

1/5/31

Dear People,

Please forgive just a note - I am busy every night until midnight trying to get annual report done.

I never was so busy before. Its like a big snow ball it rolls up + rolls up. and no chinook comes along to melt it.

Nothing much to say, I was in Helena Sat. I was out at the Capitol working all morning at the Commission of Agric. office. Then Betty Greenfield and I went to lunch + out to her house, looked at

turkeys, then we came  
back. Dumped the youngsters  
& went to see Will Rogers in  
"Lightning" - It was very  
good.

Forgive if I write  
no more I am so  
sleepy -

Love  
Harriette.



The North Coast Limited  
Missoula  
1/19/31

Dear People,

I'm afraid if I  
don't write now I won't  
get a letter written  
at all.

From Missoula the

sun is shining very  
brightly.

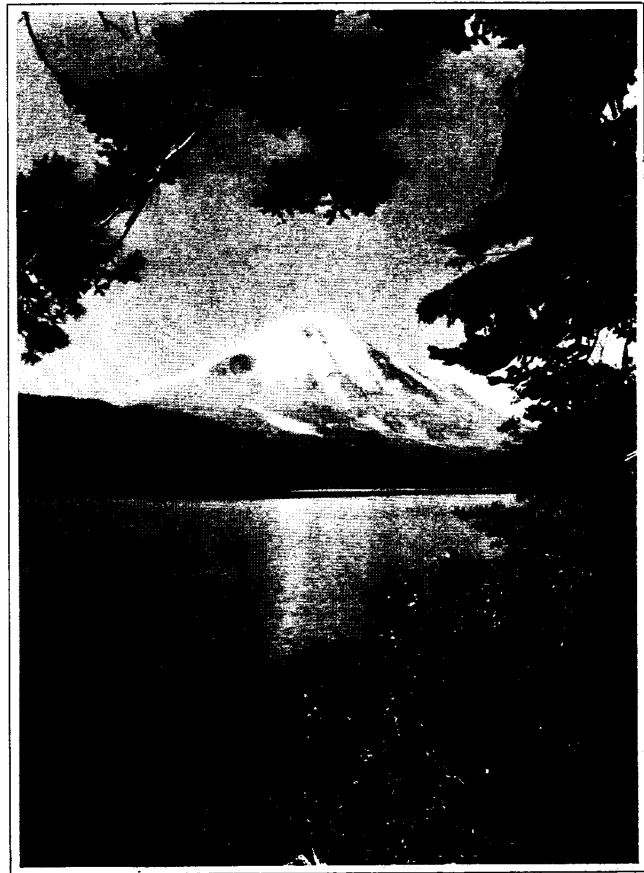
I got in from Billings  
last night & went over to

the show room, there  
was nothing much  
doing so about all I did  
was talk. But to day  
we have to get the  
~~egg~~ show set up +  
things under way -

So you will forgive  
the very shortness of  
the note

lots of love

Harriette



### Companion of Mountains

The wild grandeur of the Rockies and Cascades  
accompanies the North Coast Limited for a thousand miles

The Rialto. I was Marie Dressler in "Min & Bill". I like her because she got her training on the legitimate stage & so much better acting than the simple things that have had their only training on the cheap Hollywood lots.

Oh say where was William Dean Howells born? The question came up recently. In my little book that you made for me, ~~mother~~, it says he was born at Martins Ferry - but fails to say where Martins Ferry was. Well I must go to bed. Another stiff week is coming over the horizon

Lots of Love

Your

Harriette.

Feb. 1, 1931 -

Dear People

Well two of the three weeks are over and I'm still alive so I guess I'll be able to make it.

This afternoon I feel I had the finest honor conferred upon me that I have ever had. I was initiated into Epsilon Sigma Phi. It is an honorary national extension organization.

One has to have served actively in extension work ~~ten~~ years before one is eligible to be taken in. And I have. It hardly seems possible, the time has slipped by so rapidly.

There were three of us taken in this afternoon  
Mr. Isaac, the horticulture specialist + Mr. Hembre  
the County agent at Baker, Mont. and I -

One can hardly realize it but the fraternity  
has 1300 members in the United States. That means  
that there are that many men and women that has  
stuck by the service and made good for ten whole years.

