NORTHERN HOTEL

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July 3 1923

Cicero + Mary Abrams birthdays

Dear People,

Please do not expect a long letter to night. I got up at ½ A.M. worked all day at the College then drove with Gus down here tonight. We left Bozeman at 5 P.M. stopped at Livingston for dinner and arrived here at 10 P.M. – drove 150 miles. That would be sixty miles further than Buffalo That was a pretty good days job in itself.

I am running quite a bootleg at Bozeman Marjorie

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and Chet Paisley who used to be at Kalispell lost their job because the work was put out. Chet is doing some temporary work at Bozeman, and they are shortly to have a baby. They looked to rent an expensive place with no job, so I took them in. They came last.

Somehow we all got put away for the night. It seemed nice to have a man in the house this morning. Chet got the fire built + the coffee going before we all got up. Then this noon "Marjie" had lunch all ready when we came home. The familyness of it all seemed

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very good.

Chet will take a room else where while Mayie is in the hospital, then she + the baby will come back to my house afterwards. It really is nice. I have so few family contacts—

I got your good letters to day. You neither said whether the dress or shirt fit. If they did I may be urge to do the trick again But if they did not. There is no use in wasting money. I do so hope they fit. With your many afternoon callers mother I thought it would be nice for you to have something

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new and different + I knew how hard it would be for you to get over town.

When I was purchasing I ran into Ruth + Fred Powers. I told Ruth that my family would be well clothed with a dress, a shirt + a tie. Ruth giggled & suggested that it might be well to get the trousers also

I had a nice letter from Helen Weidemann to day; she has been quite ill since last April. I am so sorry for her.

Well I am so sleepy, so forgive a tiny note. Lots of love

Harriette

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Jan. 3, 1933.
Bozeman, Mont.

Dear People,

Please forgive tardiness - If its not to late I'll wish you a very Happy New Year and truly, dears, I do hope that the year of 1934 has so many fine things in store for you. I have been particularly busy of late. Just before Christmas Jessie got a wire from Washington D.C. to tell her she had been appointed to a very fine position. I was so glad she had a chance to go for Jessie is about 25 and has never been away from home. But it was awful to try to select a new girl. I finally settled on a little French girl, Rachel Turcott. She is willing and a hard worker but certainly lacks imagination. But after a space I expect she will adjust herself however each night I have been so weary, I just tumble into bed without writing - But this morning I have given her a lot of things she can not go wrong on - so I can get a minute and write.

Mother dear, you do your self a rank injustice by making comparisons. You poetry and culinary art is so beyond my efforts I never hope to get there. I simply sent the canned things because I knew you had not been strong enough to do your accustomary quota. I hope they are good when you eat them.

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You did not mention the candy however, I wonder if it came through O.K. Sometimes candy can mess things up so terribly.

Its beginning to snow - about time - after the lovely snow for Christmas we had a chinook and it all left in a hurry.

I got a letter from Mr. Nash at the T.S. and he tells me that my dear Fiddie died last April. I can seem to get it out of my mind I did like Dan and it seems as if I might have done more to make his life brighter. Really I never could have done all he did for me. But some how its the Dan's of this world that go through with little thanks. Annabelle is still there and, I guess I told you, sent me a pillow for Xmas.

Not much has happened - I gave the girls in the Extension building a New years Eve party.

I had: a shrimp cocktail -
waffles - with chicken a la king
raw cranberry salad.
and coffee.

If you ever want a different salad you may like to try the raw cranberry.

grind 1 qt cranberries in food chopper
add 1 cup of crushed pineapple
" $\frac{1}{4}$ " almonds or other nut - (these can be omitted)

mix and add to a gelatine base that has cooled but not begun to solidify - I usually add a bit of sugar & pinch of salt to brighten it up. It makes a nice

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salad for either heavy meats or Hamburgers as with the waffles. I chilled mine in a square cake pan then cut the salad into squares + put on a lettuce leaf.

When I am not writing I think of so many interesting things I want to say. But forget them when actually writing.

I just got my birthday picture back from the picture framers, It is so lovely. They liked it some much new years eve - also the girls raved over my sampler and castor. How I do appreciate them. I doubt if my last letter expressed real appreciation, I was so sleepy, my eyes went shut while I wrote. But I do love them.

Here is a nice story. Mose brought in some eggs to the store. The grocer thought he'd have some fun so he said - "Were those eggs laid according to code"

"Yas sir yas sires - they is all N.R.A. aigs"

"N.R.A. eggs, how's that, Mose?"

"No Rotten Aigs"

That's a good one to close upon.

Lots of love

Your

Harriette

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Campus Beauty

Miss Edna Taylor, of Kinston, N. C., freshman at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., who recently won the distinction of being chosen as the most beautiful girl in the college. None other than Governor Gardner of North Carolina made the selection.

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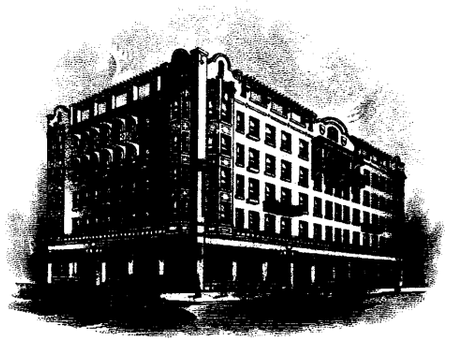

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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Sunday 1/22/33

Dear people,

Please forgive a short note I am just too tired to write a long letter - I have been state poultry showing all week. Its a hard grind - committee meetings - getting stuff ready for the legislature + helping in the show room to say nothing of the strenuous playing.

Last night was the Banquet + dance - It was way after midnight when we got through

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Park Hotel

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I saw across the enclosed clipping in one of the farm papers - thought maybe she was one of the family.

On Wednesday night I went out to have dinner with Beach Cushman who is the editor of the Treasure Belt News. His father was the one I met at Big Sandy when I just came into the state. Beach was quite a small lad then 10 years ago. Now he is graduated from college, got a good job, a wife

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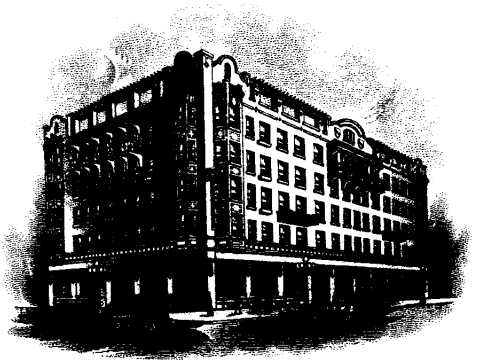

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As I said, dears, I am dreadfully weary so I wont write more this time

Lots of love

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Harriette.

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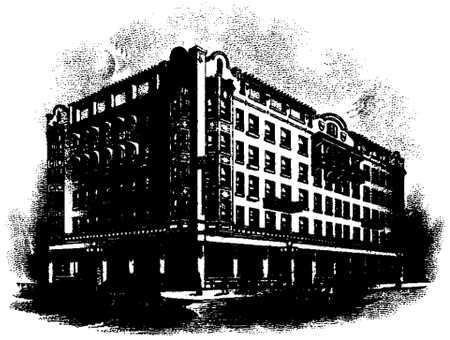

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and a 5 mo. old baby. Time ours flies. Edna, the wife, is a darling & was very nice to listen to all our ravings on the Cushmans. Perhaps it's a nice habit of wives of Cushmans.

Beach says he sure wishes that you could send out the Cushman genealogy so that we all might study over it. Perhaps some time you could loan it to us for a while - of course registering it

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Fort Benton, The Birthplace of Montana, Jan. 30 1933

Dear People,

I really thought I would get the Sunday letter written on Sunday but I was so tired I slept until noon, then I was invited out to the county agent's house for dinner & never got home until late.

I truly wish so many people didn't write me out all the while - I know they mean well by it & think I would be lonely by myself but I wouldn't be. There are so many things to read & I would so like to try

The Chouteau House
A Nice Place To Stop—In The Prettiest Small Town In The State

Fort Benton, The Birthplace of Montana, 19

State this afternoon but the people are rapidly going broke we can not afford to plant wheat any more. We certainly are in a most strange condition In some ways its stranger than anything ever known. Read a very good article in Harpers this month on technology and the old price system & how we are going to have to go on to a new system considering Energy instead of price. Its hard visualize a different State of affairs but some-thing will surely have to show up

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This is such a dismal letter but its so hard to think of anything logically after the staff meeting to day. If things go under I dont know just what I will do but I believe something will turn up.

Mother dear, do take care of yourself. I want to see the play when you get it done. If you want any typing done send it to me. My Jessie is an expert steno - and she will find time to work it in our things. Jessie is such a sweet lovely girl - But I am afraid she is going to get married soon. She has a very attentive boy friend - I sure hate to think of having to break in a new steno.

I am at the end of the page + out of news so good night dears. Lots of love your Henriette

Bozeman Mont
Feb. 5, 1933

Dear People,

Again another week. And today I got your letter mother dear, I sure did feel like saying "What next". Even though you warned me not to. And really what a mess of a time you are having. I wish a could be there to help you. I could put on poltices or what ever they are doing to get the poison out of the leg. I am glad you called doctor at once and I hope it does not turn out to be serious.

I just got my hair washed + am getting it dry. I guess it will be so before I go to bed. "Gwen" is typing + "Chet" is making a racket + Marjorie has decided to go to bed. The little man is very good. We never hear a sound out of him. I guess the modern baby that is fed properly

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is good - They eat & sleep & then do it all over again.

We have been having a real eastern blizzard to day - I mean an east wind & blizzard - when ever we have an east wind the Temperature drops.

Things begin to look serious. Director Taylor called us together in a staff meeting to day & told us that the Senate are trying to introduce a bill to abolish all Extension work. Of course he is going to try to move every possible agency to ~~ward~~ words off having it introduced for - if introduced with the crazy legislature we have, it is sure to pass - But still or no bill we expect a 33% cut on top of what we already have. Oh, I'll be so glad when things are settled even if it happens for the worst. Suspense is so awful.

If this sounds disjointed please forgive - "Chet" makes such crazy noises -

Some of the girls were at Lois Lotts last night and had oyster stew. It was the first time we have been together in a long time.

Vi does have a hard time to be sure but I do get so tired of her worries That is absolutely the only time she ever writes - And as far as I am able to observe most every one has worries & troubles. My worst one is my dumb book that "goes-out" everytime I am in the field - Now I am wearing a thing called a "Camp belt" & I believe its going to work.

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~~THE PALACE HOTEL~~
~~MISSOULA, MONTANA~~

Emonte Billings
2/5/33

Dearest People,

I was glad your letter came this morning mother before I had to start out.

We are got a great kick out of "Piggy Piggy" — Charles Potter said it ought to be put on a sticker + put on every pig sty in the land. But really truly mother it is so fat, Try it on Cappers Farmer or some other farm paper. Right now when everyone is hectically trying to do Corn + Hog program it sure fits.

The other little verse is lovely. I especial love the reflections in the pool. Your things are so much more lovely each year or perhaps I am growing enough to appreciate them.

~~THE PALACE HOTEL~~
~~MISSOULA, MONTANA~~

We are certainly having a queer winter at Bozeman. No snow yet. The mountains haven't a bit in them. Dr Welch + some of the men went way to the head of Middle Creek looking for a Boy Scout camp site. Ordinarily one has difficulty to get up there until after the middle or last of June.

If we don't get moisture soon I dread to think what Spring will be or where we will get moisture for the crops this summer.

I had an interesting though strenuous day yesterday. The girls, were going up on the Madison ridge but as yesterday was the only day I could work with him I went out to Harold Todd's + helped him mate up his breeding pens.

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THE PALACE HOTEL
MISSOULA, MONTANA

He has been doing some careful breeding work for over three years. Each hen's complete record is kept - not only her ancestry but her progeny record also. The same is known for each male so we had to work out the best mating possible for each bird. He is working toward a strain that will lay during cut-gro weather - lay a big - pure white egg and at least 200 of them per hen per year.

We went out at 1 P.M - and worked until 11:30 P.M; Consequently I am weary tonight. Opal came down while I was packing + told what a wonderful time the group had yesterday finding fossils + interesting rocks.

We are going through the tunnel - it is one of the longest on the system - it goes right through

THE PALACE HOTEL
MISSOULA, MONTANA

the top of the mountain between Livingston + Bozeman -

We girls went to see "Dinner at Eight." Taken from the play. It was well done. Billy Burke + Lionel Barrymore were especially good in it. John" was sort of a stick, I don't care for him as much. The talking picture certainly gives real actors much more of a chance to show talent than the silent drama -

We are getting down the hill to Livingston presently, so I will say good night and mail this on the train as I will have time while we stop.

Lots of love to you -

Harriette

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BOZEMAN, MONTANA

2/20/33.

Dear People,

I am sending you some pictures of my family - you may keep the one of the baby + I, but please return the other two as they are the only ones I have. "Chet" sure is the proud papa. It's a very poor picture of Marjorie - her irish personality is the interesting thing about her.

Will our chess game is progressing slowly but with much enjoyment.

I got the play mother + I am having Jessie type it. I like the first + last part especially - The middle seems to drag a bit to me but I know so little about plays. They are constructed so different from stories you can't jump over periods of time or take things for granted. Things have to be told. I know without you saying where

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BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Mr. Slip + Mr. Slide were peringinating. Susanne is very real. Your forte is young children, Mother: you have an unusally deep appreciation of the mind a the child + so many fail to grasp it at all.

I had a letter from Grace this morning + in it she enclosed a poem of hers. I will quote it:

Gulls.

Gulls fly over our town
In the surly light
Of the winter dawns
They circle, come wheeling down,
Broad wings a glimmer, bright eyes intent
On the food that waits on the dumps
That infest our town.

In the glad noontime blaze
They poise in the ringing air
Riding the march winds
Circling with steady wings
Over the roofs and foul throated towers

(over)

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Snowy and fair to be seen
Gulls flying over the town.

Always they call to me —
Ever their shining flight
Brings my rebellious heart
Dreams of the roaring night,
And the Atlantic surges
Wind ridden to their fall:
Blue crested chargers lathered with speed
foam white —

And gulls flying over it all.

I think see has a sense of words - don't you? As she says she has difficulty in finishing, the first is better than the end.

Also I had a letter from Helen Weideman on Saturday. Helen is confined to the house. She is unable to rise about the things in life that hurt. I wish she could see you, mother dear. It would give her heart I think to see you plugging away with the plays even though you can't get out.

Yesterday morning "Teddy" + Lois + Teddy's nephew David + I went for a walk. The snow was so lovely - drifted in folds + gently

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wind blows. I gathered my annual supply of quaking aspen kittens. The buds are handly formed. I put them in water in the warm house + when they reach the proper pussiness I take them out of water + arrange them. They make a very permanent Japanizesque looking piece.

It looks as if "Chet" is going to get a job with the Indian Service. I am so glad for (while he never said anything) you could see it was worrying him a lot.

The legislature is still quarreling. They are such a poor lot this year. So we still do not know what is what.

Well dears take care of yourselves

lots of love

Your

Harriette

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maybe I will have time to write more later.

W Browning

Well I slept until I got to Shelby - then it was to late to write - I have just come in from the night meeting. I had the most interesting time. I had a long talk with Mr. Sherburne + Mr Lund Horn. The Horns are both full bloods and real people. They told me all about sign language + so many things. The full bloods are lovely - I wish I had time to live among them before they are all gone.

It is late + I am tired so I wont write more

Love
Your
Harriette.

THE NATIONAL PARK LINE

Between
Great Falls & Browning
2/27/33

Dear People,

The train is swaying about a good deal but I will try to write. Well it seems sort of good to get out in field again. Yesterday I drove with Gus to Heber + then came up to the Falls on the 4 P.M. train. Before I started I went up to the office for something + found the three letters. I was glad I had found reason for going as I would not have had the

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letter before Wednesday otherwise.
My family had gone to Willow Cr. for over the week end but were intending to come back by 5 P.M. last night. Chet has a half way offer from the Indian Service, for his & Majories sake I hope it materializes
Mother, I let Myrtle Erren read your play as in her work she has also had the training of players, she thought it very good. Jessie is away on a few days vacation, but just as soon as she gets home she will take care of it.
Thursday evening Lois & Teddy & I went to call the Hartman's - Both Mr & Mrs Hartman are attorneys. He is not so young - must be in his 70's and she is about my age. Though quite crippled, Mr Hartman is delightful he was so much in the formative work of the state.
Oh I am so sleepy - I had to get up at 5:45 this morning - I think I will go and roll up for 2 weeks

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Dearest Mother,

The day I got home I got your sad troubled letter. I do wish I could be near so that I might help you. Never having had to go through bankruptcy I don't know much about it. But after all perhaps it will be for the best. Of course it is not the way we want to go but neither was falling markets, banks closed & everything else according to any equitable arrangement Perhaps if Dad gets out of the store & all its complications altogether he may do something with his photography that may amount to something. I saw across your 1932 Christmas card tonight. It is so beautiful. He has real talent. Perhaps he can do something with it. He might illustrate something. Oh, I am very vague & not much help. But as you say it's his problem & he will have to work it out. All I say is keep right on being firm, dear, you have to for the money I send must go for taxes & your necessities. It's too hard to earn to be spent otherwise. But I can depend upon you.

It seems as if they never will arrive at how and where the cuts will be made.

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Fredrick gets them set to music the world will love them too.

I think Pres. Roosevelts attitude is the finest we have had in years. He takes adversity and makes it work for him. Perhaps with him for a leader more of us will not be ashamed to shoulder burdens and carry on. Oh, how I would like to see a few of our country's leaders grow up a bit and practise a little thrift & unselfishness.

Well, I only meant to write you a very small private note but it grew.

Honest I do believe that there is no such thing as time or space. I am trying to be near you and help you. If there is anything I can get or do for you please do not hesitate to let me know. I think together we are going to pull out in fine shape.

Your sister

written about Mar. or Apl. 1933

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Grand Hotel
Havre, Mont.
3/6/33

Dear People,

As "Sandy" the Co agent said Sat. P.M., I am taking a moratorium in bed while the rest of the world takes it out in banks and so writes.

I was out at the Rocky Boy agency on Friday but was coming down with a cold so I came back with "Sandy" rather than stay so many miles away from a R.R. & took a good cleaning out + thought I'd be OK. Sat but I stayed in bed since - I was running a temp. + my chest was too tight for comfort so I have just will play square with his mental energy.

Our Legislature closed on Saturday - I never saw such a mad house + mixup. Mr. Brietenstein the manager of this Hotel was in the Senate from Hill Co - Mrs B. was just in a little while ago + sat and chatted for a while. Her husband was one of the few intelligent members of the Senate - But what could one or two do with a bunch of radicals? What ever commonsense moves were made, the dubs objected + stalled until with the closing of the session everything was left a mess - the books were not balanced nor all the appropriations made - I never followed a session as closely as this one - And I was never as

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stayed in. I expect to feel all fine tomorrow. But what with everything in a mess, I figure the best stunt is to take care of myself. I was so tired at Bozeman, I guess the first thing that sat on me formed very fertile soil.

The Banks all closing is nothing to the grief Montana feels at losing Walsh. The whole the came so suddenly. Just when he was married + to be in the cabinet. In a state as sparsely settled as we are - anything affecting a person in the state effects us all. He was greatly honored. In fact our most honored citizen. I notice by todays papers that there will be a special train going to Helena for the funeral.

Well. our new President at least is starting with a bang. Oh, if only the Captains of industry + political leader will follow. That was a brave stroke + a very sensible one - it seems to me, to close all the banks + prevent runs + failures. It will be so interesting to follow the mass - & hope the physical man

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disgusted. Since farmers debts
+ taxes do not have to be met
until Nov. even what warrants we
get will probably not be cashable
+ the greater University budget
was cut 30% - With the cut we
have already had our salaries.
wont be much - Thus the
last few days float on my back
have given me a lot of time to
think + wonder - One thing - I
think I can get along with but
any new clothes. It will be
harder to plan with no new
books in the spring - perhaps
I can write one instead - Surely
if our budgets are so cut we
wont have as much travel - That should

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mean more time at Bozeman + more time for myself.

"Chet's" Indian job materialized. I am so glad for it was hard for him to be without a job + have a wife + babe. But Marjorie has so much common sense that they will always get along no matter what comes up.

Out of the last 60 hours, I have slept better than 50. I thought that would last me for a long time but I find that this worthless has made me weary as you will forgive me if I quit.

Take care of yourselves + don't do anything rash.

Lots of love
from
Harriette.

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NORTHERN HOTEL

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BILLINGS, MONT.

Mar. 12, 1933

Dear People,

I am back in my old room at the Northern. It seems like home.

It's a nice bright day and I have just come in from making some farm visits. It was not so encouraging. One place the lady was sick a bed - we did not see her at all. The next place the man had cancer & his son was going on crutches & the last place their house had just burned. But I think our visits helped them. But being a bit of sunshine is wearing.

I did not finish this - Myrtle Eureu called just

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BILLINGS, MONT.

then and a long sequence of events started, darting from one thing to another which wound up with dinner - listening to the president over the national hook-up - Window shopping & going to a show with Louis Campbell.

Well isn't our President a master showman

~~at Bozeman~~ 3/15/33 Dears I did not get this finished Sunday - There were just too many things - And there here it is Wednesday - I feel especially

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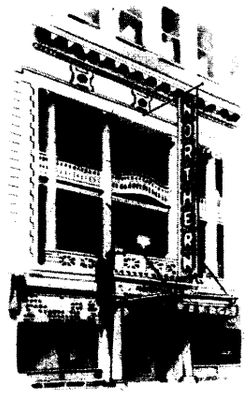

GEO. F. SHEA, MANAGER — A. M. OLSON, ASST. MGR.

NORTHERN HOTEL

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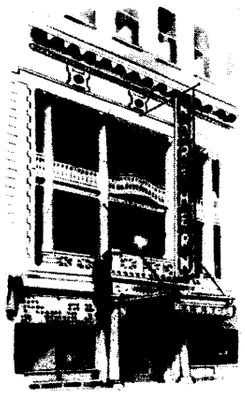
BILLINGS, MONT.

conscious stricken since I got your letter today mother telling of the tonsilitus - It is just too bad and sore throat is so uncomfortable. I do hope it has cleared up without going down into the lungs. I wish you could have me there to take care of you. But I guess I've got to stay on the job or I wont have one.

Did you ever see a time when things happen so rapidly. Now we have a new Governor and Erickson is Senator - The world at large may critize Mr. Erickson but



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I guess there was nothing else to do. There were about 5 men with a big group of lobbiests that were at the capitol, each fighting for the appointment. This has been going on since the appointment of Walsh for the cabinet. Finally they promised to withdraw is Erickson would act himself. I think if I had been Erickson - I would have picked a dark horse & let it go at that. From a back seat, it's easy to talk. So now we have Cooney - a dumb dumb bell - who does not even know parliamentary law.

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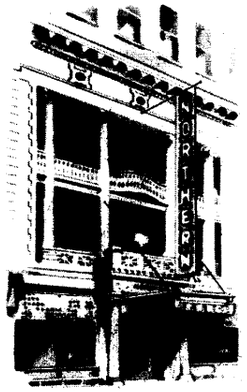

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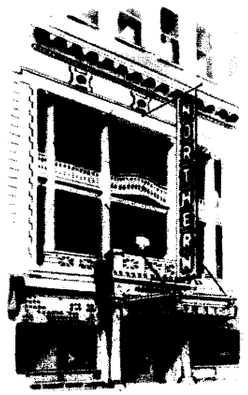
Sue Scrivner was in town tonight for people all live in Long Beach. She had a telephone message from them Sunday P.M. saying that they are O.K. It would be very uncomfortable having ones family in a mess like that.

Dad, you really would not know me - buying a paper each day and reading it from cover to cover.

Our Bozeman banks opened today. At times like this one is glad that the town has had failed bankers.



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I only had $3.00 when the banks closed, but I got along. It is certainly surprising to find what one can do when forced.

I am going out again tonight The train leaves 4:50 - that means get up at 3:50 - So I guess I'll get to bed now.

Two days are not long enough to even get my clothes in order, so I must try + get reorganized while I travel.

Well good night, dears. I do hope with the Spring in sight things will be better at 178 —

Love

Harriette.

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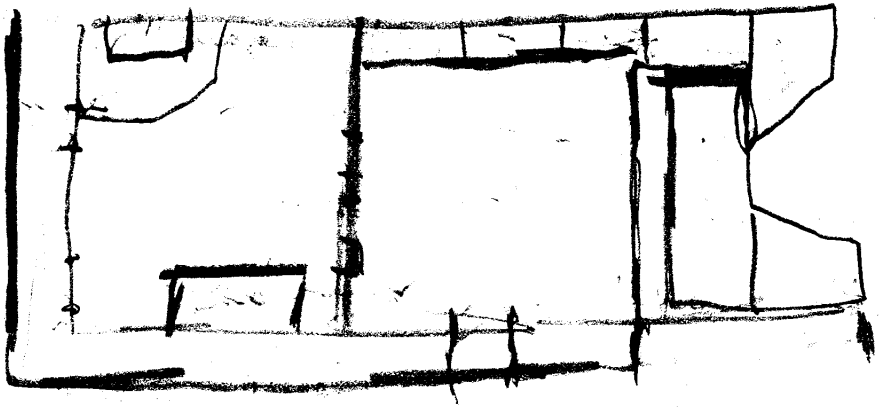

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[MATC. 16?, 1933]

Dear People

Here it is Tues. and the train's a rocking fearfully.

We had cold weather too - for a week it did not warm up to zero even - 30° to 35° below each night. But somehow we scattered through the office for the exhibits were not all entered for the midwinter fair yet & the program did not start until after noon. The agency is built much like the old army forts - around a quadrangle We had the afternoon meeting in the assembly hall - It was a stone structure although they had 2 stoves going in the hall, it had little effect on the outside condition - When the train played on their horns their breath condensed & dropped out the horns in study drops - Even the old squaws wrapped in their

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blankets looked uncomfortable. One of the men played a concertena solo. (he was one of the white employees.) When he started to play his little girl came up & stood by him & looked admiringly into his face. She must have been about 2 & dressed all in red. The solo over, she moved back into the audience & looked solemnly at a little Indian about her own age. Children meeting each other remind me of puppies They stand & stare at each other & tentatively touch each other with an inquisitive finger. You can almost imagine them wagging shaggy tails.

After my part of the program was over they told me that Mr. Centerwall the sup't from the Tongue River Reservation (the North Cheyennes) ~~Pat~~ been able to get through over the hill & would take us back. Us — being Mr. Campbell (the Supervisor of Indians of the N.W.) & myself — I went over to the office & put on an extra pair of woolen socks & got out my leather jacket. Then we started Campbell & I in the back seat & Centerwall & an Omaha Indian who was his chief clerk in the front seat. There were plenty of blankets so that we did not get

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too cold, but it was better, we had to keep a window open in order to keep the wind shield from frosting. The first 9 miles we had highway - the rest of the 52 was just trail. Mr. Campbell said it was a tragic trail. It was in a way. We were going back over the Custer trail. You see the Crow Agency is located just below the brow of the hill where the Custer Battle was fought. Thus the reason for saying the trail was tragic, for they pointed out. "Here Custer Camped" & "There Custer stopped" - "Here Bentine left." There Reno took is group". And ever & all the while Custer was marching his men to sudden death. We followed all the way up Reno Creek & over Reno hill.

