now your word of the burning of
Blair's store & at Forest Knolls
has come. What a dastardly outrageous
thing that was. Any clues?
And was he well insured? What
an awful thing to do - I hope to
find men the guilty ones are
caught & imprisoned.

I hope dad doesn't go up near
Portland Oregon where more strikes
troubles seem to have brewed -
and now again Minneapolis is
threatened too. Once those radicals
get a start they become bolder
& bolder - I hope the authorities act

promptly & stand for us further nonsense.

Our 2 day heavy fog has lifted at last & sun is out & quite a breeze stirring. While rest of NE has been smothering under heat wave & sun, we've been drenched in fog so heavy nothing would dry even over the stove but thank be we missed the intense heat anyhow. All of N. E. is suffering from drought & there's considerable alarm felt due to many forest fires raging. N. H. had 65 in one month & water is scarce in many sections & crops shriveled - quite serious conditions. No rain in 2 weeks & very little before spurt showers. We had a few drops yesterday PM but it was over before we could shut any windows!

How ghastly the mid-west has been all this season - & paper said temps ranged from 105° to 114° in that section last few days. Awful!

Henry & M. have about finished

Neighbor dropped in again last night - 5 of 'em. - Duller love - Sea over his pet!

putting centerboard in boat & filling the scum with dope &c. & now have to repaint bottom (as every year) with green copper paint & she can go in water at last very soon now. Henry has enjoyed tackling a job he never did before nor did he have any idea how it should be done according to Hoyle but he got it figured all out & started & then had a chance to examine a professional job on a real boat & to his great satisfaction found he'd done the right things &c.!! So - hooray for our team!

Mr. Towhee brings son & daughter over now gets our peanuts from our hands, hops to the grass & stuffs his birds, all time talking to them as they eat it. Cute! Even Mrs. came along too pertern but she won't come to our hands the way bolder Mr. does. 2 chickadees are already so tame they'll almost come to us - so far we've been able to stand near the feeding tray as they nibble. They all enjoy 'em so & M. is perfectly crazy

Box 7, Norquett, Mass.

July 17, 1934.

Dearest Daddy,

Thanks for your good letter about the huge check for which I thank you again heaps dad dear. It will help pay the wretched grabbing orthodontist's bill for the 2 kids' brace work - a fearfully expensive long drawn out performance. M's work will be thro before 4 mos we expect and hope but B's runs at least another year. But her arch has been widened $\frac{1}{4}$ inch already & crowds her teeth less tho as yet the upper eye teeth haven't come down in to place as they will in time. Each visit (every 3 weeks) ^{once or twice every 2 weeks} the doctor adjusts or changes the braces & it's interesting to watch the progress made by comparing the 1st casts made with later ones - it hardly seems possible those fine wires could accomplish so much!!

You and mother were dear to send
Beth such big checks for her 17th
birthday yesterday. She gasped at
sight of them & said she that you'd
sent too big amount ever for such
a big girl. I'm dear of you. All but
a few dollars will go in to her savings
account.

We all had a grand time on yester-
day's birthday in spite of it being a
hot muggy day - our 1st in 2 weeks
nearly. Such heap of lovely presents
you never saw the likes of - & letters
& packages from Auntie Florence
with some old Honeysuckle things in it
from Tee, the twins, Mamma, Aunt
May & etc -

In evening two of B's friends
came over for game & later seven of
our older friends dropped in for the
evening & to see B's table full of
gifts & etc - So it seemed quite a
gay celebration. Then after everyone
had gone we had our belated supper.
Dinner had been late & long drawn out
while Beth opened her presents & it was
so warm no one wanted any supper at
the usual time or the extra ice cream

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+ birthday cake filled us all up! So at ten we sliced some bread + lettuce, got out some cheese spread + jam + pitchers of milk + each fixed ourselves before we went to bed. Such dissipation for Merriam that he slept soundly till 10 a.m. today to catch up!!

Today it's delightfully cool with breeze from the NE which means coolness as long as it lasts. Beth has gone for a swim with the girls but M. is waiting to go in with his dad -

Hurry has been made chairman of the Mosquito Riddance Com. for Mosquit + funds for same turned over to him so he'll be a busy boy hereafter seeing that the Portuguese helper + 2 17yr old boys of Mosquit help, do the chasing around, find all the open pools, tin cans + rain barrels of standing fresh water + oil em, taking care not to risk suits for damages by oiling some property - owner's (not of N.) cow-drinking pond or fish pool! — When we've had funds for this work we've been almost ex-

tirely free of sheets all summer but after 2
yrs. without it, they are getting bad now
& it time we get busy on the job. -

Mr. Towhee continues to feel out your
hands & to br-r-r r-cold us & tap on the
Kitchen screen door if we don't come to
him at his first call. Mrs. comes with
him now & flutters eagerly near by but can't
quite make up her mind to come to us for
her yet, tho if we drop the chopped peanuts
on ground she'll come within 2½ to 3ft
of us to get them. We're quite che-
erful of Wongnutt !!

Auntie Florence sent me an old ^{N.Y. State} newspaper
clipping about you soon after you moved
& Wash. D.C. tho no date is on the article.
But there's a picture of you at the top of
the article showing you with sideburns
& a leaf big mustachio & black pomfadow!!
I'm much tickled to have the clipping &
beg you not to lose any you may have
stored away - as I want 'em I do!

We'll be interested to hear how the
Oregon trip came out & how successful
you were getting the material you were
after. Don't go on any more of those narrow
roads please! Nothing is worth such risk
to you daddy dear.

Bushel love & thanks
again - & write when you can we do so love
to sit your letters. B.M. & H. all send love too. - Dorothy.

Aug 1 - 1934.

Dearest Daddy,

Hope you had a successful & not too exhausting trip to Oregon & escaped dangers of forest fires and pesky strikers. What a disgraceful mess you've had in SF & environs.

Now tomorrow your youngest grandson will be 4 yrs. old! And I hope you'll be there to help him celebrate.

Here 1st snap of the

Towhee we want to im-
prove upon next time.
H. used portrait lens
on bird but it makes
rest out of focus
& M's nose a right as
he's sitting on the
cedar outside the
door.

Both he & the baby bird
(big as pa !!) came right
then to be fed - when pa
calls, we up & hop quick
lest they leave & go to
some other place!! The

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pictures with M. Holding
Towhee are fuzzy &
feathers ruffled, so
I'm not including them.
we'll try to get both
birds in a snap nest
chance we have, as
both pa & child now
stand on our hands
& nibble.

H. has driven up to
Camb. this muggy hot
day & drive his family
down to Bristol, R. I.

where they'll spend August.
When tenants leave Sept 10
they return here. Holidays:

School for us reopens
Sept. 24 (M) & 25 (B) so we'll
have to return to C. 23rd
but come ^{here} week - end while
it's nice.

Butch is doing the
marketing for me over
in Padanaram & we'll
go in for a run when
she returns. Farmers
have delicious golden bantam
corn now plus regular
fresh vegetables - we get
spoiled here & city stuff

in fall seem tasteless
& stale.

One of men here who is
almost blind helps his
living digging clams
& quahogs at low tide
off the beach here
& because I was nice
to him I guess, he's
brought me a mess
of fresh little necks
several times & wouldn't
let me pay for them.
So I ordered some ^{layers}
for chowder next time

+ had him open em (+
it's some job) + paid for
those - + we had the
most galumpitious
clam soup for dinner
Sat. you never tasted!!
We didn't add the potatoes
so couldn't call it chowder
tho it had the chopped up
soft parts of the critters
in it. I told the folks
then I wished you were
here to have some as I
know how you like
clams - + these are
freshest of the fresh.
Heaps love as always
Dorothy.

Box 7, Norquitt, Mass.,
August 5, 1934.

Dearest Daddy,

We are all just thrilled to pieces to see the very first stratosphere mail sent to you. What an exciting event the whole flight proved & how fortunate the men were to escape with their lives. We'd been watching the papers for news of the take-off and the preparations & were especially interested that the Nat'l Geog. Soc. sponsored the flight. But I never hoped there'd be any souvenir (esp. for us) come out of it. It certainly was wonderful of you to send me the letter & the bit of the balloon fabric & it will all be kept safely in the safe deposit box ~~where~~ ^{so that} the youngsters' children

& their children can have it to look at & tell their children it was the 1st mail ever sent up in to the stratosphere. It'll be a most valuable historical relic some day I should think. Stamps, ~~issued~~ by hundreds & even thousands just within our own lifetimes are proving treasures even now, some of 'em - & I suppose there weren't a great many of these signed letters sent - to Gen. Board & those connected with the flight & perhaps to Lindy? You were dear to part with it yourself! Henry was keenly interested & the kids so excited that Beth asked to be allowed to show it to her friends all grouped next door & they too were thrilled!

We don't like to hear that you've been on those perilous roads again but are most thankful you came thru

safely & had the satisfaction of success
with your Indian vocab. work. Do you
see yet the completion of that fine
life-time job? Near enough I mean
for publication of all your material
before long? I suppose you could keep
checking up & verifying & adding to
it as long as there's an Indian
left who knows the language
you're working on!

Henry's cousin Ned Abbot is
here this week-end & next one we
shall have some young ones here
for Beth & a party Sat. nite here
before a dance at the Casino. One
of the boys who is coming is the son
of a Wash. D.C. girl who was my
1st real Cambridge friend - Her father
was stationed there as Paymaster in U.S.
Navy & later Rear-Admiral & she married
there soon after I did. Many times have
I carried this boy ^{there} as a wee baby & rubbed

Remember loose - D & C

his colicky tummy - ^{knowing he has plenty to do to look after him busy + useful!!} - how he is a happy
6 footer, jolly + full of fun - about
a year older than Beth!! They spend
summers across the Cape at family
homestead built by ancestor in
the early 1700's!! Their house is the
most interesting farcinating place -
filled with museum pieces - furniture
& china & glass brought over from
England & treasured all these
years. They've been lucky enough
to have been able to keep it all intact
in the family from one generation
to the next.

Beth is enjoying her driving
so much this summer that it's
fun for us too & a big help to me
as she loves to do the marketing
for me. Her 2 special friends
can't drive yet & think she's great
of course that she can take them in to
New Bed. (7 miles) to shop, or over to the
dairy for ice creams!!

M. is fine - he's growing so fast now that he

developing + not strain
how he is
remember his age
I have to
seem happy + I
their wrinkles

like here
at her
the average
But in
& B + M
w, tho they
used they'd
said 1st
re dipping
en out
ik he
cutly
cause
racoat
centerboard
age inside
rocks &
ish any how

Can't you come visit us before
you go home 1919 this fall
& before cold weather comes so you
don't dare travel? We want you so badly ^{again}. Please!
Longmont, Mass.,
Sept 2, 1934.
Sunday noon.

Dearest Daddy,
Only three weeks more - to the
day - & we'll have to go back
to start school M, 24th, B. 25th
& Merriam says "Please don't
mention it at all!" He doesn't
want to be reminded of it sooner
than necessary. He'll be in the
7th grade & Beth in her last year
of High School. Can you realize that?

Thanks for interesting article
we'd sometime ago on Stratophere
flight. Pictures in it most interesting
(I'm enclosing couple clippings if I
don't forget!)

Feel real autumn-like here now & papers say August has been 2.6° cooler than its average heretofore. I don't mind. But in spite of that Henry & B + M are in swimming now, tho they did confess they guessed they'd lie down in sun on sand 1st & get warmed up before dipping themselves! M. has been out all a.m. sailing which he loves & which is perfectly safe as he does it, because the skiff is our 10 ft. rowboat in which Henry rigged a centerboard & mast trail, & M. stays inside the curve of the beach & rocks & pier & swims like a fish anyhow

Can't you come visit
you go home 190
& before coll we
don't dare travel

Dearest
Only

day -

to start

& mend

mention

want to

than me

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So I don't worry as H. says he's perfectly safe. He took Josephine out after an early supper recently & the moon came out as they started in & she thought it a wonderful experience as she'd never been sailing before. -

We are hoping to repeat our day at Newport soon to see some more of the trial races of the big 126 & 128 ft sloops that are to have deciding cup ^{week after} race next (Sept 15). We had a thrilling ^{afternoon} watching the harbor activities at Newport a few days ago & our eyes bulged & ached from trying to see all there was to see!! Beautiful drive over to N. too crossing several river valleys & ridges between & then driving miles up the Sakonnet river high on a ridge to cross it at Tiverton & then go back down on other side on long narrow ridge with river on one side & Mt Hope Bay on the other. It's such fun taking the kids places as they do so enjoy seeing new sights & scenery & are so appreciative of a spree that it's worth getting tired out for. -

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On Sunday trip to Washington
(where Auntie & Uncle were just
dears & put him up for
4 days) he saw two officials
of 2 companies he is hopeful
of connecting with one at
least of (Gracium that's a ghastly
sentence - so let's pretend it's
rubbed out & you know what
I mean to say!! I got too involved
in propositions etc.!. (Scuse!)
But there's nothing yet ever
vaguely tho both expressed
interest & hope - so we are
biding our time, hoping that

something may show up in
few months.

One of the Vice-Pres. of the
Harpout Co, eager to have H. in
one of the co's because of his
Technicalor experience just in
line of one of their co's work
(not color tho) is an old friend
of Pater's. In fact he says of
Pater that he was responsible
for encouraging him ^{Dr. Reese,} as a
young man & getting him
into ~~the~~ ^{his} life work & out of
boring teachers' job, that has
given him such success in
life. - He told Henry before the
news broke in the papers of the

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Bushels love & a tiny apiece which you & brother can give each other for me. Party.

forming of the American Liberty League by 60 outstanding men of the country, rich & influential & of both (or no) political parties who have given \$25,000 each & are willing to do more, to fight socialist tendencies, educate the general run & file by print & radio, & above all to protect & uphold the Constitution of the U. S. upon which our great nation has succeeded all these years. We are much in sympathy with the League & we'll all hear more of it later on.

Papa Towhee brot his record crop of offspring over yesterday & today & he fed & this a. m. they investigated the front porch & possibilities of edibles in the flower boxes on the porch railings, & then clustered together on the plaster of Paris white cats dream gave B. a few pairs of which sit at top of steps to amuse passing youngsters. Pa Towhee deserves a medal for his hard work this summer! It's a wonder he isn't gray by now!