It is one of the principle duties of the organization to  
form extensive policies and hold it to high standards.

I am particularly glad to be a member of the  
Montana chapter as it is the Alpha chapter  
founded here in 1927. Mr. Lloyd + Miss Reese of

Washington D.C. were here that conference + they with  
Mr. W.L. Wilson and Mr. Taylor and a few others conceived  
the idea of starting such an organization. At the  
time it was founded I seriously doubted that  
I could ever stick long enough to become a member  
and here I am. From the founding here at

Bozeman in 1927, the organization has chapters  
in practically every state in the Union now.  
The creed is very lovely. Each member is given  
one - as soon as I get mine I will copy for

you if you would like to have me do it.

At this juncture I stopped and went to

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3/1/31

POULTRY SPECIALIST  
H. E. CUSHMAN

Dear People,

Again its Sunday. Somehow this week seems wasted. I have tried so hard to get something done. yet I fear it not been a great success. The County Agent of this County has his own ideas and is very loath to take suggestions from anyone much less a woman poultry specialist. yet all of this goes on a life time.

But I have done one very interesting thing this week. The State University which is located here puts out a magazine called "The Frontier." It is developing a truly national reputation. Prof. Merriam head of the English Dept. is its editor. So this week I brought over a batch of poems and Alma Campbell took me to his office yesterday morning. She left & then we talked. I gave him the poems to look over. He gave me some excellent criticisms - In fact, altho he took nothing then, I feel more encourage than I ever have. He wants me to keep on - and several he liked especially - wants me to send him to him again after I have made a few ~~suggested~~ alterations.

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~~message~~ -  
I worked on there last night. Would it  
not be nice if I could be a contributor.  
While it would mean no money, it would  
mean a chance, I believe, for the frontier is  
watched by worth while magazines.  
Well enough of that. But oh how I would  
like to be able to write. Even if I had to  
lower my standards of living considerably. There  
would be a great deal more satisfaction. This job  
is so uncertain - I mean that you are constantly  
working against opposition. Agents have to be  
won over, poultrymen won over. Big business watched  
and finally one has to fight for his place in the  
sun, even in the state office. Each specialist  
feels his work of paramount importance + if I am not  
watchful the livestock specialist absorbs all the  
agents' time or the crops man takes all the  
projects. I suppose life is a fight for survival  
of the fittest - But heck - this is fight all the while.  
I am to go up and see the Millins in a  
few minutes. Dick used to be sheep specialist  
over in Idaho when I was there. Later came over  
here as livestock specialist + again we worked



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to gether.  
He and I were back here on Dec 6th.  
Fortunately his wife Helen likes me, so I am  
usually at their home at least once, every  
time I come to Missoula.

Now I must quit as I have a few  
more things to do before Dick comes for me.  
I am so glad you enjoy your coaching so  
much, Mother. I wish you had the strength to  
do it without having to suffer from your efforts  
later. I know how horrid it is to have to so  
disolve after efforts - it seems I do nothing else  
but - of late.

Vi had John send me a Valentine - there was  
no word from her. I have not heard from them  
but once since Christmas. Really she is a most  
unsatisfactory correspondent.

Well dears again I'll say just

lots of love,

Your

Harriette

3/16/31

Dear People,

I was going to work today but don't feel quite equal to it so Jessie is coming down + take letters here - so I will try to finish this and have it so she can take it with her.

I walked as far as his home yesterday, only a few blocks, but it seemed too much + I had to lie down as soon as I got there, so I thought I would postpone college until tomorrow. I feel fine + dandy while here at the house.

I have not been reading much because my head ached so much last week. But I manage to put in a full day - a nap after each meal + an other nap when I manicured my nails. It's a crime when

one takes a real like this that one  
does not have the energy to  
write.

One of our Montana women  
has recently had a book published  
"Red Cherries" I have not had  
a chance to read it yet. But  
Grace Stone Coats has more real  
genius than I have. She is  
a sister of Mrs. Hyde. Louie Hyde was  
the one that took Louis Tappan + I to the  
Spanish Parks. The morning we  
started Grace Stone Coats was at the  
Hydes house.