Shortly after that we went through the gate of the fence separating the Crows from the Northern Cheyennes. The N. Cheyennes are about the poorest tribe in the U.S. They live in tents mostly, ~~with~~ even when in a log hovel they rarely have floors. Consequently there is much T.B. & with sick bodies they lack energy.

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Mr. Centerwall is a new Supt. & has high hopes to get conditions changed.

Not with standing the poverty & disease the Cheyennes are nice to work with & live on a picturesque reservation. We left the barren hills of the Crow Reservation & wound among scrubby pine clad hills. Like the ones in the pictures of "Sun & Saddle Leather" & very much the same type country described in "Sheep". Dusk came on. We passed a few squalid indian huts & with darkness we came to Lame Deer. Out side of the agency there are a couple of stores and a Post Office. Mr. Campbell & I ate at what was called the resturant. Like all small inland towns we had steak, fried potatoes muddy coffee and apple pie. The sameness of menu is appaling.

After supper Mr. Centerwall took us over to the administration bldg. There we found our rooms & Dick Millin. Do you all remember him? My twin. How our paths ~~cross~~ We worked in Idaho together. Then he was Live Stock Specialist for Montana State College. Then he went to Australia only to come back to Missoula, go into the insurance business, get married, & have 2 nice youngsters. Lately the

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insurance business like everything else has gone to pot + now he is in the Indian Forest Service. It seemed good to see Dick again.

After we all got settled about we went over to the Centerwalls to play bridge. Dick + I had rotten hands but we all had a grand time.

As we came across the parade ground (U.S. soldiers were once stationed at Lame Deer) we saw the Northern lights playing in the sky.

The next day was an interesting one. Mr. Centerwall took me through their hospital. Most of their patients were either O.B. or T.B. They kidded the doctor a very nice middle aged batchelor - Seems an Indian mother died + the father gave the baby to the Dr. when he told the Nick to take it home. He said "Oh no, I gave it to you for keeps."

But the most interesting part was the program. Out beyond the scattered Indian hovels was the Roundup grounds. Every Indian agency or even boarding or day school has its race track and rodeo shoots. There was an old log building near the grand stand. They had interlined the old building for an exhibit room. Cold though it was outside the wreck was

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was a lot warmer than brick building was at Crow Reservation. There were over 200 Indians assembled. And what a queer lot. Most of them were full bloods - not mixed up messes like you find on most reservation. Yet I ran into one object that made you feel the full force of the words "going native". He was a Minn. graduate - Had come out for some reason & was clerking in a store. His flapper wife deserted him & went back east. A divorce was accomplished & immediately he tied up to a stupid breed. He had degenerated - filthy with a scaffy looking head. He came & asked poultry questions. He was either trying to show off before the indians or trying to cover an inferiority complex.

They say that last summer his father drove through. He asked where Tommy Aikin lived. They pointed out the place but when the aristocratic old man saw the dump he just forgot to stop & drove on.

Near the stove about a half a dozen real old squaws with leatherlike faces squatted and smoked cigarettes.

Wednesday I should have made this shorter & mailed it in the Falls. Now its another day and still unfinished

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The reason I did not get a letter written on Sunday was that I ~~went~~ ran into Mrs Kelly [illegible] I wanted to visit a couple of poultry plants while in that neighborhood & did not know how to get there. So he said he'd take me if I'd go home & stay with them all night. So I did. The Kellys are very nice & I enjoy them, but she is the worlds worst at house keeping. The Cushman house is in perfect order compared with that house.

If I don't quit now I'll never get the letter mailed.

I liked your verse mother about the cottage etc. with the right music it will be very sweet.

It wont be long until Easter The time simply evaporates.

Best love
Your,
Harriette.

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THE POWER CITY IN THE GARDEN OF THE ROCKIES

DINING ROOM IN CONNECTION
BRING YOUR ROD AND REEL

SALISH HOTEL
ON FLATHEAD LAKE

OWNED AND OPERATED BY
L. W. SEIBEL

POLSON, MONT.

3/14/33

Dear People,

I have some things I want to finish this morning but I'll write the home letter first then I know it will be done.

I hope the family is better now.

While I did not get much done in a poultry way yesterday I did have an interesting time. The Hort. Specialist + I were both in the country together so I went up to the house while he was giving the pruning demo. The Robbins - are people that used to be in the hardware business, now

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they have moved down on the lake shore + are starting a cherry orchard They live just the way I would like to. Their home shows taste + refinement The ~~live~~ is a log house, but their books, pictures and furniture are all of best taste. On going into the house the first thing one notices is the grand piano. In talking mrs Robbins mentioned something about Europe. On questioning her, she said she studied music in Berlin under Leginska. She played some for me in the afternoon + played divinely- I wish I could be in contact with people like that oftener.

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I am always so happy here on Flathead lake, it is so much like our own Chautauqua.

The lake is still frozen over.

Both yesterday + today I have been awakened in the morning by coyotes howling, they have a lonesome sound.

Well, dears, this is short but I must get to other things- my bus leaves at noon + I have so many things to do before that time.

Lots of love
Your,
Harriette.

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Bozeman Mont
Mar. 26, 1933

Dear People,

It has been sort of a dreary week. Monday I was at Hot Springs Mr. Anderson the Live Stock Specialist was with us + we were visiting club calves. During the morning I began to ache all over and by noon I felt right down sick, but as we were miles from the hotel I decided it was as easy to keep going as to stop. As soon as we got back to the hotel I went right to bed. The next morning I felt a lot better but my back felt unhinged so I had Mr. Armeling bring be back to the RR. at Plains + took the train for Bozeman. I wired the Waltons + they had the house nice + warm. While I had no fever + the flu apparently had gone I decided to play safe + have stayed in ever since. I think I'll go up to the office at least a while tomorrow. Thank goodness

worth while in fact that I feel I am going to have to own it. If I do I will send it to you all to read.

It's been exceedingly quiet here. Mr. Walton comes in + fixes my fire. Other than that I have seen no one. I did not wish to expend the energy to talk so no one knows that I am home.

Worst luck just when I was forming the paper reading habit I have not seen one for a week The funny part I have not missed it. I could easily go to the head of the Amazon + let life go by.

Well, dears. I am going to say good night + good luck.

Lovingly

Harriette

P.S. I liked your poem so much, [illegible]

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I have no urgent field work so I will try & take it easy awhile. I guess I was too energetic after my dose at Havre. But really I thought I was O.K. I was in no way trying to act smart.

While shut in I have read a very interesting book called "Head Hunters of the Amazon" by Up de Graff. It certainly is most entertainingly told. The author go do to Ecuador tries out several job gets disgusted & comes over the Andes intending to get down the Amazon and sail to New York at once. He meets up with different ventures, goes rubber hunting - hunting for the gold of the Incas and even off on a cattle buying venture and never shows up in New York until 7 years later. It is entertaining told. When he arrives on the fringe of civilization once - in the year of 1899 he see a lot of war pictures in quack doctors house and on asking he finds that the Spanish American War had been declared fought & ended while he had been up the tributaries of the Amazon hunting rubber.

I am also still reading "Every Mans Genius" by Mary Austin. Its a very worth while book that Ina Scrivner has loaned me. It is so

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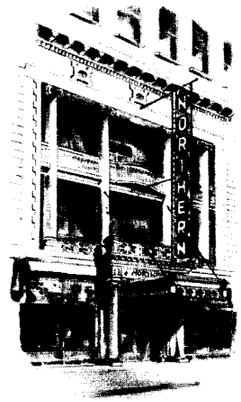
Bozeman, April 2, 1933

Dear People,

Well, this has been quite a normal Sunday spent in the approved way of folks that work all week. Mending, scrubbing, washing and cooking. It takes so much time just taking care of myself. This was the first day since coming "in" that I have felt like doing anything. My home certainly needed attention.

Lois, Mark, Mark's wife + I went to see Miss Bogart and Mrs. Place the other night. Miss Bogart is certainly failing - I hate to see it for she is such a dear. She can hardly hear and Mrs Place can hardly see yet



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they keep abreast of the times. They are in their 80's yet their out look on life is more like a person between 30 + 40. They are all excited about going to have beer. They promise to get a case and stage a real party.

Nora Holbrook our Home Management Specialist married last week to a Mr. Chalkley. Nora will stay on until September. Nora must be nearer 50 than 40 - There may be hopes for me but I doubt it.

Although we had two snow storms last week, Spring is certainly here. My tulips are beginning to peep

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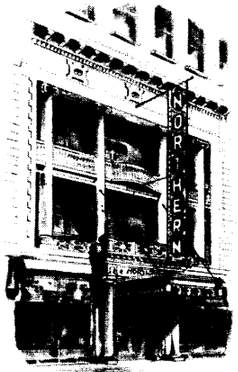

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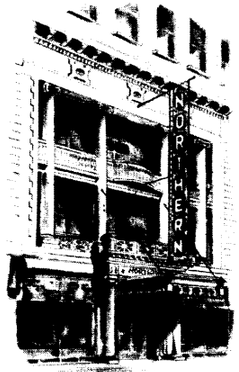
above the ground and the robins + blue birds are all here. It is this time of the year one begins to appreciate being north. It is light before six in the morning now and the last glow does not leave the sky until after 7:30. After night sets in at 4:30 during the winter it is a blessed thing to see the long days come - they fairly pop at you. Bozeman has about the same latitude of Ottawa, Canada.

I had a nice letter from Marjorie Paisley this week. They are comfortably located on their Indian Reservation - from what she says things are very primative



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have to carry water, burn gasoline lamps and have coal stoves. But they are ones to make the best of everything - Besides they are young.

Also had a letter from Grace this week. They are getting on fine. Grace is so much happier with her Jack than she ever was in Buffalo.

You asked if I wanted to try to make over the two dresses. I forgot to answer you mother. If you are very sure you do not need them I will be glad to try. I am not getting any new clothes for two reasons. One I can afford any + also I can't find any that fit. I am making up the blue

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poka dot you sent me last year-
I think its going to be pretty.

The other day Mr Walton went fishing up the yellowstone & caught a lot of white fish. He took them to the butcher shop & had them smoked. They turned out fine. He brought me a couple and I had one for dinner tonight. Very much like kippered salmon. He says he is going to take the women folks & me white-fishing soon. If we have luck & I can get some smoked fish send you one.

Well dears its 10 P.M. I've been going to bed early of late so I'll say good night- lots of love

Your
Harriette.

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I had such a nice dream about you the other night Dad, seems we were climbing up a mountain together, the scenery was lovely + we were having such a lot of fun

My ears are popping we are about to the tunnel - while the elevation is on about 6,600 after I have been at Billings at about 3,000 I notice the difference in ~~altitude~~ in my ear drums.

We had rain most all

NORTHERN PACIFIC YELLOWSTONE PARK LINE

The New North Coast Limited

Burlington Route

5/15/33 Enroute Bozeman

Dear People,

Since I have a few minutes before getting into Bozeman, I'll at least have time to say hello.

Yesterday was Mother's day - as I left the hotel + went up the street the flower shop door's stood open + people, mostly traveling men, were gathered about the counter. For 15¢ the girl pinned on the proper colored

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convention - So I joined the group.
And as they put a lovely big red
one on me I prayed that next year
I could still be wearing a nice big
red one. I felt sorry for those
I met with white ones on and wondered
how many years they had been
wearing white ones.

I did not write yesterday as
we had to break up the egg show.
It was quite a job - Then after
that I had to write an article
for the Rocky Mt. Bulletin + still
after that go over the rest of the
Egg Schools coming up, with Mrs.
Thrailkill. So it was nearly
midnight + I had to get up at 5 A.M.
But the porter pulled out the
seat for me + gave me a pillow so
I put my coat over me + slept from
Billings to Livingston, about 3 hrs.
So I feel as bright as a daisy now

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on the ace club. But the ace club could not jump the 3 diamond & sit on the 4 club - It must be next or jump 2 -

Now we are only a few minutes out of Bozeman so I will quit. Next Sunday I Expect to be in Bozeman then the next I'll be enroute Chouteau.

Lots of love
your
Harriette

NORTHERN PACIFIC YELLOWSTONE PARK LINE
The New North Coast Limited
Burlington Route

week during the egg school and show but yesterday it turned out beautiful. Those that drove into Billings during the week said there were heavy snows in Butte & Bozeman. They said last Wed or Thursday it was so cold on top of the mt out-side of Butte that a number of cars froze their radiators & had to be hauled in the next morning.

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Yesterday Frances Folger of the Rocky Mt. Bulletin & I were having fun spinning an idea of an adolescent movie magazine. We all but got the type set. At that I don't think it such a dumb idea.

During the week I learned a new solitaire I don't know where I can describe it or not. It's nice to play but hard to get. You play the card one at a time and cover suit or cards of the same denomination that are lying adjecent or can be reached skipping two. That means you have 4 combinations. The idea is to finish with all the cards in one pile. Perhaps you already know it, mother.

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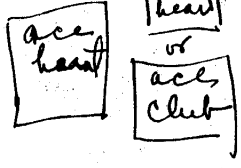

would either on be placed on the heart.

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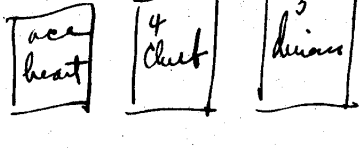
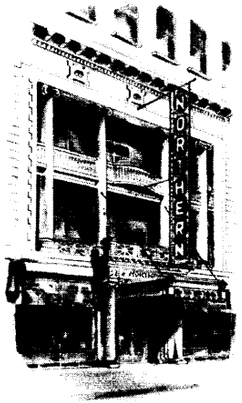


jump over the two cards & place on the ace hearts. If it was the ace club when you have placed it on the ace heart then 4 club lies adjecent & it is piled



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~~BILLINGS,~~ MONT.

Bozeman,

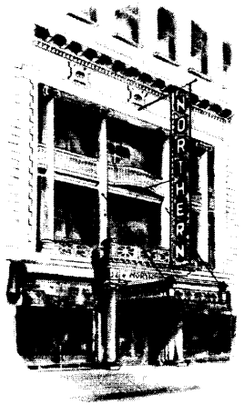
5/23/33

Dear People,

It is not nice to so procrastinate but I have been so busy, Egg Schools - rewriting bulletins and everything.

Tomorrow I start off on more Egg Schools. One thing the people seem to appreciate them and really come out & learn.

Some of us went to see Cavalcade to night - It a moving picture of the English play. Very well done. About the best acting I have seen in a very long while. If only the younger generation



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would realize the true meaning of war and turn it thumbs down. But they won't - It is the Cavalcade of the 20th Century. The scene opens with the New Year of 1900 and the English in the Boer War & carries on to date New Year 1933. The leading lady was especially good. Her toast on the last new year when she & her husband are older and alone was very lovely. She hope for a greater world with dignity and peace - If only we could have such a world.

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Here it is next to the last week in May & we still do not know what is going to happen to us after July 1st. Mr. Taylor tells us to make no plans. Really it makes one feel jumpy. But something is sure to turn out right.

Sunday was a lovely day & so warm. I could hang my washing out on the line and get it aired and aired. I believe having a back yard is one of my chiefest joys in having a house. To never have a yard

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was not nice - even if my back yard is about the size of a pocket handkerchief.

I must pack & take a bath, so you will forgive me if I call this a day.

Lots of love,

Your

Harriette.

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IN

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STATE OF MONTANA

MONTANA STATE COLLEGE,
AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COOPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
POULTRY
BOZEMAN. MONTANA

5/29/33.

Dear People,

To morrow is Decoration Day but I have to spend it traveling. Not so good. Some day I am going to take two or three days off and just play.

We have two more grading Schools on our charts. They are hard work but very satisfying.

There have been two good days in a row. That's unusual + very acceptable. To night looking over at the mountains all the pine trees stand out individually. They are beautiful.

I had hoped to find a home letter on my return to the office this morning I hope I get one when I get to Havre.

well dears I have to pack up, so forgive me, if this is short

Lots of love
Your Harriette.

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Havre, Montana,
June 3, 1933.

Dear Dad,

Will you please forgive a type written birthday letter. We have been having such a series of egg grading schools that I do not seem to have a minute to my self that I can use for writing. Its just a shame to write this way, but you see I am down in the county agents office waiting for a meeting to begin and I can at least write on a type writer.

I will be very glad when things get straightened about and we can do work like we used to. The farmers that are willing to go ahead and could be benifited are so far overshadowed by those who are begging for loans that really the extension work has assummed a very different face. Right next to me there is a man making an application for a summer fallow loan. He has been receiving loans for the three years, has not paid back a cent, owes for machinery and oh, dear it seems so hopeless. I suppose that its all the same as having them on the Red Cross or some other chairitable organization. It makes one wonder what will be the out come of it all.

As usual we have omitted spring in Montana. It was late winter until Decoration Day, then it turn off hot summer weather. Of course during the winter extension the trees began to come out so that now the county has all the apprearance of summer.

Now how does it seem to having another birthday? Let's see, you ought to be about 66 this time are you not? Or did I put you a year a head of your self?

The confusion in the office is really so great that I am not making very much head way. I think I will have to try to get the letter written at noon.

I got a notice yesterday from Paul Camp that we are having our 25 high school reunion. I wish I could be there. He said that they are going in for peg top trousers and the girls will blossom out in rats and 1908 gowns. The this-year-graduates will surely think that we are all one foot in the grave, while we do not feel any older at least not very much older, except some times when I get up in the morning. Like the other morning. We had worked in Choteau all day and at six o-clock we started out and drove 200 miles and got in here about eleven. Since we stopped in Shelby for a bite, it made our driving time about 48 miles an hour. The next morning, until I got a shower bath I did feel as if I was about 100.

Have you been doing anything with your photography of late? Really you do such lovely things that it seems a shame that you can't cash in on some of it and become famous.

When I get to a place where it quieter I may be able to get a few more lines added. But for right now I will say good bye.

I truly do hope that you are having a real day today and that you are going to have a lot of that kind this year.

Since there are so few things to choose from in Havre and I don't know what will be most acceptable for the celebration of today, anyway, I am sending you a check, then you can spend on what ever you want.

Best love,

Yours Harriette

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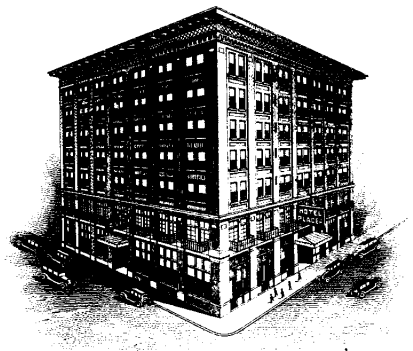

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HELENA, MONT.

Enroute Bozeman -
6/12/33

Dear People,

Well two more egg schools are over. They sure are hard work but very gratifying. We trained about 80 in Helena and about 100 in Great Falls.

Mr. Thrailkill the Dairy Commissioner with whom I am working in the schools went to the Falls so I rode up with him in his car. The trip was lovely - We went over the new route. From Craig to the Falls it is finished. Such a lovely route with the Canyon rising at the right & the Missouri River curving at the left.

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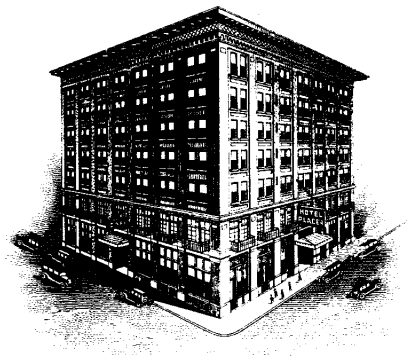

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Thursday before we left Helena I had a conference with the new Governor, Gov. Cooney. He is a clear cut man not handly average tall & look shorter sitting in the very high backed Governor's chair. He was very approachable he had me sit down beside him & we chatted in the course of the conversation I found that he originally came from New York State which gave us a bond of common interest. He is very quick in his decisions & not slow moving as Governor Erickson -

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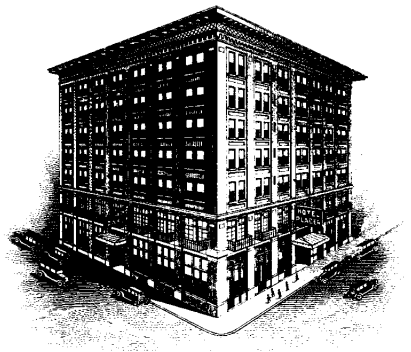

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When Mr. Thailkill + I came back from Gt Falls last night we stopped at Betty Greenfield's intending to stay a minute + then come on. Betty invited us to stay for dinner + then I make the 6 P.M. Train, + the things did not move along swiftly enough, the train was due before we sat down to eat, so I stayed all night in Helena.

The 4-H Club annual convention starts in Bozeman tonight. Ill have charge of the swimming again as per usual.

After we came in last night I was too tired to write or read so

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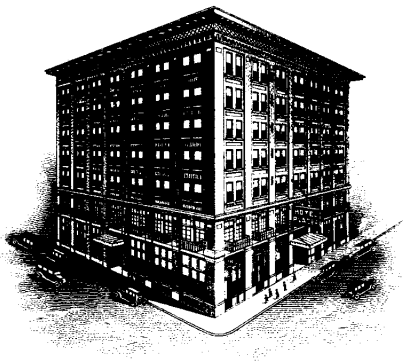

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I went to a moving picture show. It was very dumb. One wonders how they get that way.

Just passed a small building having the sign on it "TEX. K.T." Have you ever noticed the sign on any Jamestown bldg. near the R.R. I never noticed until a month or two ago I was riding the train with Shannon the Special agent for the N.P. He pointed it out - Since then I've seen them every where. Seems that Tex-King of Tramps was so dubbed at the hobo convention in Calif. the man - that could get the biggest auto

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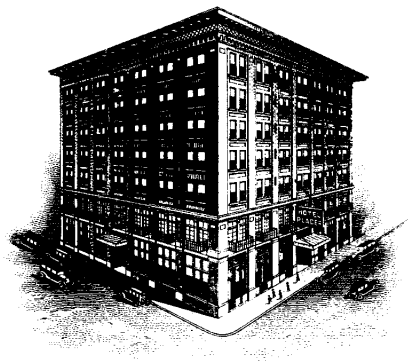

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of money begged for the convention would be made King. Tex - did it. He is a well read man & speaks 7 languages has beat his way all round the world several times. But he has the one very bad mania that is to put his name on buildings & carve it in the marble in men's wash rooms. Shannon met him when he had to arrest him for defacing the Laurel station.

The train got to bumping along too much so I discontinued

Since I got in I have been

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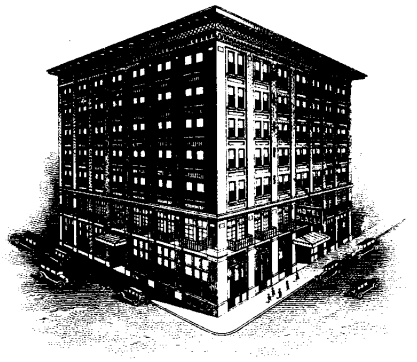

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running around in circles trying to get ready for the 4-H Clubs tomorrow,

Well dears if you will permit, I will call this a day.

Love

Harriette

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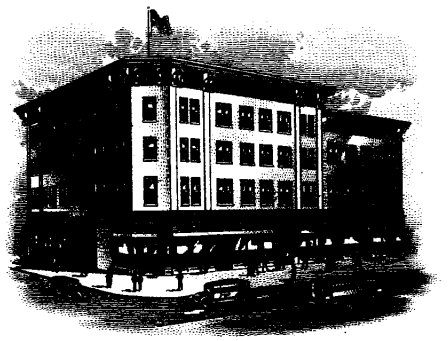

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6/19/33

Dear People

Dear me it's late and I have to be on the job at 8 A.M. so this won't be long.

I came from Bozeman to Butte by train this A.M. then from Butte to Missoula with Kenneth Button by car. It was a nice ride & I escaped a lot of heat.

It's been frightfully hot. Yesterday some of us went up to ten lots, but even then we did not escape the heat.

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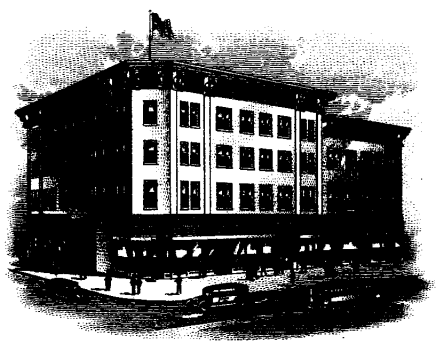

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You said you did not see why Montana need land cleared - Well, dad if we accomplish what I hope we can, the lands can do much work - a bunch of boys are not going to make work for themselves. We may save the thousands & thousand dollars annual loss of started fires where people are doing it to get jobs for themselves, then there is the case of reputation & the bigger job of saving doomed lodge pole pine forest from the Pinto beetle

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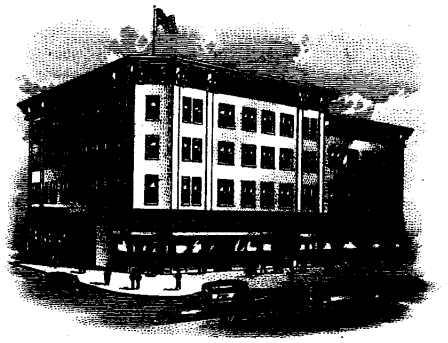

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The main cost there is labor and unless something is done very soon large stands of valuable lumber will be a thing of the past in some of our large national forests to say nothing of the beauty of Yellowstone park.

No — I'm all for the work if can be managed rightly — & incidently, it may make better men out of some of the lads.

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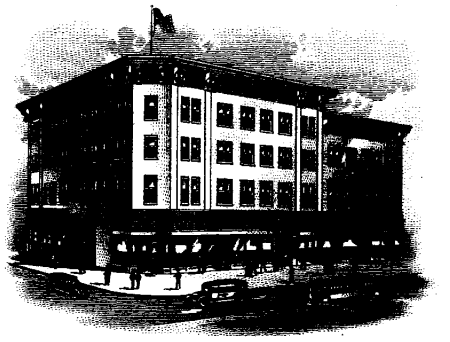

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Since its late & I am so tired forgive me if this is brief.

Lots of love
Your
Harriette

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BILLINGS, MONT.

July 4th, 1933

Dear People,

I will try and run down with this before train time so it will be brief.

I had a chance to go with Lois & Mark to Cook City for a 3 day trip over the 4th, but some farmers want a meeting Monday at 1 P.M. and nothing would do but they have that hour & day, then 10 min. before time for them to arrive they phoned they could not come. Consequently I was pretty mad & have been doing everything possible

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at the house - for of course all chances to go anywhere had evaporated - So I canned greens, strawberries & Rhubarb, make " jam & conserve & mended, cleaned cupboards & aired my winter coats in the nice sunshine. So you see I have had a very funny 4th.