6 Berkeley Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
October 6, 1934.

dearly dear,

It seems to me there are a number
of things I have at hand to thank
you for - first your nice letter
with those interesting pink leaves
that look almost as if made with
wax or some other preparation - then
the newspaper account of what "Labor"
condemned to "allow" free citizens
& have in S. F. in early days of that
disgraceful strike out there, &
my renewal of Literary Digest,
& the work of San Rafael, Marin
Co. in general &c, enclosed in your

letter. Your father I begged one of from
Memiam, & stuck in my mirror
but he framed his at once &
put it on his desk, titled as I am
& have even a snapshot of "dear
Grandpa." The Lucia & its enlarge-
ment of Z's house with mother
& Lee visible in a couple, were
welcomed with whoops of joy
by the whole tribe. Josephine's
seen eye spotted the unusual
street lamp across from Z's
house - most attractive. 'My
how plump & chubby he have grown
up about her place & how very lovely
her house is!' Oh, miss please to

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thank you for the picture of you & the stamps
you sent him.

We'll be interested to hear about
the Owen Valley trip when weather
~~becomes~~ cool enough to undertake it.
You've had a spell of heat while we've been
cold! So chiefly we had to have furnace
started after all tho we don't usually
till after 15th -

Both kids shed today with colds of
the sneezy runny variety & coughing -
but B's is better than yesterday & M
doesn't feel sick either so both will
be O.K. by Monday I guess. - Bed cures
'em faster than medicine, tho we spray
& fangle 'em too. - School full of colds &
teachers say they wish parents would keep
children home when child starts one &
so prevent the annual sweep of 'em
thro the classrooms, resulting in
loss of time & strength unnecessarily.
Half of M's class have bad colds & 5 boys in
his immediate neighborhood in class were in
worst stages of theirs & sneezed & coughed all
over him - so he had little chance of escape.
As we're in clean fresh air all summer

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we do not build up immunity to
germs there & succumb easily
at 1st onslaught. H, J & I are
trying hard to escape - & keeping
beds in their own rooms away
from us!!

We got so much out of 1st few
complimentary & later trial numbers
of U. S. Weekly edited by David
Lawrence that we are taking it
regularly now & enjoy it very
much. - Thank you for intro-
ducing it to us.

It poured in Toronto all day
today - part of storm that has
been covering the whole Atlantic
seaboard up from Florida where it

rained 6 inches in 36 hrs. couple days ago!! Whew!

We are gradually getting settled & looking like a house here again. Henry has helped tremendously brushing down walls (my much dirt as came out!) taking sheets & ~~off~~ the paintings & being handy generally -

He's W every few days helping Jack Vaughan on his golf machine he's worked at several years hoping it'll be a good thing some day. I am glad to have H. busy at that whenever he can help. -

We all hope to be in Nougnet again this week - end from Thurs aft till Sunday with - our holidays on Friday. - If clear the

1 with cold will vanish there. - nearest love - see

6 Berk. Place,

Oct 23, 1934. -

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Dearest Daddy,

We are so relieved that
we can express that the
horrid old trouble has
come back to you but
thankful no end that
you have found it
out soon and so can
take proper measures
to correct it & make
your own dear self feel
better again. None of us

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liked or understood your
getting tired out so
much lately. Neither the
numbers of your boozful
silver hairs nor the
honorable years you
carry so well (and be-
wail so often !!) are suf-
ficient reasonable
causes. Anyhow we are
relieved that you are under
orders for diet &c to restore
you & your pep, & feel sure
you'll progress rapidly

under mother's supervision. But alas - tis too bad, now you've had a re-taste of jelly now & then and an occasional tater. We're terribly sorry daddy dear. What a pesky lurking critter that old d - is - ! But - if it stalks about, how wonderful it is to know that green fodder fats and fruits properly balanced can lay it low again.

We shall all await any further news with eagerness.

Three days now of rain & the beautiful foliage is dropping fast, much to my regret, as the gorgeous haps colors brighten the days & give us something gay to look at. I think so often

of your beautiful madones & wonder what they're like in the fall. If colorful now stick in a ^{letter} piece of bark & a leaf sometime if you think of it.

Dearest love from us all - Dorothy

P.S.

I opened the envelope (not yet stamped) & add this P.S. cause last mail has just brot me your fine welcome letter telling me something of your fine northwile trip to Drovers Valley, Mound Lake &c. - I then was back many years to time you took us horseback from & thro' "Bloody Canyon" down to Farrington's ranch near which was a camp of Priete's (am I right?). I remember those craters across the desert too & that somewhere thereabouts we found some obsidian arrow-heads & also that we went in to Mound Lake & were most impressed with the heaviness of its queer alkali water that left subsiness in

your hair for days when water got in to it!

Thanks also for new pictures of Zee's lovely home. Delighted to have them. We have trouble here getting prints made light - those of Beth they print as if she were sunbathed with black hair!!! -

Well another Hoover's book for Beth has come today & been received with squeals of delight by your grand daughter! She announces she's going to read it & understand it if it means reading every paragraph three times & "get the meaning & percolate thro' her adolescent brains - if any" (her words - not mine!)

Hope to catch you fore you start home - hence air stamp. Dearest love for all +
Dec

6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 1, 1934.

Dearest Daddy,
Nice note from my dear
daddy this morning from
Calif. Now today you're to
have another test report &
I shall look eagerly for
news of it. I hope you've
been given permission
to start for home with
safety. Mother's been so
pleas'd keeping me posted
on your progress. She knows

how eager for word of you each
week, I am. Take good care
of your dear self & don't
you dare go get too tired out
all at once now you're home.

Wish we could help you & find
the perfect (if any!) stenog. for
you. But don't go at it too
strenuously dar dear.

The glorious green from Hag.
have been soaked & now
are in bowls & vases & give
the whole house a fresh
woody smell that is per-
fectly delightful. We each have

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a spray in our bedrooms too
& some up in den, sent down
stairs. I love those brilliant
madrone berries! never saw
'em before & the way the
leaves grow is fascinating.
Certainly war dear of you folks
to bother to gather & pack &
send them to us. We'll
enjoy 'em all winter.

Merriam & Josephine went out
last nite Halloween & ring
doorbells - they seem to think
that's proper fun for Halloween!

Instead they helped to put out two
fires down Berkeley street
that a gang of older boys set
in piles of leaves under two
trees that were already on fire.
They scattered the leaves & hacked
em out, at one pile 1st & then
after the gang ^{had} moved away.
J & M saw a second blaze
flare out down at end of street
& trampled that out too, before it
reached a fence. They smelled
very smoky when they came in
a little later!

about home up tomorrow. Dream have - Dec

Henry at Jack's all day all this week -
I'm glad he's busy & interested. he go to N. to

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 28, 1934.

Dearest Daddy,

We wish we were with you
+ mother + (I hope) Auntie +
Uncle today for Thanksgiving.
Instead we go to Aunt May's.
Her sister Elina is on from
New York (sent warm regards
to you, love to mother) + the
daughter of a friend is with
her for the winter.

Yesterday we were invited
to The Harvard Traveler's Club

meeting to which annual one
lectures are invited & very
grand refreshments served after
the main event - a lecture. The
speaker was Dr Roy Chapman Andrews
& he gave us a fine talk -
a resume of high lights of his
5 expeditions to Gobi etc - it
was most interesting & in
spots humorous. Afterward I
recovered up my courage & went
up & introduced myself to him
& tell him how much I'd enjoyed
his talks & pictures. I'd never
met him tho Auntie Allen & Dr A.

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when I saw a young girl used to talk
most glowingly of this then young
friend of theirs. He asked after
you & wanted me to be sure to
give you his warmest regards.
He asked if you'd taken any
more auto trips across the conti-
nent since the 1st one in 1913
which he remembered your
telling him about. —

"It won't be long now —
when we start homeward."
There's another route (avoiding
the Conn. hills) that has been
improved last year or so, &

if weather is bad we can go that
way instead, this time. We
certainly are looking forward
to the trip & the visit & see
our two precious dears.

M. has been home with an
upset tummy all week,
a touch of which H & I had too
for 2 days, but M's lasted longer.
He won't be able to eat much of
the dinner as he's not had solid
food - but he's going along
anyhow. — Occasion of love from
us all —
Dede

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no
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when
arrive
after breakfast
Henry

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 4, 1934.

Dearest Daddy,
Your birthday is tomorrow &
again we can't be there to wish
you happiness and health
as you reach the grand age
of 79 years (80 to you I know!!!)
But we can send you our
dearest most wishyful
love anyway, & that we do,
from the bottom of our hearts.
You'll have to feel the waves
of loving that's mending your

way all day tomorrow Sir sure -
they'll be there so tune in your own
personal receiving set & welcome
them!

Today the express brought
me the surprise of my life -
your dear gift of one of the
N.Y. N.H. & Hartford ^{\$}1000 bond.
What a dear precious thing for
you to do. I don't know how to
tell you thank you nor how dear
it was of you. "a little & was
gift" indeed! Whew! It's the biggest
one I ever saw. And it went down
to the safety deposit box right after

lunch, in the hope that it can stay there
indefinitely

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MASSACHUSETTS

except for shears
treatment in May & November.

The appraiser came with it
this morning when Henry & I
were taking Elmer & from
Flushing down to her bus

for N.Y. in Boston but of course
he wouldn't leave it with
Josephine so came back when

she said I'd surely be in at

one P.M. On the dot, there he

was! The envelope is rather
interesting, covered as it is

on 2 sides of one and with the
signatures of all the people thro
whose hands it passed & the
times thereof - probably old
story to you - but not to me!!

Thank you daddy dear - with
all my heart. -

This P. M. Merriam's class
teacher has taken all his class
of 16 or more boys in to see a
movie of William Tell in Boston
so the young chap will be late
returning home for supper
today. Beth has gone to see
Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch
as she had no lessons for tomorrow

& the bill is a good one for her too -
which one can't say of all the
films turned out of the movie mill.

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

We have just had the dial
system put in to effect here in
Cambridge & such a to-do!! The
first day so many calls were
made out of curiosity to try the
perky new thing that the
whole system was thrown out
of commission and confusion
reigned & nobody could get
any telephone calls put thro.
It was "terr-ble"! None of us
like the dialing as it is hard

To see the small letters in
the holes & is too easy to make
a mistake which you don't
find out except that your
party doesn't answer, it
takes both hands to use, &
it needs extra lighting to be
able to see. Then consider these
disadvantages, every single
Telephone ^{number} & exchange in the
city of Cambridge has been
changed - so you have to look
up every person you want to
call (even my own number!)
The former exchanges are no
longer to be used but three new

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ones are given now instead. Ours
is Kirkland

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

2242. — For 9

years we've been Porter 2999 w —

Most confusing!! — Henry has

put in a ^{new} line of BX wiring

from Aunt Mag's cellar — from

a wiring box up thro the wall to

a base board in her phone closet,

where he drilled a hole for it & put

in a baseboard outlet there.

From that he has a wire & a

cute little bronze bell shaped

lamp right over the phone dial

& fastened to the wall there where

she can see her brook & dial both.

She's as pleased as punch. There's never been any light of any kind there before so it's a real deed of helpfulness H. performed, & saved her a fat electrician's bill too. Merriam went over with him during his Thanksgiving holiday & learned a lot & that it was great sport to hang around & hold things for his dad whom he adores! I hope the young man will learn to be as useful as his daddy is about things!

Our dearest love again & the bestest wishes ever for the birthday & may there be many many more of them dearest daddy -
From loving, Dorothy

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

1935 - 1937

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday,
Jan. 29, 1935.

Dear Daddy,

That was most wonder-
fully dear of you to send
me such an enormous
check - of \$500 - which you
nonchalantly "unload"
in my favor. Bless you
dear for it and thank
you with all my heart.
I wish I could lay it aside
for savings for future

of my family but I fear
the most needed now
to keep the pot boiling.
We'll have to hope the
future will straighten
out in time.

Henry is filling out
duplicate gov't application
blanks that are the most
absurdly red taped affairs
& ask for everything in the
way of information but
the number of teeth you
own still!! Yesterday I saw

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3° below zero **6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS** on my own
outside thermometer for the
1st time - at breakfast!

7° above was the warmest
it got all day. Today
at 18° above seems mild.

No chance as yet for the
pile of snow to melt
itself away & there is so
much of it that city
plows ^{+ man power} aren't adequate.

We have piles & drifts as
high as cars stalled in it,

right here on B. Place, &
we walk down lane of
piled snow high as our
heads on our own garage
way! No snow can come
down here so its a picnic
getting out by auto, but
we do it when we have to
go out to market &c. —

Snowing again today too.

Do go to see "Sequoia"
if it comes to movies there.

Its the story of a friendship
between a bear & a mt. lion &
is beautiful. Also "Man of Aran"

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in worth while. 6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS (but title doesn't
give any inkling of it) It's a picturesque
portrayal of natives of an island
off Ireland - simple and
beautiful. It's been showing
here ever since before Xmas
at one theater - no plot,
no "actressy" stuff - just a
picture. -

M. absent over his cold
but developed a rash here
& there on his body yester-
day. We think it may be

from over-eating pineapple
of which he is inordinately
fond but if our ointment
treatment & doesn't show
results soon, we'll get
the doctor in.

Beck is all right but busy
as this is mid-year
exam. week, poor kid!

Isn't it grand we're
all going to see Zee &
Lee before long? We're so
happy that she's coming up
here to see us too!! Much love &
many more thanks dad dear - Dorothy

B's savings account has gathered
unto itself the total of 577.56
(with \$18.84 interest included in it
for year 1933) M has ^{as yet} only 234.69
(including 6.71 interest for 1933), & my own
personal savings for B's college &
trousseau to which I'm hoping
not to have to withdraw for
living expenses in to date 3,302.
I got \$101.58 interest last year on it.
H. has withdrawn of his all but
\$41. I used to put every one of
my \$55. a month F.V.A. estate
checks in there ^[now goes for bread & butter] besides the
sifts I got & any interest on

make batch your rule orange
mammals. used your Xmas
jar up + family clamor
for snow so it up to me to
get busy soon's in O.K.

trying to make over a jacket
of mine for suit for Beth but new
pattern cuts each different sized
pieces it won't fit the goods + I
wish I had your brains to know
what to do + how to do it. Skirt O.K.
but I'll have to fit coat up on her I
guess -

Odder love - + don't you
so catch cold if it had the +

6 Berkeley Pl;

Feb. 18, 1935.

Dear Daddy,

Enclosed about the cure
for brassing hens tickles
me no end!!

You all are counting
the hours now I know
that you and Lee are in
your arms & how I'd
love to be there to
welcome them too!
But we'll be seeing them

later on too when they
come up to us.