She + I had many poems in the  
Lariat together. But hers are always  
more mature + finished

Perhaps some time mine  
will be also - I imagine  
Mrs Coats is in her 50s

Well I must quit for Jessie  
is arriving

lots of love  
your

Harriette



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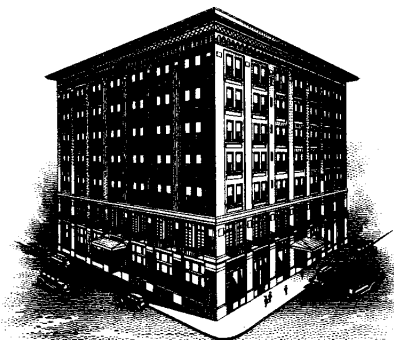
# PLACER HOTEL

HELENA, MONT.

Enroute Ft. Falls  
3/25/31

Dear People,  
I have just been too busy to write. Starting out early in the morning & working until late at night. Then I did not have brains enough left to write.

Just ate in the diner & the man across the table was all excited about going to get married. It was amusing because his name was Harry Keisberg & he sold neon signs & look very unromantic. But the lady of his heart was just absolutely perfect in his estimation. I hope they are happy when



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# PLACER HOTEL

HELENA, MONT.

they make the trip.

I have been working with Nevada Wood at Helena. She is a nervous excitable person & talks all the while so that I feel about worn out.

The rest of the week I work with Bob Clarkson. He is fine but he has a vile wife who is jealous of him & always ~~goes~~ goes along if there as a woman specialist in the County. Its cold to day & snowing so I am hoping she finds it disagreeable & stays at home.

There is really very little to



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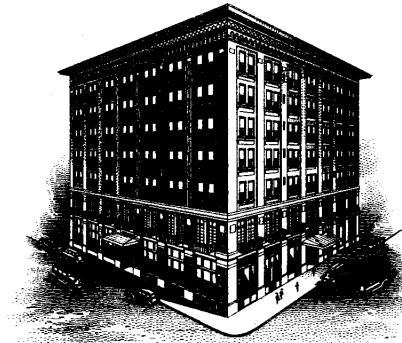
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wrote about and a baby is  
crying incessantly + that's enough  
to reach the whole tone of the  
letter rather.

Yesterday our meeting was  
up in the old cattle country.  
I always like that better.

We stopped for supper at a  
place owned by a delightful  
old Scotchman who was born  
in Scotland. Went in 1881 - he was  
in Jamestown + helped do some  
brick work on Hall's mill.  
He remembered the lake especially.  
He said every Sunday they used to take a  
trip on the lake.

They had a comfortable ranch  
with hot + cold water + a bath. They



# PLACER HOTEL

HELENA, MONT.

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Had some wonderful Herefords  
nice sheep but a miserable  
chicken house + chickens. These  
old ranchers don't do so much with  
their chickens -

Well the train bumps along  
until it's not easy to write so  
I'll call it quits and try to  
get next week letter off promptly.

Lots of love  
your

Farrieth

Chouteau, Mont.  
3/29/31

Dear People,

Well this has been a very lovely day. The terrible cold that we had for Wed. Thurs. & Friday broke. I slept late then ate & then took a walk. I think I walked about 8 miles. At least by the R.R. time table it indicated that for I walked from Chouteau to a siding named Claude. And the time table says Chouteau is 55 mi. from the Falls & Claude 59 miles & I walked there & returned.

The mountains were lovely. Sometimes the clouds hung over them, then they would lift & shift. Part of the way home I trailed along through the field. While the Spring does not smell like eastern spring - that mucky pungent smell - still it was unmistakably an earthy springy smell.

(over)

Well Mrs. Clarkson was no better than ordinary, Once she went along and the rest of the time she sent one of the daughters along. Lawd! If she thinks Sam interested in her husband she has another think coming. But I am not singled out in attention. She is the same with all woman specialist. And the funny part is Bob Clarkson is the last person to be interested in any woman.