If I get this on tonights train I must run, so goodnight with lots of love

Your

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ZIMMERMAN LITHO. CIN.O.

GEO. W. LANSTRUM,
MANAGER.

ROOMS WITH BATH
SINGLE OR IN SUITE

WHERE TH[illegible] EEL[illegible]OME
[illegible]ELER

HOTEL KALISPELL

~~KALISPELL, MONTANA~~

Missoula
7/10/33

Dear People,

Please excuse pencil I dont have a pen.

You letter came to day - Both of your letters + the picture Dad, the one of the Stillwater beyond the Kent farm is the lovelist thing bgfor that you have ever done! It is a poem. To me the composition is perfect and oh so peaceful - It's East - We never find such Peace out here. It's too big. I love it. I'd love an

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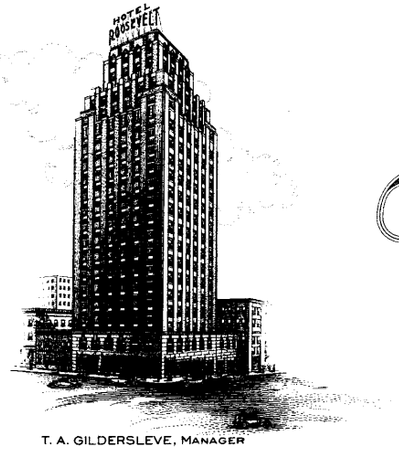

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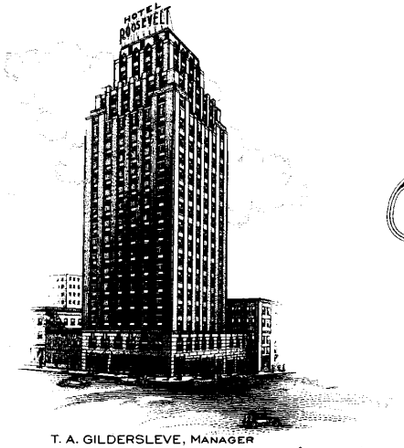
T. A. GILDERSLEVE, MANAGER

7/19/33

Dear People,

Again I am treating you very shabbily- I had to come over here in a hurry on a business trip. In this job one never knows what next. I am very happy that things happened this way for I have never been in Seattle before.

The first day Monday I got the biggest part of my business done at the Co-op - It is a mighty institution - Think they have 14,000 members and ship 8 car loads of eggs daily - 600 cases of 30 doz each to a car so you can figure the immense number of eggs. After I got through with my experience with Saunders & Hobbs



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I was taken all over the plant. On the lower floor they candle the eggs. On another floor the egg breaking plant - and where they make the dried egg yolks & egg whites. On another floor is the warehouse for the canned chicken, etc. canned at the Lynden station of the Co-op - Then on another are the offices & the dinning room for employees - & on the top are the fattening batteries & the killing rooms & the storage rooms. The cheap freeze room is about 16° to 20° below zero.

They took us to the roof too which overlooks the harbor. Then

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I went over to the feed mills. They make all their own feed for members. While I was there a boat load, mind you, not car load - a boat load of corn was being unloaded. The big mill + feed ware house is 100 ft wide by 1,800 ft long - extending along a long pier out into the harbor.

I got back from there about 6 P.M. Then Mr. Stapleton who used to be County agent at Billings collected me + took me out to their house for dinner. I came back from there about 9:30. And then I flopped for a while. From my room on the 15th. floor I can over look the

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harbor. The fleet is in + last night they put on what was called the "War of lights" - Each of the battleships + cruisers had their fore + aft search lights playing in the sky. They would sway in an arc, crossing + intercrossing. Propped upon pillows I could watch it until it was over. It was very awe inspiring + beautiful.

Then at 11 P.M. Mr. Mulligan - whom I met at Ottawa in '24 called for me. He is the operator of a large hatchery at Everett. The Mulligans took me home for the

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night. They have a adorable baby. We got them to bed immediately on arriving home. Then we sat about the kitchen & had some hot tea. It was so quiet & lovely there last night, the soft sea breezes came in at my open casement windows. This morning I woke to find myself in a grove of pines & cedars. It was so lovely. The first thing after breakfast I had to see the Mulligan's chickens & their little 12 acre tract. Then Mother Mulligan & his wife had to show me the old sea chests & some interesting Phillipine mahogony furniture. After that Mrs Mulligan & I went to visit several poultry

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plants & his hatchery. By 3 P.M. We landed at the Hollywood Poultry farm at Woodinville. It is one of the largest breeding plants in the U.S.A. Mr. Atchinson the manager is an old darling. Ordinarily he shows visitors only a few of the pens but he was just in the mood to show me all over. He has 85 acres devoted to chickens entirely. He has 17,000 hens, all under trap nest. and 17000 young pullets happily roaming over the heavily wooded slopes of the young stock range. He incubates all his chicks right on the place and really has an immense

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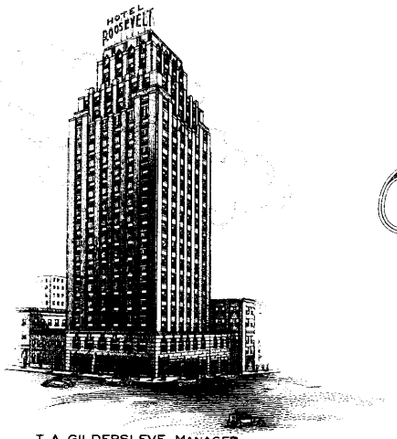

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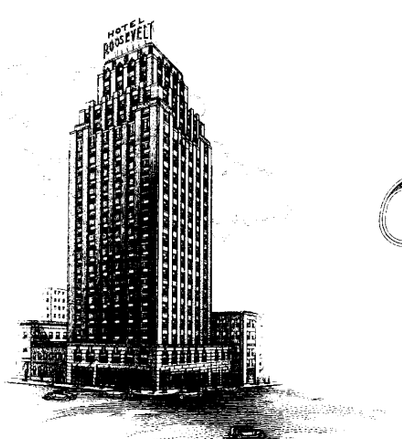
hers factory. We talked + walked + talked. It was 6:30 when we finally got away.

I caught the bus back to Seattle + Mulligan went back to Everett.

Just now I am waiting for Mrs Gildersleve - The proprietors wife. She is a sister of the sister in law of Nora Hulbush one of my co-workers in Bozeman - I seem to leave a giddy wherely life.

Tomorrow morning I go over to Vashon Island to see Mr. Beal another one of our foremost breeders - Then the next day to the Experiment Station at Puallop.



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I think I will be dead to the world by the time I start back to Bozeman -

But this is all so very interesting + I am getting such a lot. Things I have been wanting to see for 10 years.

Well, dears, I must say good night.

Yesterday when I was coming back on the bus I caught my first glimpse of Mt. Rainier. Oh she is lovely - rising 14,000 ft straight from sea level. With veils of haze just slightly cloaking her she looked like something too beautiful to be a reality - I wish I had time to visit it but I think it will all be long distance admiration this time.

lots of love

Hiwatha.

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HOTEL ROOSEVELT
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July 23, 1933

Dear People,

Well still in Seattle but am leaving tomorrow, Its been such a full week. This is certainly Sportsman's paradise- until Friday I was rushing from one place to another as fast as buses & my own feet could carry me. Then Friday I went to Port Angeles to visit Hazel

HOTEL ROOSEVELT
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Kibler Porter who used to be in our clothing Specialty When I get more time I will describe the trip here in detail.

One leaves the city & goes north about 15 miles then the bus goes onto the ferry & we put out across the Sound for 1½ hour ferry ride. After that one lands at

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Port Ludlow & one goes on 58 miles by bus I wouldn't have missed the trip for any thing - I have completely fallen in love with the Peninsula (as they call it) I had no idea the Sound was so lovely or that the Olympian Range was so high & snow capped.

Ray, Hazel's husband works in a big paper mill, where they make paper for newspapers to

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be printed on from wood pulp. Friday night Ray took us all through the mill. He is chemist there.

Coming back on the ferry tonight the mountains all stood out clear. Mt Baker to the north. The Cascades to the East Rainier South east and the beautiful jagged Olympians to the west silhouetted against the setting sun. The Sound was dotted with wooded islands and

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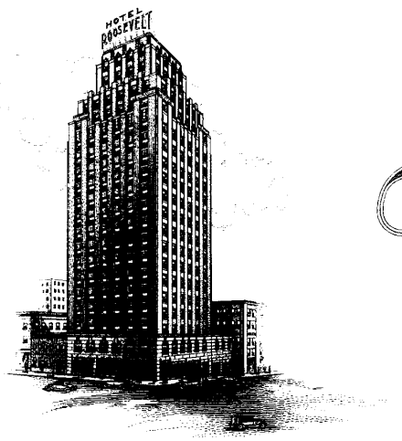

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gulls wheels and ~~cryed~~ cried about the stern of the ferry. I don't know when I have been so thoroughly peaceful & happy - It was all so wonderful,

Well dears I must go to bed. I have to start early in the morning to Kent to visit Helen Dow Whittaker's place. She used to be head of the poultry dept at Pullman & now has a very

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specialized fine R.I.R. plant at Kent.

I can't begin to tell all I have learned & got out of the trip - I was getting so low on ideas & material that my work was getting to be a real Burden - now I can go back & tackle it like a good one.

Lots of love your

Harriette.

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Bozeman Mont
7/31/33

Dear People,

If you will forgive me this will just be a sort of hello - Goodbye You see when I got back I found unless I canned the beans + swiss chard at once, I would have none to can so I am in the midst + depth of canning mysteries.

How very surprised I was to hear that Juanita was in that part of the world I am more than sorry that she imposed upon you. She wanted to come + spend a summer with me + I guess I made her mad - I just told her she couldn't come. But traveling about the way I am I could not possibly be bothered.

I had a letter from Vi, to day the first since Christmas though she

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say she has written several- If she did it seems as if I would have received them or they would have been returned to her. Poor child, she is a child, all her burdens seem to bother her so, yet she has no more than the average person.

We have had extremely hot weather the other day at Plains it was 106° when we were working. Tonight it looks as if it is blowing up a storm. When there is a storm in the upper Madison country the lights always blink, they are blinking now.

Well dears, if I am to get this off & canning done I must say goodnight and lots of love.

Love Harriette.

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Bozeman, Mont,
Aug. 7, 1933

Dear People,

If you note any grease spots on the letter its unintentional - I got my arms awfully sunburned yesterday in the mountains, consequently have them doctored up today.

Four of us girls took a trip in the Mts. Walter Latta, who is one of Dickson taxi cab drivers runs a pack string during the summer. Since Walter is a favorite of all of us we were glad to help him out & also felt as if it would be more fun going out with him, than with some regular dude ranch outfit catering to eastern dudes.

Ray Hill, who is working with Walter collected us at 1:00 oclock - we don't work Sat. afternoon. And he took us

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crude map - The Tetons to the south stood up as distinctly as little ~~miniature~~ peaks - They must have been at least 85 to 100 miles away. One would not appreciate the sight so much if one was unfamiliar with the country. But especially Lois & I have been all around. When we view a peak or range we know it by its profile just as easily as you recognize a human being by the profile. We were utterly astonished when we picked out certain nits - astonished that they should show & pleased that we could recognize them.

We got back to camp about 2 P.M. & had dinner. Then the big task of packing again. It was at least 4:30 by the time we started so that it was after 7 when we ~~arrived~~ at the home corrals & 10 when we hit Bozeman.

The trip down the mountains was sort of an unraveling of the splendid panorama of the way up.

So you see I am astounded and very weary to day but like the cat that ate the canary I feel very much satisfied

Lots of love.

Harriette.

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I was just too slow & lazy to get there in time to help - Oranges - bacon & eggs & flap-jacks & coffee - What more could one ask.

Then they took us on up the mountain side, swung around to the yellowstone side, coming out again right at the base of Ramshorn peak. We tied the horses at the last thicket of timber line and climbed on up. For a long way we climbed over short burned up scrubby grass. Then vegetation gave up entirely, only rocks ruled. The last bit was too long stretching for my short legs & the boys had to yank me up by main force & awkwardness. The top of the mountain was not more than 15 ft across - a cairn and a wooden structure like a table had been erected on one corner by some former climber.

We carved our names on the table. Even yet carving always makes me think of the little rhyme you used to recite to discourage our marking up public places, dad - But this was different

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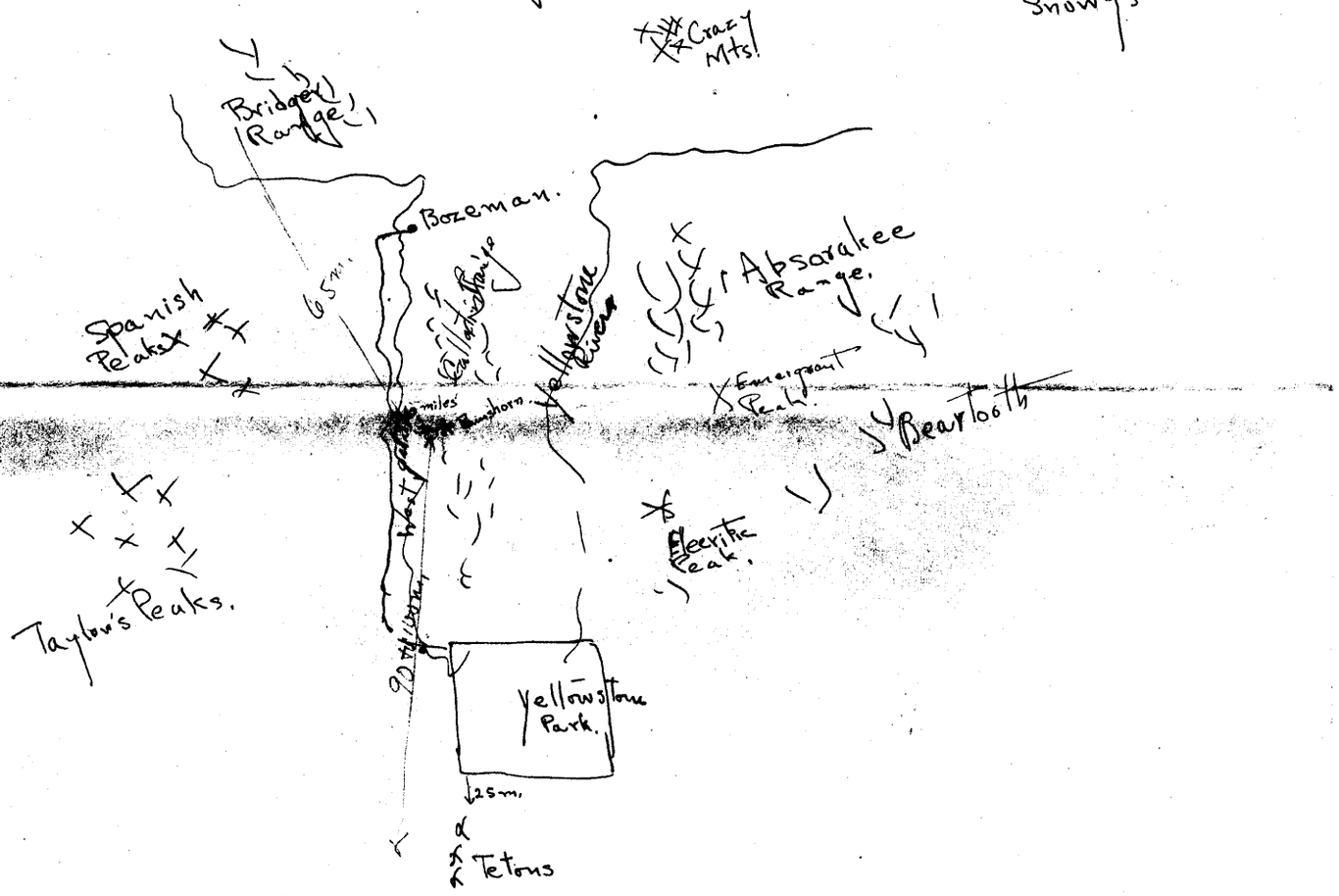
more like a hall of fame. The table seemed very old from some of the dates, but not very many names on it at that. People go into the mountains but few get to the top of any of them. From the way timber left off the peak must be about 10,000 +. We not know its official height.

The climb was well worth all the effort expended. The day was perfectly clear with no wind, but tops can be terrible when wind howls across them. Also being clear we could see forever & ever so far.



We could see & see all that I have indicated on the

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frequent. Up and up we went for 10 miles. Way up in the upper stretch the distant talking came to us of a band of sheep. There is nothing more epic to me than to hear a band of sheep (heard but unseen) in the mountains. Something all curls up inside me. Then to see them, funny woolly ones moving in bunches among the rocks. all talking in that minor key. The sheep dogs came rushing out at us as if they thought we were some queer sort of coyote or wolf & continuing to talk we out of camp, I fairly believe they thought they had driven us out for they looked so surprised as they ran back to the sheep. We saw the herders tent but he wasn't around.

A few miles on further, after dropping over a ridge we came to the shores of Ramshorn lake our camp ground & destination. It's a small gem of a lake but exceedingly deep like the rest of its kind.

We women got supper while the men took care of the horses & pitched the tents.

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It got dark by the time we had finished the dishes so we built up the camp fire and sang cow boy songs.

(Some time I intend to make a study of why the old gun shooting cow boy of the plains adapted good old camp meeting tunes for his songs. And what mournful songs they were, usually the hero is killed and dies to be buried out on the lone pra-rie where he can hear the coyotes howl.)

The moon came up over the mountain top - a full one - and spilled its image in the lake. Then the whole camp was flooded with light and the peaks back of us looked like the ramparts of some old ruined castle.

One may as well skip most of the night, since one does not sleep too sound the first night on the ground. In the night I was wakened suddenly by a deer snorting & it's a frightening sound, coming as it does out of absolute stillness.

Next morning the boys caught up the horses while Lucille & I got breakfast

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blankets are placed on a horse the tarp is brought up, folded over and the diamond hitch is thrown. This takes real experience, for if it is not cinched down tightly the whole pack may shift, not only causing repacking on the trail, but even might cause an overbalanced pack horse to be thrown to his destruction on a narrow trail. We had 4 pack horses on the trip as we had 8 in the party; the 4 of us girls (Joe Pollock, Martha Herbert, Lois Lott + I) besides Mrs. Lotts, to do the camp cooking, Walter's son, Walter + Ray.

One old pack horse, Sandy was a real individual - you know on the trail the person leading the pack string rides + leads one behind him, then the next is tied to the tail of the pack horse in front of him.

Well Sandy did not like such restrictions + broke away twice until Walter said, "Let him go" - then Sandy

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blissfully like a spoiled child cropped at the trail side, then would dash ahead to get in line, the old pack weaving from side to side. He looked almost as if he was hippity hopping.

When we were all packed we left the corrals about 2:30 and began winding up the mountain side. First we had sage brush beside us and groves of quaking aspens shimmered in the sunlight. Then the aspens gave way to ~~pines~~ evergreens. At first the jack pine or lodge pole pine - then more douglas fir. As we went up we left the summer flowers gave way to spring flowers. The paint brushes were growing in profusion on the higher levels. They were much deeper in color than those that grower lower down.

Also as you go up the air gets rarer and sweeter - the cool breeze trickles down through the pines and springs and little watery places we more

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up the canyon in his car. We went up about 35 or 40 miles in the Canyon to the Lemon Ranch, where we started to pack in.

Even for a weekend trip - its such a thrill to go on a pack trip - The dogs ~~bark~~, the horse are tied about the corral fence & Once in a while, for variety, one breaks loose, then every body leaps it about until its caught up & securely tied again. The pack boxes are packed & hung on either side the pack saddle - They must be packed evenly & snugly or the load may shift on the trail. Then the tarp is put on the top of the boxes hung on either side the pack saddle. On this the blankets are placed. After each blanket is placed the packer walks around the horse to view it from every angle to see that the load is even. After the proper number of

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Dear People,

I worked at the Phillips County Fair all day yesterday so that it did not seem like Sunday & I neglected to write. Then I came on here this morning.

We are having North Montana Fair here this week and it started out with a beastly nasty drizzle. Looks a fair quicker than that. It's an awful shame too for this is THE Fair of the state.

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When I got in a few minutes ago I found the home letters. It is always so good to get letters while in the field - Some times they never catch us.

What a nice trip you had to Allegheny Park. Trees and many trees do have a different meaning as far as pictorial photography is concerned. But after being in Eastern treeless Montana for a space of time one feels they could stand quite a lot of them,

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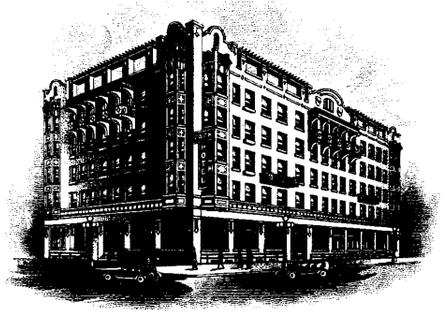

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That was an experience to have had as honorable a doctor (!) in ones home. I'm glad they got him.

I do hope the down stairs gets rented. Its a shame to have it all fixed for a family then no family to occupy it.

The snow whirlettes are blowing. I must eat lunch and get out to the fair grounds to see where they are going to put me and my candy floss

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Well, dears, this is not much of a letter but there is not so much to say. rather. I hate stub pens. I can't think coherently with them and that is all the room affords I'll get one down stairs.

Sometimes I want to write about fairs. It will be different than "State Fair" - which in my opinion is rather a wash out. Mine will deal more with the behind the scenes. That is the most interesting part I

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-fairs - The man that runs the hamburger stand - The wiggen of little tot - that was with his dad - sort of strolling singers - singing cowboy ballads. Little tot so wistful of the exhibits + entries normal kind of boys + girls were entering. He confided in me that he had made a dolls dress. He said he make doll dresses in the winter when he was sick. I asked him if he was always sick winters - "most always," he said so wistfully - He brought the dress over later in the

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day + showed it to me. Not Bad. - Mrs Barwoitte at the S E Cor. Hotel remarked when I told her about Lloyd - That his father might have got him a pup or a kitten - Yes said Mrs B's sister but cats + pups eat. so they do. Poor little lad - dragged about to fairs + rodeos with only a doll for real Companionship + sympathy.

Well I must dash -

Lots of love

Your

Harriette -

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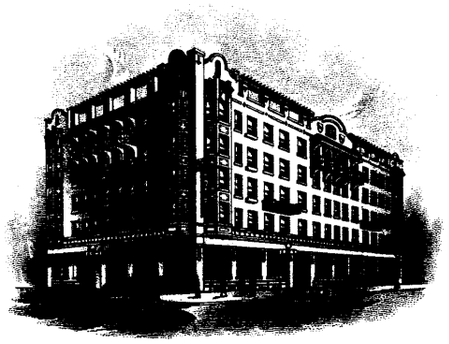

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Emmett Wolff
8/27/33

Dear People.

Fair Week is over. The whole is so like a story that really, it seems as if I ought to write the whole of it. Let's see & wrote you about Monday noon. & ate lunch and went out to the grounds. Everything was the consistency of thick pea soup - The roof in the club building was leaking all over the place! They had put up a row of the H-H clothing when the rain started Sunday morning & they had taken them down & put them in a big box. Monday Robina Wylder the H.H.A. got some tarp & arranged a big canopy, collected four ironing boards & irons. And we started in. & went & hunted up Scotty Cameron the Co Agent & found we could do nothing about egg grading until the next morning so I turned my self over to the H-H dept. Went out before going through the cattle farm. They were judging a class of Herefords & I just could not resist watching - I love their white face & eyes peeping out so curiously. So I climbed up on a couple tiers of hay so as to look over the top of the crowd standing about the judging ring. Rheinhart from Idaho was judge. I use to office in the same office with him in Boise. It was good to see him again - I'll never forget how I had a group of H-H boys when at Weiser that Rheinhart judged. I'll never forget how Archie's calf went up

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up the line until it was head + got the Idaho special. I jumped for joy - literal. hopped on one foot then the other + shouted. For Archie's calf beat a lot of the old timer show men in the open class.

He was the same Rheinhart with the same slow smile.

I went back to the Club building + pushed an iron until after 6 P.M. when we stopped long enough to go hunt up an eating place. We found one of my turkey ladies from Geyser. When chickens were so cheap this summer she + one of her neighbors decided to run a booth at the fair. They borrowed a tent + set up two long tables + fixed a kitchen at one end.

It was still raining - the place was clammy + his

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Greenizer had a sweater on the salt stuck, but somehow in spite of it all - the soup was hot + we were gay.

We had not been back from supper long when "Bev" Robina's fiance brought her back from town where she had been gathering up some cake entries. "Bev" is an aviator. He dumped quite "Bena" unceremoniously and dashed off as a "plane" was circling over the city winking its distress signals! He headed straight for the air port and we saw him no more that evening. Or with the morning. We all felt like dropping + it settled in for a steady downpour. Finally when the trickle became steady down the back of my neck + a great patch of wet appeared

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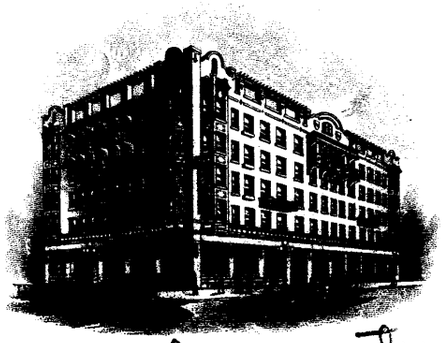

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in the center of my ironing board
+ the drops hissed against the
iron, I gave it up as a bad job -
Fortunately "Scotty" Cameron
came along then + took us
girls back to town.
The lobby of the Park was
crowded as the American Legion
was having their state convention
Everything was in full swing +
about as wet inside as out. I
went straight to my room + into
dry duds.
In the morning as I open my
door to the hall, in front each
yet unopened door was the morning
paper with the big headlines
"Plane Crashes 3 Killed". I, at
once remembered the winking
lights + "Bev" dashing off leaving
Robina holding the cakes. I

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went on down to the dining room
+ got hold of a paper - (mine had
been appropriated from my door).
Then the shock of finding that
the occupants of the plane had
been Fred Buck + Mr + Mrs Vic
Riley of Kalispell. I have worked
with both men frequently. And
Vic - the manager of the Creamy
at Kalispell came to a Creamy
man's dance once at Bozeman
A dance where I had to furnish
the women. Vic had been as
drunk as a lord + wouldn't
stay off the floor. Seems
when the airport people heard the
plane they put flares about
the field + had cars turn their
head lights on to it but Buck hit
a wire with his wing + the plane
upset, making a nose dive.