We'll be over our
germs then. Our hospital
is coming on well. B.
still coughs but has
no fever & can get
up today. M. went
to bed after lunch
yesterday with bad
sore throat & slept
all P. M. — but he

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doesn't (yet at least) seem to
be developing B's grippe
as I feared he was in
for yesterday. He still
has sore throat but says
he doesn't feel sick & he
has no fever as yet. But
he'll be abed all day to
make sure. He is so provoked
too because he's having a
holiday this week.

all that horrid sleety
slush that made yesterday
the worst underfoot &
overhead, froze in the
ruts & on steps, tho
shovelled off, are a glare
of ice - thin film water
left froze hard. Streets are

~~to~~

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hard frozen rick today.
I hope Zee & Lee brot
warm duck for our
less mild eastern
climate!

One of the young men
of dinner party brack
the outdoor mess to
pay his dinner call
yesterday - The nice
southern naval officer
— You can always count

on the service men to
do the right thing —

H. is taking me
out to market now
an driving will be
hard going & his
arms are stronger
than mine!

Give Zee & Lee each
an extra hug for me
won't you please?

Happy love from us
all — Lee

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6 Berkeley Place,

March 26, 1935.

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Dearest Daddy,

If you & I hadn't talked

so much & still not gotten

thru, I'd have sent a letter

down to you by her (as I

had intended to!) to thank

you ever so much

dad dear for the \$500 present

which Henry no doubt has

told you already, will indeed

be a help to us nowadays.

I should like to be able to invest it as a future nest-egg but it looks as if daily needs must come first. You are dear to be so helpful to us & make it possible to have our inheritance when its most helpful.

You dont need to be told how last week flew

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too brief a time. It was
perfectly of R A N D
Leaving Zee again but
sorry to see the days go so
fast. She had lots to do
back at 1919 tho.

I'm hoping you will spare
me a set too of all the
duplicates Z is taking
of your writings. We
always wanted to have a
copy of anything you wrote
but hesitated to ask out-
right for 'em. And any few
you've sent me I've been pleased
as punch to have.

Dearest love all 'round
& bushels of thanks more
for your wonderful gift to us.
B & M send a special lot of love to Grampa.
Lovingly,
Dorothy

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too brief a time. It was
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87° - 2 records
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year. 11 1/2
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+ fingrilo
out of tact
+ we hear -
touched +
a white
throat today
out in garden
where
do only sound.

6 Berk. Place
Mon. Apr 29, '35

Dearest Daddy,
My cannon ball on
a chain I've been
carrying around in
my heart has turned
miraculously into a
gas - filled balloon
on a thread with
the receipt of your
good news just now,
I found reaching up
into the sky, such is

the joy & relief and
thankfulness I feel
- Henry and I both
feel - that your
sojourn at Paradise
under Cary Bumpus
wonderful skill,
proved so successful.
What a gorgeous glorious
grand & Krumpus
happy joyful way you
have given us to celebrate
our 21st wedding anniversary.

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P.S. THE VERY IDEA of sending such important news regular stamp mail!! Text too!!

any as today." The mail could have brought us nothing to make us so happy & so rejoicing & so thankful, as news of your safe return to z's to rest & get well. I hope you'll find the much needed looked for relief now — I'm so relieved & happy daddy darling please squeeze me if I round perfectly round. ^{100% of love all} round - Dee

Dear Daddy. I am grabbing this space from Dee to reach across the continent to grasp your hand - words just don't express feelings sometimes - there's joy and relief and gratitude to Dr. Bumpus, deepfelt congratulations, all in it, and a true appreciation of your own splendid courage. Which is always a surgeon's ablast ally. Well done!

I leave for D.C. tomorrow. Hal Vaughan (John's son) will drive my Chevrolet down Friday. All owners are good.

So glad to get your news before I had to leave Dee. Now sir, all that is left is to have someone there sit on your ^{and} hold you down for a while! ^{Hope to visit family} ^{Hold Lee near OK's}

P.S. THE VERY IDEA OF SENDING SUCH IMPORTANT NEWS REGULAR STAMP MAIL!! TWT TWT!!

am as today!! The mail could have brought us nothing to make us so happy & so rejoicing & so thankful, as news of your safe return to z's to rest & get well. I hope you'll find the much needed looked for relief now — I'm so relieved & happy daddy darlin' please squeeze me if I sound perfectly muddled in ^{100% of love all} round - Dee

Dear Daddy - I am grabbing this space from Dee to reach across the continent to grasp your hand - words just don't express feelings sometimes - there's joy and relief and gratitude to Dr. Bumpus, deepfelt congratulations, all in it, and a true appreciation of your own splendid courage which is always a surgeon's ablast ally. Well done!

I leave for D.C. tomorrow. Hal Vaughan (pele's son) will drive my chevrolet down Friday. All owners are good.

So glad to get your news before I had to leave Dee. Now sir, all that is left is to have someone there sit on your and hold you down for a while! ^{hope to whole family}

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
6 BERKELEY PLACE
CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Friday, Apr. 19, 1925.

Dear Daddy,

I just wanted to tell you direct how much we've all enjoyed your short speech as written in the Biological Survey's monthly "Survey" that Uncle Vernon has sent on to me. We all found it intensely interesting daddy dear & were thrilled to read about your early seekings after knowledge of birds, ^{habitats} & the discovery of life zones for wild life & what a thrill it must have been to you to work out your dream in the establish-

ment of the Biological Survey & its subsequent work. I don't give to many folks to realize their life's dreams!

We all wish there were days enough in the year that you could spare to write your biography. What a thrilling & interesting book that would make!

Merriman and Beth have a holiday today - Patriot Day here in Mass. - & M. is out in historic old Lexington for the whole day at the invitation of his school Principal. All M's class has been invited to Mr. Conyell's home to watch the big parade that goes right by his house, as does the

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annual ride of Paul Revere &
Darwin. Lexington and
Concord do a lot of parading
& celebrating in general today,
the anniversary of the firing
of "the shot heard 'round the
world." — This P.M. after lunch
there the boys go hiking thro
the nearby woods & have a good
time together generally. M. is
all over his cold but Beth is
slower pulling up — she's having
a Tonic to help pep her up, &
give her some color in her
cheeks. It's been a hard winter
for her & she's missed so much

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school she's not been able to get a whole school report for 2 months!

Elinor Abbott from N.Y. is here now for a 2 weeks visit with Aunt Mary & has been over here all morning catching up on family news. She sent warmest regards to you all.

Milder today but yesterday we had another snowstorm for couple hours, with a cold raw penetrating wind! I believe it's a record of some sort even here to have snow on Apr 18. Not a leaf in sight yet & the grass hardly shows a trace of green yet.

Dreams of love as always —
Dorothy.

M. T. Child
think to have Grandpa's
Conn. Birds & the pamphlet of 1893.
He'll write you.

ackd. June 16, 1935 - *over*

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 9, 1935.

Dear Daddy,

My such a grand welcome
newspaper letter from you with
a big 'surprise birthday tucked
inside came a few days ago
& would have been acknowledged
same day had we not been
in midst of graduating a
daughter in these parts and
therefore very busy every minute
of each day. Thank you very
so much for the check & the
fine letter too. It would
have been great & have
been along on your trip
into such beautiful country
as you describe. Tho it. ✓

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news to me, you leave one
very beautiful bit of scenery
right at Lagunitas to go off
and see some more elsewhere
in that great state!

The children wh'd take
over your description of getting
into snow at Lake Tahoe &
of coming back over the glorious
Donner Pass scenery where
they will remember snow
late in June on our memorable
trip with you all in (1927).

We are thankful for better
news of Lee - poor little
fellow! What a siege Lee has
had with both her men
folks. I hope both are on
the mend at last by now
& that there won't be any more
set-backs.

We all keep well

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rarely in consequence, or if I call him
dinner now & then which he appreciates greatly.
How many 2 or 3 weeks! Auntie asks him to Sydney
there last 2 days & down to 500. nice which
love!

and busy - always a job at hand taking the house
apart - going thro books, papers, toys, clothes
& c &c - putting them into groups to dispose
of, store or take along. It seems an endless
job & such a dirty one. Then the past
two weeks have been devoted to festivities
and preparations for the Great Event of
the year in the lives of a certain group
of 18 young girls here - their graduation
from Buckingham School!

How they've ever managed to study & get
thru classes & final exams with all the parties,
teas, suppers, luncheon & picnics and
2 week-end houseparties they've been enter-
tained at, is a wonder to us "parents"
but they've all done it & had a grand time
& wouldn't have missed a bit of it for
anything! The graduation itself was perfect
lovely - the girls dainty & radiant as the
flowers they carried. Aunt Henry went with
Meriam & me - all the family Beth could
collect!

Henry still works at office Sundays usually
& nightly till 10 or 11 - I don't at all approve of that &
he hopes it will let up later on. I hear from him only

Box 7
Roughitt, Mass.,
August 23, 1935.

Daddy dear,

Before we left Cambridge you wrote me a very dear lovely letter that I've not forgotten! Since then you've been away on trips so much I've hardly known when I could catch you home. Mother will have kept you abreast of any of our news.

At present there's a lull in the London-offer affair - as the Dr. was to call H. again later for final answer. Henry wants to think it over after he

gets written word of conditions,
salary &c - Each time that
the 2 have talked, the Dr has
had a new "set-up" & won't be
"pinned down" to definite
promises yet - tries to put
H. off with "all those details
can be settled after you've
signed the contract." Well, Henry
isn't going to get caught that
easy - he demands to know
just what he's up against,
how much of a future there is
& where & before he cuts loose
if he does, from the fine &
interesting job he now holds

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in park. with a personnel he likes. An
H. put it to me, "K. would have & offer me
an awful lot more salary ^{& future} to induce me
to leave park. now." — When final
decision is made of course I'll let
you all know at once. — I know Henry
favours sitting where he is till color
has really made a come back to the
point where he wouldn't fear his
contact with it would again be only
temporary. — (my many split infinitives would make both
groan — they are her pet aberrations now!)

After nine days of continued
80° & 86° with high humidity we
had our long hoped for storm last
night with sheets of rain, thunders
& lightning — a very noisy crashing
storm as there was so much lightning &
thunder. We saw one bolt hit
something right out on the water
in front of us with such a terrific
bang & crash ^{& bluish light} it brought us all to
our feet. It was an amazing sight.
This morning we learn it struck
one of the railboats belonging to our
friends behind us, blackened the
mast & stove a huge hole in the
bottom which sank her at once & with

very dry month
we have
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with pep in

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Good to know
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M. - well,
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an interruption!

home from
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much push that she's stuck in
the sand 2 ft, bow down &
too far wrecked to be any
good anymore. Such a pity
it had to be the Chittenden's
boat - nice young people -
when within a few feet of theirs
are buoyed larger boats
of millionaires such as the
du Pont woman (now Mrs Heide-
cooper of Wash D.C.), the Roths-
childs, &c &c - To whom the
loss would have meant little
in dollars & cents. Fate doesn't
seem very kind at times.

Everyone, esp. farmers, welcomed

the rain after a very dry month
during which crops have
suffered. The storm blew
away the humidity too and
today is a glorious breezy
blue skied one with pep in
the air!

I hope Zee is rested after
her vacation. Good to know
Lee is brown and well &
strong again.

Sat. 9 A.M. - well,
at this point I had an inter-
ruption and what an interruption!
Beth came flying home from
next door shouting "there's a

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the sand
too far
food any
it had
boat -
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are busy
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du Pont
corps of
children,
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everyone

fire just up the road, the sky is all
aglow, come on" so I did! We all
piled in the car & sure enough as I
turned the corner up the road a
block, there she was — a roaring
furnace less than a city block &
a half off. We drove over to left
of main road (so's not to block it or
get caught ourselves) up & over the
golf links where we watched the
Francis Hart's lovely house burn
to the ground — a horrible sight
but a terrible "lesson" every-
one, to kids especially, of the force
of fire once out of control. There were
numerous small explosions during
its progress. Trees nearby caught
fire but at last the Palawan
fire dept. arrived while some of the
firemen started pumping from
their 1600 gal. tank on to the
smoking walls & roof of the cottage

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to cart
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next door & on to their trees
& the grass, already on fire
from the intense heat, then
dragged their new long hose
down to our beach pump
(just put in 2 yrs ago here at great
cost & much alteration - we've
had to use it twice since to save
Kongriest, so it was well worth
the price!!) & attached it &
started pumping sea
water to save the other house.

Men & boys, of which Merriam
was one volunteer, helped to

take everything movable out
of the Tyler house & down on
to the parking ^{garage} in front
& we rafe - (+ later to cart
them all back in again, M.
not getting home till 10:45
& smelling to high heaven
of smoke in hair & clothes!
Fortunately the great wind
we'd had all day had died
down & a small breeze
- had it been as windy as
usual, we'd all have
burned up as it was coming
in this direction & the house

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are fairly close together & of wood.
As it was we had to keep brushing
but a spark on top of car as they
landed - car covered with gray
ash this a.m. - The house was
hit a pile of seed coal in less
than 3/4 hr - No one was in it
as everyone else was at the ^{kids'} camp
Fri. eve. stunts - The house belongs
to Francis Hart, Pres. of United Fruit
& Vice Pres. old Colony Trust, but has
been occupied for several years by
one of his married daughters, Helen
Nichols & her 3 boys 2 of whom are
M's friends. They lost nearly
everything they own except a lovely
old silver service one of neighbors
rushed in & grabbed out. But
all her lovely family & personal
jewelry, money, furnishings
&c. are gone - she's about rich on
it of course as they haven't much
themselves & as they live in rented
house in winter, they bring most of
their own things here every summer
in a truck. Helen had just bought

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boat the
bad crew.
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3/a new \$350 stove which she proudly
showed everyone. But as it
had no hot-water-boiler connection
they'd had to put in a Kerosene
heater for the water & folks habit
liked that. As far as we can
learn this early, the maid
hadnt turned it off, & had left
her oily rag near it with
all doors & windows in kitchen
closed — & evidently heat was
too much & burst rag into
flames — a passing neighbor
heard a muffled explosion
& next second kitchen was
in flames. He rushed next

door & call folks then & call
fire dept while he ran in &
got robes service out & by
that time house was burning
like a furnace & he couldn't
get inside again, so took
off the porch chairs! —

Hougenitt hasn't seen such
excitement in many years.
He'd that the lightning hitting
& ruining Alice's boat the
night before, was bad enough.