The men in the lobby are talking about dudes in Glacier. They were just talking about one woman who was going along the trail and the saddle was <sup>getting</sup> harder + she exclaimed and to think I am paying for this punishment.

It is not easy to write in the lobby you get what you are writing all twisted up with conversation.

This is a queer place until 1915 this was an inland town and its one of the oldest places in Montana. You come off the prairie + drop down off the bench to a shaded street +

interesting old houses. Abundant water  
grass + trees. They still run lots of  
cattle + sheep to the west of here. To  
the east is wheat. Wheat farmers are  
dreadfully uninteresting to me. They are  
a lower mentality, not as clear a thinker  
as the old time stock man.

I finish up here tomorrow and go into  
the Falls.

The proprietor of the hotel is a real  
character - the original "lightning" -  
The fresh fellows about call him  
"Speedy" - He never flickers an eyelash  
+ changes his poker face but I don't  
think he relishes it. Every evening he plays  
cribbage with one of the hotel hangers on.  
His wife is as wide as she is tall. She  
scolds and bosses and is an inveterate  
gossip and a marvelous cook. Last week  
a traveling man was taken very ill with  
flu - nearly went into pneumonia. And  
Mrs Thompson was in her element, greasing +  
doctering + taking special things to him to



eat. Some time I want to put them  
into a story.

Well dear, I must do some  
work + then I desire bed. To walk  
8 miles in a brisk day makes one  
very sleepy.

Lots of love  
your  
Farrille

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IN  
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS  
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MONTANA STATE COLLEGE,  
AND U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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EXTENSION SERVICE  
POULTRY  
BOZEMAN, MONTANA

4/20/31-

Dear People,

Before I start my afternoon work, I  
at least say hello. Thank you dad for writing  
when mother was unable to. And, mother,  
please don't try going to Pittsburgh unless you are  
a list filler. I can't begin to tell you how  
sorry I am, mother, but rest and much of it  
is the only thing I can recommend.

Well, dad, the coin business must  
be quite interesting especially since you  
have no money tied up in it. Be glad you  
don't own the great northern R.R. They say they  
are looking a million dollars a month. The  
N.P. are not far behind. One wonders just  
what will be what. You say I'm lucky to  
be working for the state - Oh yes in lots of ways  
but when our budgets are cut & cut with nothing  
to do with it's not much fun either. Then with  
not a word of warning our jobs sometimes end. So it's  
not all roses. It seems as if every time one turns  
around you hear a hard luck story.

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BOZEMAN, MONTANA

nevertheless there are nice things happen too.  
Last night I was invited to Sunday night supper  
and it turned out to be an announcement party.  
Beretly Douglass has been with us two years. We  
all like her so very much and hate to see her leave.

Then we all went over to Herrick Hall and  
heard a madam — a French Barriete from  
Paris. She was a very clever interesting woman. about  
thirty five, I should think. Her English was perfect  
and she had a keen sense of humor.

I am in the midst of writing a housing  
bulletin. Its a big job.

Its very cold with snow flying. Spring only  
comes a day at a time with long lapses of winter  
between.

We are going to have natural gas in Bozeman.  
They are putting down the mains near my house  
I hope my land lord pipes it into my house.

Well mother dear, please rest.

lots of love -

your,

— Mariette —



The EMPIRE  
BUILDER  
VIA GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



4/24/31

Dear people,

I surely intended to write you during the week. But too much work - I am trying to get my housing bulletin done - get mending out of the way as will start out again Wednesday to be gone all of my.

I do hope you are better now mother and I thank you so much dad for the letter and also the Maple Sugar. It came this morning. I gave all the folks at the office a taste. They were all very enthusiastic. You could tell whether they were Eastern origin or not. Charles Potter said "Hot dog" - He's from west Virginia. Hebe Phillips - said "Pickles, Doughnuts and wax - hee - I can smell sugaring off" she's from Mass. Myrtle Ewen said, "What is it candy?" she's from N.D. It has a lovely flavor - not a bit "faddy"

well dear I thank you so very much  
that part of the country has its dry hot  
thinks. If I were away from here I'd pine  
for sage brush - By spells I think  
of Calif. Eucalyptus and so it goes. To  
be cosmopolitan is to be full with  
needs for here there and everywhere.