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After breakfast "Scotty" Cameron called for me & took me out to the Gt Falls Hay & Feed Co. where we were to have the grain egg & potatoe H H judging. The owner of the store was Mr. Southerland. For some reason or other they immediately annexed me. Mrs. S. keeps the books. Harry, the boy, who enters Bozeman in the fall to study chemistry, helps deliver - and Mr S. supervises. He talks incessantly, an ardent admirer of Harold Bell Wright & reads the War Cry. At noon they insisted that I go home with them to lunch. It was an experience - Mrs. S, mother was calmly knitting socks - a clever old lady - 93 years of age with all of her faculties keenly alert.

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This afternoon I finished the preparation for the egg grading - Had to make 8 candlers & turned electrician, fixed drop cords & made endless connections -

The Southerlands were very much upset about the "Crash" for their place was the first place open. They had phoned from their office for the coronor the doctor and the other necessary people for such an emergency - Harry had gone up & brought the doctor down.

The airport has the hideous name of Gore Hill named ages ago from a pioneer - But as an air port seems to me the name should be changed.

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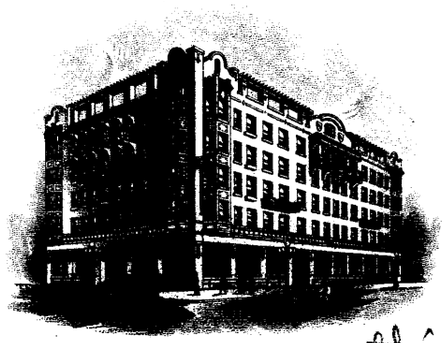

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After getting the candling baths fixed I went over to the club building & talked to "Bev" & came back with the girls. While the Legionaires were still in town, the crash had quieted them down.

"Bev." was the one that pulled the bodies out. It was horrible, bits of arms & bones all about. Worse than all "Bev" told us that were near to him, I mean well acquainted, very confidentially that the odor of alcohol was terrific. But we keep that a dark secret, for it's no use letting that information out. They are gone now. After all we all get bumped some time & they surely received more than ordinary honors. It perhaps makes up for the being bumped off.

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At 5 A.M. the bugle sounded in every corridor of the hotel. I did not arouse myself sufficiently to realize what it was about until I heard the muffed drums coming to the 6:30 A.M. train bound North & for Kalispell. I got up & looked. drum corps after drum corps - The legionaires all in uniform were solemnly marching to the train to see them off. The three certainly attended the convention in a vastly different manner than originally intended. It was a very impressive sight. The sun was shining after 2 days rain & every flower in the big flower bed in the center of the square flashed brilliant

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colors + the park was lush-green + lovely with its slanting long shadows of early morning.

That was Wed. I had the day well filled putting 4-H members through egg grading. So tired Wed-night that I could hardly eat.

Thursday I figured all the egg grading percentages out. As though one good day was all that the weather could tolerate - the heavens began to weep again after going over to the Sutherland + packing up, I went back to the Cut building to get my banquet tickets, the building was about deserted except a few stragglers, I ran into Chas. Greenfield & he said that Betty + Ann were in the week

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room. Betty is the one who lives in Helena + whom I visit often - I collected them all + took them up to my room to clean up. And we all went to the banquet together -

4-H. Club banquets are very impressive to me always. The boys + girls are all so fresh young + enthusiastically entering into to their work. When they sing the "ploughing song", a choke always comes in my throat.

Mr. Grover who drove me to Havre last week, had arrived in the Falls just before the banquet so after talking to the various people I had to out of common decency, I went with him to the second show. It was Ann Harding - I always like her.

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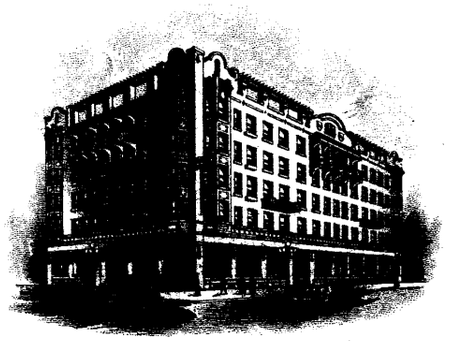

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I fear I am wearing you all out + I must go to bed. We have passed Big Sandy - and we pull into Wolf Point at 4 A.M. The rest of the week was mud + drizzle - drizzle + mud. At last it cleared on Sat. And the crowd was record breaking - 9 got off + went to the afternoon + night performance at the grand stand. How I wish I could exactly give you the view + the feel - All about countless people (about 20,000) on just the race track + the place for the performers. the big center area for the bucking horses + steer riding To the left / rear hills rolling back

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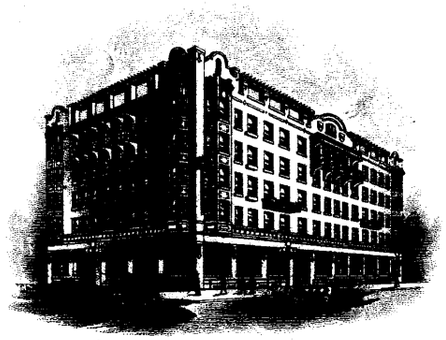

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to the prairies, to the right the Missouri River flowing oh so smoothly and the city beyond etched against the sky. Here a church spire sticking up, there the towers on the Columbus Hospital. To the north - Taller perfectly proportioned and stately the A.C.M. stack with just the gentlest vapor crowning its 500 ft. height.

The view at night was just as lovely. The stack stood out with the lights at its base catching up its perfectly proportioned height. While the lights along the smelter hill

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looked ~~[illegible]~~ like strings of precious gems.

After the weeks rain the track was awful. It was just a question of which horse had the greatest endurance. But every one was in a good humor.

To night I ate in the diner with the auto racing driver who has recently broken the dirt track record of U.S.A. + the Canadian Champion was across at the next table. They all commented on the great sportsman ship of the Montana crowd. They said they never saw a crowd like it. No complaining because the races were a farce because of the 20 in mud and everyone in a good humor. I was so happy to have

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Sept. 6, 1933

Dear People.

The double holiday sort of messed up calculations - here it is Wednesday. Please forgive. I had your letter this morning ~~brother~~, in which you told of Juanita's strange desires - I am glad you sat on her, one must ~~a~~ so very forcibly too. She would sponge beyond everything - if you were well it would be utterly impossible -

I got back from Billings Sat. morning with a terrific cold & planned on going to bed over the week end but found the girls had a horse pack trip all planned and were going to & so upset if I didn't go along. So I told them if the doctor permitted & he said O.K., the trip could

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But we might do me good, so I went.
We went back to our starting place of the last trip, the Lemon Ranch. But went west instead of east.
We left the corrals about 4 P.M. and came into to camp about 8- There was a full moon and as we were ~~near timber~~ - line when camp was made we had plenty of light. The whole camp site was bathed in moon light.
Part of the girls helped Walter's wife with food + build Leigh + I made the bough beds + the men unsaddled + hobbled the horses + pitched the tents. We ate a very light meal because it was late + turned in at once.
The next day the whole bunch except Luella (Walter's wife) + I pushed on + climbed Brick Top Mt - 10,800 ft. I thought I needed rest. So I slept

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until nearly 3 in the afternoon. The hot air & the quiet was perfect- I was almost glad I had a cold & an excuse to remain at camp & be laggy - Then Luella & I looked to see that all the pack horses were tied O.K. & took a short walk - The sun was warm and cozy- not like the baking midsummer sun. There is something so drowsy & cozy about autumn, sort of a home coming time.

After we walked about a bit I helped Luella peel potatoes & get things ready for dinner. The gang came hooping into camp about 6- Consequently we got eating over much earlier than the previous night so that The men built up a roaring big fire & we sat about it & sang cow boy songs-

About noon Monday we broke

camp + came back to the Lemon Ranch
+ back to Bozeman - While we were
only away from Bozeman 2½ days, the
change is so complete that it seems
very much longer.

They are having wonderful
rates to Chicago and it really
seems criminal not to take
advantage of them + get home
if only for a few days. I am
going to talk to Mr. Taylor +
see if it will be possible for
me to go and then see if I can
scrape together some cash -
I am still coughing like
a prairie dog barks but feel

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so much better for having been
to the mountains.

Lots of love
from Harriette.

P.S. I suppose you will say I should have filled up the space I might tell you my latest "dude" ranch story. The eastern tenderfoot was to take a trip to the Tetons. So the wrangler asked if he want an Eastern saddle with out a horn or a Western one with a horn The "dude" replied that since they would not be in heavy traffic they might as well give him the Eastern saddle as he would'nt need the horn.

H.

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gazed in awe. Then went back to it three different times from other galleries!

By that time I began to accustom myself to expecting truly wonderful things to happen, so I wasn't so completely bowled over when I saw a Frans Hals', a Velasquez etc. I think I liked the English best. Evidently I think English for those painters more truly depicted what I am accustomed to find in faces.

Sir Joshua's "Mrs. Watson" was Exquisite and I especially liked Thos. Laurence "Mrs Wolf" In that room, one whole wall space was given to Turner's "Dutch Fishing Boats". I have always

D Emonte
9/26/33

Dear People.

Before I get back in the thick of things, I'll have to tell you about the rest of the fair. When I got in to Chicago I went over to the Union Station parked my grips, bought my pullman & then took bus that was fair bound. When we got to Michigan Boulevard there was a lot of congestion & we had to wait for the traffic signal. On looking up I saw the art gallery in front of me so I hopped off.

It was still very early about 9 A.M. so I had the galleries pretty much to myself. I was wishing I had borrowed your gift another as I did not feel like squandering another 4 bits, but all the worth while pictures were labelled. And it was such a surprise & pleasure to run onto pictures that I have

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been familiar with all my sins + all them in the flesh, as to speak. And they were flesh. The first I stumped into was Whistler's Mother. You know I've never been keen about it. Well none of the reproductions do it justice. She may wear a lace cap and sit with folded hands. But when you really see it you realize the hands are only momentarily folded they are active hands and you know that very shortly she will be up and about. The mouth, that is the part I like best. She has a darned determined mouth. You can imagine her saying. "I'm still the head of this house" - she might even say "the pause dishes belong right there" or "the pans are very happy if they are piled just like this." She's a very fine lady and I bet for a penny she told her "little boy" Mr Whistler just what she thought of him making her sit with her hands folded.

The next surprise was when I wandered into another room and there before me hung Rembrandt's "Aristotle" - it took my breath away. How can any one say the old masters are out of date. So many of the late ones paint what they see perhaps - the structure + surface of grotesque mankind but they don't paint souls. Rembrandt painted a soul of the man that stands with his hand on the head of Aristotle - I gazed +

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~~THE PALACE HOTEL~~
~~MISSOULA~~, MONTANA

10/2/33

Dear People,

It's a bad start to begin being late right off the bat. But somehow there has been so much to catch up with since I got back that I have hardly had time to turn around. Besides I waited to get the pictures printed. Don't you think they are good?

When I came into Bozeman I found there was still bits of snow on the ground. On Sunday when I left home when it was so hot it began to snow here & by Monday morning they had 6 inches. A lot of tree limbs were broken but it didn't turn very cold & since it has been back it's turned lovely. The days are golden & the moon is lovely at night. I am hoping

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the nice weather will hold for a while. Farmers want to dig "spuds" & get their fall work done.

There does not seem to be much to say. I've just been busy catching up with myself.

I am so glad I made the trip - I have so many things to think about. Towards the "third ward" meeting getting on, dad. I like your nice kid who wants to be a politician and all your jobs - boys too, mother. Both of you really have such active lives that mine seems quite slow by comparison.

The one piece of news is that Lois Runyon is coming back to be head of the library

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All of us are elated. It will be so nice to have her again. When Miss Stout resigned we hardly dared hope she would come back after her years in Washington, D.C. But I guess she wanted to be near home (her home is in Laramie, Wyo.) and wanted to get back West.

You will forgive me if this is short - perhaps I will have something more interesting to say next time.

Lots of love,

Yours

Jarrette.

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Park Hotel

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Oct. 8, 1933

Dear Purple,

Well it was two weeks ago to night that I left home, I had hoped I would have some word before this, but I Expect you all have been pretty busy.

I thought I might have something interesting to report by this time. But nothing has happened except a picnic out Sun Dough. Teddy, her mother, Thelma laid & mothers & I went out in Teddy's car. The rest of the girls went horse back as they could start Earlier. The trip out was lovely. The atmosphere was

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perfectly clear so that everything took on such rich color values! The green of the third growth on the alfalfa fields looked emerald while the quaking aspens were living gold. Here & there red bushes did their bit. It was perfect.

We got up the canyon before the rest arrived & had the coffee all going when they arrived.

After the meal we stood about the big roaring fire & sang cowboy songs- "Home on the Range;" "The Strawberry Roan"

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and a lot more of those weird mournful authentic cow boy ballads, I like them.

I came in from Havre this morning & found Blanche Lee sundaying here. We ate lunch together then took a long walk around the park and watched the swans and ducks in the little lake. Seeing the swans made me think of what Roberta Peel, (the daughter of our Tribune Editor & the (nee Miss Fortner that used to be in the Jamestown Y.) once said - she looked at the swans & said" they look like great

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white pillows floating - a very apt similar for a nine year old.

Well dears as usual I am able to write pages & pages without saying a single thing. I guess I am sleepy I only had 5 hours sleep last night the people under me were so noisy that at one a.m the bell hop more me. I then slept fine only I had to get up at six oclock.

I must quit & go eat

lots of love

Your

Harriette -

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Mrs. Boole Makes Prophecy

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Ella A. Boole, world and national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, told the state W. C. T. U. convention tonight that repeal of the prohibition law would bring an "appalling situation," because under new conditions both men and women would drink, whereas before prohibition "men were mostly the victims."

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Oct. 16, 1933
Bozeman, Mont.

Dear People,

Saw a little lame all over - went west horse back riding yesterday. In all we rode about 20 miles. While that's no way at all in a car, its plenty on a horse. Walter Sutter has his horses out on pasture near Belgrade so we drove down there only 11 miles from Bozeman and mounted there. It was a glorious day though cold. We went about 6 miles on the ~~road~~ before getting to the mountains then went up North Cottonwood canyon. I have often been there. But you can only go to the mouth of the canyon by car & not much farther hiking for the trail continually crosses the stream.

We went quite far up before making a camp fire & baking lunch. I thought, and so did some of the others that we would go on a little further & turn back but we found a trail that led almost perpendicularly up the side of the mountain. We went up

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and up until we could look over the whole valley. And what a sight. We dont properly appreciate our beautiful Bridger Range. We could see the Spanish + Taylor Peaks The Mountains about Livingston and the whole of the Gallatin Range. The fields in the valley spread out ~~like a~~ patch work quilt and the hay stacks looked more like untidy windrows that hadnot been gathered together yet. While we wer up on Top the 8:50 train crept through the valley, looking like a little toy affair. Bozeman looked like a clump of trees and the mill, Brewery and Pea Cannery didn't look like anything at all. We must have been right close to 9,000 ft in the air. When we girls got back to Bozeman we all went straight to bed. I was there by 8:30 P.M. I clipped this from a local paper. A funny thing to be putting Jamestown on the map. Having so much work to do I am sure you'll forgive me if I say good bye for this time.

Love

Harriette

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10/22/33

Dear Peoples

Well tomorrow is the ~~Eg~~ turkey grading school + my dear mother's birthday.

I hope you get the book mother + like it, I did not get a special letter written as I was blood testing + accrediting chickens every day and it was so late each night that I just felt fuzzy wuzzy and all I wanted

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to do was get into bed.

I drove with Otto Mickleson & Paul Woodward from Bozeman today. We started at 1:30 + got in here at 6:30 – to come 180 miles and part of the way through snow in 5 hours I think that pretty good.

It was lovely. The first snow with twilight coming on thrills me more than spring – Its a thrill I can't describe: I would not live where life is too

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easy. It sounds ridiculous
I know but I don't like
things too easy. The sweep
of cold wind, the building
a furnace fire - well I
guess I am privative.

I hate a stub pen
through - my thoughts never
around - nice through a
stub pen so I will say
good night as its late & the
school begins early

As I hope my dear mother
had a very happy birthday -

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I was making a gift for
you but it didn't get done,
I'll send it some birthday
when its finished

lots of love

your

Harriette.

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Monday the 6th—
[NOV. 6, 1933

Dear People,

So you two have been married 44 years today. Just a half a dozen years and we celebrate the Golden Wedding date. I had a nice letter from Regina the other day and she says her parents have been married 57 years. With the race of increasing longevity golden weddings will have to push up to 60 years. However in view of divorce courts and old maids retaining states of single blessedness, well really 50 years needs celebration of greater significance than diamond weddings. At any rate, dears, I hope today marks a very happy mile stone for both of you and that when the 50th comes rolling around we will be able to have a real live celebration.

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Speaking of celebrations, I had a real one Saturday and got a lot of social debts off my chest as well. I gave a tea in honor of Lois Payson's return. But I made it as simple as possible since I left most of the details and the labors to the "Phi U" girls (as we call them). The Phi Upsilon Omegon is an honorary home ec. sorority which takes on catering jobs and the like - using the money they earn for a student loan fund. They have over $800.00 now in this revolving loan fund and its the means of many a girl hard put to it, to finish her education. So I turned all the details of sandwitches and tea to them. Lois Lott + Teddy were to pour but Teddy got sick, so I had Ruth Powers in her place. Lois Payson is living at Ruth Powers. Ruth is about as big a minute about 5 ft tall with ridiculously small feet and a cheerful giggle. Although Ruth is married and has her perfectly good Fred who is a 6 footer, she

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So Ruth often plays about in our group. & hers poured.

I had ivory colored candles, sort of coppery orange baby "mums" or sort of a daisy like extraction of the chrysanthemum family. Then I was able to find some candles that exactly matched the flowers. The table with its lace cloth and silver service looked lovely. I forgot to say that I held the tea in Herrick Hall — the home ec. bldg. It has a lovely fire place room and dining room off it. It's the custom in holding Rogue tea to have the dining room darkened & only lit by candle light & they permit us to use their silver, & linens china — which is a large help for one modestly situate.

The tea really was a success in that the people stayed, chatted and all were in a happy frame of mind.

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yesterday - the four of us. Teddy was ill still, but Ina Scrivner was in town - so Ina the Scott + I went for a walk. Lois Scott + Lois Payson are the same build, same height same age same color eyes + hair and both have a delightful sense of humor. It seemed as good to see them striding ahead in the snow - nice fluffy snow soft as feathers that scattered like smoke as we plowed through it.

We went through the cemetary, saw Lady Blackmores grave, then off across the ridge, through the golf course, out across a plowed field and back along the Sour Dough road.

Then we came back to my house. Lois Payson was invited out to Edith Rhynes for dinner but the rest us came - It seems one of Ina's coworkers at Twomberg killed some pheasants + sent her one. So Ina borrowed my house + got a nice dinner for the three

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of us. I am especially fond of wild game. and this bird had such a broad plump breast.

Last week (speaking of chickens) I canned 5 of them. When I was culling out at John + Dorothy Langhs a week or so ago Dorothy had a lot of fat old hens she could not get rid of so I bought 5 of them a 10¢ a pound. They weighted 25 lbs. That made them $2.50 - If I got 12 pints of chicken - If I bought it, it would have been 65¢ a pt.

$$\begin{array}{r} 65 \\ \times\ 12 \\ \hline 130 \\ 65 \\ \hline 780 \\ 2,50 \\ \hline 5,30. \end{array}$$

so I feel I just save over $5,00 for the electricity that was consumed was very slight -

Well it's time to quit -

lots of love

your

Harriette.

P.S. Tell me more about Uncle Will's visit - I always want to hear the day come when I can meet him - And about the cello solo - I think that was just fine + dandy

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Columbus, Mont.
Co Agents Office.
11/18/33

Dear People.

Well I'm down here at Columbus to help them get started with federally graded turkeys. The seas are apt to be rocky + stormy tomorrow. This county has a lot of radical obstreperous people + as the county agent said, they have run out two or three good graders so they decided to go onto gov. grades and use the Gallatin county graders. We are liable to have a run in with some of these "old gals" - Of course all their birds are prime in their own estimation.

Yesterday morning Lois Payson Teddy Sally Barnes and I went out to Axtell bridge for Sunday morning breakfast. The weather was beautiful - The snow all gone and it was just as balmy as spring. One has to think twice to remember the month. I took several pictures and several of them ought to be good. I am glad, Dad, speaking of pictures that yours

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pictures are receiving such favorable comment. Some time I'll have to send you some of my best films to see what you can do with them.

I have had an idea lately that I am going to try to work up. That is, write a childrens book and call it, "The Dough Boys" and make little dough children and photograph them in their various antics - for example one dough child may try to crawl in the snow but when he discovers that its to hot he crawls out again, so after that they call him "half baked". I have never seen anything just like that - it ought to be salable & youngsters ought to like it.

Last night coming down to Columbus I was reading when we pulled into Covington. Some one spoke my name on looking up I saw Mr. Shannon. He is the N.P. Special Agent. That is the detective in Whitewood. I always enjoy running into him. He had a

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number of his different friends (?) pictures with him and he was telling me of their cases. It certainly seems to me that our criminal punishment system is all topsided and wrong - most of the cases he showed me had been in county jails or state penitentiaries anywhere from 10 to 20 times. Latterly as their history progressed most of them turned "dopes" - of completing a jail sentence a man has no urge to go straight, we are then certainly failing another curious thing - most of them had nerves in nearly as many states as they had served terms.

Well, I can't do anything about it right now. Most of the faces he showed me were distinctly a low grade moron type of even lower - evidently mentality & criminal tendencies go hand in hand.

I got your letter with the last night When I went over to the office before train time. I think the baskets you are making very interesting - They are worth

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while. Sometime I hope I can get at some of the things I am saving up against a rainy day.

I noticed by the paper this morning that Russia and Japan are not feeling any too friendly - What a mess the world is in. Sometimes, often in fact, I think it would be fine to be a South Sea Islander or a native in a Congo forest Civilization seem to make such messes of folks.

The other day Dr. Bole said he saw them unpacking some radios at Hanseman & McCalls, our local radio shop. Billy said there was an empty space in the body of the cabinet about 8"x12" & he remarked that the space ought to be made large enough for a quart instead of a pint & Mr. Hanseman answered, "that isn't for a pint - that the space reserved for television installation" - It makes one catch ones breath to realize how close we are to general use of television.

Well dears, I ramble along and then say little. I hate hanging

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wrowed - when I have so many things to do in Bozeman - and so many more if I could consecutively have moments off. But all I can do ~~NOW~~ now is wait for a wire from Washington D.C. and for the county agent to return.

Tonight they have a meeting opening bids. I am wondering what sort of bids they will have. most of the counties have dropped the bid system as obsolete & sell through their own marketing agent in New York city.

So now I will say good by 2 -

Love

Your Harriette.

Otto is the grader for Gallatin Co - where Bozeman is situated

Billings, Montana,
Nov. 18, 1933.

Dear People,

This has been one of the wildest weeks that has ever has ever happened in my life. If I could write a story and call it"turkey time" and just describe the happenings day by day it would be a hum dinger. Right at present I am sitting in the Farmers' Union Creamery office waiting until they are ready to help them check the boxes as they are loaded into the car and it is just 11:00 P. M.

The week began when I came down to Columbus. The evening after I wrote the last letter we had the meeting to receive bids. The only bid they received was one from the Missoula Creamery Co. I guess the commercial companies are getting rather tired of playing fairy godmother or wet nurse to some of these pools so they have laid off bidding. I don't blame them in the least it is time that the pools learned to stand on their own feet and market their stuff orderly.

Well the next morning I went over to the freight house to see how things were getting along. I just intended to sort of percolate about the room and see how Otto mission was doing his grading and then get back to Bozeman. When I croassed the tracks I saw the line, trucks, coupes, fancy cars, old dobbins hitched to old broken down buggies and every conveience possible, stringing from the fromt of the wool house which we were using to receive birds in, back four or five blacks, to the Yellowstone river bridge. Inside the shed everything was in a turmoil. The manager Mr. Richardson, a funny insignifcant man with a smug smile came over to me and said ," This can't go on. The people are pulling out of the line and taking their turkeys to Billings." I soothed him as best I could and said if they would put two men at weighing I would grade the young hens and old ones and Otto could take the toms. The people were all upset and worried about government grades as it was the first time that they had ever used them. When I once started I found my self entangled in a steady job. I graded while Otto when to lunch and he took all the birds while I ate. We kept right on at it until 7:30 that night. In all we handled 60,000 pounds of turkeys.

It is interesting work and some weird things happen while one is at the grading table. Some time during the evening there is always a person who has had to wait in the line too long so that he goes down town and gets himself well polluted, then he either makes life miserable for the grader or else furnishes entertainment for the whole crew. There was one funny one the other night at Columbus that went on with a great string so that I finally said that I sure was sorry for him. He answered "Dont be sorry for me, be sorry for my wife."

We helped ~~xxxxx~~ the people at the pool awhile and the pulled out for bed, with instructions to be back at the packing at five A.M. When I got over to the hotel the people had all got to bed,-the Colubus hotel is like that. On the register was the note that rooms 44 ,26 and 15 were unoccupied and to go up and help ones self. There was an old timer in the lobby with his feet propped high. I asked him how he supposed I would be albe to get up at 4:30 if there was no one to call me. He said ,"Go around town and find the night cop, he'll call you"? So Otto and I started out, we heard he was at the station, so I asked the ticket agent if he had seen the night cop, "Oh, yeah, he's here. So Iasked and the voiced, said "Sure", then the owner of the voice came into view and he happened to be a very handsome young man and I felt sort of embarressed to say the least, but was glad to know that I was not going to have to worry all night about whether I was going to wake in time or not.

When I got over to the station in the cold grey of coming dawn

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the roof was white with hore frost and the whole loading platform was covered with cooling turkeys. It turned out that the crew had to go to Laurel and receive more turkeys, and left me there in charge of getting the turkeys properly cooled and loaded . The day was hectic to say the Least, The birds were cool enough to pack until about noon, the the sun beatin down upon the tin roof shoved the temperature up to about 45 and as turkeys must be 36 before they are packed, we had to start a merry-goround, part of the birds would be put in the car and cooled then hauled out and packed. That went on until 2:30 A. M.

At that time Mr. McKee, who had come up from Laurel to see how we were getting along, took me back to Laurel. When we got there we found that they were having the same trouble with hot birds and the whole yard was filled with birds cooling and it was plain that they would be packing all the rest of the night. So I went over to the hotel and got in about a couple of hours sleep.

Later 11/21/33 I did not get this finished the other night. But to go on with the story, I was called at 6:30 and Mr. Kelly, the manager of the Roberts pool, came for me. Originally I had had no intention of going to Roberts, but when I saw that no doubt Otto would not be able to get away from Laurel until noon I went on up with John T. and his clerk, Dolores. When we got to Roberts we had the same story all over again. The cars were strung a couple of blocks down the main street of the little town. I began grading(Oh but I was sleepy). It was a good thing that I went because Otto never got there until 2:00 in the afternoon. I did not mind working hard at Roberts for they were all so very appreciative.