And you dear folks have had
worse than fire scares all
these years out there —
wheew!! — Our cottage smelled

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strongly of smoke when we came
back to it — Fire engine pumped
water till after midnight to put
out last of it — course water did
no good whatever while it was
blazing but to set down next
door house. Chimney standing
like a totem pole in the ruins
was a matter of tremendous
interest & wonderment to all
the children. —

This morning there's a strong
wind & the air is positively chilly.
After so many hot sticky days we
are very grateful for the change.
The sky is a brilliant blue flecked
with white cloud puffs & the water
a deep deep blue rippled with tiny
white caps — altogether a perfect
day! Getting Ruth ready for college
in a month now is our chief
concern right now. Her big new
wardrobe trunk came yesterday
& my she's pleased with it! It has
her initials on in red to match the
metal buckles across the back & to

Henry I hope will be says - no word more since my talk with him & his wife. Henry love - Dorothy

with study of ours & other points of political parties, & another course new in its completeness since my time, which course I highly approve - It called "Spoken English" & says its purpose is to improve speech for everyday life, & give student foundation for advanced courses in public speaking etc. Class hours used for analysis of speech by phonetic method, for improving quality & flexibility of the voice & for practice in speaking & reading before an audience." - Henry & I + B. also, enthusiastic over this its

for this opportunity for Beth & have corrected her New Englandisms which she can hardly help picking up when all her friends, school teachers & etc talk N. E. "twang". Beth would like to join debating club later on for good practice in speaking & in voice etc - & this is good beginning!

Must stop rambling & get to work! First tho, I want to add that she starts study of Spanish her 2nd year, also a course in geology, American literature & I'm most excited over her going as she is!!

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 9, 1935.

Daddy dear,

I don't know why you should
be so dear to your Big Girl as
you were to send her such an
enormous gift - check. It most
overcame me "ointonly bejabbers &
it did" but that doesn't mean
it isn't most welcome and
most deeply appreciated. Ten
billion thank yous daddy dear!
It certainly will come in handy
when I go up to Smith to see my
Big Girl!

She writes she's so excited
over my prospective visit she
can hardly wait. It'll be kinda
nice to see her, too.

Her ankle has been troubling

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her a bit of latex & the doctor looked
at it & felt of it & something seemed
to go crunch in it so M.D. ordered
it X-rayed, the result to be known
in day or two. M.D. thinks it's
an injury done when she hurt
her knee & skinned her shins
falling down the gymnasium
steps soon after 1st of October
at which time she went daily
for a week & have the knee
baked & bandages changed.
I'm hoping this new develop-
ment won't prove serious, but
anyhow the M.D. seems on the
job.

I'm getting along fine
now - see the end already &
things are easier to plan and
execute & think out, thanks
to the lovely break in the job
that my trip to Washington gave me.

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Had a busy day. 0/2. 1st cable day. Lovely weather - clear & sunny with cold. Had furnace started. Clear low clouds. 1915 & 1834 & things more. 2nd cable day. 2nd cable day. no am nice & comfy.

I'd seemed in such a hopeless muddle by the time I got Beth & Merriam packed & off to their respective destinations that I wouldn't think straight any more & was most discouraged!! However that's all past & still & I am accomplishing a lot now & stowing stuff away in great shape. I've bought for 75¢ each, two additional packing cases with covers - boxes 37 in. long, 26" deep & 25" wide (approximately) into which already-packed cartons of marked & varied contents fit in tidily & by being listed & numbered (on them & in my record book) it will make task of unpacking needed things lots easier & also do away with lots of small sized cartons for the movers to handle. I'm not a bit absent either here alone - everything is locked up at night, including me, inside my bedroom with my telephone at my bedside so I'm snug as a bug in a rug & as content as it's possible to be without my previous family with me! Beth & Aunt May both are urging me to be here with them for Thanksgiving - I've made no definite plans as yet. Wish I could have heard Byrd with you all Fri. night!! Going to bed now - it's 9 PM & in all sleep as we've

Acad. from 586

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
2319 TRACY PLACE
WASHINGTON
D. C.

May 23, 1936.

Daddy dear,

Its much too lonesome
in this town without our
dear folks! But we hope
you're all happy & rested
at Lag & not trying to
get settled all in a minute
but lazing along to enjoy
it day by day in all
its beauty there.

Been lovely & cool here
all week - brilliant sun-
shine & emuf zip in the air
& pep us up. The heat wave

of Sun & Mon was broken up
speedily by the worst
tropical storm I ever
saw late Mon. afternoon.
It was grand to watch &
hear. Tho' terrifying to
poor Hazel who hid herself
in the basement. Trees
were uprooted & fell on
& crushed autos, streets
were rivers even in their
centers & a near panic
was caused at the circus
over northeast by the force
of the gale which so flopped
the huge caravan tent as

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to cause a stampede for spite,
 during which many people
 were hurt & one child killed by
 a tent pole that fell & hit her.
 Authorities give full credit
 to the circus attendants for
 preventing serious catastrophe
 loss of life by holding the
 tent poles up during the
 heavy wind & so allowing
 the tent to empty & not fall
 down on the audience.
 The storm kept circling
 round & round, raining
 driving at all sides of the
 house in succession &
 lightning hitting much too near

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to be comfy! The Chev was so
drowned out in the parking
lots Henry couldn't get it
started & came home in a
taxi!! But - it been
deliciously cool ever since
with meter down to 46° !!
We hope it lasts.

Last night we took M & see
The Country Doctor - the movie
of the Dionne quintts. So
go to see it - its lovely &
those babies are too adorable
to miss! We loved the play so
much we sat thro it a second
round!!

Henry is acting chief today as
Mr B & Mr L. are both out of town. Hope he
gets home early anyhow - as its Saturday
we go to Auntie's for dinner tomorrow.
Loads of love from us all. Dec

Ans. June 4, 1936
ex.

2319 Tracy Pl.

May 25-36
Mon. Nite

Dear Honey,

After being 91° Sunday + 88°
Sat. - & both very muggy so that
outdoor dinner at Auntie's Sun.
was very uncomfortable - it changed
suddenly about noon today
- the air freshened & temperature
dropped & it's been delightful
ever since.

My but we do miss you all
terribly! When phone rings now
M. doesn't rush to answer it
as always before for it's not
"likely to be Grammy" as before!

Last nite to cool off we drove
to Hains Point & parked with the
rest of Washington, got out seat
on bench facing toward Bollingfield

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+ watched a terrific fire burning near there. From its duration and intensity & size we think it must have been a lumber yard. It was some sight & drew hundreds to the Point to watch too. We were there ^{over} a couple of hours & it was still going strong when we came home to bed. -

H. & I worked in attic 2 hrs in P. M. putting away woollens & aired & brushed but was out up to packing away alone & reeling boxes & trunks with dichloride inside. Thankful to get that done! But it was hot!! The house was 70° down on 1st floor with 91° outside, & 76° upstairs here. 3rd floor must have been 90° too tho!! I am

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for tonight when the A's come up to play again. They go north Thursday. They go south Saturday. They go west today too - nice. Tom
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how you -
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would how it lay?

mending & sorting as I go along & trying to
let out & down M's summer pants
which are 3 or more inches too short -
& am making up a box of outgrown
undershorts & shirts &c &c to send down
to Lucy when I've gone thro everything.

The family came up Sat. nite to learn
& play monopoly & enjoyed it so much
them included, they asked to come tomorrow
nite to play again. M. had a grand time
helping to teach them, Perry acted as
banker & I looked on! Then we had
some ice cream & cake & M said it was
a "real party". -

Tuesday - Been busy
mending &c & snoozing some this P.M. As
M H & I were kept awake last nite till after
2 by loud dance music & laughing noisy
party across the street - so loud we all
that it was next door across our garage way &
st. -

Hazel is afraid of "going so far away"
in Hongkitt so I feel considerably at sea as
& what to do if I can't get her to change her
mind! I've counted on her & giving her a
bloody summer there & not breaking the
continuity of her work for me. - Oh dear!
Must dress now & run out for some cookies

2319 Tracy

June 15, 30.

Dearest Honey, Hello!!

Well did I ever have
a grand surprise Satur-
day when a package
arrived from you —
that lovely useful orange
juicer!!! Henry says
it's one of very best kind
on the market & he's
plumb tickled to have
it come jes' fore he
is a lone-summer-
batch having to fix his
own oranges!! Weren't you
the dear person tho? I
think just heaps and
pecks! We'll hitch it up tonight.
What you doing on

this, your day? Wish we
could be there to celebrate
with you — & all go to a
movie maybe. I miss
my dear Mervyn so very
much & her grandson
misses his Grammy
heaps too & says so
frequently.

1919 looks very dark
& lonesome — seems OK
inside after 2 bad down-
pours. If it rains like
that again we'll run in
once more to make sure the
repairs were adequate as
they've proved to be so far.

Both awfully tired — it
falls asleep almost, if she's
not standing up — She did
in back of car yesterday —
& always if she lies down
a few minutes. I let

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her sleep a m's or later as
she wants & then she falls
down & gets her own
breakfast so's not to af-
fect Hazel in mid a m
work. -

No word from Louise yet
so have been on hunt here
tho I hate to risk taking
a new-to-me untried person
esp. colored one, so far -
lest I get "fooled" and
find I've a holy terror on
my hands or a shicker or
a snippy one - I am
so provoked at Hazel
for not going - It's so
hard to change at this
season & I want some
one I can trust esp. if
I've got to go off & have my

tensile out - & as I've
not had anything to do
with colored people for
years & years. I'm not
as good at signing them
up on short interviews
as you are & others
who're used to them.

All the good ones from
New Bed. (& there aren't
many there) are "signed
up" 1st of May - so I'd
be taking too big a risk
to go up there without
one from here - unless
Lorraine can come after all.

I've written her spec. delivery
twice & return address on
envelope - with green -
unless she isn't coming &
hasn't courage enough to
write & say so. I do want

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a nice peaceful summer too! —

Been nice & cool here on the whole — hot days in between cool spells, but comfy out here on the hill even when hot in shopping district.

Got all our silk over-draperies down & put away & summer tan linens on 2 sofas & chair covers on & 4 new ones made out of old linen, to put on Duncan Phyfe seats (wore more linen to make one for no 5 chair!) & old quilt on table instead of winter runners &c — so we look cool & summery. All wool packed away now of course, in d. chloride, after airing & brushing.

Finally got bottom of trunk unpacked & linens put in special fitted boxes with handles, so I can get at 'em better - & am getting stuff together a bit at a time, ready for Norway.

This A.M. I've had to write the 2 agents about the cottage to be rented, & to the caretaker to cut the lawn & open the blinds &c for prospective tenants & be able to see better &c. - It takes time - but H can't do it & would rather I did than his family.

After lunch B & I may run down to Lamburgh's to see dresser & find chiffon one for her. She's nothing of that sort -

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just suits + the flowered crepe
I sent her recently. - Try in
a m to get a early enough to
hunt suit for M - I've had to
take last few days "off" from
merrymaking round.

Oh - that bed is just
frank out on porch. Got a
rubberized fitted cover
for protection but use a
day-bed cover of cretonne
on it when we're out there
+ put rubber one over it at
nite ~ if it rains - + we
all lie down out there
any old time.

I've an Agatha Christie
I'll cut out of 6 numbers
of Sat Eve Post + mail to
you few in an envelope or
rolled up, when I can get

rat down to it. Like 'em?
We're reading good one of hers
aloud now - & H lies on fold
couch bed (yours) sometimes M
alongside him & B + I in big
steamer chair & a bridge lamp
alongside while B + I take turns
reading!

It's so lovely having Beth
home - but I wish she weren't
so tired - doesn't seem
right - & her period is
so upset - she starts for
day or so, then stops 5 or 6
& then has cramps & starts again.
Terribly dragging for her -
Must run now as
there's the lunch bell.

Thank heaps again
for my huge check & for the
grand Dazey(?) juicer!

Tom Love

— All

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
2319 TRACY PLACE
WASHINGTON
D. C.

June 15 - 36

Dear Daddy,
Glad you're getting over your
wretched bronchial cold & feeling
better so able to go for a ride. Just a
shame you caught those bugs &
had to go get laid up - abed. I
hope you're rested by now after
the packing up. Trip must be
& able to enjoy the beauties of
that lovely place there.

I've been tickled pink to
have your letters. Thank
you heap for the second check

which came as such a 'surprise'
tho a very nice one! I was mighty
dear of you - & muchly ap-
preciated.

1919 is O.K. - neither of
those deluges brot in any
water as far as we can
see with flashlights - all
looked fine after each
storm - sorry I neglected
to mention it sooner. -

I amful lonesome in that
house without our dear ones!

Both sleeps & sleeps now
shin here with us - & still
cant seem to get caught up yet.

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of the recliner in the canvas
porch chair MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
2319 TRACY PLACE
WASHINGTON
D. C. just thing
we know she's asleep - same
if she rests on couch to read
while & yesterday while we
were packed near the airport
waiting hopefully to see a
plane come in & there was
nothing much doing for
while, she fell asleep in
the back seat & had a little
cat nap. Then she's awake &
up & about lower, she's
restless & nervous & wanting
to be doing things as can be.
The summer's relaxing will do

her world of good. She doesn't look thin, or that she might after losing so much weight, but does look awfully tired & drawn, with heavy lines under her eyes.

She & M. go for a walk every day & are so happy being together again its lovely to see them.

Auntie & Uncle plan to get off next Mon., Betty & a friend along to drive leisurely across the country, stopping frequently for a couple days' trapping at various points. Auntie is & looks so much better she is

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enthusiastic over the trip & sure she
can stand it all right, pro-
vided they keep to the slower
schedule as planned. Two other
carloads ^{of people} are going along with
them, part way anyhow.

I hope you all have a
good time today celebrating
Mother's birthday. Wish we
could be there too!

The next anniversary
we want to celebrate with
you here, all together —
so you begin to commence
to start to plan to arrange

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT

2319 TRACY PLACE

WASHINGTON

D. C.

your work &c to be back
here before October 15th
next fall. That's too big
a celebration to overlook
& we're counting on
having you & mother
here in Washington before
then. So think it over &
please don't disappoint
us!

We hope to be off to Non-
quitt within couple weeks
tho I dread leaving Henry
alone so long. He's well - &
as usual busy - some days
being quite hectic.

But M sends lots of love too -
sick much from
Dorothy

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so -
lunch
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On juicer in
grand!!!
Just ordered
Alice Long -
worth a
"Crowded"
Hours
(reminders
of her life)
in 1.00
edition from
W + L - to
have in the
house. 2319 Tracy Pl.

June 19, 1936.
Fri. A.M.

Hear Honey
No special news today. Its
muggy & we need rain badly
but its held off these past
2 sticky wet days, the
papers said rain each
day. Cloudiness however
has kept temp. from
soaring. Breeze up here
on hill & quite comfy
in contrast to heat in
town (where I was all P.M.
yesterday!)