Prospects look very good for a crop

We had no snow to speak of  
winter - now we have had no spring rains -  
The wind has been high and soil blowing  
quite terrible. The ~~spring~~ <sup>winter</sup> wheat has mostly  
been blown out + will have to be reseeded.

But as Mrs. Kidder used to say - we will  
probably eat. I hope so.

They are piping natural gas into Bozeman.  
They are bringing it from the Wyoming fields.  
I don't know whether my land lord will install  
it or not. It would be a great saving if I could  
bring away so much. A tiny fence just to keep  
pipes from freezing would be simple and  
inexpensive.

well I must get my mending done +  
to bed.

I do hope you are feeling better  
mother, dear -

lots of love

your

Harriette.

Sumnerville, Mar 20th

Dear Friend.

I recd your letter yesterday  
I was glad to hear from you  
also many thanks to both you  
and Mrs C for checks. Was glad  
to hear from neighbors. There is  
one other neighbor would have  
been pleased to hear from. They  
have two darts away from home  
and I had heard one a Miss Harriett  
was coming home about Mar 1st  
because she was not well. Would  
have loved to hear how she and  
the other were. However I expect  
to be home the later part of month  
and I am wondering if it will be  
all right with Mrs C? or if it is  
too early for her to go. as there  
has been no time set. do not  
know how she may feel about it  
Mary Porter wrote me they had  
had a stopper in sewer for a week

how dit they get along. I hope they  
got a blunder and are fixed before  
this. We expect to leave here  
sometime after the 20th that is as  
near as I can come as to date  
at present. and if it is too early  
~~for them to return.~~ perhaps we  
can arrange some way. do not  
know her plans.

These house  
parties may be very enjoyable  
we did not have them in my  
day. I know our boys think they  
are the best yet; I do not  
know this young lady. even by sight  
hope she is able to stand the  
show it must be severe.

We have had an  
ideal winter here. for the past  
week it has been between 78-80  
which is you know quite warm  
we would not come so soon but  
to be there when boys come home  
with low baskets other gates.

Last year, I had my  
operation on Good Friday - and  
was just able to take Justice  
a bit on Easter. I remember  
Miss Corvius came in &  
showed me her Easter suit, it  
was a lovely frosted green.

Well, dear, I must quit  
him going to try to write to  
Vi & then I must get to bed  
for I get awfully weary by  
the end of the day.

Lots of love

Your  
Farrille,

Bozeman  
Easter Sunday  
1931

Dear People,

I am really getting the  
works letter done on Sunday.

This has been a queer  
Easter. I got up late. Then  
I assorted and darned stockings  
for about 3 hours after a  
breakfast of orange, toast &

potatoes. Then I got a house cleaning  
sweep and dusted  
apart.

and put things to rights. By  
that time it was sundown -  
I really should have gone walking

for it was a lovely day. But  
I enjoyed the sunshine anyway.

I got back to Bozeman on  
Wednesday. Nothing of great  
importance.



importance has happened  
I have read nothing interesting  
and have been too lazy  
to do anything much at the  
office.

This is the time of the  
year that the Gallatin valley  
looks impressive. The green is  
just beginning to peep up in  
the valley ~~white~~ <sup>while</sup> the mountains  
are dazzling white. How I  
do hope that some time you  
can see the mountains, especially  
these.

I received the Easter card  
from home. Such a pretty  
one. Is it Dad's work + mother's  
tinting or did Dad do it all?

at any rate it is very good  
looking. I was on the road  
when I should have been  
getting Easter cards so you will  
have to forgive me this year.

How interesting John must  
be. I enjoyed his poem, at  
least a phrase poetically put  
is finer ~~put~~ <sup>poetry</sup> than a rhyme  
with no feeling.