At first we thought that Dolores and I would go out and stay with Mr. Kelly at his home but we ran into the same thing that we had below, only worse. The weather was still warm and every bird had to be car cooled. About the first thing we discovered that they were bringing in a lot more birds than were anticipated so that Mr. Kelly called up the Colubus people to see if they could bring up some more boxes. The boys that had been helping Otto at Laurel no sooner got back to Colubus, having had no sleep yet, than thay had to turn around and take a truck of boxes to Roberts. I felt sorry for them. The next day at Roberts was the same thing all over again. We could not get to bed until 4:00 A. M. and got up at 7:00. Things from there on would not have been so hectic if we had only had enough boxes. But again we ran short. John T. had to phone to Billings and get the lumber yards to make more. In the mean time we billed out the one car and got all we could, as far as boxes would permit, loaded into the other car. Then the rest of the birds were loaded into a truck and taken to the boxes at Billings. At Billing we found about 5000 more turkeys waiting for us and all the birds that had gon down in the truck were way up in temperature again.

It was at this point that I began to write the other night. We got all the birds again in the car, strewn out over the boxed birds, and in the creamery cooler. But the temperature would not come down. At 3:00 A. M. we gave up hoping to pack that night so went to bed. Dolores, Otto John T, and I went over to the hotel and slept until 5:00 but the rest of the crew just rolled up on car cushions in front of the fire in the office. One reason we were particularly anxious to get the car loaded early was that John T. had to take the morning plane to St. Paul to go to a Farmers Union national convention. You see he is state president. Well we got down to the creamery at 5:30, it was still dark but every one was rearing to go and get things finished up before Mr. Kelly's plane went. First thing Otto and I went to the ice box. The birds were still up above 40° and sticky, then with sinking hearts we went out to the car. I wanted to sit right down and cry when we found the car still up to fourty and the birds 44°. We went back to the office and had a

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council of war. Something had to be dpne and done quickly if the birds were to be saved. It was no bodies bright idea but just like putting a jig saw puzzle together, we finally came to the conclusio n that the birds would not cool until the car cooled. I think I woundered how much it would cost to send the car over to the icing plant and from that someone suggested dumping in more salt. So we called the yard office. Was such a proceedure possible? Yes it was possible. The boys did not know where the yard office was so John T. sent Dolores along on the truck to get a couple of hundred pounds. About that time it was necessary for John T. to go over to the hotel to get the taxi to the air port. Left alone Otto and I, in charge, we did some tall talking and called the yard office again. Just how much salt did they figure it would take to bring the temperature down in a couple of hours. The yard sup't. took a pencil and paper and began to figure. About 400 lbs. was his vedict, so we told him to give the boys that amount. In the mean time we dug out an old electric fan and robbed a few electic light wire and put the fan to going in the ice box where we had the rest of the birds. About that time the boys came back from the yards with the salt. By now it was just begining, to get light. It was a weird picture with Otto sillouetted against the pale yellow sky on top of the refierator car stirring the salt down into the bunkers.

Dolores almost fitted her name when she found Mr. Kelly had gone and she had not said good bye to him. Poor kid she was so tired and that seemedthe last straw, so when Joe who works at creamery blew in to see how we were getting along she begged him to take us up to the air port, as it was still a few minutes before the ship was to leave. All the way up we tried to think of some crazy reason for chasing up there . I finally hit upon the idea of telling him that he had gone off with the bill of lading,

The air port is high on the rim rock above the city. As we chased up the steep trail to the air drome the sun rise broke in all its glory. And glory it was, the Absorakee Mountains about 50 miles away were bathed in the most exquisite pink and rose shades and all the world seemed fresh and new. When we got in sight of the port we could see the propeller of the great transcontinental plane spinning. We expected that the plane would taxi off before we got there, but luck was with us, the taxi that was to bring the plane passengers from the hotel had had a flat so the we were there first. Only the pilot in blue nautical looking suit and the boy at the radio boad were. The latter was connecting with planes just leaving Chicago, Toledo and other Eastern cities. Navagation was good and visiblity fine. What a strange world we are living in. I asked the pilot when they would arrive in St. Paul, "we usually moore about 6 P?M. " he said. My sea fareing gemetic make-up thrills to the nautical lingo. About that that time the taxi appeared. John T. was taken back to see the tree of us standing there. He about had heart failure when I asked him about the bill of lading until, as he frantically fished thru one pocket after another, he tumbled to our joke. We had started off on the lark so with-out thinking, we forgot how we were dressed until I looked up and saw a very trimmly gowned woman who was to be passenger, then I realized how awful we looked, all turkey dusty and old taggy cloths. I told John T. he must appreciate having his hobo friends see him off. From the way he laughed I knew he did not mind in the least, but was just plain pleased to know that we wanted to.

BILLINGS, MONTANA

Names and addresses of growers who have signed contracts to deliver seeds and beans to Farmers National Grain Corporation warehouse at--

Billings, Montana.

Acres to be harvested 1933.

Name	Address	Alfalfa	Beans	Estimated Pounds.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF MONTANA

MONTANA STATE COLLEGE,
AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COOPERATING

After seeing the plane off we went back to the creamery. Otto was there alone, he had sent the boys off to get some breakfast and was wondering where in the world we had gone.

For the next couple of hours there was nothing much to do but wait for the temperatures to fall. Some of the boys went off and curled up in the truc for an extra nap, Otto figure on some reports , I wrote on your letter and the rest of the crew spent there time plagueing Dolores. They tied up her ankles and then tried to make her walk , with the result that she promptly bowed before them. At regular interval, Otto and I took tmeperatures. Our luck had changed. The fan was drying off the birds in the ice box and circulating the cold air about so that they were coming down about a degree each hour and the added salt was starting the water to run in the drain pipes of the car as if some one was making ice cream on a gigantic scale.

At eleven, after Otto and Dolores and I had been out and got a sandwich at the station beanery, the temeratures were low enough to begin packing Then the race began. About every hour the telephone would ring, the yards calling to see if the car was ready. First they said it would have to be ready to seal at 3:00 then sure by 3:30.

We got the birds all out of the ice box, then put the scales on the truck and took them right out beside the car and built the packing table on the loading platform. The six boys, Otto, Dolores and began to work like demons. All we said, that for Mr. Kelly's sake, the car must be finished. About 3:00 one of the yard men came over. When he saw how hard we were working he pitched in and helped us. He wrapped heads, carried turkeys and best of all assured us that we need not worry, that some how we would be done before the switch engine would come along for the car. It was a job, no two ways about it. The birds were scattered all the way back to the bunkers on the end of the car that was already loaded five boxes high from Roberts. But some how we just kept moving on and every bird got on it head wrap, was sized and put in its box in perfect form and every box was properly stencilled and entered of the loading sheet. Just as soon as the last box was weighed, Dolores and flew to the office and I called the numbers and she rattled off the figures on the adding machine. While we worked fast we worked carefully for we were both so tire that we knew we could never pick pp mistakes if any were made. But none were made and just as the boys got the last bulk head in place our total net, plus our total tare, equalled our total gross. We were really shaking when the black grimmy switch engine man came in and asked if he might use the phone. Sure of coure. But what was up now? He called the yards."Hold the fast fruit express, and have the icing crew ready to get this poultry car out in a hurry" Laws, I could have gone and flung my arms about him. What a"darb" he was.

I don't think I ever heaved such a sigh of relief. While Gus went up to the freight depot to bill the car out Otto and I fixed up the federal grader's certificate and the boys were all ready to drive back to Roberts by eight-o-clock. In the mean time I sent Dolores up to my room to take a bath.

Well that's the tale of getting 5 cars of turkeys out. Five cars and 144000 pounds. And every turkey had to be pre-car-cooled. But this does not tell all the funny things that happened, like the time the old Finlander woman brought in some pinny birds and Otto patiently explained to her how she could get more money out her birds, how she stood stolidly with out a word, and how when he had finished one of the Paavala boys began translating all Otto had said. It does not sound funny now, but it seemed so funny then. Now in a letter can I tell all about the man that sneaked into

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store up at Roberts one evening and went to sleep in the window about midnight. Young Heckela, the son of one of the partners who owned the store and the ware house where we were receiving birds was on watch that night. I was sittng up at the high book keepers bench when Art asked me if I knew who the fellow was. I went up and looked. "No I've never laid eyes on him before". Just the Mr. Abrahamson the other partern came in. He went up and looked and said he was sure it was one T.J.Kelly a notorious sneak theif and hpp head. So he went up and called out "good evening Mr.Kelly". The fellow opened one eye. "When did you get out?" "What do you mean?" "Out of the big brick house." Then the man began to cuss and swear about jails in general, so we knew that Abrahamson was right in his guess. After A. went out the old fellow got up from the window window and began pacing the floor and I never heard a more disconected flow of words. Both Art and I were wishing that Dolores had been there to take it down in short hand. It went on something like this. Art had a lovely dog there with him. "Dogs, Dogs why I like dogs, all dogs are friends of mine, I can get dogs to do any thing for me, Why I can put a harness on them, any, even the worst cayuse will turn the staightest furro whym yes sir when I was in Paris do you know what the people do downmin Central America. Yes sir its a real crime the people in the big cities starving and the farmers getting nothing for their grain". and so he raved. Then he folded up in the window again. When Abrahamson came in again he looked at him rather critically and said in his funny Finnish accent, "Why don't you slee with both eyes shut?" After that he got rid of him in short order and then we locked the front door and the gate to the warehouse yard as we did not wish to have any turkeys come up missing.

Old Abrahamson is a love. He is a state representive from Carbon County and he was telling me all about legislature one time when I was in the office adding up some of the turkey figure. He was praising one of our mutual friends and said that he was not like so many of the men that went up to legislature, he said "You know most of those men that go up are floor flushers" And I kept a straight face.

I forgot to say that we teased John T. Kelly a great deal about his double T.J.Kelly, the hop head.

Well dears, this is indeed a long winded letter. But I thought you might be interested in some of the things that happen when turkeys are loaded.

Needless to say that when I got back to Bozeman yesterday morning that I went up to the office and did what had to be done then I came home and by 4:00 in the afternoon was in bed and sound asleep and never woke up until noon today. Now I am right side up and ready for any thing. Why I could even load more turkeys, only I don't pine to.

Lots of love,

Your,

Harriett

P.S. It would be funny if you happened to buy a Montana turkey that I had graded + packed

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ON U.S. HIGHWAYS NO. 10 AND 12

THOROUGHLY MODERN
60 ROOM HOTEL

SOFT WATER TUB AND
SHOWER BATHS

HOTEL
INGHAM

W. C. INGHAM, MANAGER

MILES CITY, MONTANA

12/4/33

Dear People,

I have treated you very shabbily lately, but somehow turkey time is just one awful mess.

Right now we are having turkey grading school for the Northern group.

Somehow we all feel terribly upset tonight. The manager of the Sidney pool - the grader & three of the directors were coming to the school this morning when a car stuck them and sent their car turning end for end 5 times

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Mr. Comsden was killed outright and three of the others seriously injured + in the hospital. It all seems so needless + awful.

It will make more work for me too. I was hoping I could get out of grading for Xmas, but not the case. They will have no one in charge there now, so I will have to go to their rescue.

This Sunday I was on the train all day.

And last Sunday when I did not write Ina + Lois + I went through Yellowstone Park. I have always thought I would love the place uncluttered by tourists

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and it certainly was lovely. The Canyon was grand. There were lots of elk + deer about too - They are so happy playing about when they know that no one can harm them -

Well dears, I am very weary + must go to bed

lots of love

your

Harriette

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Bozeman, Mont.
12/12/33

Dear People,

You are so - so very nice to me - while I am pretty neglectful of late - But the turkeys are about all packed now.

I got "in" Sunday but was so utterly tired out, I did nothing but stay abed. Monday when I went up to the office I found my nice birthday letters and package that had been waiting for me since Wednesday. The letters in themselves were enough for any 43 year old woman - and then the lovely surprise packages. You all know how I love to unwrap packages - I unwrapped and unwrapped and had so much fun - The picture - Oh Ad, it's so utterly lovely - I have

I just could not imagine where I had tucked it - well thank you so much dear for it.

Then yesterday afternoon the second letter came from home with the delightful poem of Napoleon - It's clever - I read it to the two hoi who were down tonight to share two little fishes which Mr. Walton brought me - He had gone fishing up the yellowstone. He always brings me fish when he catches any. He is a very spry old man, for one nearly 80 - The Walton's seem to feel it their duty to take care of me - I don't see how I could possibly find another place where I would have so many things done for me.

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card board it looks so nice I hate to take the cut off + put them to use.

Thanks, too, dear for the sandwich cutters. They will be so lovely. I have not given any parties lately but most likely will have more time as the winter advances. So many play contract Bridge now - and I don't seem to have the mentality to try it.

And the tea - such a lovely delicate flavor and odor. I had some of it last night as soon as I got home. It's done up so cleverly too.

Do you know, I didn't know I left my hat at home. I wanted to wear it recently with my white coat and looked the house all over

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I am sorry to learn that Tom has been in the hospital again. It seems to me that the Webster family are constantly taking things the hardest way.

My Christmas cards are done- I did not get so many this year. I don't know how I will ever show down my list but I could not afford the usual number.

You asked how I am getting on with my dough children- not at all. I have neither read, sewed washed or done anything else since turkey marketing began. It's worse or at least as bad as running a jewelry store in taking days- I worry from the time we begin until the last turkey is sold on the terminal market. It means

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came out of it alive -

No - brother you need not send "Peter Abelard." I have a chance to read it here - It's one the first I want to get at when I get straightened around.

I was reminded of the old legend or fable the other day at Sidney - The one where the king came to town + all the people keep the shutters up to the windows because they feared they did not have things nice enough to ask the king in - And then the poorest old people of the town asked him in + treated him royally. While grading - one Bill Collins took the turkeys from me + put them in the scales first - He was a young fellow - rather

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time together.

Well, dears, if I don't begin to slow down on this page I will have to start another sheet & really I don't have enough ammunition to soil another whole sheet.

I am sorry to hear that your Tummie is not behaving Dad - One grows callous to mother's being ill, but when you get an ache it seems as if something ought to be done right now.

Mother, you never said whether the Camp belt helped any or not. I just can't get along without mine at all - I know your abdomen is so tender - I fear you may have much trouble getting used to it, but if you only could, I do believe it would help. I am like the old ladies who always have special remedies for colds & such like - Well the page is ended - Again [illegible] birthday gifts

laughed & joked -

The children were so polite too. Now I wish I could make the rest of the tale come true - I wish I had the money to send to them & let them make a visit to my castle.

Money is not important but over & over again I wish I had just a little of it to drop here & there, just to see wistful eyes sparkle.

As I said a while ago I had the two Loi here tonight - My it's simple to get meals when one has things canned. I opened some turkey soup for the first course, then opened some marmalade and chard stalks to have with the fish - and would have opened fruit but both the girls declared they had

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wanted so much to get to see both of you- Possibly at "block week" as we used to call the time between semesters (if they still run the terms that way) would be a good time for them to come- that's some time in June or perhaps at Xmas holidays- At any rate the address is:

Mignon Quaw Hatt
207 Kelvin Place, Ithaca, N.Y.

I do so hope you get to know each other- you are all grand people. Minnie + mother talkative + forceful- Hammie + Dad quieter + deeply thinking- You four would have a grand

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and her little hands are knarled from rheumatism. Both of them are just as wide awake & interested as young girls.

Weren't Xmas cards clever. They do think of such very clever cards.

I am so sleepy I must quit with lots & lots of love

Your Harriette.

Again thank you for your generous host -

Dec. 27, 1933 -

Dear People,

When I came up to the college Tues. morning Cecile called out that Santa Claus had been there - And indeed he had. I was really glad it came Tues instead of Monday for it prolonged Christmas and further everyone in the building so enjoyed the things. I had forgotten all about my requests, so that the things came as a real surprise. I feel so rich with the castor and the sampler. I am having the later framed inorder to protect it.

I had a very nice christmas day. On Christmas Eve we all went to the mid-night services at the episcopal church. They have such lovely carols. Then following that we all went over to Freddie's to have sandwiches and coffee. It

was about 2:30 A.M. when I got home. So I slept late and got my breakfast then had a real spree opening all my cards. I had quite a flowery Xmas, Blanche Lee sent me roses. Lois Lott, Mark & his wife Marilyn sent me snap dragons and Jo Pollock gave me a Poinsettia.

Jessie, my steno, gave me some powder - but not as nice as the powder my mother and dad sent. The box you sent is REAL.

Barbara and Chas. Potter gave me a jar of pickles. Anna Bell gave me a sofa cushion, Lois Payson gave me a pretty little box. It could be used for almost anything - The Ruzicka family sent candy - Ina gave me a pair of gloves - Teddy gave me some prints and Grace Burkett Noyes sent me a lovely blanket - lavender on one side and green on the other.

So you see I had a gorgeous Christmas, Mark, Marilyn & Lois L. and I all went to Ina's for dinner. She had turkey and everything that goes with it. I ate until I was just ashamed. But it was all so well cooked. I forgot to tell of the big squash pie that the Watsons gave me. I took it over to Ina's and we had it for dessert.

Later in the evening Lois Mark & Marilyn & I went up to see Miss Bogart and Mrs Place a minute. We are afraid Miss Bo. is failing. She is about 90

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OGDENSBURG HAS TURKEY FAIR; PRICES ARE SLIPPING

OGDENSBURG— (AP) —This city held a public turkey fair today for the first time in ten years, the sale having been arranged after low prices knocked the bottom from New York state's annual market days at Lisbon, Madrid, and Heuvelton. Prices paid by eastern buyers yesterday at Heuvelton ranged from 17 to 22 cents a pound dressed; two small choice lots went for 22, the balance ranging 20 down. Altho from 45 to 50 tons of birds were offered, total sales did not exceed 15 tons. The Retail Merchants association arranged the sale today to aid the farmers to dispose of dressed stock.

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I am very sorry, dear. I neglected this at this time.

The entire Community was shocked by the Sudden death of Catherine Barrons Smith, On Friday evening last. Jarvis. She and Billy had gone to Jarvis' fathers home for a week-end visit when, with a word of warning, the Summon came. Her work was finished—

The hill is beautiful in the morning light with pure white snow upon it. Its beauty is marred only by the many houses perched upon it. — Ever Your loving and devoted — Brother.

[1933?]

178 South Main St
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dearest Nanette: You will be surprised to receive a letter, so soon, from me, but this morning when I was looking up some matters pertaining to our transaction. I found this receipt as well as my Copy of it. So I hasten to send it. I received Your ~~received~~ Your letter, asking to have this transaction

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legalized, on Feb. 3rd 1933
and wrote this receipt
on Feb. 10th. 1933.
If you wish to write an
agreement signed Feb. 10
or there about, the 15th
and have it acknowledged
by an attorney, or a Notary
Public, embodying this
which I set forth in the
receipt of February 10th
and. Send me a copy of
such agreement, but
this receipt, with my
signature is legal, and
will hold at any time in
N. Y State. Also I have a
record of all checks paid
me by you, and you
have all the cancelled checks
which you paid me with
the agreements of a
Compact we made July
8th-1931- that you would
send me checks monthly
and it would apply on
my books, furniture, silver,
linen and jewelry. to be delived
to you at the time of my
death or any time I considered
proper to do so.

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with some Shakespearean work for school she would not stay.

Then Paul came and she was a hasty exit.

Father has sold to Paul the picture, "The Pool that Sleeps." Paul bought it for his mother.

I will have to stop, darling and leave the rest of this for father to write you. I will write again very soon, darling.

Always your devoted
Mother.

Dearest Hanette [1933?]

Tell your mountain goat friends that they are out of luck — Havre Montana and points east & west are no longer the coldest spots in North America. Jamestown now sports the pennant — an average of 20 below day and night for over a month.

All thermometers have burst and so have all the water pipes. The lake solid to the bottom just off Long Point. And so on — the least that can be said its dammed cold here every day — and worse at night. We never get more than three feet from the stove.

Our colds are better but mother has a lingering tonsilitis. Rather late for her to sport such juvenile troubles. The NRA Eagle still hovers in the sky — it may alight — but

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When? Now I want to ask a favor
Don't get excited - not money this
time. Mr. James Weiss who
used to work in northrops paint shop was
when a boy lived on the road from River-
side bridge to Brakeys corner in Riastone
used to go to school to a Mr. C.E. Woodworth
now living in Missoula Mont. a civil
engineer aged 80 some.
Jim had a letter from him in relation
to a photo which I took at Spiritualists
Springs you were there that day. We
cleared out the spring and had a lunch.
I photographed the only remaining house
and Vi a you made sketches of the
arrangements of the house.
The houses, every vestage of them
are now gone. - now on the farm
If you ever have a chance or can
make a chance would you be willing
to call on me W- and get a story

magazine article. I have
not as yet put them on
paper except a part of the
special article. it is half
written.
Father bought me a "Kite"
when he came home to-night.
It too has changed. All things
change in time.
I have not heard from
Vily yet. It is four weeks
now. I feel quite anxious
about them!
Saturday Margaret was
here in the afternoon
Paul and Alexander in
the evening. Miss Mary Canny
but as I was helping Alex.

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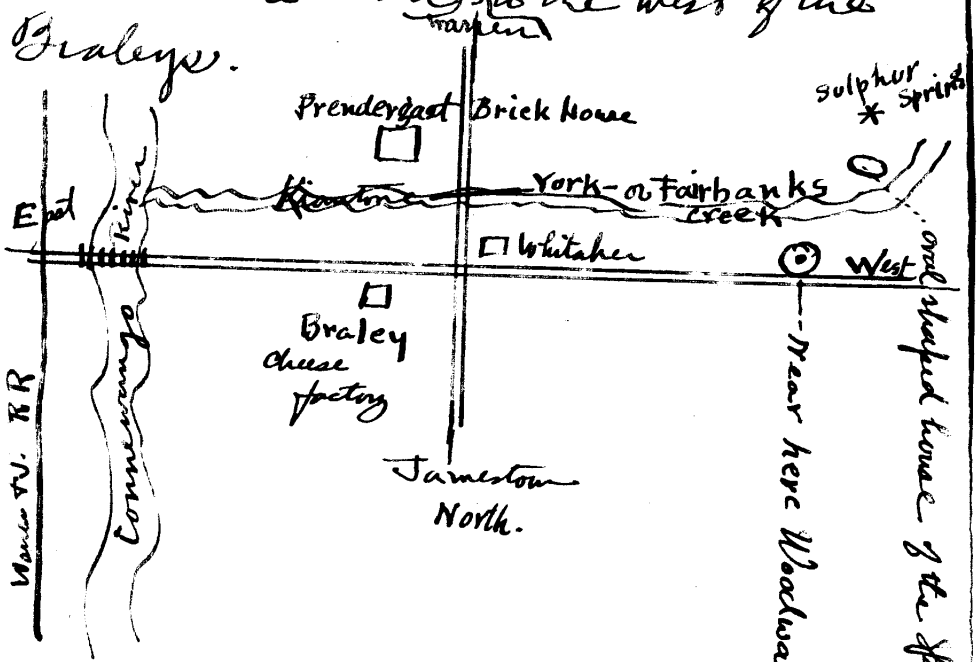
from Erin. He is probably the only living survivor of the Spiritualist group. I don't understand that he is or ever was interested in the Spiritualists theories. His people lived on the road to the west of the Braleys.



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Mr. W's mother was one of the promoters of the "Domain" or Camp. and he taught a school during the summe at the domain. This may be a crazy idea that you would ever have a chance. but put it down in your address book and if you would care to do it the story of his boyhood relations to this cult would be a great addition to the fragmentary story of the spiritualist camp.

There are a lot of leads or subjects I could give you to bring out conversation and stories providing you care to consider it. I saw a letter he wrote very recently to Jim Weiss - it was as if written by a man of 60. - I hope you understand.

My love to you Dad.

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Cones are so nice and brown, they look good enough to eat.

Do you remember a book cover which I once saved from the "Andorra Nurseries" with a cluster of oak leaves (red oak) on the front of it? I am using it as a scrap book for trees & poems of trees only, one illustrated poem is called "Piegan Pines" and the explanation says "The Piegan Pines grow in a mountain meadow in Glacier Nat. Park." Do you know it. The poem is by Walter Prichard Eaton.

I am enclosing a little poem, such a sweet little poem, which I meant to put into your Christmas letter but forgot it. Do you like it?

Margaret B. went to Boston last Sunday to visit a friend. So, as the friend drives a car, I asked her to call on Vily. which she did. I have not seen M since she came back.

I am having a little trouble with the heart again. So will write more next time. Ever & always your devoted Mother

Dearest H— Mother wants me to add the news that Mr Sample died yesterday the 2nd after a very trying illness — Poor mother is not so well tonight. Such a lost trouble on poor bodies have you no. You know how it gets better than I can say. I am well—My Bore. Dad

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.
January 1-1933

Dearest Childie O'mine own:-

A Happy New Year to this dear child. I can think of no better way darling than beginning the New Year by writing you a letter. I shall try to resolve to write you on Sunday or at least to try to do so.

The New Year has come in clear and cold. Oh, so cold!

There now! I have already broken a good resolution and the day is not yet ended.

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Little Maxine Tweedale. Came in almost frozen. She, her toy husband and two babies live in the old Colburn house on top of English Hill.

Maxine is not profusely clad to have such severe weather. They are, as many others, having a hard time of it. Arthur, the husband has had no work for many months. Poor children. She likes to come over once in a while and talk to us, to run away, to think thoughts independent of husband and children. Those are really the times that try human souls, and endurance.

Maxine, for one so young, so inexperienced, raised by no one, taught nothing but public dancing, - is a marvel. She does her own sewing. For self, babies & family. She has so much common sense. Some time - you will know her, some time I will tell you more.

About the dress darling, It is lovely and just fits me, and I am sure we know each other perfectly, so that if you really do need it darling say so. You send me so much I would so gladly share this, if you need it.

Tell me of the beautiful pine boughs you sent in the beautiful Christmas box. I put them in a vase & water they stand up as straight & the

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became a very active little black dog. He was a woolly dog, and was so happy he just wiggled all over with joy. He wagged the bushy tail, stuck out his tongue, then barked joyously. And the moon was so bright and some one said. "Tom the Nest Comes our help!"

Tell it to your friend in the legislature. Probably he could understand it.

Harriette, dear. Your insurance stands for comfort in your advanced years. Please don't drop it. Please treasure this scrawl. Always your devoted Mother.

1/18/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Children's mine own:—Please do pardon this scrawl, I can use the hands so short a time until they become numb, but I am sure they will come alright in time.

I was glad to get your nice letter.

Yo the present heads of our government are quite hopeless. It is

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beyond ours understanding to know men have lived and ruled for so many centuries, with so many lessons & so much experience of leaders in those ages gone, yet to-day we stand as helpless before conditions which are man made or rather un-made through ignorance, bigotry and extravagance, but utterly incapable of finding a solution.