Went over to see Auntie

guteru^{am} and she had couple
books for B's birthday for me
to take up to M. I wanted to go
thro house to point out
"what goes to whom" in case
of calamity to her - so we
made a tour of the house.

Where on earth will you put all
the things that will go there!!!
She'll have to "build on"!!! -

Berk getting rested a little
- but her dear lil face is so
drawn it wrings my heart -
she's too young to look so -

Today she & M. have lunch
at Auntie's - nice of her to ask
them when they leave so soon +

Oh juicer in
grand!!!

Just ordered
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are so busy. ^{'Scuse mixed up pronouns:} Uncle blew up for me the mattress & pillow (in one) he'd gotten for Auntie to sleep on & then he demonstrated it - looks grand & comfy!

Having simple chicken (broiled) for supper tonight & Hazel's stand by, asparagus, Harvard beets (for color), & rolls & strawberry in cream. If it stays warm we'll have a pitcher of iced limeade & mint too. - Be nice & have a visit with Mary - next winter she must come in often. - Asking Dr Lodermill for Sunday dinner. -

Don't know when will get off - it all hinges on getting a girl. M. wants to be there sure by July 4th for 1st Lance parties. He's having fits over our delay.

Heidi work at office for Harry - so he's late home & so tired last few days he falls asleep in chair or porch in evening where we sit to cool off.

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The twins wrote a cousin in Worcester who came down to Mantle & then drove them up to Longville (103 miles) for 2 or 3 days to fix up their cottage for renting. H. had decided not to go to expense of opening it & turning water & elec. on unless it rents - so our hiner got rather crossed - but it's O.K. & will be more apt to rent if it looks ready to go in to. But there are more cottages this year that haven't rented than ever before & every owner is worried & uneasy. Folks still feel in

the depression up in New York.
& course the election uncertainty
is holding people back from
spending — not knowing
what's ahead. & An election
year always affects the
Zampatti renting. —

It will be serious indeed for
the estate if ours doesn't
rent. 6 B. is still empty
— hard to understand
why we've not had a
single nibble even. —

Must get M. in
to have his new white
suit fitted now so
big & to see how —

20 dear dad
o/k now?

Dee

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The towhee is here again - & at our door
every little while daily - too darling

for words
Eats ^{nothing} on
hand as
always!!

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday.
July 25-36

Daddy dear,

Your last letter from Auburn
me happily greeted at this end
of the line tho how you could
be so nonchalant about heat
over 100° amazed us!! I remember
Auburn well - 'twas hot even
when we were there over site on
our way west & again as we
drove thro with Henry on the
way east in September.

We can't seem to believe
this blessed coolness (after
100° & up in N. before we left!)

that we've had ever since we hit
Konguit. We sleep like logs
& under blankets too - yester-
day had most needed rains
- poured for hours, then sun
would come out for a brief spell
between deluges. Today every-
thing is fresh and clean and
the sun out again.

Henry was here for about
ten days - no, rather he was
away from W. that time &
here about 8 days - during
which he browned a bit, got in
many delightful beneficial
swims & sunbaths & altogether
felt fine when he went back to

The towhee is here again - & at our door
every little while daily - too darling
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liked his speech & personality
Love
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much of

the grind. Soon after he'd left W. "things
popped" as his division head expressed
it, but as he was out of it & yet could
(and did) reach them by 'phone daily they
& Mr Bennett too told him to stay away
now that he'd actually gotten away &
they'd keep him posted & ask advice
as by telephone. Nice arrangement!!
When he left Sunday we drove over to
Fall River with him where he took
the bus to Providence this sleeper.
Merriam & Beth look heaps
better already - M. especially. He
foolishly fell asleep on the beach in
his bathing suit soon after we came
& oh what a burn he got all over his
back & arms & calves! He hadn't
intended to stay out in the sun very
long but the sun felt so wonderful
& him (& Henry too) that he was
fast asleep in no time! The skin is
peeling now & the fair gone (we kept
him oiled & greased for a week!) &
he has a fine coat of tan down to
his waist. B & I freckle - on our noses
& me on my hands!! but later B. collects
a nice tan too.
Did you hear Gordon toter nite? We

Sept. 15, 1936 - Sat.

Norquitt, Mass.
Aug. 29, 1936.

Dear Daddy,

We hope you're feeling fine again after the set-back following your trip into hot country. It's amazing you don't all collapse in that sort of weather & I'm thankful you've a beautiful cool place like Lagunitas to which to return to rest.

I thank you for your good letters & the folder of Redwood Highway pictures

which we've all enjoyed seeing tho they aren't as impressive nor as wonderful as the living trees themselves. But some of our eastern neighbors here were thrilled to see them too & astounded at their relative size &c. - Henry has always regretted his haste in returning East in 1927 without accepting some share of the trip up the Redwood Highway

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of course now wisher I'd been
more insistent !! So do I!

Raining & blowing
from north east today so
is not enough for an open
fire. Waves quite high
(we usually have none)

& break up over the rocks
& spray their white
caps high in to the air
more as if we were on
the ocean than this
usually tranquil bay.

The rocks are slipping

by much too fast for
we're getting in to the
home stretch now with
only about three weeks
left before Merriam must
start back for school.
We'll send him down
by train from Providence
— an 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ hr. trip which
he'd enjoy by day in
air-conditioned coach.
With the new reduced fares
the trip would cost \$10
from P. to D.C. plus his
lunch on board. You

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just know he'd love going
alone all day & seeing
the country we've driven
over so often, from a
car window (that latter phrase
is in wrong place, so excuse it
but you get my meaning
I'm sure!)

Both & I plus the
domestic will start driving
back a few days after we
send Herriman off & try
our luck at the trip
all on our own.

When do you expect to
go to Arizona & do you
come east from there?

My its great knowing
we'll be near you and
mother again all year
+ not just at Xmas!!!

We're counting on all
being together & celebrate
that wonderful & rare
occasion — the 50th
wedding anniversary
Oct. 15th!!

B + M look
like different
kids now -

Heaps of love —
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Sept. 7, 1937

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Aug. 29, 1937.

Dear Dad,
I shall be glad - and relieved -
if and when I ever have any word
from or of my family at
Logansport! A month over,
without word can become
a long worrisome time.
Our week of rain seems
& be over today for a
brief respite before more
showers are due. We've been
thankful enough that it
has rained. Hard for a while
to rid the wells & the parched

countryside. Our front lawn
was an ankle-deep lake after
2 hours' deluge & the row
boat was filled & overflowing
during that same time. After
six weeks' drought the wet
seemed pretty fine.

Henny over the long distance
phone ^{this a.m.} said that their first
week of rain in D.C. had
broken the intense heat &
humidity with quite comfy
temperatures in the 70's. It
rained there all week too
and one storm did a lot
of damage over northeast
washing out small bridges &

~~Amed. Subst. 7/1/93~~

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join Ruth (enclosed) before long. Ruth (with five & happy & busy. - Much love - Dorothy.
with a real treasure. This summer - certainly and glad she wanted to come.

isolating certain spots in the middle
of water up over firemen's knees
when the latter came to the rescue.
Photos in the Star looked like those
of the river floods last winter!

Henry extra busy just now with
special work landed him & the
Chief & Lardemilk away again. He
feels he'll not be able to get away
again while wire up here.

Auntie invites him to dinner every
Sunday out on their porch. That he
enjoys very much. It gives him a
pleasant break in the monotony
of being alone.

Merriam & I may drive up to
Boston tomorrow if the day starts out
well & cool. He wants to see the new
bathroom & furnace at our lovely
muck-missed. 6 Berkeley Place - before
the tenants move in Sept 1st. Then he will
need a new suit to start in school when
we get home about the 20th of Sept. I
know my Boston stores for men's clothes
better than those in D.C. & if successful
there, will be able to stay up here till
the last day or two before school opens!

There'll be a snapshot of Merriam before
long I hope - it's still in the camera but will

ackd. - ~~over~~

Wenquitt, Mass.,

Sept. 13th, 1937.

Dear Daddy,

I thank you for writing me about mother. I have been very much worried all this summer as I knew she'd been suffering so long & much & then for a month had no word at all. We are very thankful she is in good hands & having measures taken now looking to ultimate recovery. I'm glad you found a fine doctor.

who sized up conditions
promptly and went to
work at once. You have
been a dear about writing
judgment bulletins sent
air mail since the doctor's
1st exam. of mother.

How she endured ^{all these months} the
agony of those chest
pains with one lung
compressed by the load
of purring fluid in the
pleural cavity ^{& the severe neuritis too} is amazing.

No wonder she's so weak
now that she never had
little vitality. I write that

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food is beginning to be enjoyed again. I guess her recovery in full will be a long slow process. We'll all have to make things as easy & comfy and free from nerve strain as we can this winter.

Edith has been much distressed over the news too & asks daily for further word of mother. We can count on her doing all she can for mother all next winter. — She's a fine little person & both in

character & a spirit superior
to most of the whites I've
had in my kitchen in the
past twenty - three years.
We have all become fond
of her this summer!

Merriam is earning
some extra cash by doing
the rug airing & sweeping
job next door that the
hired man was supposed
to do before we can close
up the rented cottage for
the winter. Fred's off on
another of his periodic
"drunks" - most aggravating

150 like Pat! - Clara!

but he's the only person we
 can get so we have to put
 up with it. When sober he's
 the best workman we know
 of - but drink gets him
 about twice every summer
 & we're left in the lurch
 then for a couple weeks:
 closing of blinds & bringing
 indoors of porch furniture
 & greasing of stove & sink etc
 can be done anytime later
 after we've gone - but
 may have to be locked up
 in closet etc before we go.

Am enclosing one of Berry -

man's apt cartoons, with article
which inspired it. clever man
Benjamin! — also couple
other articles for your brief
perusal.

We leave for D.C. next
Sunday or Monday. It's so
beautiful here now & the
weather so perfect we regret
the necessity of leaving at
this best month of the
year! But school calls
us home & Henry has
been along ~~long~~ long enough
& we want to be all settled

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while I can still have
Edith & get in a good
(I hope!) girl up at our
house before you all
return.

It's been a fine summer
here for the young fry.
They both look well.
Merriam is now one
inch under six feet
tall !! He's used his $15\frac{1}{2}$
years well. Beth has
grown $\frac{1}{2}$ in. this last 12
months but looks pretty

short alongside her long
stringbean brother. She
is $\frac{1}{2}$ in. shorter than I,
both in stocking-feet.

Keep well yourself
daddy dear & drop
us a line now & then.

Heaps of love from
us all three —

Dorothy

Cool in D.C. for a week now
H. says - not over 75° —

1938

Abbot, Dorothy (Merriam)

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2319 Tracy Place,
June 15, 1938.

Recd + ackd.
June 21, 1938

Dear Daddy,

Today the dearest mother
would have been 75 & I know
you are thinking of her too. For
years it surprised me every
time I'd count up mother's
"years" - for to me she's always
been the dear gay joyous,
vigorous mother of my
young manhood -
young herself at heart &
understanding & loving of
"young folks" and the very
best friend an adoring
loving daughter ever had.
How did you ever

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to happen to be such a lucky person
or to have found her, way
back there so many years ago?

Her life was devoted to her
family - to caring for you
1st of all, & to furthering
your work & seeing to it
that your richer cause 1st
& then to us two girls, giving
us a happy home background
to grow up in & sharing our
fun & our problems. She
was a dear lovable wonder-
ful person. - -

We're grateful to you for
her wire & to you for your
letter telling of your safe
arrival there in California

Recd. + ached.
June 21, 1958

Dear Mr
Tod
would
you a
years
time
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been
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"your
best
loving

just to show how pleased they are! Much love from us all — together,

+ bringing us news of the family, not to mention the very newest & cutest addition there to. I don't 'spose you liked her a bit, now did you? "X X!" (Tee hee!) B-U-T the man you here! he drove to 1919 & thro' Caroline St. stopping & look her over at every window & door & all seemed O.K. from the outside. This week-end when Henry is home before dark, we'll go inside for an inspection & leave ^{your} letter on the hall hat rack in case the police question our presence there. Henry will take a look-around every now & then all summer & make sure all remains O.K. at 1919 in your absence. —

We were thankful you missed the 3. in-one-week-heat-spells the week after you left - it was 93° twice & 95° once & very sticky & uncomfortable. Today is a lovely summer day - about 80° but dry & breezy.

We're getting the house dismantled for summer & will be ready to go to Longmont about the 29th of June when Henry hopes to take a week off to go too. B's school is over but M. still has a week more. The cats are fine & full of tricks & play & purr loudly when picked up

Recd

2319 TRACY PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON
D. C.

June 26 - 38
Sun. nite.

Dear Daddy,

We are thankful you are out
of this drenchingly wet heat &
like to think of you sleeping
cool and under blankets at
beautiful Lagunitas! That
is much nicer than June
nites here where even a sheet
seems too heavy even
with 2 electric fans going
all the time day & nite
& keep the air moving.

We are getting off next
Thursday morning for

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WASHINGTON
D. C.

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nites here where even a sheet
seems too heavy even
with 2 electric fans going
all the time day & nite
& keep the air moving.

We are getting off next
Thursday morning for

The cooling breeze of Nonquitt.
Henry will stay up there for
a short 10 day vacation
& business jaunt to Boston,
& will try to come up for the
Labor Day week-end too.
His Ohio trip scheduled for June 24
over this week-end is postponed
until Morrell of the Dept. of Agric
with whom he was to make the
trip, has recovered from the
injuries he sustained in a
car crash last week when he
& his wife went to the hospital.

Your letter came a couple
days ago telling of your trip
to the Athabaskan family &
your success with them there.

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that is good news. Also that
you had such a pleasant
trips up & back & met
Floddie & her mother Dillie
so surprisingly way up
in the Redwoods! What
a coincidence!!

But found a nice home
for 3 of our Kitties this week
& she & m. delivered them
there - reluctantly & be sure
they glad to have them wanted
in their new home, we are
keeping the white vested white
footed tiger one with the
preety face (Mickey by name) &

2319 TRACY PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON
D. C.

Impy, the frolicsome black
one that has only a spot of
white on his underside.
Our 2 miss their brothers &
sister - & wouldn't eat
their food for a couple days
& kept looking around for
the others. White Henry is
away the woman who has
the 3 will take care of these
2 for us too - for "board,"
they'll be happy together again
for a little while!

Supper time now so
must get on downstairs.

Send love from us
all, each one - including
the reduced menagerie!

Love & Zee & others
when you see
them.

As ever lovingly
Dorothy.

Called from Lagunitas, Calif.
July 4, 1938. - am.