The Webster family seem  
to succeed in always having  
a tough time. I'm afraid  
they dwell on them. As for  
as struggling under difficulties  
it seems as if some of the rest of  
us do too. Easter this year  
was certainly a more comfortable  
day for me this year than

# BLACK BEAR TAVERN

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Paradise*



*On the National Park Highway  
Between Missoula and Spokane  
Dining Room in Connection.  
Steam Heated Rooms.*

*Thompson Falls, Montana*

5/15/31

Dear People,

I suppose I am in very bad standing, with a letter off so late in the week.

Sunday I was finishing my housing bulletin & work until 2 A.M. then I left Bozeman Tuesday and have been busy every working hour since - except last night when I went over to the island for a tramp - I knew you would want me to do that for I only see the island about once a year and it is so very lovely. The choke cherries, hawthorn and service berries are in bloom. I would not mind living in Thompson Falls in fact I have sometimes considered taking

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*Thompson Falls, Montana*

*my vacation here.*

*Missoula*

*I am glad I did not finish this  
at Thompson Falls this morning for  
when I got here I found the pictures  
that we took a jaunt 2 weeks  
ago, were waiting for me. They may  
give you some idea of the Big  
Horns - I am sending you my copies  
as I can get more printed later.*

*I must get some more work  
done now so I'll call this good*

*Lots of love*

*Yours*

*Harriet*

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MANAGER.



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ROOMS WITH BATH  
SINGLE OR IN SUITE

# HOTEL KALISPELL

KALISPELL, MONTANA

5/24/31

Dear People,

~~It does not seem possible~~  
that it's been a week since I  
wrote in Missoula

I was so sorry to get the  
home letters and find my mother  
still under the weather. Don't  
get discouraged mother. You have  
so many things that are important  
in your life and so many people  
I am

depending upon you.  
anxious to know what the outcome  
of the hospital examination is.  
If only I weren't so heart & nearly  
broke I'd like to send you a  
check right to day. Perhaps I  
can soon. For when it there is

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# HOTEL KALISPELL

## KALISPELL, MONTANA

always expense. It seems as if there are so many people that I know that are ill. Maybe it's because I am leaving youth & finding my group is entering middle age & the way we all live and rush about, it's a wonder to me that the old machines hold together at all. We would never treat an automobile with the utter disregard that we treat ourselves.

The snow storms are letting up for today at least and it's lovely. Grace & I mean the H.D. and I plan to go out for a picnic. It is not pleasant to camp about two weeks right now for the ticks are every where. While they don't

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# HOTEL KALISPELL

## KALISPELL, MONTANA

carry spotted fever up here yet they give me the shivers when they get on me.

I expect to be able to spend Decoration Day with Grace, as I will be in Browning the day before and in Cut Bank the day after. Grace was really very lucky for she and Jack are very fond of each other.

Last night the trip from Ronau to Kalispell was very lovely. The road goes right along the shore of Flathead Lake most of the way. While the shore line is very different yet it so reminds me of our Chautauque. I do get so home sick for our lake.

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# HOTEL KALISPELL

## KALISPELL, MONTANA

The next time I come home I hope it can be in the summer so that we can be at Maple Springs

With the business depression still in the east and drought still out here, the farmers seem to reflect the general despair for the first time. One sees so

many men traveling through the country with packs on their backs. And the farmers say that even off main traveled roads, folks are stopping & begging for meals.

We hear conflicting reports. Some say business in the east is beginning to look up. Others predict that 1932, will still be worse. What

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# HOTEL KALISPELL

## KALISPELL, MONTANA

is your opinion? At least if the stock market is a criterion things are not better. And we as an agricultural district can't be better if business is sick. Also A.C.M. stock is hitting the bottom.

Well a home letter is not a good place to recite the downes of conditions but it is all reflected in my meetings. People just wont avail themselves of the help the can get for nothing when they have the what's-the-use attitude.

Well we had better all go fishing and forget about it.

*The Scenic Center of the Northwest*



# HOTEL KALISPELL

KALISPELL, MONTANA

Let me know how things go at home. I can't seem to help much but at least I want to know.