I had a most peculiar dream a few nights ago - I do not rest well at all, at night, this may be the reason of the dream. Father & I were, sleeping; I think on Mary Kidder's back porch, and I looked to the west, and there was a large dark object rising in the heavens I awoke father & called his attention to it. he could not see it. So - I said "Let us run over into our yard." when we had come as far as the large Maple tree, the object had reached the lighted area around the moon, the moon was so bright unusually - so - and the object

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but that will be allright bye & bye.

I at last had a letter from Vily to day - the whole family have been & are ill with bronchial "Grippe" or something like it. Poor child she has her hands full.

I hope your baby is not going to disturb you.

I hope you may be able to write Harriette. But I am sure you are gainering & soon you will be able to sew.

I will write soon again. I truly all things may be alright with you.

Always with love your devoted Mother.

2/4/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie, O'mine:-

We are having a "dish o'snow," although a small dish truly, yet in place the ground is quite white. While our winter has been an open one, the air has been unusually cold, and penetrating.

Friday - I wrote the above mon. morning, darling: my foot was raining, & I had not slept Sun. night. So at this juncture I

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undressed my foot and examined it to find the "little" toe, which I had bumped some time infected & the foot badly swollen with streaks of red "shooting up" to the ankle. I opened the end of the toe & put the foot into a very hot "lysol" solution. at night (Mon) it pained me so badly. Father spoke with the Dr. he came right up & I have been in bed since, and not been able to use the foot. Please excuse pencil and don't say "of all things what next!"

Our snow went we had several days of warm sunshine to-day is quite cold & snowing or trying to. It is too cold to snow.

Theresa Calla. a young Italian girl. a very nice girl was up to see me Saturday. she types beautifully. she wants to type my last play. if I will let her keep a copy. I think I'll do it myself. when I am able. it is very hard to run the type writer when my hand gets so numb.

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are not allowed to enjoy one another. But it must be for some reason.

Please don't worry about me. The Dr. says an injury like mine, takes a long time to heal and become natural again. My foot is so much better, to-day. I have a stocking on, and have put the bed away, which was made during the day on the davenport. I'm like the alley cat, there's still much life left. I have written another one act play, which I shall send away as soon as I copy it.

Harriette, if there is one thing that is mine and you want it *now*, say so and it is yours.

Ever your own Loving and Devoted Mother.

2/8/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest - Mine own, Harriette:

I had your dear letter and your pretty and smart Valentine, sometimes, dear one, it is hard to see and to know, what's it all about. But it is about something and for something or it would not be, and in our dense ignorance we cannot fathom it all. There is always compensation.

Darling, I thank you, I do not see how I would survive. I cannot go into detail, nor would I, nor could

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burden you with it all. Father seems cheerful but oh dear such a child! He will pay 55 or 60 cents for a Columbian half dollar then when his cash runs low, spend it for 50 cents. Well never mind.

Miss Ethel Sample came & spent the afternoon with me. Yesterday (Monday) she cried so much. She said they have not near as much money as they thought they would have & cried. Oh dear me! what has that to do with happiness and discharging the work which we are certainly created to do!

Harriette darling, You are not only justified in asking what you do. but it is the only fair way of doing. and it shall be done. I rather think perhaps Vily may come home for a short time if I am able to have her a suit. or suited. then I will explain everything as shall her what you have done darling. as I keep a strict record of everything.

Please do not speak of going away, darling. I could not live another minute if you should. Oh Harriette. I often wonder why it is so. when I love you so dearly. so entirely, that no

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for an Apendix operation.
Maxine stayed until nearly twelve. then had to go away home. the live on the old Colburn place on Eng. Hill. Maxine is a nice little kiddie quite unusual, like "To-pay" just come up". never had a father or mother.
I am reading a most delightful book by. David Thoreau "Cape Cod." I never realized that Thoreau had such a keen sense of humor.
So the baby is a natural little one. It is quite an experience for you to become the head of a family at one step. Dear I have been three days writing this so will stop. Always your Devoted Mother.

2/15/33

78 South Main St.
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dearest Mine own Harriette.
how I wish darling I might relieve you from any worry or inconvenience. When I received your letter on Saturday. I thought of the flat down stairs if you have no position dear this is always home wherever mother is. and there will always be some-way out. We could arrange those rooms. and [illegible] of

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us write. That is dear, if you could stand mother's presence and feel comfort, ask in Jamestown, at any rate. ~~I~~ ~~grew~~ this is home, and there will be a way. Please Harriette look out for your self. While you have something, hold it, naturally you will be here when we are gone.

I am sending you a little play. "Susanne," the play is laid in Jamestown. The sts. are Prospect & So. Main. Please criticize it. and if your Jessie will copy it. I would like two copies. You may have one, please keep it your self. until I have copyright it. I have written three other one acts, and two three acts. have one copied. two in pencil the others outlined.

While I have to keep off my foot.

The foot is better, the spine and hands don't seem to get along very well. I suppose in time that will adjust itself. until then it is quite inconvenient.

Marion Spencer was over yesterday. also Virgil & Moe, Mrs. Moe, and Margaret B. Maxine Tweedale, came in the evening. Arthur her husband is in the hospital

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Jamestown, N. Y.
February-10-1933.

Received-from Harriette Eliza Cushman, of Bozeman-Montana-the amount of ($1345.90/100-) One thousand, three hundred and forty five dollars and ninety cents, in payment for all my house hold goods: furniture, books, silver, linen and jewelry, to be delivered to Harriette Eliza Cushman at the time of my death or at any time I may consider it proper to deliver these effects.

(Signed by me, Margaret Emma Cushman.
February-10-1933.
178 South Main St., Jamestown, N. Y.

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

JEWELER

DEALER IN COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOS

2/22/33

Dearest Harriette :— George's birthday— a nice mild day here but we have a falling barometer.

Things run along about as usual here. Our lives are not filled with many activities. Mothers foot get along slowly in fact if it were mine I should be very discouraged. Her nerves seem always on end and little things which in themselves are annoying seem to every one with her seem mountain high. She suffers so over such little things. Luckily her companions are fully as attentive as ever and she gets such a big kick out of them. Our books are such an asset to her — through them

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she can furnish such a lot of information.

Before I left this morning before 9 a girl came bringing her baby to stay all day perhaps.

Its really too bad for she dont get to rest at all or attend to her food. But while people are there she is very happy and gets away from her ills.

How are the political events turning out as regards your business? So much is being expected of the next congress and president. I look for early legislation relative to the "devaluation" or inflation of the currency. As long as bank credits are so frozen up it does seem necessary to have a much larger currency volume. I need some too. Love to you Dad.

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bits & patch work on some of fathers' undies.

I remember once of my father spoke to a neighbor asking him why my mother was not invited to his wifes' quilting, referring to the neighbors trousers. I think all my friends would feel jealous if they should see Fathers' underwear and shirts and his hose are quite like "De Quincy's" sick hose.

I thought I should write to Lily tonight, but Frederick Hilary came in and interrupted me

I hope you got through with your dentist alright.

Thank you dear for the stamps. Father will write & I'll let him tell the rest of the news. Lovingly yours Mother.

2/23/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie o'mine — The time flies right along whether we want it to or not.

We had two nice days of sunshine, then a raging snotem blizzard, and mercury dropped away down again.

Has your baby gone or is he a permanent lodger for a while. They are so interesting and the most beautiful thing on earth to watch when they belong to you, but not entirely so when

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it does not belong to you.
I am still hobbling about with "one stocking off and one stocking on." The foot is still swollen, and the hands still prickly and numb, but I am becoming quite adjusted to it. One can adjust one's self to almost anything.

Our city is undergoing many changes. The entire block on the corner of main + third including the Farmers + Mechanics bank building, and as far as the alley on third st. is razed to the ground and an up-to-date 10 cent store is going up. The Humphrey House is reduced to a one story building, and will be occupied by stores. I have not seen any of the changes yet. It will be a new city to me when I get around to see things.

I had a letter from Viola Gammon yesterday. She wrote that she is very flashy, but leading quite a useless existance in an "Old Peoples' Home" and she is only a year my Sr. I have been sewing carpet rags and mending shirts all day. You should see my fine

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What do you think of Your Senator Walsh? If he's happy and she is happy, it matters not what anybody else thinks.

I am so sorry to know of Helen Widerman's sad condition. It is so much harder for a young person to have trouble.

We have the experience of life and all its Sanctified phylosophies and assosociations to help us each day.

I am glad you like Chess Harriette. it is a nice game, my father & I used to play when I was very young.

Always & forever Your Devoted Mother.

I am playing the 4th movement of Hayden Surprise Symphony. So you

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.
Feb. 27-1933

Dearest Childie: This morning life seems so worth while the Sun is shining so brilliantly, and have a dress on, I have lived in a night dress since Wed. night. 22nd. I have done my morning work - dusted my rooms, played three records on Victrola and now am writing my girl. my greatest pleasure.

I was so happy to have your last letter & a the pictures. Thank you dear for sending them and for allowing me keep The One.

James Donald is really a bright

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beautiful little man. for four weeks.

Irene was over last Wed. her baby is three months a bright little boy. but quite small.

Can you really pardon me dear, several days. Ian again passed and find me still trying to finish this letter to the dear child. I am sure dear you know this is far from intentional. I do thank you for reading the little play, and also thank so much for the fair Criticism. Father does not criticase my work. he thinks its all fine. Frederick H. was so delighted with it that he brought several friends, invited, to have me read it to them.

Marion S. made some suggestions which I used. Your criticism would be honest and fair, and so helpful.

Grace has many words and many pretty phrases, but does not get them together, and they jar, as when Leigh Hunt put a "stare" instead of a "hearth-stone" in a poem. Some of our modern poets not only disgrace our age but insults the art of Poetry!

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"Is this the Easter meeting of your club." "ah hi don't know its the april meetin' Mrs. Cushman."

"I suppose Gertrude will play the Parsifal music."

"Pah – what is hit?

"Ah, where can she find hit,

"She will know how to find it.

"His hit nice?" But that 'oly grail. I know Mrs. C. – you'll give me notes on hit. or tell me where to find hit. Could hi find hit in a magazine or paper?"

"What the Holy Grail? you know what it is?"

3/2/32

198 South Main St.
Jamestown. N.Y.

Dearest Childie O'Mine:- I was glad to receive your last letter. Your poem thought was very good, and also your projects. Cute. Possibly it may materialize yet.

Here are some things which keep me busy.

Sat. a.m. telephone, voice, "I am writing a new composition, I would like a song or two. it's 7-8-time. I'll have it. I must

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the words house, a white gate, and any thing else, will you do it?"

Sat. night, telephone, voice, another voice, "are you home? I would like a little help on some pronunciation, May I run over?" "yes!"

Sun. morning, telephone, voice "Do the flower shops keep open to-day," "yes." "I am coming up town to-day. May I run in & see you I have a number of things to ask you!"

& so on.

Monday morning, tel. voice, "Ah, Mrs. Cushman, (short U. like gush) how ahr you?" She had not seen me for more than a year, or since she wrote her last paper for "Music Study Club". all a lot of palaver, palaver, and palaver I waited, knowing some thing was wanted, ah-h-I wanted ask you if you could help me, with my paper, for "The Club. Its on the 'oly grail, and I don't know hemmy thing about it. but I knew you would. and Gate rude has to play 'oly grail music where will she get hit?"

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heart is not good, but I am alright.

Dr. Fred Nixon called me a short time ago, wanting to use a little skit, which I had written. He enquired after my health, & said he had not seen me out for some time.

When I told him I had not been down town since May fourth, "Good Lord!" he exclaimed.

"Oh, no," I said. I am most

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happy. and extremely busy
and I do not need pity.
Father is going to Dr. Barnes
lecture, with Margaret B. tonight.
The lecture is on the Chinese-
Japanese war.

Father brought "Mehitable & Arch-
home. Some book! I loaned
it to Mrs Tehl. She could not
read it, until I explained about
the lack of Capitals and
Paused - etc. absolutely no
imagination.
Please pardon half sheets of paper
and know I am your own Devoted
Mother.

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"Hi'm ashamed to say hi don't. You see Mrs. C — I have Gatrude, Mrs N. and my 'ouse to care for. I don't 'ave time to keep hup with things. and hof course hi don't know hatout the 'oly Grail."

Rescue the perishing! she can't keep up with the Holy Grail!

This (Tues) morning, tel. voice "Mrs Cushman, (very hoarse "yes," as I have a very bad chest cold.) Oh. you poor thing.

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"I'm sorry to know you are so hoarse. Can you pronounce some Italian names for me? my sister + I are giving a play Sat. at Haven. Its all in rhyme, may we come over and have you help us with it?"

no pity please, for I had an excuse for each as an excuse is a polite lie. You made your own decision.

I had to have the M.D. come up again. the floating. [illegible]

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an excellent thought!
Do you have any time to put your good thoughts on paper? I wish I were capable of great thoughts! Just now all things seem to be waiting.
I have such a splendid picture in my book of celebrated writers J. George H. Russell (Æ.) I have it almost complete, now, some time, dear would you care for it? Some of the Irish writers are so gentle.
Father is down town; this is a great ordeal, but he is philosophical.
Our outside world today, is a fit illustration for Lowell's "The first Snow fall." Good independent world that mean can't mar.
Ever lovingly & devotedly. Mother

3/26/22

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Mine Own: Thank you so much dear for copying the little play. also for the nice letter.
I have just been writing Josephine a birthday letter she will be Twenty Years old on March Twenty-ninth. It does not seem possible. I do not know how they are getting along. They are all such poor correspondents, that I hear little from them.

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Frederic H. was in to see me a short time last night (Sat.) Theresa was here on Friday. Mr. Wagner, the boy's Sec'ty. & the Y.M. on Thurs. Marion Spencer, Frederic and & Mrs. Cahill & Dunkirk were here on Monday. Margaret runs in everyday. So I have a plenty & variety in this way.

I have been copying a "memoir and an Appreciation of John M. Synge an Irish playwright, by Padraic Colum. It is very uniquely written and quite worth dreaming the Literary Review; from which I copied it. It is old. Yellow and rotten. This is from the article:-

"That words get worn out in literature was one of Synge's theories. 'Æ. disputed this. 'Words,' Æ. maintained, 'cannot be debased; any word used with vision or emotion becomes worthy.' Synge - 'awfully he rose before him!' Æ. 'The word 'awfully' has been made the cheapest of words but one who felt the vision or the emotion could use it to describe a divine apparition.' Synge replied 'Words have a cycle of life: the time comes when they are too worn out for journalism even. One can bring them back only in dramatic speech. I have taken up many words that had reached the end of their cycle'."

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upon each others nerves with nothing to look forward.

Do you know Arthur Guiterman's Poems? Sometimes I'll copy "The Idol-Smaker Says." for you, if you haven't it.

In a copy of "The Theatre Arts Magazine" which Margaret loaned me, was a picture of an Iron mask, with this enlightening remark "This iron mask was found in the Bastile when it fell (?). It was worn, and clamped on the head of the mysterious, unknown prisoner, on which Hugo founded his book, "The Man with the Iron Mask." What do you think of that? I think I shall write the Editor.

Do take care of my Harriette.

Always your loving devoted Mother

4/3/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.
April 2 - 1933

Dearest, my Harriette:- I thank you darling for the most beautiful letter. I shudder darling at such devotion, I really do not deserve it. But I shall try to do so.

We are passing through an ordeal. Father has rented a store at 200. East 2nd St., and somehow reasons with his conscience, until he makes the "rough places"

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seem "smooth" and "the crooked straight" to him. Oh, I do not understand it all. Oh I'll tell you some funny little jokes a teacher was playing off. A pupil before a guest. To the pupil read. "Here is a hot doughnut, step on it." The teacher asked to read it again, which she did, and with the same result. The teacher then looked at her book with this result, "Here is a worm, do not step on it." Here is another, a guest at a hotel said to waiter; "Have you frog's legs?" Waiter; "No, sah, I've got rheumatism, dats why I walks dis away."

Oh, Harriette, I cannot tell you how dreadfully I feel about your health. If only I were near to care for you! Dearest, don't be alone, let your friends know where you are, but that you do not want to be disturbed. There is no time, there is no space, it is such a great joy to feel it spiritually, but sometimes there is a spiritual and physical hunger. It was beautiful what you said about Father's art, but while we may gradually work it in, just now I think both he and I would become insane to be thrown

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he will bring bread or bacon, so
he'll say. of course I am still
able to supply the table, or I
bring home so much you
wont be needing any money
to-day.

I am sending the package to day
dear, please don't consider
the dresses junk.

I am so relieved to know you
are better dear, I truly hope
you may be able to rest more.

What do you think of Hitler?
It seems that man is bent
on self destruction. There seems
no way to prevent it. I fear we,
women, have exalted him to
highly.

Take care of my Harriette.
Ever and Always - Your devoted
Mother.

4/10/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest, mine own; - What a
perfect day. the sun shines,
the buds are swelling and the
little birds sing in the
trees. All nature seems to
respond to the great Call.
Yes this is the beauty of
living in the North. all
things are well balanced.
To quote Pippa: "God's in his
heaven, All's right with the
world." If it were only
true with man.

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I thank you so much dear for the many things you do for me. You beautiful letter dear, I feel so humble and so unworthy such love as you bear me. dear child sometimes I think my love dear is akin to idolatry, and what if it is!

When you were ill I told Father if anything happened to you, I could not go on. He replied. "You have me, I need you." Yes he does need me, but he does not listen to me nor does he profit by experience.

I thank you darling for the check. I hope you know I and am as careful as I can be with the money. I had to give Father fifty dollars which I had put away a little at a time for emergency, or he could not have even carried on any (or started these proceedings) He is so helpless! and I have had to furnish the table entirely- pay the gas bills and the heavy part of the laundry. This week I pay thirty one dollars. for State & County tax. I can not understand where Father think I get money to pay for all the necessary supplies. once in a while

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

JEWELER

DEALER IN COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOS

4/22/33

Dear Harriette :- Saturday evening all is quiet on 2nd St. My number is now #200 just across from the Anidon Blk. I moved a couple of weeks ago. The new store is much larger and a better store in every way. Perhaps I can make a go of it. Time will tell. - Unless Mother has told you perhaps I had better explain that I have been obliged to go into bankruptcy. am now about half way through the proceedings. Ned Bootey is my attorney and James Hewes, brother of Cassimir Hewes, who is now an attorney is the trustee in bankruptcy. This makes it particularly nice for

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as James can be very considerate of me if he wants to. and I believe he will. both James & his brother used to help me after school when we had the store at the corner of 4th and main Sts.

It would have been much better had I gone into this thing when my assets were more valuable.

The lake property would at one time have sold for enough at a forced sale to take care of every thing.

But not to day. We probably will deed the lake property to the Bank to satisfy a mortgage.

My store assets have shrunk in quantity and value so much in the last few years that I will not have much left but the tools and bench— Which means a new start in life. People are so nice to me in

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wishing me good luck. If business ever does
pick up. I'll get my share. I sure hope you
don't have any upset in your job. Pres. Roosevelt is
working as fast as he can to start the wheels of industry.
I favor his or rather the pretty general demand for
an inflation of the currency. I was reading tonight
that the general quantity of currency — both money
and credit — bank credit largely — was in 1928 about
65 Billions of dollars. That now has shrunk
largely in credits to fourty some billion — that means

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that this country will either have to expand its credits forty billions of dollars - that is impossible now — or else expand the cash a great deal in order for a business of the volume of 1928 to be carried on again. Bank credits are bank debts also. and the whole world is trying to get along without signing their names on promisory notes now - that means we are all unwilling to help expansion by getting in debt. I have felt for a very long time that the trick can be done by a huge expansion of the currency or money. The resulting elevation of price would hit you salaried people and the pensioners and the

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money lenders. But if we can put a shot of life into the basic industries such as farming mining and transportation. The fixed salaried people will catch up before long. and the Bankers will just have to try to get along some how and I think they will. I have a fine large diamond a very beautiful stone weighing .66 of a carat.

I am wondering if you would be willing to make an effort to sell it for me. I can send it to you by registered mail in a good sized box

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and you could carry it with you — on your tips and try out some of the larger stores and see if you could land a sale.

If not you could send it back and we can wait for a while. The times are bad to sell a nice diamond. About the only jewelers who can buy such things are the few who have some money and they are few and far between.

Please be very frank and free to say no if you don't think it will be try the sale business.

Perhaps it would be best to drop me a line to #200 E. 2nd when replying regarding the diamond.

My love to you Dad.

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4/29/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown N.Y.

Dearest, My own Harriette:-
I am writing on time this week I hope it may reach you on time and find every thing o.k. with you.
I have been trying to work a bit in the garden, but find I can not use a hoe, and can work but a very short time kneeling and working with a trowel.
I am glad father told you

+ I knew he could not pay for them. Now he would like another cottage, he saw a house away out the other side of Gerry - he thinks would be lovely - If only he had a car! "No-!" I tell him decidedly - "absolutely nothing doing! and there is not. I will never sign another paper. Again forgive me, darling! There is always a way out.
On Thursday P.M. There are a number of young people ~~pro~~ coming to see me, to consult me about starting a literary publication. Father calls them my "boyfriends." they come often. Youngsters - boys & girls from 19 to 28, nice youngsters + very young. Please put this into your furnace & forgive, horrid but loving & devoted. Mother,

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about the trouble he has gone through. The one thing I cannot understand about it is. He does not seem to care. He does not feel badly that he used all my savings. He does not seem to realize the seriousness of it all. The money I borrowed for him, and the bank treated me, $1500.00. I used to endorse now I have been signing. and he endorsed. now since he is exempt. I must bear it nevertheless I have it reduced to $600.00. when I spoke about it. "It is yours" he said. "I have nothing to do with it. you borrowed it." Please forgive me dear for bothering you, but it is so exasperating. I loaned him altogether about $2500.00 assumed the mortgage. $3000.00 and the bank notes 1500.00 and he does not feel that is of any great importance. No. I do not need anything but moral support. I seem to stand alone. In a way it is my fault. I never saw him as he really is. I should have known him when he bought the James Cottage

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black one for second, the dark green with the gray check, light green collar & cuffs. a light weight silk. The orchid for very best, and Cotton ones for about home, so really I did not need that one, I am so happy that you can use it. So please accept it. There are so few things I can give you.

I shall feel so happy to know you are wearing it. & I can visualize you in it.

Father has gone to the Camera Club to night. I am so glad he has something to interest him.

Thank you so much darling for the beautiful Easter Card — Ever your Loving & devoted Mother

I have just finished reading "Plenty Corps" 8 1/2 to Father. Also finished one of John Addington Symonds on Italian Learning. etc

South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.
4/22/34

Dearest, my own Harriette: I am oh, so late! Sunday night I was ill, and on Monday night I awoke at 1 A.M. was such a bad heart attack.

Sometimes, dear, I wonder just why I am spared. I shall do all I can to make life happier for those with whom I come in contact, but my darling child, it is

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not always easy, although there are so many things worth while. There seems to be many young friends who seem to think I need them. I had a lovely Easter letter from Gertrude Hunt, and a beautiful letter from Betty Blodgett who was Betty is a darling child, married and lives in N. Y. City. She became quite a successful interior decorator, and Frank is interesting in the same line. In her present N. Y. apartments her back windows look on the garden of J. P. Morgans City home. If this is an honor or even a pleasure.

I truly hope darling your suspense will soon be over and the out come may be favorable and an uncertainty is extremely tiring on the nervous system. You must not think me extravagant darling with clothes. The blue flowered silk was alright for me, but I do not at all, and I have the pretty black one, another

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dramatically - and socially. but I do not know how much of a success financially. I am always glad when someone is able and willing to relieve the tension through which we are passing, or blockaded or stalled.

Do you hear from Vily? I ~~only~~ hear only once in a great while.

I have made a new friend a most peculiar friend a most baffling friend! She is a mother of a nineteen year old son. Yet her out moded appearance her paint, her hair color, sheen & style that of a large doll. Etc.

Dalling I hope you do not have to worry. I feel so quilty to have had you spend so much on me. I truly hope it is alright - with love Your devoted Mother.

5/4/33

78 South Main St.
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dearest, mine Own Nanette:

Your nice little letter seems dear. It is so satisfying dear, to know that no matter dear, how often you sign your name, you are ready to sign it once more for those who love you best.

I do appreciate it darling. I truly hope things are better for you. Things here seem worse instead of better. The National Chau. Co. Bank, is still not open. So many people have

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all their money locked up in this bank, while the condition is dreadful, yet if it liquidate it will be a blow from which, I fear Jamestown will never recover.

Sunday. Mr. Porterfield addressed the local Camera Club. In the Mongolian Room at the "Jamestown"

Tonight, the 3rd Ward is having a pac. mothly meeting. Tomorrow night. The Camera Club will have a committee meeting. and Friday night a regular meeting of Camera club. Saturday night. Father's at the Store.

Sunday. If father wants to go Indian relic hunting. So I am alone most of the time. If I suffered from loneliness I would be most miserable.

To-night our "Community players" put on "Journey's End" at the Consistory. I am acquainted with most of the players.

It is quite an undertaking. The will give it two nights. I hope they may make good.

Last Friday night. Signe Swenssen brought the third players in "Twelfth Night." It was quite a success.

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

JEWELER

DEALER IN COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOS

5/4/32

Dear Harriette:- I recd your letter and am sorry to learn that business is no better in Montana than in the factory towns of the east. I may find a customer for the stone some day but such things are not selling much now. My first months business in the new location and under new business conditions was not much to brag of but yet there was a little. Mother is trying her hand at some house cleaning and does not seem any the worse for it. Not as much heart trouble at night. We are pretty careful about eating and that will help her a great deal. Our flower beds have been enlarged and filled with plants from the lake

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There are of course a great many of ~~that~~ could not be brought down. We are going to miss the Fleur-de-Lis.

Mothers youngster friends are quite steady comers most too much so. for they tire her greatly by such long visits.

Very few people have any occupation now and can visit and visit as much as they like. — that is from their point of view.

What are the prospects for the western farmer as concerns the new farm loan bill? I think that many of these save the farmer ~~s~~ save the home owner are means to save the mortgage holder only. Love to you and thanks for the letter Dad.

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for got them.

What a dreadful shock your state is suffering from Lew. Wales's death! It seems so cruel to cut down such a valuable man and leave so many worthless rank weeds growing.

I do not hear from Lily of course she is very busy. and has many outside interests. She is not so beautiful and thoughtful as you, my Harriette. There are few who are as absolutely unselfish as you dear. Ever with love and devotion, Mother.