TELEPHONE
MITCHELL 2-5100



NEWARK'S LARGEST
400 ROOMS 400 BATHS

THE HOTEL
DOUGLAS

HILL STREET OPPOSITE CITY HALL

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Friday July 1, 1938.

Dear Daddy,

This far on our way to
Houquitt where we'll be for
supper tonight. Had a
cool trip up thro beautiful
rolling hills of Pennsylvania
yesterday. Fine wide
highways clearly marked
make motoring a joy
these days.

Now we're about to
start on the Pulaski
Skyways to get over the
top of Newark + the rivers

AFFILIATED WITH - MOLLY PITCHER HOTEL, RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

& then thro the Holland
tunnel under the river
& lower New York where
we get on to the express
highway up over the city
traffic from the wharves
way up ^{to} Riverside Drive
& on out the new wide
parkway highways
from upper New York City
clear on thro to beyond
Bridgeport Connecticut,
straight arterials avoiding
cities &c. Wish you
were along & enjoy the
ride too.

Everybody fine tho tired
after rush of getting house
closed &c -

Henry turned his old faith-
ful Buick 1928 in Jan 1937
used one day before we left. We



TELEPHONE
MITCHELL 2-5100

THE HOTEL
DOUGLAS

HILL STREET OPPOSITE CITY HALL

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK'S LARGEST
400 ROOMS 400 BATHS

are relieved to have him have
a super new car — old
one was so noisy & wobbly
& tires too smooth, new one
has had about 12,000 miles
only on it so has plenty
of pep!

Starting on now —
Love from us all —
A warm lovingly,
Dorothy

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July 22, 1938

Box 7
Houquitt,
Mass.,
July 9-'38

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Daddy dear -
Just a line
or 2(?) to tell you
we're all fine
& happy to be up
here out of the
96° temp. The Star

reach Washington
had yesterday
after 2 previous
days of 90° + 91° .

We arrived on
the 1st after 2
cool days en
route - lovely
driving except I
delayed us several
hours the 2nd PM

Acc'd.
July 22, 1938

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we're
& hap
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 96° to

with stomachie from some-
thing n.g. - I was so tired
when we left that I guess
my digestive machinery
wasnt up to par. - But
a day abed here fixed me
up fine.

It was cold to us after
p.c. heat - + blankets
at nite seem surprising
even yet!

Henry returns to the grind
tomorrow nite but the rest
has helped him. Beech
hoped he'd be here on her
big 21st birthday the 16th but
he couldn't be away so much
longer just now. He plans to
return over Labor Day. He & I

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drove to Boston
Saturday for
Henry's personal
business affair
& out to Cambridge
to see Aunt May
& stay to supper
with her & four
other friends +
a gay reunion.
a yell at our

dear house & beautiful
gardens at
6 Berk. Place gave
us a pang of
longing & home-
sickness for
them — but we
rejoiced to see
that the tenants
are keeping the
place in good condition.
Aunt was seated

drove &
shirer
Henry's
business
& out
to see
& stay
with
other
a gay
a girl

Kindest regards to you.
She looks well. I hope
she'll come here for a
visit soon. —

Beth's friend Joan
Crocker comes soon for
2 weeks — nice child a
year older than Beth.

Everything beautifully
green here at Hongkong
& the bay quite as vigor-
ating to swim in as ever.
A pair of wrens are nesting
outside Merriam's window
& there are many towhees,
(not our pet one tho!) song sparrows
&c about.

Much love from us
all —
Dorothy

Box 7
Nouquitt,
Mass.
July 20 - '38.

Daddy dear,

Thanks for the all-
but-one - fine snap-
shots of you with
Auntie at 1919 & the
2 of you at Lag. on
the porch. We are
tickled to have them.
One out front at 1919
with Auntie is particularly
good of you - I like
it immensely. It's the

So much rain lately
that so it won't
supplementarily
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dry sailing out this

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of Zee & the baby &
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she sees him!

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tinkled with her birthday letter & check from you. It was a great day for her - reaching 21 & having a very close old friend here visiting us & help her celebrate.

We've had heavy fog or rain or strangely enough both, for 3 whole days & nights now & feel damp dead & our bones. Fortunately it's cool up here tho the 'Star' says it's been 90° & over all but one day 85° for over a week in Washington with especially high humidity adding to the discomfort. A thunder storm one afternoon cooled it off for a few hours ~~for~~^{the} evening, heavy mites still another 90° hit next a.m. We're lucky to be able to get away from such a climate during the summer.

Everything is green & beautiful here & our roses are still a glory & enjoyed by us all as a second treat of them following those in Washington. There are many towhees, robins, song sparrows

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Box 7,
Fouquitt, Mass.,
July 23, 1938.

Dear Daddy,

The enclosed clipping I have just cut out of the Washington Star of July 22, which came today. I don't know how recently you have seen Col. Pizer but I heard this winter that he has failed very fast and no longer knew his old friends. Elsie has been keeping house for him since Ruth died & the youngest daughter married & moved to Texas.

Today is the 6th consecutive day of rain here. It let up for a clear sunny afternoon but

more showers are predicted for tonight
& tomorrow. According to the
papers this wet spell has hit
the whole eastern coast from
The Carolinas to Maine (Washington
has had 2 weeks of intermittent
rain heat & intense humidity!)
Up around Boston the rains did
a lot of damage, filling cellars,
stalling cars & trucks, undermining
roadways & train tracks &
with property damage running
between 500,000 & a million dollars.
Crops have been hurt badly, potatoes
& corn & berries mold & rot as
they grow - we've had to watch
& examine every item of food
before fixing it for table use. Even

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freshly bought stuff has grown whiskers of mold overnight & been unfit to eat.

But the wells, lawns & flower beds have benefitted & the place looks lovely & fresh. -

If Z is up with you give her my love & make little Zee smile for me for luck. I surely would like to see that lovely baby! Why don't you let Z take some snapshots of you holding the baby & then send us some? We'd like that!

Beth's friend Joan left after a week's visit & we miss her & hope she can return for another in August.

Any more trips in prospect in the near future? And where to, next time?

Are you keeping your dear self well & taking good care of our dear Daddy & Granddaddy for his family?

It must be beautiful there in the redwoods & meadows. Any deer around where you can see them? Love from us all three -

No word from Henry about Dorothy.
any trips yet. He worked nites to catch up when he returned to W. from up here. -

Recd. Aug 8, 1938.

MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
NONQUITT
MASSACHUSETTS

Recd. Aug. 6, 1938

Aug. 3, 1938.

Daddy dear,
Your good letters of the 21st &
23rd deserved an acknowledgement
long before this.

We were delighted to know of
your very successful trip to
Mono Lake & Craters & wish we
might have been along. I'd like
to see that part of the country
again & go nearer the Craters
than I remember doing years
ago when we were at Farington's
Ranch. It hard to realize there's
snow anywhere south of the
Arctic these lovely summer
days! You must have enjoyed (?)

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the Sonora Pass because of snow
in July!

You amaze me with word that
Whites Hill is being cut down!!
Why? What are they doing with
all that earth? Filing up some
big cut somewhere? Those
western folk certainly are
energetic!!

Now maybe I've some news
for you. At present writing
Henry expects to leave Washington
with Mr. Bennett his chief on
Aug. 10 + go by train out to
inspect one of the Soil Conservation
CCC camps near Mt Rainier
after which Mr Bennett goes to
North Dakota + Henry to Spokane

Wed. Aug 8, 1938.

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+ Seattle + from there ^{Henry} hopes to make a
swing of project + camps down the
coast as far as Los Angeles, stopping
off when he reaches San Francisco to
see a certain very dear + beloved Dally
of ours out at Lagunitas for a
day's leave! Wouldn't the rest of us
like to be along too? "!!!". When he
gets to Seattle + knows about the
time he's likely to reach S. F. he'll
let the family know - You probably
or she's more apt to be available
than you if you should be off on a trip.
On his way east he wants to stop at
Region 8's headquarters in Albuquerque too
before returning to Washington. It
will give him a broad swing around
some of his districts + get him away
from his desk for a much needed change
+ absence from the grilling heat of
that city in the summer.

He wrote that his inspection of
1919 last Sunday for you, showed
everything there to be ship-shape. —

Uncle is due back today after his Arizona
trip. You wrote me of the meeting of the
Warr. Society at which you were honored
by the speaker and a rising tribute
by the audience. That was very nice indeed
+ it warms our hearts for other folks also to

appreciate our dear old Dad. I'm glad you didn't miss it! Nor Lee either. —

It was lovely that Zee could be up in bag, over a neck and with the baby & I hope she goes often. Baby Zee is now the same age little Carol of ours was when we took her ^{land Beth!} to visit you & mother one spring long ago & she too took such a shine to her Granddaddy that she liked to hold on to his finger tightly with her tiny fist whenever you held her or lay down beside her on the big bed up in our room. Do you remember what a sunny disposition she had & how she was

always smiling & giggling
when you came in to see her?
She would be nearly 20 years
old now had she lived. I've
always been so glad we had her
even the one dear short year
of her little life. She was such
a joy to every one of us.

Merriam does the family
driving now most of the time
& is making a good driver. He
has been taking me in to the
city often there just 2 weeks
for treatments for my ear which
have been hurting me & making
me quite deaf - a hang-over from
the serious streptococcus infection
of several years ago. I finally had to go
to an ear specialist & at last am
hearing again & the pain is going
so I'll be O.K. again soon. Much love from

Box 7

Tronquitt, Mass.

Aug. 5, 1938.

Hiaddy dear,

Its now Aug. 8th - because when I'd gotten thro the salutation a sudden attack of intestinal flu hit me all of a heap & the kids got me to bed quickly where I stayed two days weak & limp as a piece of wet macaroni, unable to eat or sit up until yesterday noon when I was all right again tho a bit light headed & weak. (Could due to the attack. There's been quite a lot of this thing hereabouts following the recent rains & floods which inundated farmers' fields & in some way polluted the vegetables & lettuce &

We'd been warned daily to peel off the outside leaves of cabbage & lettuce & wash thoroughly all berries, melons, vegetables &c - which of course I told Edith to be sure & do. - The rest weren't upset - but I happen always to be susceptible to that sort of "bug" - 2 in 012 now. -

Had to miss part of Beth's weekend spree when her friend Joan & her west Point graduate brother came over to attend the Houghton Pops Concert (amateur talent) Sat. nite to raise money for our local "association". The vanderwille fun was followed by dancing till 1:30 a m & refreshments back here at the cottage for a crowd of B's friends afterwards. I slept thro' it all!!! And joined the family

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+ guests for Sun. dinner.

I hope for news of Harry later today. Papers from DC say "heat & excessive humidity continue unabated with no promise of relief." It's dreadful to have it last so long, continuously hot & muggy. Here there's always a breeze & the nights are delightfully cool —

How very nice it was that you could spend several days recently at Z's! When are you going to send me some snapshots of Grandpa holding the new granddaughter? Hurry up!!

Our noisy neighbors left at last this morning, a truck carting off for them the metal chairs & tables, 3 bicycles, bath

touch, beach robes & umbrellas
with which they have strewn
the lawn + porches & railings
(à la tenement district!) even in a
they've been here (6 weeks) & now
peace reigns again + treatress.
A cleaner is clearing up inside
& getting the house back to normal
before the owner, our nice Miss
Crocker, returns for the balance of
the summer. Thank goodness!!!

All your well. Beth & Meriam have
acquired a good coat of tan &
Meriam's face is filling out a
bit showing its sharp lean angular
look. He still has plenty of room
for rib covering but finds it hard
to put on weight. Beth has entered
the annual tennis tournament & is
busy as a bee.

They both B + M called out "Be sure &
give Grandpa our love - lots of it" - So here
it is with plenty from Dorothy too. -

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MRS. HENRY DEHON ABBOT
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Aug. 10 - '38

Dear Daddy,
Henry leaves hot sticky
Washington today as
planned & expects to
reach San Francisco
(where he has 1/2 day's work
at the office of S.C.S. there)
on Aug. 19th - a Friday.
Soon as he gets in he'll
telephone Zee before going
either to Berkeley or Lagunitas.
So if you & Zee plan together

where he's to be over that week -
end Zee can tell him when
he calls her on the phone!

He can stay at Lag or Berkeley
(or both!) Fri. nite the 19th, all
day Sat. + all day Sunday
before going on to Los Angeles
on his work. — Those couple
days with you will give
him a much needed rest
& chance to relax. — He
has felt the heat and
humidity very much - it
has been "pretty nigh un-
bearable" he says - It lasted
all thro July + thus far into August.

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I'm thankful he can get off for a few weeks. I put the away from his office till Sept 3rd. — He's going via streamline train from Chicago to St. Paul & on the Northern Pacific I believe he said. He should get cooled off at last as the trains are air conditioned. Lagunitas coolness, esp. at night — will seem like a dream to him after the stifling mugginess he has to endure summer in Washington. — I certainly am happy he can get to Lagunitas again after all!!

We're having a gorgeous day here ourselves — strong wind from the northwest bringing cool breeze & brilliant blue sky & a zip in the air like autumn.

When H. reaches his Wash. state goal or when he gets to Spokane, he'll wire Zee verifying date he's due in San Francisco & she'll let you know so you all can make definite plans. I have written Zee too. — Barbara & love. Dorothy.

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Recd. Aug. 22, 1938
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Longmeadow, Mass.,
Aug. 16, 1938.

Dear Daddy,

It won't be long now
before Henry and you
will be together for a
few days out in your
beautiful redwoods!

It'll be a lovely rest
for him & a rare
experience this hot
summer to find a
place where it's cool
and refreshing!

The stickiness hangs
on & on here in the
East & extends up the

atlantic seaboard in to
Canada making everyone
exceedingly uncomfortable.
The weather reports tell
us that the unusual
condition is due to
warm moist tropical
marine air blown
gently up north to
us & that the usual
winds from cooler
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summers past. We had three
crisp gorgeous days last week with
a strong dry north west wind that
peppered us all up a lot.

Thanks for the interesting informa-
tion about the cutting down of
White's Hill as part of the highway
improvement plan.

Edith giggled over your message to
her not to let a cod fish bite off her
Big Toe. Swimming is a pretty
fine pasttime these muggy days.
It's fun going in for a dip by
moonlight too, at bedtime & a sure
cure for insomnia!

Merriam is boat racing daily this week
in the annual cup races. Takes a bag of
sandwiches off for a boat lunch everyday
& returns with a more & more sunburned
nose each P.M. Beth playing in the
tennis tournament going on all week &
sailing in between matches.

Much love from us all to you all
out so far away! - Dorothy.