Lots of love  
your

Harriette,

*The Scenic Center of the Northwest*



# HOTEL KALISPELL

KALISPELL, MONTANA May, 27, 1931

Dear Mother,  
I got yours and Dads letters to day.  
Since I have received no wires I feel that things must be coming along as well as possible. I do wish Mother that when you get about you'd check every thing and make a real job of getting well. Walk just a little each day. Rest a lot. Don't lift and carry things. Don't see a lot of people and talk too much. For if you can only get mended you should have so many five years ahead of you.

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# HOTEL KALISPELL

KALISPELL, MONTANA

May 28 - June 1 - % Hilmore Reik  
Browning  
June 2+3+4 - Rainbow Hotel, Shelby  
June 5 - Chinook Hotel - Chinook  
June 6+7 - Park Hotel - Great Falls.

I don't know just where I will be after that night now since I had hope to go up & see Miriam Hawkins Smith over the week end. But I won't go unless I am quite sure things are right at home.

Last night Grace Fineman the Home Demonstration Agent and I went out to watch the Walkathon they are putting on here. They  
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KALISPELL, MONTANA

certainly are a dumb bell lot. Five couples of them - they are on a stage out the fair grounds. They walk 45 minutes then rest. Keep it up day and night they have been at it 8 days now. The winner, if they stick it out more than 30 days, get \$1,000 - Well all I can say - They can it.

Some of the couples - I went to my meeting at this point so I don't know what I was about to say anyway they were dumb.

How I am envying Browning. Two years ago a fire swept through here. Every thing is blackened & ruined for miles and miles - It's ridier  
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## KALISPELL, MONTANA

I was on the road to Whitefish when I got your letter. When we got there we had our meetings in the Chamber of Commerce room. So I picked up a few pamphlets that have interesting pictures. They may help to pass away a few hours.

I will give you my schedule for the next few days so that you may have had write direct, then I won't have to wait for things to go to Bozeman and be forwarded again.



**HOTEL JORDAN**  
150 ROOMS  
GLEN DIVE, MONTANA

Mother's Day  
1931

Dear People,

It's a lovely day. balmy and warm. Alberta Coleman, the H.D., here has gone to a committee meeting - when she comes back. She + Hazel Kidder, the clothing specialist + I are going to take a tramp in the bad lands. They are really very lovely at this time of the year. They have patches of green among on-the-shoulders of the buttes and the tops are scoria tipped, which gives a touch of red to the landscape.

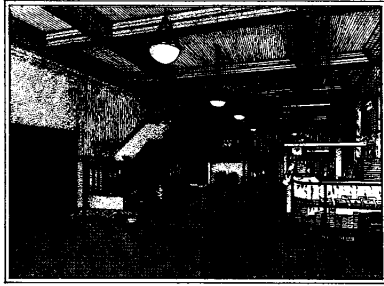
For the last couple of days Alberta + I have been up in the north end of the county at Richey + Vida. Both are funny inland towns. Really you can not imagine an inland prairie town. The school looks up for miles + the elevators at the other end of the town vie with it for prominence. In between the houses look jumbled and squat. As you approach the whole place looks slacky but on closer inspection you see that there are many



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nice modern bungalows, but saw yards, saw trees and saw sidewalks - there is really nothing very attractive about them. There are always nice people living there + when they come into Glendive they are as well dressed as anyone. With mail order houses + radios, these people might be from any populous center. They are not provincial at all. But deliver me from living there - No lake - no snow capped mountain - Nothing that makes living worth while for me.

Alberta is to be married in July and move to Spokane. We are going to miss her terribly. But in this work you expect constant changes. The change is the only thing one seems sure of. At Vida yesterday we organized the Cone County into a marketing organization - That makes the marketing group almost complete. Just Fallon + Carter + Ferguson still to come in. That gives me about 24 counties with turkey marketing



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150 ROOMS

GLENDIVE, MONTANA

organizations.

While we were north we had Mr. Kelly the state president of the Farmers Union with us. He is not radical. Just a fine type of an Irishman. It's the same Mr. Kelly at whose house I stayed when I worked in Carbon County last fall. If we could only have more like him, the Union would be no problem at all.

Well dear, I have some poultry things that I must complete before Alberta comes back so I had better get at them. I hope that you are better again, mother and that you will have a nice day to celebrate Mother's Day.