5/12/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N. Y.
March 9-1933

Dearest Child in O'mine: How strange it seemed to write the date! It has been so long since I held a pen, and too, it seems a very long time since I have been in these surroundings. Yes, dear, I have it. This time it is tonsilitis. I, who never had a bit of tonsil trouble in my whole life. I had chills a high temperature. 102-103. and delirium all night. for one week. I was alone all day and delirious. the temperature subsiding about 4.30. on the

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third day. when my throat became quite sore Father looking at my throat and pronounced tonsilitis and said "If Dr. Hickey saw you he would say 'Go to the hospital' and Yank them out." consoling! alone. I dressed my foot, prepared a strong antiseptic gargle, two antiphlogistine plasters hot, on each tonsil + with an electric pad. across my shoulders went to bed. and remained, unmatered-unfed and undisturbed until Father Came at evening. This morning I am dressed. and while I am a trifle wabbly and still in the ring!

my tonsils are still swelled-if anybody comes in. I will have them. Get me a small bot of antiphlogistine. Father thinks I might mix glycerine with flour or something would answer the purpose.

I thank you, dear for your criticism on the the play. I have written three more while I have been ill. but they are still embryonic; at least they have not been delivered on paper.

I will put the little snapshot in this letter, I am sorry I

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

JEWELER

DEALER IN COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOS

June 12th 1933

Dear Harriette :— Our summer is rather late this year. As I write this I have a small fire in the stove near where I write.

There has been a lot of rain in Chau. Co. It will be all for the good perhaps but not for city dwellers who want to enjoy a summer.

Mother is developing quite a garden system at the 12th Place - I think it going to interfere all the outdoor flower garden work that she will be able to do. We have

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to cut out the idea of a vegetable garden here - too many cats + dogs + small boys.

We follow the news of proposed farm relief. in the west hoping that it will steady things so that your state will be able to carry on its extention work as in the past.

I don't think we should any of us expect much show of results for all the drastic legislation at Washington for some time to come -

Perhaps our greatest blessing at this time is to have a centralized power which can guarantee to us of the U.S. that there will be no farther monkeying with finance by our Captains of industry.

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let us do the same that our descendants may be proud of us!

I see a beautiful letter from Gertrude Hunt on Thurs. She has become so motherlike in her accomplishments.

I do not hear from Vily. do you?

I was quite happy on Friday. Jane's mother came and told me how grateful she & Jane's father is with Jane's progress which to me seemed helpless. I truly hope I may be able to help the child.

Josephine came home Friday. will come & see me this week Thurs her. She seemed so happy to be home.

With lots of love Your devoted mother.

6/5/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Mine Own Childie:—

I was so glad to hear from you dear, and to know you face alright.

I am writing on time this week. Father went with the Camera Club at 7.30 this (Sunday) morning & we had pancakes, maple syrup, bacon & eggs. Coffee & oranges at 6.45 Sunday morning! After I finished my morning work I wrote a toast for Margaret to give at the Alumni banquet at Fredonia Normal next Sat.

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I have had much company this week. Yesterday P. M. Mrs. Meyers Helen and Jeane came to see me & was so happy to see them. Frederic Hilary was here in the morning.

Then I cleaned the kitchen put up fresh curtains, Mary came in the yard among the flowers.

Mrs. Medley died very suddenly yesterday morning of heart trouble. They live in the Keleher house. and Mary K. Mrs. Howard & I went over to pay our respects. later a Mrs. Austin of Lakewood. & Margaret came & stayed until

Father Came.

Yesterday was Father's 66th anniversary. He received your telegram from Aunt Minnie & was greatly pleased.

He also received several genealogical tables showing lineage (?) of Coffin family through all the reigning houses of Europe. Quite ridiculous I think. They lived their lives according to custom, and in the environment in which they were placed. and we must do the same. If they accomplished by deed or example for which we might be proud

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the loss of the M.S. garden

We miss the lettuce and garden sass — the cats never miss it though.

Della Underwood never used to mind ~~that~~ little trifle.

Our camera club is a thing of quite interest to the men. and the "Foird ward citizens assn" of which I am the president — please don't forget my distinctions please is showing up in their wrath now that summer is here and work a little more plenty. Take good care of your self and rest a lot. With love

Dad.

6/11/32

Dearest Daniella :- Thanks for the good wishes and the Chk. I feel that you have been too generous. I'll make good use of it — that much money will buy 50 10¢ bars of Hershey Chocolate some number of ice creamcones.

In fact. when I am confronted with this sort of a problem I always think it over seriously. this time I put the chk in the bank and will use part of it to pay for sign painters putting my Cash - Jeweler sign up on the buildings. Its been down

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since I moved and as I had had time to repair and repaint it the time was very opportune to have it ap-

The Walsh sign I still have to repaint. I am becoming more self contained and while I've always been my own gas fitter and plumber I now have added other accomplishments to my list.

I have not taken up knitting — We have a lot of boys from here being sent to Montana to work in the forest another way to feed and clothe the people

What need has Montana for so much land clearing?

Such a mess is our people in. I will say for Jamestown that there is some new furniture and cloth mills work starting. a lot of fellows are going to be pretty tied around the elbows after a few long years of idleness.

Mother is developing quite a garden here and will compensate for

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ever see them!
Sometimes I wish I had been able to take up the study of psychology and psychiatry. It is intensely interesting.

Mrs. Marker has had an operation for Gall Stones and is quite sick. It is very hard for them to get along with her at home.

I have not had much time to write. I have many callers and find myself quite tired when Jane goes I work awhile every day in the flower border.

Lots of Love & Devotion.
Mother

6/12/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown
N.Y.

Dearest Minnie own:-
I missed the Thursday letter but know how rushed you must be and if you are as warm as we are, I can fully appreciate your feelings.

We have been able to receive a little comfort by going down stairs and sitting.

To-night I am answering an ad. and hope it may amount to something.

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I teach Jane down stairs in the front room. Sometimes I think she is quite hopeless. but both she + mother feel hopeful.

Jane is making a tissue paper dress. Blue tissue with white stars pasted on it. not very attractive but her first sewing. I cannot understand the mother at all.

We had a letter from Tilly and John. The children do not seem to be well at all,

I will enclose a clipping if I can find it regarding the '98. Class. I wish you were able to attend. I have your graduating dress put carefully away.

Josephine is home from the South. She called me the day she came, her voice seems so cheery and fresh, I have not seen her yet as she says she is busy cleaning house. She is lonely to me.

You never speak of Bessie Reid Russell. Do you

came out nicely. The stocks are unusually fresh and fragrant.

Father was out "hunting pictures" and brought one a very large bunch of white trillium.

My little pupil is very low in mentality, lower than Sam, a mentality of three years, with the curiosity and habits of thirteen years, which is a difficult combination. She teases for one thing after another incessantly. I am profoundly sorry for the parents.

I thank you so much darling for the many beautiful thoughts. Always Your devoted Mother.

5/16/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dearest Child of mine Own:

How can one express a feeling so deeply felt upon a sheet of cold white paper? How impersonal one feels to write that stereotyped phrase, "I thank you, dear," without even a hand clasp, a glance into the dear eyes whose you have kept? But darling, my spirit, my love comes to you unstinted and unreserved in this "I thank you dear."

I feel so happy, so blest, and altogether quite selfish to have

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so many blessings showered upon me, which I so illy deserve.

Your beautiful nice long letter on Friday, the wonderful Carnations, the Mothers Day letter, and then the sweetly beautiful "Mothers Day" poem.

It is quite overwhelming and leaves me without words to express. I am sure dear you feel the words I should like to say.

Do you write much now? The times seem strenuous, one cannot concentrate on anything for any long. I do so little. I have so much sewing, but my hand has not quite come to its senses yet.

When I cleaned the bath room and washed the side walls and ceiling. I spent two days in bed. But it is done for a half year.

I have been trying to start a flower garden. but with many impolite Cats, troublesome slugs and hard clay. it seems quite discouraging!

Vily Family sent me a lovely bouquet from Bedford they were quite wilted when I unpacked them. but emersing them in a dishpan of cold water they

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financially, but if I can help her one little bit in making life more worth while I shall feel repaid many times.

We are having scorching hot weather for the last few days. We have had such fearful electric storms doing a great deal of damage to shade trees crops etc.

You'll pardon this imitation letter, wish her an ovation

Mother

6/30/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest My Child: It seems every week the time slips past and leaves me so far behind with my correspondence I really do not attempt to write to anybody but you two girls, and seldom to Vily Father went out at five thirty Sunday morning and I went to bed as soon as he had gone, and stayed until he returned at ten thirty. Saturday I stayed

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in bed all day.

When I am through with Jane, I stay down stairs until almost noon, and do what there is to do down there so that I do not have to go down again. Sometimes I am compelled to lie down most of the afternoon.

Miss Catlin was in to see me a few nights ago. She is nursing at Mr. Frank Edmund Gifford's. She sends her best love to you dear, she still think you are perfect. So do I.

I feel quite encouraged with Jane. She has shown some consciousness of what it is all about. I am keeping a strict record of her case, her advancements etc. I wish I knew more about psychiatry.

Jane does my self at hard work. Today I gave her her first jingle. I am anxious to see whether she learns to repeat it. Monday. She displayed her first feeling of affection. She is as stiff as a "~~to~~ Pole."

There is very little in this

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some small gains by strikes but only small at best.

The Chautauqua season is now open. Mrs. Vander Bunken was in to see me yesterday.

I don't remember whether you have met the family or not – they are artists and have charge of the art Dept of Chau. To morrow night the Board of Directors of the 3rd Ward Organization meet at Swanty Carkonis

I don't get so much kick out of this attempt at curbing the Swede in the city hall as those who are out to do the curbing are Swede too and that means nothing doing with me.

July 4 1933

Dear Harriette :–

It has been a perfect day for the 4th. pleasantly cool and bright sun all day.

Mother & I slept late and have puttered around in the house and yard. not taking anything very seriously.

I and some others were out Sunday at 5:30 for the "26th creek"

The day was gray and misty we tramped along the creek and made one attempt at a picture then the fellow who drove the car I was in

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going to East Oak Hill beyond Frewsburg. So we drove down from the hills of Ellington along "Dry Brook" to Poland Center then across the flat to Clarks Corners thence on to near Frewsburg - then up a long steep hill slippery with mud from recent rains.

The view from the top of Oak Hill is about the same as we had at that picnic when the Hilest Kettle were along. We went on east of that place to a much better view to the east. But—

It commenced to rain and the distance was all in a wet haze — perhaps we may go again when the horse & buggy invite us. How difficult it is to understand what it's all about in London. The plans of the President cannot start any too soon for its only a few more months now until another winter starts. There is some pick up here among the factories but not enough to cause any raise of prices in labor or property. Some labor has won-

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us. and our great love and understandings for each other and mine the same for the young people on account of being deprived of your companionship?

Blessed child. I do miss you! I am glad your friend liked your dress. It was so sweet of them to say so and wonderful of you to answer.

Have you been able to use any of the others?

Father was out Sunday morning and found some very good specimens of the Spreading Dogbane. which he brought me. & we planted in the little corner of shrubs. I hope it may grow!

Thank you darling for the nice things you wrote. With love and devotion

Mother.

178 South Main St.
Jamestown N.Y.
July. 4 1933

Dearest Childie o' mine: What a lovely long letter. Your last one was. I enjoyed it so much. Jane had gone and I was particularly tired. So found your nice letter in the box and sat down on the bench and read it before I went up stairs. I also rec. one from Paul the same mail.

I have not told you of Paul. he is Paul Widemann. a boy about twenty two years old. who lives on South Main between Newland & Barker Sts. He likes to come

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and see me and discuss books. In the mean time he thinks of something he wants to discuss. So he writes me all his thoughts upon the subjects in mind. So I rec. about one letter a week from Paul.

I also recive one letter and a call once a week from Stanley K. Anderson, another lad. of twenty two. a friend of Paul. Stanley lives on East Newland ave. Stanley is a very fine boy. aspires to be a writer. and all his letters are articles well written and written for my perusal for me to praise or condemn.

I have six boys who come quite regularly and three more who come occasionally. There are also four young ladies who come regularly and six who come occasionally all charming. bright and interesting.

I am always interested in your friends the Mirrs Bogart and sister. One must have friends like that as a solace and a haven at times.

I sometimes wonder dear, if this attachment of yours to older persons is on account of the distance between us. and

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Margaret had planned to spend her vacation at Yellowstone & Glacier parks, but finds her funds are too short for this year.

Stanley - one of my numerous "children", brought such a beautiful Child to visit me. She is so sweet, possibly twenty or twenty one years old. Having suffered for a long time with a tuberculus spine, & getting over that, she was in a very tragic auto accident and lay two years in a plaster Cast. and from it has emerged the beautiful character.

The shadows are lengthening and the hill is beautified.

Ever your loving and devoted,

Mother.

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.
July. 10-1933.

Dearest, mine own Nanette:- This letter will certainly be on time. If I am not hindered too much.

Our neighborhood is under a pall. Clara Fenton Bowers passed away very suddenly this morning. She suffered a Stroke of apoplexy on Thurs. but never regained Consciousness. She was so young, and was so much needed! How few there are, who know when the final summons is coming.

I am so sorry for your disappointment on the 4th. You have so many, surely, darling there is much coming to you.

To-night is the Annual meeting of the Players' Club. They are holding it at the moon-lock Saddle Club.

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I wrote a skit for Herbert McKenney to read. Also proposed the nominating Committees report, which Clarence Pickens has consented to present, for me. So much is all a farce!

I have been writing again to Lily, not having heard but once since March. I suppose she is busy. Four boys, many cats and having moved.

Mrs Marker has returned from the hospital but is very delicate.

Father brought me four water-lillies. They are opening, but are very fragrant. Aren't they beautiful? Do you have water-lilies there?

Jane is quite demoralized on Monday morning having spent Saturday and Sunday with her family. I cannot understand what her family must be.

You have quite a start in your canning. I put up four pint cans of strawberries in syrup and 12 glasses of strawberry jelly. So far high there? I bought nice strawberries for five cents a quart and black & Columbia berries to-day for seven cents per qt. That seems quite reasonable.

Our cherry crop was almost entirely spoiled by the heavy rain storms.

So you have a garden. It is so nice to have fresh vegetables.

We are having wonderful weather clear, bright and cool, more like early June, than the middle of July.

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They were all high School and
College graduates, and I gave
them "The Conquest of England."
the old book by Robert Wace,
with the "Bayeaux" Tapestries
illustrating William & Harold,
and each one was trying to
translate the old latin. It
was funny.

Here is another day.
Madelyn Osgood was over
this P.M.

I must stop dear & have
Father mail this.

Take Care of my girl darling.
Always your Devoted
Mother.

7/19/33

198 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest, my own:- What a
lovely letter. Your last one
was not that they are not
all of them most lovely, but
this one was so interesting and
You are having such an
enjoyable time with kindred
souls. I am so happy for you.

Father has been away all day
left at 6.30. took a bus to
Gerry or Sinclairville. and
walked a couple miles.

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Here it is Monday night.
I stopped when a terrific storm came up. Jane has an electric storm effects very bad & terribly. Of course I could not help but wonder where father was - alone in the woods - soaking wet. He came home dry and right side up. He had lain under a huge pine tree, whose wide spreading branches all but touched the ground, upon a soft bed of pine needles, safe, sound and comfortable.
He had a lunch with him so after his lunch he ate all the raspberries, both red and black and drinking with rain drops - which furnished dessert and drink with his sandwiches.
After our dinner we had company until bed time, Mrs. Mashammer and her sister Mrs. Dennis.
To-day from 12 at noon until 5.30 I had company. Four young people, Milford Snell and his friend Fletcher from Middlepost, Frederic Hilary & Ruth. How what a nice time they had.

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As to my financial report, I am getting along very well. With what I get from Jane, and what Father gets extra we pay our overhead and groceries. Things are a bit better at times for Father, only he was terribly behind, and it takes much encouragement to keep up his courage. I was in the store yesterday, it is most discouraging. I must go and help him to arrange things.

I received your very generous check, darling. I fear, you are too generous. I paid city tax $59.62
balance of interest on Mort — 15.00
74.62

I am so grateful, sweetheart, to you. I must find a way & I will so as not to rob you of your hard earned money. I am so glad you went to Seattle. Sometime I hope to do something for you to prove my devotion and love — Always your mother

8/10/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest, mine own Harriette: — Mother is late again. I have been ill again. I seem to be able to go just so far, then I have to halt for a few days before I can go on. I can see a little improvement each week in Mary Jane T. You would have to see her to fully appreciate this delicate little touch.

When she came to me, she

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was simply a little animal, and not domesticated at that. I am making her a book and adding a leaf as the occasion demands. Each lesson is illustrated and the text depends upon these illustrations. I had found a picture of a beautiful Persian cat, with an angelic expression in her adorable eyes looking into your face. I typewrote the rhyme "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat where have you been, Etc." when she was learning to repeat it. I said "Did she count little mousie under the chair? Would she not catch it, or kill it?" She promptly answer "No, not under the Queen's Chair."

Not knowing the child you cannot fully appreciate the development, even as slow as it is.

Janis eyes are beautiful, as brown as yours and when the demonical look passes there is a beautiful tender love light in her eyes, as intelligent as any child's.

Here I had to stop, dear, and rest to-day. Which proved too much. I came home quite ill and was ill all the afternoon & night.

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and reads to admiring friends. He is about 30 yrs old. He tells a good story, has a wonderful imagination & knows human psychology but not human nature perfectly. How he came to land up in Fredonia, N.Y. is quite a mystery.

It is two years to morrow since I came home from the hospital. (?) why? —

We have had some people looking at the lower flat this evening, but I am not sure they will rent it. I do not think for ten dollars a month. I would care to rent it to people always moving around. by the time you'd have it all fixed for them, they'd move.

Please excuse this excuse of a letter. always your devoted — Mother. —

8/13/33

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Harriette o' mine own: —

What an interesting letter, Darling. You have a wonderful power of description. Sometimes I feel that I have been there.

Our lives runs along so smoothly except what our friends bring to us.

On the night Juanita was here, there were, as Mrs. Hilary's guests, a Dr. Maximillian Von Sterne and a Mrs. De Marco. Mrs.

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De Marco is the Superintendent of "the Packard Manor" a school for backward children located at Lake Chautauqua near the old "Light house Point". To go back to the original subject, the two cards the Dr. has a "guide" written all over him. His wife is a chiropractor, and had patients or she did not come, the Dr. was quite a big fish, or pretended to be. This was Wed. on Sat. they were arrested for practicing medicine without a license in N.Y. State. The honorable Dr. absconded after borrowing $500.00 for bail, leaving the kind friend & wife to face the music alone the wife was fined $100.00 dollars and paid it. The Dr. has been wanted elsewhere for forging checks etc. & passing counterfeit money. He also has many aliases.

Last night several of our young friends brought a young man to see us who was supposed to be a much travelled man, he has been all over the world. Had belonged to the Spanish Legion, was graduated from Oxford Univ. Spent much time in East & West Indies, Mexico, Central America. Been in Eng. Spanish & Am. service. Been broadcasting at Spokane Wash. carries all the hair raising adventures which he broadcasts

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woods providing Mother can get along with it. We are planning a trip with the two Mary & Clarence & us to Spiritualists Springs some afternoon for our suppers. Gerald Staples who was a chum of Dunn Studavants has excavated the Sulphur spring and found a timbered tunnell running under the hillside - 75 feet or so and more to explore. They are troubled with water which fills the tunnell full in a few hours. This Park trip was the longest trip Mother has taken for many years. She was hurt a good deal but - now Tuesday no worse than usual. Love to you. Dad.

8/15/33

Dear Harriette: Your last letter was most interesting. I should so much like to go on such a trip or many of them. I suppose Mother is telling you of our trip last Sunday. Allegheny Park is a very fine place and so untouched except for the few main roads. It seems as if it was as large as half of Chaw. Co. It is encircled on three sides by the Allegheny river and on the south by the mountainous forest of the State or National forest reserve in Penn.

There is a great deal of sameness to it on account of its plain green covering - there

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being no rocks in sight except where one finds them upon the surface.

Our camera club had a picnic at Lake Erie but as the day was overcast and the walking not so good for such a distance I did not go. Mother however had a chicken all ready for lunch and when Mary K Wells came over and asked us to go to the park We were glad to go. Clarance has an old 25 ~~Ford that~~ runs OK but sits hard or rather ones sitter get tired on its ancient seats. We traveled over about 20 miles of roads between here and the park so ~~that~~ as it was all new territory for us all we enjoyed it very much. There are a lot of campers in the park. I would judge that there were over a hundred four bunk cottages with out door stone stoves - there a room in a clearing scattered all over the park besides tents + small boarding houses, a good many boy scout, girl scouts, church groups etc. Small lakes and swimming pools.

Some day when Blue Eagle has hatched the egg I prosperity we will have a car and a camp in the.

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They came to tell your faults to me.
They named them over, one by one.
I laughed aloud when they were done
I knew them all so well before -
Oh, they were blind, too blind to see
Your faults had made me love you more,
Sara Teasdale -

Do you know it. Isn't it real?
Poor dear lady. none know why
but she, and none can judge.
I read some of your beautiful
poems to Theresa. She was
so delighted and grateful. Theresa
writes some. but felt abashed
and justhy so before yours.
Ruth Moe. drove with Mr &
Mrs. Cahill from Fredonia
this P.M. and came to see me
while Father & his Camera Club
were holding a meeting down

8/20/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Mine own:- I am
writing on time to-night so that
it may arrive on schedule
time.

To-day I emptied many
drawers, and have been, since
then devouring the contents,
many little snap shots of you
two girls, and some how to-night,
my darling, my heart feels
so hungry for you. all night
last night I dreamed of you.

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Sometimes, I wonder ~~day~~ Is there an astral plane? Last Thursday, Frederic H. brought a friend to see me. a young lady fully forty years or more, whose hair is golden, well "groomed" in proper waves, and parted on one side and hanging loose. Her complexion quite "made up." yet, so extremely young and doll-like Her manner quite charming. a mother of one son 17 and one 11 years old. quite an unusual character! She is so individual. So many people to-day are distinctly individual. She, Mrs. Austin, the lady under discussion, has studied Theosophy and speaks of the Astral plane, quite familiarily.

Theresa Cala, I think I have spoken of her before, was here on Friday. We are reading a book on early Sicilian history. She is such a nice girl, but so young in many ways. I can not talk to her as I could to you girls, she would not know of what I was talking. But she is so eager to learn. She brought me this of Sara Teasdale;

Faults.

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Father & Clarence W. went to Allegheny park, where Father took pictures, but had bad luck only about half or less were any good.

What do think of the N.R.A.? Mrs. Ben. Dean, called it the "National Revolutionary Aid." Perhaps he is right. It seems very much like a dictatorship. Sponsored by the money power. Everything is so unsettled.

I do not hear from Vily. I suppose she keeps very busy as the rest of us do also.

I thank you darling for your letters & your faithfulness. Always your devoted & loving Mother.

1/2/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Sweetheart O'mine:—

What a busy lady you are! I am busy, but seem to rest a lot.

I have had four different parties look at the flat. Two parties wanted it for $10.00 a month, which I could not do. One wanted a Garage and the other I have not heard from. All one can do is meekly wait.

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Josephine Rogers, was down and spent the day with me. She is a lovely child. She uses such nice language, and seems so comfortable and self possessed. I received yesterday (Wed) a letter from Juanita, Air mail Special - to the effect that she wants to come to Jamestown, and be near me, as we could work, read and teach to-gether. Of course the proposition is quite impossible. I wrote her that I was unable to have Vily & her family here, so I can not intertain such an idea.

She and her husband are separating. I do not know anything about the division of the children. When here a few months ago, she had the oldest, Jay Jr. a lad of 12 years - and the youngest a lad of 5 years, with her. She left Robert C. at home. I feel so sorry for her, but am quite unable to assist her in any way.

We had letters from Uncle Waite & Aunt M. this week, they are living with Margaret. Upstairs. Andrew has bought a home, near his business.

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visit.

Stanley has been in three times the past week, so has Margaret, running in and out.

Ruth's Bemus Point adventure was only a rumor. She has organized a girls choir in two of the Swedish Churches, which, with her three pupils, keeps her quite busy.

I am glad you like our young friends, they are really delightful. Russell Schott is quite a nice boy, and so serious. Mrs. Austin's Opera has not materialized. Well, what a gossippy letter. Lots of love from Ever your devoted Mother.

Intended to add a letter but have said that time to get it ready so will have to send my love this time Dad

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.
10/6/33

Dearest Harriette, mine own:—
—Your nice letter came Thurs. morning. I said you had veined no word since you were home. I wrote you each week, dear, the first one Vily mailed. I do not think she could have forgotten as she was going only to the store on Kidder St.

They were here two weeks before Thomas sent her money to go home.

Poor child, she makes such a hard job of living!

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So little has happened since you were here.
Last Wed. night Mary invited a few friends to meet her sister-in-law and Mrs. Titus the ladies from Del. attending the W.C.T.U. convention here.
There were Miss Olive Jackson, Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Howard, her mother and two sisters and two children. (funny little evening) On Thurs. Mrs. Tew was talking to me & asked me if I were able to come & see her if she sent her car for me. So I was there an hour. Wed. noon, the the day before I drove with the two Del. ladies & Clarance to see Mrs. Underwood. Della was there and they were making tomato pickles, and no signs of going away. I fear Della has been upsetting things.
I have been too active, so will have to keep quiet, my heart is quite unruly tonight. I have been alone today from 7:45 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Father has been out "picturizing" walked possibly ten miles, so he too feels pretty tired.
Paul was down Thurs. evening. We had such a nice hookey

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Father made at Presque Isle
9 some trees. and which he
has done much work on.
Norman exclaimed "Oh, this
is tapestry!!" and it is. So
Father named it so.

Darling how can I ever
thank you for your great
generosity? Please do not
cramp your dear unselfish
self because I am all right.
I do thank you from
the depth 9 my soul.

Jane has been ill and has
not been here for a week.
Alexander called a minute
Sat. night. He spoke 9 a letter I
wrote acknowledging his playing
for me & said "I shall keep that
beautiful letter to the last day I live.
It is my greatest inspiration."
I do not understand at all.
Forgive this rambling letter and know
I am Your Sincere and devoted,
Mother.

1/7/33

178 South Main St,
Jamestown,
N. Y.
Nov. 6-1933

My own dear Sweetheart:
This is my forty fourth
anniversary of my married life.
Has it been successful? Yes.
darling it gave me You
The world has been much
benefited by Your presence
in it.

A mother's life, if she is
conscientious and true, must
stand for the noblest, reach
for the highest, and from
us- where does she derive
the help, receive the sustaining

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influence, as from her child, if that child has faith in her.

Sometimes, when I look within and feel weak and lonely. I wonder, Did I act, did I do the things which I thought I did, or, did I let dream!

Always from Robert Browning comes this consolation for one who fails.

"'Tis not what I do, but what I would do, exalts me most; If, we but conscientiously act by the light we have, Who knows the Master Maker's mind?

I have again been going through my "Treasure Trove"! with a resolution to discard so many scraps, (oh!) Do I? This foray has resulted in making a book, a nice one, containing portraits of English Dramatists, Educators, Poets and Statesmen.

Another beautiful little book Certainly only focuses on Optimism. I started them all last night, while Father was putting finishing touches on his art productions in Pictorial Photography. He has some beautiful works of art.