Honquett, Mass.,
Aug. 23, 1938.

Daddy dear,

I long to hear about the week-end just over, when Henry was 'sposed to be with you there on your beautiful hillside. I know how much he must have enjoyed being with you and finally accomplishing his long-looked-forward-to visit!

We'll have a lot of interesting things to tell us that he's not had time to put in to his letters. Too bad Sally's plane took him away just the time Henry was there.

What a blessing he's missing the D.C. heat & excess humidity. The Star daily tells of 94° - 95° - 2 days of 96° + 96.4° respectively with no let

up till 2 cooler days last week-end when a N.W. breeze lowered the temp. into the 80's & 70's & gave them a breathing spell till Sunday when heat wave returned & no further relief is in sight yet. It's a fearful place to be in summer & I wonder that Auntie & Uncle stand it as they do. Auntie likes hot sun I know - but I should think she'd have had too much of it this summer! We're glad Uncle is getting better now. He should go a bit earlier now & not try to take the strenuous field trips he could stand easily when he was younger.

All goes well here. Merriam looks fine & brown but isn't covering his skinny ribs as much as we'd hoped he would nor has he the usual ravenous voracious appetite. Beek

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says she's got the appetite instead, much to her dismay as she doesn't need to gain any weight! With badminton, tennis & swimming every day she gets exercise enough to whip up a good appetite!

I am reading a fascinating story of a real adventure two young people had when they fulfilled a lifetime desire & plan for adventure by equipping a 16 ft. boat covered like a Kyalak & starting off from Santa Ana, Calif. on a 16,000 mile trip to Panama City via the ^{west} coast of Lower Calif. around the tip & up the eastern side part way & across the Gulf to west slopes of Mexico & thence down to the Canal. They side-tracked off to Cocos Isl. & had more breath taking & terrifying experiences than you

can shake a stick at. It's fast
easy reading — you all might
enjoy it aloud out there. It's
very interesting & exciting in
spots. Title is ^F Enchanted
Vagabonds by Doris Lamb,
a Harper's publication (1938.)

We have a good branch Public
Library at the nearby (3 miles N) ^W
village of Padanaram (where we also
do our marketing) & keep ourselves
stocked with good reading all
summer.

Just had a postal from Inez
Lowdermilk written aboard the
U.S. liner Manhattan in mid-ocean
en route abroad where Dr Lowdermilk
will study erosion in various
European countries during the next
8 or 9 months. We shall miss them.

Best love from us all 3,

Dorothy

Wongquitt, Mass.,
August 25, 1935.

Daddy dear,

What a lovely week-end Henry
has had with you - dear person -
welcoming him so heartily
to your lovely redwood home.
Wish we all could have been
along too & seen our dear
old Dad - granddad & the redwoods
& madrones & ferns &c. Henry

enjoyed the drive up Jansalfais
too on its improved roads
& grades, & the improvement
on Whites Hill. He said Lag
is the same beautiful
lovely place & he wished
we'd been there too!

It was dear of you to drive
him up via the two fine
bridges - sorry Sally had to
be away. That new baby &

Zee's seems to be a pretty fine
formation! Henry kinda
liked her too.

And now this morning
the mail brought me the
pictures of you and the
baby + some with Zee +
Sally too - that I have
wanted. Thank you very
very much for them!

Baby Zee looks very serene
+ contented in her Grand-
dad's lap + arms + as
unconcerned over having
her picture taken as
can be! Isn't she cute?
And such great big eyes
+ such a darling head!

Some of the snaps are very
good of you too + I am tickled

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bushed of love down dear Daddy
+ many many thanks for the most welcome surprise of you + the baby
To have them. (And my future over you have taken again!!)

We're enjoying these beautiful cool sunny bright days this week. Northwest winds here always give us brilliant blue skies, a white-capped blue bay + peppy fresh clear air that makes us all feel better. Merriam is so full of zip he is noisy + teasing + as full of pranks as a pup + keeps us all in gales of laughter. Nature or inheritance didn't skip him when it came to a sense of humor!! He's more fun than a barrel of monkeys when he gets going. And how he does love to tease his sister + her nice friend Joan + watch the "rize" he gets!! His delight is complete when he makes me bite too on some joke of his. We all hope the shin cut Douglas Hayes got, isn't giving him trouble but is healing well. Beth took a whack at her shin out there in 1927 while she was cutting down small trees with her Girl Scout hatchet! She remembers how mortified she felt when she cut herself + had to be bandaged! - a whole

Nouquitt, Mass.

Sept. 5, 1935.

Dear Daddy

Two weeks ago you had Henry out there over that weekend & now we have him back here safely & are all very happy because he is here for a short vacation. What a well-travelled person he is now after his lengthy tour with all its side trips by auto covering many extra hundreds of miles!

He looks well & tanned tho tired physically from the auto journeying on not-so-good roads & lack of sleep! He slept till after nine today & now is down for a swim with Beth & Merriam after

basking in the sun for a couple hours.

He says it feels like the arctic up here compared to where he's been in S.W. & D.C.!!

Fall weather has been with us for 10 days now & seems great. Need open fires evenings & a warm coat after run down. Pity to have to go home the 15th as it's so lovely here all thro September. Merriam's school reopens the 19th, & it's to his advantage & start in on time with his classes.

Then my house has to be cleaned, Beth's wall paper renewed in the corner where it's been wet from leaks & has mildewed, our kitchen repainted & put in order

windows washed & curtains
rehung. So its time we got it
all started & be all settled
before winter starts.

I want to get a really good
maid this winter too - if
such is to be found in
W. anywhere - a white
girl preferably, because
after having white help
for 20 years, the colored
in contrast seem very
slow, incompetent and
harsh - scarce & unreliable.
So I want to be "on the ground"
early when there's a better
chance of getting a good
one before they are all taken!
Uncle & Auntie are away

for a 2 weeks' vacation up in Penn-
sylvania with Fanny Merriam
Schleppy (?) again. Uncle was in
bad shape when he got home
from the southwest & looked
badly Henry said, but is
recovering & gaining
in strength & weight under
Auntie's ministrations.
We rejoice with Auntie that
her book on birds of Grand
Canyon country is in the
proof-reading stage.
What a big job that has
been for her & how
gratified she must be to
have accomplished it. While
she & Uncle are away the 100 + more
illustrations are being made.
The trip & cooler weather will
benefit both of them.

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We have all enjoyed the snapshots of you & baby Zee at Lagunitas. I sent them to Henry's sisters & look at as they'd been asking me if I had any snaps & let them see how the baby looked. They sent them back to me with a note on how adorable a baby she is. Henry tho't her a darling too.

Henry will have many interesting experiences to tell you of when you are back in Wash. again. He saw 2 Indian ceremonial dances, one the rare Snake Dance up on the

1000 ft. high mesa where
about 300 ^{Hopi} Indians live,
& tocher the combination intertribal
"show" put on by many
different western Indians
including Oklahoma tribes,
& given at night by the light
of 5 big bonfires. ^{at Gallup, N. Mex.} He
was much interested in
the elaborate headdresses,
costumes, face & body
painting &c. - Get him
to tell you in more detail
than I can. -

From Denver to Chicago
he took the Union Pacific's
"Streamliner" - a much better
steadier train & roared
than the Zephyr of the Burlington.
It hit Wash. on schedule.

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Sat. the 3rd, had the day at office
& took the Federal that nite to
Providence & New Bedford, where
Beth & M. met him yesterday
& bro't him out to breakfast
here. We're pretty happy to
see him again.

B. & M. are fine &
sent their love too
along with Henry's
& mine.

Dorothy

Your letter of Aug. 24 - my last from
you - came with a "missent to
St. Louis, Mo." stamping across
its face & a St Louis postmark

altho our correct address
was typewritten clearly
on the envelope!! I suppose
it was tossed in a wrong
bag somewhere en route!

Nonquitt, Mass,
Sept. 10, 1938.

Dear Daddy,

Henry has been here
this past week, to the
great joy of his entire
family. The weather
has been perfect every
minute - cold & clear
& decidedly fall-ish!!
Henry has most frozen
in contrast to D.C. &
New Mexico & Arizona &
has worn a sweater
constantly - even in bed!

We all feel better for the recent weeks of bracing coldness & regret having to return to hot dusty city next week on account of school.

Hurry came over from Providence last Sunday in the bus + sat behind a couple with heavy sneezy colds. Unfortunately he got their germs + took their cold - so has been fighting it all week + now seems to have gotten over it. But for

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2 or 3 days his head felt pretty miserable. If he hadn't been tired & let down he'd never have caught cold - 1st cold he's had in over 2 years!!

This fine clean cold air helped him throw it off soon.

It's always nicer here after the horde of noisy summer people have gone. We enjoy this time more than all the summer. - We are

painting a panel
under our mantel
shelf — and put 2nd
coat on just before
supper last night
to let it dry well over
night.

But it meant
we couldn't have our
usual open fire in
the evening & we finally
got so cold reading
wrapped up in sterner
rugs & coats that we
went to bed to get warm!!

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Today we stencil on the little ships & gulls in white on the panel & let them dry & we'll be done.

I always have to close up the other cottage next door which we rent when Mrs Abbot & the twins aren't here — get blankets aired & put away, curtains down & washed, clean paper on shelves &c, repairs made water turned off &c — It's

quite a job in addition
to our cottage too —

but B & M help a
lot now that they
are older. He went
over in to Henry's father's
estate & help pay
the taxes &c. —

Last week we drove
up to Cambridge to
see Henry's Aunt May
& to look at our house
&c. We took Edith along
for a spree to let her
see a huge big city (Boston)

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with its narrow canyons
of streets & big tall
buildings & endless
streams of people
& cars & buses.

She was thrilled &
positively goggle-eyed
over the size & rush
of the big place &
excited as could be!

The number & size of the
big department stores
(block after block of them)
& the huge 5 & 10 stores
into 2 of which she went to

get presents for her family,
amazed & excited her
almost beyond words,
as did her 1st ride in
a rushing subway
train from Cambridge
into Boston when Beth
took her in that way
while M + I drove the
car in & later met
them after I'd been to
my favorite Jordan
Marsh dept. store to get
some coffee cups & re-
place broken ones. Beth
said E's eyes "stuck out"

5/ all the way in the subway
& she had a broad grin
on from ear to ear!

Quite an experience for
her!! —

Well - I must get
to work now. It takes
time & get the cottage
put away for the winter.
We can't leave anything
out that might be
stolen or that field
mice could eat up!

Much love from
each of us 4 — Dorothy

we'll be back
at 2319 Tracy Pl.
by Sept 18th
School starts 19th =

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Norquitt, Mass.,
Sept. 13, 1935.

Dear Daddy,

It's been some time now
since I've heard from
you. Hope you're well.

We are stripping the
house now to put it away
for the winter & look very
bare & forlorn. Our trunks
are to be packed next. The
day of leaving here had to
be postponed because of
necessary repairs here
to chairs, porch & which
we have to be here to see
done & because I was
"done-up" I couldn't get things

attended to sooner. So we'll
be home next week.

Then our house there has
to have 2 rooms refapered,
one is Beth's where the wall
paper has mildewed due to
the leaks in the roof (at
least mended not to leak -
we hope!!), some painting
must be done & a new
closet lock-up made off the
Kitchen. Then when the
mess is over - we'll clean
up & get settled. I'm rather
dreading the upheaval &
getting all tired out again,
but thankful Edith wants to
glam & see me thro it - &
Then in October she has to take

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a few weeks "off" & rest & to find an apartment for herself & husband to live in, take their furniture out of storage, buy the few things they need to set up for themselves, & then get their own place settled before even thinking of starting to clean 1919 the end of October - to be ready for Jan upon your return thereafter, as on previous years.

Heretofore Edith & husband have lived in same house with her mother but this summer by mutual agreement they divided & the mother moved to a smaller place with her own children & Edith & Ben removed their

belongings to storage, planning
to have their own home just
the 2 of them this fall. So
Edith must have time to
get it settled before coming
back to 1919 & your house-
hold. —

That will give Zenaida
time too to get her own
household prepared for
the winter, warmer outfits
ready for Lee & Sally &
her own & baby's things
ready without too much
nervous-tiring strain.

It is usually pretty hot
& muggy & uncomfortable
in W. in October — which
would be trying for Zee
& the baby if they had to
come on before the real

3/ cool fall weather starts, the
end of October. We'd never
go back to the dusty old
city before then if we
didn't have to obey the
school schedule. As the
children grow older & the
school work harder & more
exacting, they can't be
kept out without too much
loss & too hard extra
work catching up, as we
could do when they were
first starting to school.

Word from one of Henry's
sisters (Elmer) brings us the
sorry news that his mother
has a cataract on one eye
which has made it practically
blind all summer. A doctor

(eye specialist) is treating it
& hoping to help her some.
She loves to read, so the
failing sight has been
a real sorrow to her, &
the twins too of course. -

They three have spent the
summer in the mountains
of North Carolina - not very
far from Asheville. -

Bed time for me now tho
it's not yet 8 PM - Beth
went next door for supper &
the evening & merriam has
taken his "gang" in the car
to town to the movies. He
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2319 Tracy Place,
Sept. 27, 1938.

Dear Daddy,
Mighty glad to have your letter just now & delighted to hear the vocabulary work is coming on so well and so impressively. You are lucky to have such a fine place to work as Lag. & Berkeley - the city seems so hot (85°) & sticky humid & dusty-dirty smelling after our beautiful clean Nonquitt that we wish we could have stayed up there all thro October! Instead we are in an awful mess here at 2319 on the first of several jobs still to be done. 1st & most important to get done before anything else could follow - was tearing up Beth's bathroom!! All tiles & walls and

2/ floor & taking out tub, bowl & hopper to replace all old lead disintegrated pipes which were leaking down into the pantry & causing its ceiling to fall in hunks. (Piper too bad to repair) done now. Instead of 2 or 3 days on each set of men doing their stint the 1st batch took ^{to lay new pipes} 5 days, then yesterday the tile men came to break out the rest of the tiles of walls & floor & dump their buckets of trash out in yard to be carted away later! This AM a ton of gravel, lime & sand dumped outside the garage to

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make the concrete for floor & wall in which to set the new tiles & put in the new shower bath which is to replace the tub. The plumbing & tiling won't be finished until next week & taking 2 weeks instead of one!) After that, plastering of open holes, torn wall & won't take very long. before we start stripping our greasy dirty awful kitchen & storing stuff in basement. A hood is coming from Texas (some time!) & to be installed over our stove to take cooking odors, vapors & smokes up thro' a chimney outlet outside. That job not promised before end of next week, alas. Then the painter paints kitchen walls & pantries & figures 2 coats will take him 4 days to complete. Before he starts a carpenter has to build in a storage cabinet in back pantry that I can use as a cold "lock-up" & prevent the daily taking home of food supplies by the colored help (I've been expatriated quite long enough there 3 years here by the daily drain of edibles that the darkies seem to think they can help themselves to!). Until all these jobs are finished we

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+ putting up of curtains etc. The
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all downstairs has to be "cleaned"
by the painter + the living + music
rooms wall papers cleaned also
with one of the new rubbery-like
materials available now. We
got a small can of it + we 4
tried it Sunday P.M. on the filthy
gray dirty panel in our dining
room + found it works to
improve the room - no streaks
etc - but absorb the dirt as
you wipe down the wallpaper.
Amazing stuff!

It will be weeks before we are
clean + settled you see! Beth's
+ my bedroom have to be done over

after all the downstairs big mess
is over - Beth's mildewed
smelly wallpaper in corner of
her room where the leaks
were so bad, isn't healthy for
her to live with, so that
corner (2 side wall) will be
cleaned off, scraped, water-
proofed & repapered. We
can't have fresh painting
done till the men making
the plaster dust mess are
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it had to be done this fall - it couldn't go thro another winter as it had gotten so bad that serious damage was being done to the house. We'd expected to do it last fall when we knew the pipes were bad & - but of course gave up all idea of it when we knew of mother's illness. - We'll be all fresh & nice when it's all done & we keep that in mind to boost our morale when the noise & dust & general chaos at times get us discouraged!!

Then we'll rest up, all of us, I hope. I don't know how much your papers out there carried of the frightful damage the hurricane did to all of Eastern New England last week. We are simply aghast at the wreckage done everywhere & places we know & all thro a big area. At Cambridge our big maple tree fell & crashed thro the back fence into a neighbor's yard, another was bent over by the terrific force of the wind so that it threatens the house now & has to be taken down. Aunt May lost several trees in her yard & poor Cambridge with its beautiful elms is a desolate sight she says.

We fared better at Norquitt, with only our back fence smashed down flat on top of our big ramblers rose bushes & a few

³ shingles off both cottages' roofs. But the damage to ~~roughly~~ itself will amount to over \$20,000 in repairs! One cottage on the marsh was smashed to kindling, another, ^{friend's} nearby was moved 20 ft from its foundation & badly damaged by wind and water as the tidal wave surged up the marsh (which became a big lake!) & flooded her 1st floor so that she & a friend had to swim out of a window in water over their heads in depth, to reach another cottage on higher ground. Our pier & all the bathing ^{houses} ~~beaches~~ on the beach, & boardwalks on 3 beaches were washed away & broken in & splinters as the waves broke

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a 1000 ft. inland ~~in~~ the low
spots. Waves broke up over
the cliff in to the jennifers
there & our post office from which
the postmistress was rescued just a
few minutes before, was hurled
up in to the woods behind it &
completely smashed. Our shore
road is still impassable to the
village where we market, $\frac{1}{2}$ its new
fine bridge is washed out, the lobster
quill on the water's edge now sits in the
middle of the street & a small yacht
was washed up in to the intersection
where the traffic lights are - a long
block from the water !!! Another friend's
1st floor is wet & messed up & her front
porch covered with sea weed. Trees & telegraph
poles down everywhere. And Nougnet
got only the edge of the storm. Providence
8 R. 9. Suffered the worst damage. Love Dee

2319 TRACY PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON
D. C.

Oct 1, 1935.

Dear Daddy,

Auntie called up to tell me of your successful Nevada trip just completed. Fine work!!

We are glad to have a sunny but cooler day today after warm days to 85° + rain. Tile men & fix bath wall & floor didn't come yesterday because of rain & did not show up today either. The delays are tedious separating when we've so much to be done still, & feel hurried to get it done.

Both had a frantic letter forwarded from Hongkint from a friend in Charleston S.C. who

of course had read of the hurricane
in New Eng. & was scared about
Beth's safety &c. (thinking us
up there thro it!) Well, her letter
crossed one of Beth's to the
Charleston friend, Beth being
now worried & anxious about
her Charleston friend following
the sudden & devastating
tornado which did \$2 million
damage there to the most
beautiful & historic part
of the city. We feel worried
about other friends there
too & the kindly cousin
who took Beth in so warmly
on B's visit south 2 years ago.

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Even Henry's ⁵return had been
unable to get word thro
Charleston from Sumnerville
as all wires were down & no
means of communication yet
open. —

The war scare in Europe
has kept us all tense
& glued to the radio for
days. The temporary (?)
let-up is a great relief
tho the editorial opinion
of the country, so far expressed,
seems to agree that peace
can by no means be considered

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a certainty, due to the lack
of confidence in Hitler's
promises &c &c. — But
it is a great thing to have
averted the ghastly war
even for a few years, &
we shall hope for longer.

Did I tell you that
Merriam was made a
lance corporal of his
cadet company this week?
Usually one is a junior
year student before that
happens but M's military
record is so high that the

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"powers that be" just had to recognize
it I guess.

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Out of a possible military rating
of 1,000 credits or points, M.
got 990 points credited to him
last year - the highest in
the entire school ^{corps} of 2500 students.
The next highest number of
credits was 870 & next
below that 750, the 2 latter
being received by boys in
upper classes above Merriam
and he beat them!!! He
is living up to his military
grand & great grand father's!!!

Henry the long looked for
carpenter come to see what
jobs we want done - so I
must stop for now.

Bunch of love,

Dee

P. S. Henry & Mr Bennett met yesterday in Sec'y agric.
office with head of Forest Service, WPA work &
& talk over & plan help in the serious tree
situation in New Eng. due to the harm done
to forests & there by the recent hurricane. The
preliminary estimate of damage done by fallen
trees is that nearly 10 times as much lumber
is now lying broken on the ground in hurricane
devastated New Eng. as is used in industry in the
whole U. S. in a year. And how to save it for use
& get it cut up, Rauled to sawmills is some job to
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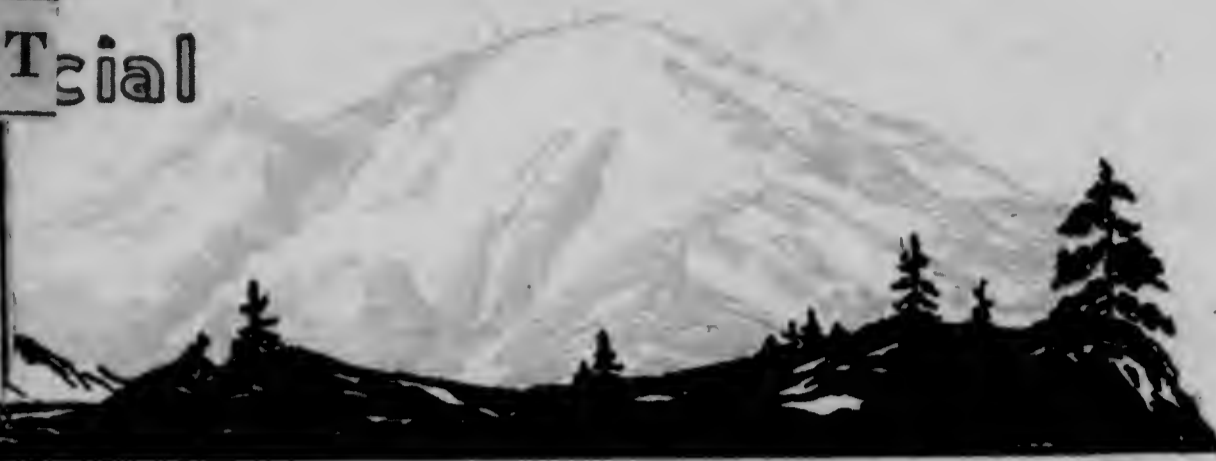
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sit in the shower stall to keep out
of the way. I was much amused
because they were so annoyed at
the situation — which, had each
set come ^{tandem as it} when 'posed to, wouldn't
have happened!!

We have pots & pans, cans of food,
mayonnaise, jams, spices & setting
around on the dining room floor
alongside pyrex dishes, strainers,
& boxes of soaps & groceries! It
surprising what a lot of stuff
one has when its out of its proper
place & cluttering up where it
doesn't belong!

He listened with pleasure

last night to Herbert Hoover's
fine address up in
Hartford, Conn. He has
learned to speak publicly
with the humor that we'd
always heard he had but
previously reserved for his
private life. He certainly did
sum up a convincing case
against this extravagant
futile New Deal.

Edith's mother is with us
now till we get settled & Edith
is fixing up her own flat &
getting in new furniture & fixings
for a home of her own hereafter.
She will be on deck at 1919 in time
to get breakfast for you & see Oct 31
or when ^{or if} you come after that —
Much love from us all — Dorothy

Englewood, New Jersey.

Thanksgiving.

Dearest Daddy,

You an' me 's' way
off from home, ain't we
and we'll just have to
console each other, won't we?

Mr. Chapman met me
when we landed in New
York twenty minutes late,
and now he ever spotted me
among the mobs coming
out & those waiting, I never
will see. They put on
another section at Spring-

field, and I fortunately got in
the first. And then the
trouble began: we got our
seats all night, Frances Long
and I, when the Capen School
girls came in & announced
~~that~~ that car had been
reserved for the school. We
knew they had one, so all
moved, & conductor said
we belonged on second section.
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to straighten out the mix-up, those Capen girls who didn't actually have compass & show, were sent into another cart we were given our own seats back. Even though there had nearly gotten on the wrong train, so had to get off at Hartford and wait till no. 2 came along. It was nice coming down for we were all nice or less done up & I was glad to get out of Englewood.

But first Mr. C. gave me a really live taste of New York much more! Mercy! I know I'm two inches flatter than when we started. Mr. C. is better but not himself yet by a long shot, Mrs. C. says. He has been gay as usual, however & we've had such fun.

Now I'm going to begin at the beginning & tell you all that's happened. When we got out of the house Tuesday about seven we had supper, & immediately left for

Englewood, New Jersey.

a lecture on South America
by a Mrs. Spear - the 2nd
lecture Mr. C. has ever been
to in Englewood! It was
very interesting & made me
feel quite "at home." After
it Mr. C. felt like doing
things so we sat up and
played triple Canfield [cards]
till twelve thirty. It certainly
was exciting.

Mr. C. let me sleep
as late as I wanted to next
morning, so I had my

breakfast in bed at eight &
slept till 10:30. My bed it
did feel good to be in a big
bed again & have everything
so quiet! When I got dressed
I served tid lunch on a
Xmas present for mother.

In the afternoon it began
to snow — had rained all
morning & right before —
& Mrs. C. went to a church
meeting. Ted Cole, one of
the boys I met here before
spent the PM here, & at
seven I went to a dinner
party of four men at his
house. At each of the

girls' places were a big bunch of violets
& at the boys, a carnation button-hole
bouquet. Mr. Coe, Jr. is lots of fun -
rather reminded me of a father of
mine, so we had heaps of fun.

Late in the afternoon Mrs. Kate
Riley Smith, Mr. Wm. Chapman &
Mr. Fiske arrived & stay over the
holiday.

After the dinner we all, in-
cluding Mr. & Mrs. Coe, went to a
subscription dance in town &
had just the best time ever.
I met again quite a number of
people whom I'd met here before,
& also several Smith girls who
live here & whom I'd seen around
college. They all certainly know
how to have a good time. Also
met a Yale man who is coming
up from Malby dance on the
8th. It was quarter to one when

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The music played "Sweet Home"
Coe was one of the patrons
one party had to wait till
all the goodnight had
been said. I had a key
so didn't wake any-
body as I stole up stairs
to bed.

a little six year old daughter
of Mr. C's nephew is staying
here this winter + as the
house is full of company
now, she came down +
slept with me last night.

I got up this morning for
eight o'clock breakfast which
wasn't till nine tho, and
got ready for re doing for
Mrs. C. said she wanted me
to sleep over.

Turned over Mr. Seton's
five new books afterwards,
& then Mrs. C. couldn't
wait any longer to play &
beat me at Canfield. So
we had several fine
games till Ted Coe came &
we was only just left.

Dinner will be ready
before long I reckon, &
then, oh you turkey!! 9

Mr. & Mrs. C.

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wish my daddy were here too. The folks all send their love, & Mr. Chapman says you'd better let me come down to N. Y. a couple days at the A. O. U. I can get off, you know!

Tomorrow if Mrs. C. hasn't made any definite plans, Ted & I are going out to lunch somewhere & from there to the train at 4.

Helen is staying at Cousin Hetta's now & mailed me a drum in for a while, but I don't believe I can make it. Mrs. C. had planned a party for me for tomorrow night but I'm sorry to say I've got to go back to college. I've had such a good time. Frank plays the Victor for me now & then. It's a great institution.

I like this house so much. It's not as large as the old one, but much cozier & more attractive. Just bushes of love to my daddy dearie,
Dorothy.

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August 10th 1914

My Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Here I am on
your side of the continent, and expect to reach
San Francisco on the evening of the 12th. I
around the Harbor &
shall have to go at once, to Sacramento &
one or two other spots, and return to San
Francisco on Saturday night boat from
Sacramento, arriving early Sunday morning.
I shall have Sunday to myself, and will
be sure to run out to Lagunitas if it is
convenient to you. I will telephone you from
San Francisco on the evening of the 12th if the train is

on time, if not will telephone you some time
on Thursday the 13th from somewhere, so that
I can learn just how to reach Lagunitas
on Sunday. I shall have to be back in
San Francisco on Monday morning, ^{the 17th} in time
to take a boat to Guadalupe River.

Excuse the incoherence of this note,
but I have been on the go ever since
the 5th on trains & sleepers, and today have
been on the jump at San Diego all day, &
have just arrived at this nice hotel.

My best regards to Mrs. Merriam &

Z —

Fredrick V. Abbott

P.S. If you drop a line to me, "Care Col
Thos H. Riles, U.S. Engineer Office, San Francisco
Cal" I shall be sure to get it promptly.

Address reply to
The District Engineer Officer,
Second District, Room 811, Army Building,
New York, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
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October 9, 1917.

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Dear Doctor:

Your telegraphic congratulations on my promotion was the very first received and it is very pleasant that it should be so. I certainly appreciate your noticing the promotion and congratulating me so quickly.

Henry, as you know, has applied for a commission in the Quartermaster Corps, but has not received any answer. I wish that they would act as quickly in his case as they did in mine, because mine was signed yesterday. I have delayed answering until I knew it was an absolute fact.

Most sincerely yours,

Frederic V. Allen
Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

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

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