Norman Burman of Warren, Pa. Called Saturday P. M. N. is a modern artist of some repute. He complimented Father's work very highly. One picture which

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Jamestown, N. Y.

11/15/33

Dear Charlotte :- Mother no doubt has spoken of our winter. a real one this time. — The Citizens voted very largely for a new High School. The tax payers will have to pay for it. And they are busted nearly a million of unpaid taxes in this city now — there has been a

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Western Union Bill come for some of your telegrams back to Montana.

Were they personal? If so I'll pay them but if a part of your expense acct I'll send them to you.

Its nearly time to close up now so I'll say an rupoir

With love

Dad.

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The time never hangs heavy upon my hands, there is always so much waiting to be done.

Russell Schott, was up a few evenings ago. He is so serious about everything, but such a splendid human person.

About brother Will, he was here a very short time, suffering from indigestion, rather inclined to baby himself, but quite agreeable. He promised to write as soon as he reached his destination, - if he reached it alive, - I have had no word since, so I do not know just what to think.

Do you hear from your friend Mignon?

Tomorrow we will know whether we are to spend 1½ million dollars on a new Central high School - Devotedly, Mother.

[1933?]

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie o' mine own:—

We are having real Chautauqua Co. weather, snowed eighteen inches or more, cold, thaw, freeze, more snow, very bad going.

I am so happy, dear, that you have such congenial friends, a real friend is one of our sacred acquisitions. No matter how many years I live, I fear I will never suspect anybody of not being a friend until they prove themselves otherwise. I believe I want to do so. One is happier in faith, than in doubt.

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I have been writing to Frederic H. to-day. Last night I wrote a long letter to Aunt Mamie. I have only seven letters to write then I am even with the world. I do not count, with you nor Vily, as correspondents. Perhaps I may write another one to-day, as I have to keep quiet, as "I'm not feeling very well to-day!"

I think I told you that Miss Della has gone back to 19 Connecticut Ave. and Mrs. U. is not going West.

I am glad Regna wrote you. I fear she leads quite a drab existance. Yet she always seems happy.

I have been rereading "A Lour through the Valley of the Meuse." It is an English party. they crossed the Channel over to Dunkirque, and stops at all the Belgic Cities en route. In Dunkirque, they spoke so highly of Jean Bart, so I have been reading - or deciphering "Jean Bart's Pipe." by Alexander Dumas. I find I have been cruelly neglecting my French and everything else, when Jane came. She is unable to come this very bad weather, so I have more time to myself - only I miss her and her small charge.

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when she is older, she will answer the many questions that now arise, and seem so important.

I have been reading a "Buddhists Philosophy of Life" There are so many thoughts worth preserving in it, this is one thought.

"Like everything else in Nature, the life of man is subject to the law of Cause and effect. The present reaps what the past has sown, and the future is a product of the present."

I am also reading the philosophy of Freiderick Neitzche, a wonderful man, teachings for a future time.

I hope you may have a nice and a happy thanksgiving. Wish you were to be at home here.

Love and Devotion from your Mother.

11/28/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown,
N.Y.

Dearest, mine own: How rapidly the time flies by. This week is Thanksgiving. I cannot realize it!

Our weather has moderated, rained, snowed and very cold to-day.

We enjoyed your nice long letter so greatly. What a full week you had and almost twenty-four hours a day. You do not observe the N.R.A. very rigidly. I do hope you may have the required strength for the long strenuous hours.

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Our neighbor Mr. Green passed this (Sunday) morning. was out yesterday and walked in the woods. He had a stroke during the night and silently and unaided he crossed the Bar. A beautiful way to go.

Father brought from the library several huge books on Currency, and has been reading aloud. He questioned the right and advisability of Currency inflation, when Al Smith and Mr. Ben Dean came out against it.

We have also been reading Thomas Paine's writings. or rather Father reads while I sew. There seems to be so much mending. after I have everything mended, then I begin all over again this time to mend the former patches.

Paul was in a few minutes today. I think you did not meet Paul. He is a fine character. I feel honored to call him friend.

I received a letter from Ruth Seymour Hooker. She is in New York City. Such a peculiar child. In search of self. She is only nineteen writes some beautiful poetry, it is all self, and bears the Youthful question mark

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Our snow is gone, and the day has been bright and warm.

Do you want me to send you "Peter Abelard?" to read? Are you developing your "dough-boy" ideas? Clarence is considering raising mushrooms in his cellar. I fear he will not be any more successful than he has been with most of his adventures, poor lad. he seems so unfortunate, simply because he has not got "It."

Well Smithcart, I wish you a year full of health, happiness and love. Always your devoted
— Mother.

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.
For December Sixth,
Nineteen and Thirty Three.

Dearest mine own Childie:- Thanksgiving evening. Father and I sitting alone in the living-room, near the fire, he on one side of the table and I on the other, but we have much to be thankful for which we are thankful. We have you girls, we have a home, we had a nice thanksgiving dinner, and I was able to prepare it, and father fully enjoyed it.

We received your nice greeting

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early this morning, for this I am thankful.

We had a special delivery from Vity last night. Thomas is in the hospital with his stomach trouble. It would not be so convenient if he had to pay for all his hospital service.

Both Robert and Winthrop have been sick.

This is to be the birthday letter. So I wish you, dear a happy one. Just the same as I wished so long ago.

Do you remember your third birthday - and your bad ear-ache, and nothing helped it but lying with your head on the white fur coat? the one you now have?

We are sending you a little greeting, darling, only a remembrance. I think possibly you may be able to use the set on your dresser or buffet.

The cutters are nice for open sandwiches for a simple bridge luncheon, and the tea is "Columbus Tea." I hope you may be able to use the things. The bread must be a day old to use the sandwich cutters.

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11/30/33

Dear Harriette:—

Happy Birthday. May the steam whistle blow 44 or is it 43 Mother says its 43 so I'll agree.

Such a chicken woman. I'd think you'd be dead. Your letter was most interesting—we'll save it so you can read it in your old age and realize what wore you out.

No NRA ~~in that~~ wrapping up of bloody heads

What a lot of funny ducks you run into. The quack quack of the fellow ~~that~~ went to sleep on the window sill. The hectic undertakers job of cooling the bodies before nailing on the lid to ship 'em down the road.

to my back room to discuss timely topics. I can seat that many nicely and those I have spoken too are glad to get at it again. It's a good thing for all of them. We are looking forward after the 1st of the year to a great many changes in our city government now that Leon Roberts has broken the back of the Sweede regime. He is very well liked—One of your mothers plaguelub. young men—He is for him too. I like your idea of the bread dough boys—May I send your ideas I find in the papers?—Myleve & best wishes for 33 & 34—Dad—

The picture you will remember—It goes with love to you.

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We did not get a Tom Gobbler this year our family's too small

If I got away with a real Montana turkey I'd have to ~~reg~~ resign from the family table for most a week. While we would liked to have you and the Websters here for the festive day yet you telegram and a letter from Vi which came last night helped to make us happy. Both of us feel we have a great deal to be thankful for. We are reading some very heavy reading now Thomas Paine & certain books treating on the currency question

the more I read of the currency question the more I feel ~~that~~ no great harm can come to the USA if congress authorizes a large legal tender issue. Conditions are so different now to what they were at any former period of "greenback" inflation. Our government has so much power to contrile both banks and the dealers in goods. That failure to contrile prices was all ~~that~~ ever made a legal tender forced loan a seeming failure.

I am inviting about two dozen men

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12/12/33

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Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie O' mine own:-

We had your last letter. I am so sorry for you darling and wish I might be able to do something to help you. Such shocks as you have been submitted to lately must be very unnerving to say the least.

We are having a real Nor. West blizzard last night (Sunday) and to-day, with extreme cold. I am selfish and did not mind it much, as I was in bed the greater part of the day. I have not been at all well lately. Some

a number of people went to Buffalo last week to see Catherine Cornell in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." They report a beautiful production. Marion came up and described it so fully, and Margaret brought me a beautiful program, and another book about Katherine Cornell - and her productions illustrated. I am very grateful. But will not put them away as Margaret is a real "Indian Giver."

I have not heard from Mrs. Underwood lately. I must write her. She seems to lead such a lonesome, colorless existence. With love and devotion from

Your Ownest Mother

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what like intestinal Grip and extremely painful.

Father feels quite well again and enjoyed his meals. He is sick indeed, when he is unable to enjoy his food.

Russell Schott came yesterday to take me to see the photograph exhibit, but I was unable to go with him. It was so kind of him.

I had a letter from Juanita last week with a notice of her marriage to Dr. Edward Lohmann of Cleveland. Of course it is all sunshine and flowers. She did not mention her children. How could she do it!

I have had a special invitation to attend the Board meeting at the A. H. tomorrow. They will come for me and bring me home. I wish I was able, but I must keep quiet while I am in this condition.

Will you have to be away from Bozeman on Christmas day?

I am making some little things for the children, for Patty and for the children next door. I wish I could have a big Christmas party for all the children who need one.

When you were small I was so busy and had to keep in the store and could not do the things my soul craved to do.

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Jamestown, N. Y. 12/12/33

Dear Harriette:— Just a line, this time I must steal it from Mothers paper. Lots of cold weather now. We keep the stove warm by being so near to it most of the time. We are reading aloud whenever we can. Our Camera Club exhibit is over and was quite a success. The fellows all got busy at the last moment and turned out some really good

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things. I put in some of my old prints and so did some of the other fellows we also had this years work as well. Next year will probably call for all new work.

To morrow night the 3rd ward meeting is a short time an annual election which I hope finds a new chairman. I am tired of so many Swells. I hope you keep well Mother has a lot of trouble now with her bowels. Sam + running off. I think it will clear up though. My love to you Dad

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I also shared my roses with her, of which Mrs. Fairchild & the girls sent me thirteen beautiful ones. I hemstitched Mary a lunch cloth, I had the cloth. I made Clarence a bottle of bath salts, having a pretty bottle & the makings in the house also the ribbon to tie on its neck.

Do you remember you left a dress hanger covered with white paper. I covered one with white paper cambric, left from scrap books.

buttoned-holed it with lavender silk thread, tacked it here & there tied a white ribbon on its neck, and with a little hand made towel. gave it to Mrs. Howard - in appreciation for the many favors she has shown me. The hanger for he new white coat, I made handkerchiefs for Margaret, Ruth Moe, and Jean Florin. Mrs. Grimshaw, a holder & crochetted dish cloth. Mrs. Tew I made a pretty strings of beads. Alexander Van a book music & musicians. Madelyn Q, a made book of plays & readings. Josephine R. a hand made handkerchief. Mrs. Underwood a book & dustcloths. Mrs. Fairchild a little book containing poems of friendship. etc &c

Darling I'll try to make up to you through the year where I fail now. Would you care for anything I scribble? Wishing you the happiest of New Years for the the most beautiful childie living - Ever your devoted Mother.

12/27/33

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest, mine own child:

Christmas Day, what can I say darling. We spend the most generous box this morning. to say "Thank You dearest child" would be such a feeble expression. I never saw such a beautiful and generous collection of gifts. Now if you would come home and help to eat them.

Darling you are too good to us. I really can do nothing for you. I used to send. Canned fruit, jelly and jam, but you can do these so much better than I and are quite independent. Even in poetry you

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equal Mother, but it is as it should be or there would be no growth, but you grow so fast!!

I really did nothing this year except use what I had in the house. I sent the Castor bean as you wanted it. I looked all over the attic for the missing battles in the other one. but have not found them yet, but think I probably shall. and when I do I'll fix them up and send them.

The sampler is quite a unique one. but I was not able to supply the missing words. If you can I will if not I'll put them in for you I think it will make a nice tray.

I made twenty five presents to friends and children. beside the tapes for you two girlies. mostly books. I made eight scrap books. one for Bobbie & stories, pictures and poems + covered it was green percale. Winthrop, Donald Florin and Herman Howard. little cloth books & pictures + covered with blue percale. Marion Spencer a very pretty catalogue, filled with pictures & play mighs from every Country. Stories for the Howard girls. a beautiful silver Catalogue & Napoleon in which I pasted the poems for Mrs. Myers. for little Patty down Stairs. a box filled with three - towel dust cloths a dish cloth. 4 tea towels. little ones cut from 1 towel. a box & soap

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Dearest Harriette.

Your very suspicious box was here in good time.

I wanted Mother to open it P.D.Q. as I maintained there might be a body inside a Montana turkey it was so heavy. But no. we must wait so we did. You are too generous my dear. I am sure we are going to go to Greenland with the skipper and enjoy the trip. We have just started it and will report later.

Our Christmas day was a quiet one and we did not over eat.

Some day we will try one of the Western home grown hens.

I'm sure they will be good.

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We are getting real weather this winter · too cold for comfort.

Mother and I have a spell of reading aloud every evening when I stay at home. I'm hoping to cut out a lot of the outside things which I have been fooling with.

While I send my love I want to extend to you my New Years Greetings.

From

1934

May you prosper and be happy all through the year.

With love

Dad

Father came at 11:30 and I got a lunch, I was so tired that I was ill in the night and quite ill all day. Margaret was here late this evening. & Gordon Simpkins dropped in. I love the young people but they are very strenuous for me.

Frederick and I read Omar or at least I darned stockings and F. read and discussed.

How our ideas change as one grows older and more philosophical. I remember you gave your Omar to Grace's cousin have you a good one, I have Judge Tourgee's copy which I hope may be yours some day.

Always your devoted Mother.

178 South Main St.
Jamestown
N.Y.

Dearest little Sweetheart o' mine:

Your nice came Friday morning. You certainly have a sudden change in weather as well as we, only our mercury is not quite so low.

Our Players' Club play "The Cradle Song" is to be given next Thurs. Evening Dec. 3rd at the Washington Jr. high, which is on Buffalo street beyond the cemetery. While I have been

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unable to give much assistance
I have been able to telephone
to write up articles for the
play. yet I shall not be able
to see it. I have not been
at all well lately. my heart
is very bad at times I suppose
it is to be expected. After I
went out last Sunday I was so
ill on Tues. so that Father called
the Dr. he prescribed all sorts
of things to do.

We had Thanksgiving greetings from
Thomas. and also had a long letter from
Vity a couple of weeks ago. She certainly
has her hands full.

Friday Josephine came late and Selma
did not come for her until after one
I never was here when they went.
before I had time to breathe Mrs. Day.
came. then Margaret and her
little Doris. the Esther Swanson. then
Jane Alling. then Lucy Aldrich
Carlson. later Margaret came
to carry the notice to the
Post. Sat. (yesterday) Margaret
came to borrow the muffings
for her party which she gave
last night. She Frederick H.
came & spent the afternoon &
went from here at 6:30 to go
to M.'s party. in an hour Mary
K. came later at 8:00 Mrs. Judson
& her friend came & stayed

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and look for insects." ah. what a relief!

I am reading "Hallam's Middle Ages" aloud to father. How history repeats itself. Same old problems same old men. the same inadequacy to cope with the great problems now as then.

I am glad you have such good friends. but you would, I have not heard from Josephine since she went to Florida but see by papers they are having very cold weather there.

I trust the storms will not hinder your letter darling. as I love each week looking forward to Thursday and your dear letter. Lovingly & dutifully. Mother.

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Boy Child: Mother is late again. Same reason, he won't write it.

Why - my. what a cold night and what cold days! The mercury hovers around zero. I wonder how the my poor people get along. There are so many needy people and seemingly little money. at least most of us have little. Although France seems to feel there is no need of her papers her sacrifice to us. and Belgium!

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What do the people of Montana think of Mr. Hoover and his moratorium? The greatest need of our Country just now is coöperation.

The little girl next door in Mrs. Underwood's house, brought back a pattern, for a cloth Elephant, to have me explain, about the tail. I showed her and then remarked "I think mother is ingenious enough to put a tail on an Elephant." She looked rather questioningly and said. "Just what is that word, do you think my mother is that?" She was ready to defend her mother.

Here is another joke:- Margaret Brustrom, reading from her teacher's psychology- to all the members of the family, "a mind called a Kindergarten mind, thinks nothing beyond his food and pet." (or something to this effect) The nine year old brother, deep in his arithmetic lesson looks up, and to the astonishment of the entire Elder members, remarks "That's just like Buddy Anderson, (another nine year old) that's all that's in his mind, is food and pet." "What!" they exclaimed, aghast. "It's true" he continued. "just as soon as he finishes his lunch he wants me to go to the woods

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We just had a telephone message telling us that Irene went to the hospital at six P.M. and at half past nine, every thing is over. She is feeling fine, so is the nice big son, and so is Nels the father.

I am glad you are having such nice weather. Our weather has been dreadfully cold and blustery.

I am rereading Dr. Samuel Johnson's "Rasselas." having read it when I was quite young. With many happy returns of the day. Always with love. Dec. 6-1932. Your Devoted Mother

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Child of mine own:- A very- very happy birthday to you, my darling: May the good birthday fairy come to you and kiss you again while you sleep, so that the year may be a beautiful one. How I wish I could "take the wings of the morning and fly to you. I would tap upon your pane and awaken you oh so early, with "Happy Birthday to You." Lets "pretend" that I do.

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We are sending a "little box" and in it are all sorts of "do-dats." But crowded in to every "nook and cranny" you will feel our love oozing out so warmly, that it will flow all over you, and it will not have cooled off coming to you from so far away.

You will recognize the 2 vol. Temple Shakespeare as the Commencement present from Mrs. Bootey. I was lucky enough to find another copy of The Bulfinch for you. I felt so badly about the other one.

You will hang the little blue bag on your bath-room door to receive your soiled luncheons. The little mat to hold a vase or a little figure. Margaret was quite in love with it, so I shall make her one from the odd bits of bright yarn.

You must feel, darling, that our love is the greatest thing in the little box, and may the day be a happy, happy one!

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many of them are very beautiful.
We are ever in the habit of
putting ourselves forward—
I have lately become acquainted
with a Mrs. David Brunstrom.
She is not English. She is about
27 years. I think. a beautiful—
most delightful young lady.
She now is reporting on the Mommy
Post in the absence of Katherine
Rice She asked me to intro-
duce a lady. whom the
Post has engaged to give
a series of lectures on cooking
housekeeping etc. Mrs. B. came
for me and went for the
sole purpose of introducing her
and She brought me home

178 South Main St.
Jamestown,
N. Y.

Dearest Little Sweetheart & mine.—
I am glad your very
strenuous part of your work
is finished. Now much there
is for you to attend to.
I hope it will be possible
for you to have a little
breathing spell. I am glad
Harriette you have the
happy faculty of mixing
pleasure with business it
makes the work less a
burden for you.

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What a happy time you had with Mrs Nye. She probably received more from you than she gave. going to a strange part of the Country and possibly into new work. You have been able to give her so much.

I hope you will send us your report. perhaps you had better register it. and we will do the same in returning it.

How cold our weather is. and has been. There seems to be so much suffering.

The Mozart Club. is bringing Harold Bauer on Feb. 18. I am supposed to sell four tickets one to myself. etc. @ $4.00 for Father Time, they are $2.00 each. I am returning them. I think we can do very well without Harold Bauer. If I had the money to spare there are so many who need it. I have a package ready for a family who Mrs. Underwood knows. and many who does not come under the notice of our associated Charities.

I do not see why. dear. you should not read your poems

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I hope I shall be able to make over the ones you sending me, I am sure I can,

Miss Sample has been asked to resign from the bank - they are all broken hearted about it, and sure they going direct to the dogs.

I fear we would cause quite a little stir, if we aired all of our affairs, eh?

I came across the enclosed in the Crishman genealogy. had I ever sent it to you? if so destroy this, if not please forgive the neglect,

Mary. K. W. was in a short time last night. She was so glad you spoke as you did about her.

I will stop now honey. and go to bed. I truly hope you are rested, lovingly & devotedly. Mother,

again, she is a dear,

Friday. I met with a com. to dispose of our savings - from the Community Service fund - having disbanded that organization,

we will engage a Young man Kenneth Hirse, whom a year ago, won the Atwater Kent prize. as the best Baritone singer. we will give a free concert in the Congregational Church, I suppose we will have a large Audience, as I noted today what large Audience at the Eagle Temple

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to take in the free cooking lessons, (pardon this darling it is only A fountain pen proving its sacred office as a fountain!)

When I returned home there was a letter from Vily, in which she wrote of the possibility of Thos. accepting a position at a small town near Boston. It will be very hard to part with them, doubly hard to give up the children. Of course one must do what is for the best, and I never would stand in the way of my children progress even though it seems the heart would break. I hate to have Vily & the children so far away with having to depend upon the ficklaness of Thos.

Daddy is still making pictures, or rather experimenting! experimenting! I am glad he bought a suit of clothes, he needed it and ~~ca~~ men cannot make over their clothes as woman can. I have saved and saved - now mine savings must all go for taxes to save the home, but I am glad I can do it.

I wore the dress you sent (which I altered.) to the meeting to-day - and it looks quite smart.

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Dearest Children: - I was so glad to get your nice letter. Father was pleased with the Card. ~~Father~~ will never grow up. It is all very well to keep young but we all want to grow beyond Childhood. in assuming responsibility.

The Players' Club brought a new York production. Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows" to Jamestown last week. I invited Father. "Quite a conceit." he said

There is so much to do, and time is so short. Life with some of us like the tramps situation when he had to choose The time is ours, every bit of it. and unfortunately the choice is also ours.

To-morrow is Board meeting again. The time sure does fly with emphasis on the git

What is your friend Mignon doing now?

We are reading up plays for Pitt. burgh. I have been asked to coach it. but I cannot.

Do not work too hard darling. I am looking forward to the pleasure of reading your report darling, I am so glad your good work is appreciated. Always Your Loving Mother.

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"quite a conceit." I am sure it never made the least impression. Last night I looked through some boxes from the attic. One was filled with little things that belonged to to you girls. paper dolls, picture cards, stories, poems etc which you wrote for "our Literary Society" at Orchard Hill. How many years we have lived since then but having once lived. how quickly can memory transport to the life and associations again. only Father can remember mother about it. Can it be that he recived nothing from it? To me, not alone, the things we did or said enriched the mind + spirit, but an enrichment which led to deeper, higher things.

Well, John has started to school. He will get much for he is so earnest and serious.

At eleven thirty today I meet Elizabeth Butterfield + we go over a little Children's Sonetta, which I have written, + for which Elizabeth is writing the music.

I have also written a little skit for Mrs. Mason & Mrs. Goodell. It is just fun.

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You'll be both pleased and surprised that to know that Mrs. Lindblad is getting better and able to go to her home again. It is quite miraculous.

Ella B. & Manley Rupp have taught the old home and are remodelling it. It is quite a relief to know they will remain our neighbors.

I hope you may overcome the nose & head condition when the warm weather comes. Do take care of you own dear self, Harriette.

Our neighbors in the old Thorn house have little chickens and duck. It must be the shades of Lydia prompting it.

Please pardon this attempt at a letter.

Devotedly. Your own Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown,
N.Y.

Dearest Child o' mine own.

A bright, but very cool Sunday morning. The birds are singing and all Nature.

Darling, almost one week has gone by since I begun this letter. I have had pleurisy all week. It is somewhat better tonight but a great deal of congestion in both

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parts of the left and the lower pleura on the right side. Monday I went to bed when Josephine went & did not get until just before Father came home. Tuesday did the same only did not get up until 9:30 A.M. Wednesday (yesterday) Wednesday went to bed when I went and arose when Anthony came, as he comes Wed:s & Thursdays. I got the dinner to-night but am so tired since.

I had a letter from John and a nice tintype of himself. He went to Lexington all by himself had the picture taken for me, bought a flag for "Bobby" and returned safely with proper change etc. Some trusty little dad!

Somebody certainly had an active imagination when they reported that business was improving in the East. We seem to be going the opposite direction.

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itself admirably to a drama.
I hope he may do it.

Do you have any time for writing now? I can not get down to anything serious; there seems too many things to worry one's mind.

I love to read Willa Cather and some of Hugh Walpole's stories. Some of his is so very English, or rather unamerican. I can not have patience with this unnatural reactions. Sometimes I fear I am not broad enough to make adjustments, or possibly too busy with other matters.

Darling please do not allow mother to be a load stone.

Always & ever your grateful & dignified Mother

178 South Main St.,
Jamestown, N. Y.

Dearest, mine own Harriette. Darling are you alright? are you sure! I have dreamed so much about you. Every night have I dreamed, and once I dreamed you had not come from school to your lunch, and this was the following day. and I could not find you. Sometimes it is so hard to adjust one's self to present conditions.

Darling, how could mother live without you! Don't do it at the expense of your own dear comfort.

Your father seems so hopeless, or indifferent to all circumstances and conditions. Sad, sad!

Our weather is much warmer

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after a hard frost and a snow flurry.

Ruth Moe came home for the week end bringing a very nice little girl with her from school. They were here on Saturday evening when Frederick Hilary came looking for them, so they all stayed. Frederick remarked during the conversation, that "a good woman is never interesting" and before he had time to properly explain himself.

Virgil, Ruth big brother, came for the girls. his first remark was "Mrs Cushman you are so interesting. the girls can't break away." "Fred, said "I'm going home!" "and I'll excuse you." I added, poor child he was quite broke up.

Frederick went to N.Y. City on Sunday to broadcast for the McDowell Club. I hope he succeeds. He wants now to work on a light opera. I have been looking into "Fra Lippo Lippi." as a possible theme for libretto. If worked up properly. It will serve the purpose excellently.

Stanley K. Anderson, another young aspirant to journalism, is thinking, or wondering about ~~[illegible]~~ dramatising one of Joseph ~~Conrads~~ Conrad's short stories. The story would have to be changed some, but would lend

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interesting young man, one Stanley Anderson, a broad reader, a deep thinker and very much interested in dramatics. He came to the party on Thurs. night, came her yesterday, (Sat.) to leave me two books, but stayed and visited 3 hours. Splendid young man. He is dramatizing one of Joseph Conrad's Stories. He is above the average. He has taken quite a fancy to Margaret B. and will play chess with her Tues. evening.

Please Darling forgive me. I will never let a week pass again without writing you. Always & ever your devoted Mother

178 South Main St.,
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N. Y.

Dearest Mine Own:- Darling what can Mother say. but, "I thank you again, my own."

Sometimes, dear, it seems that there must be some way, besides this if only we can find it.

Dearest Childie:- Can you ever forgive mother. I opened this box of stationary today to write you this week's letter, and find last week's unfinished & unsent.

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I cannot understand how I could have overlooked this letter, unless it is because I have much on my mind and am really ill.

We had a party last Thurs. We only took in $5.00 but it was better than nothing as the rooms do not rent.

The players' Club are using it for their rehearsals which will bring $3.00 a week until the latter part of October.

I have three prospective organizations who want it for meetings monthly with dinners. Mrs. Poe seems equal to all the preparation & work but she cannot play hostess nor invite the people which takes much time & thought.

Margaret is back. She has developed so much, and is so well and broad!

I had a letter from Margaret A. Sherwood today. She is excited over the baby and justly so.

I have recently become acquainted with Ruth an

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