Last year I was in the hospital when Mother's Day rolled around. I am glad I'm on the job this year.

Lots of love  
your

Marriette

Cut Bank  
6/1/31

Dear Mother,

I am waiting for the county agent so I will write a bit to you. I am wondering just where you are at the present moment and also where you will be when this letter gets to you. But I will address it to our home address and then it will get to you anyway. I am certainly anxious to hear how the second examination came out and what your next step will be.

As I said Friday evening, I went out to spend Memorial Day with Grace. We had a lovely time and perfect weather. She came in to get me. We ate dinner in Browing and then we hit the road just about sunset. The drive was magnificent. We went west about ten miles straight toward Glacier Park and then we followed the park north for about 40 miles. The northern summer evenings are so long even without daylight saving we came to the ranch just at dusk which was about 7:30. Going over the Hudson Bay Divide we could look way up Lake St. Mary's and see all the mountains ranged about Going-to-the-Sun. I can't describe the beauty of it all.

The next morning we fooled about the house and Grace showed me all the things that had been added changed or renewed since I was there in 1929. (The little stove just came so I pulled this out of the machine and will finish by hand.) After we fixed things for the new lunch - Grace always has open house - men that are riding through drop in. When you are calmly sitting in the kitchen or rolling in the living room, the three big hounds are apt to bark and go dashing down the field toward the road to greet a car or a horse back rider. Then another one arrives. Since Grace is sketching in her housing keeping having four or five unexpected men does not seem to bother her. Well as I was about to say, after we fixed the dinner for the men we packed a lunch & departed for St. Mary's. We followed the new road as far as it goes - To within 3 miles of Going-to-the-Sun camp - Shelby 6/2/31. When I got here last night I found the two home letters. Of course they were written before the



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# RAINBOW HOTEL

SHELBY, MONT.

6/3/31

Dear Mother,

While I am waiting to start to the meeting I'll write a word.

Our nice weather has caught cold again & we have on the steam heat this morning. Not a nice day for Dad's birthday - I can't imagine pine roses out at all. Easier to imagine snow flakes

We went out past the oil fields to our meeting yesterday. They are queer very unattractive things, and



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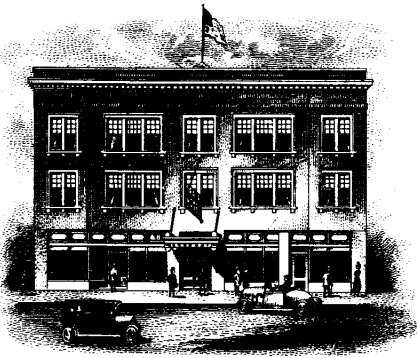
# RAINBOW HOTEL

SHELBY, MONT.

when you realize that oil is the result of decomposed big animals eons ago, it makes you realize what big boys those were.

We had a mostly Scandinavian community yesterday. They come out well to meetings - But I always feel like a foreigner amongst them.

Well my dear it time to hop -  
 Hope you are coming along fine  
 Lots of love  
 Your  
 Harriette



# THE FAIR HOTEL

HAVRE'S NEWEST HOTEL. STRICTLY MODERN. SOFT WATER ROOMS WITH OR WITHOUT BATH.

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HAVRE, MONT.

6/4/31.

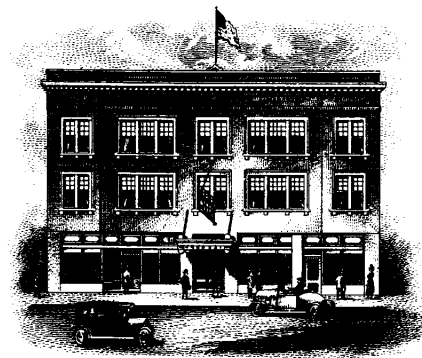
Dear People

Hearing from you all seems to be a difficult process.

I hope when I reach Chinook tonight I'll find some words.

It rained yesterday, a soft drizzle - it was pretty general - consequently the moral of the multitude has risen at least 100%.

Yesterday we had a meeting at Martin Tutvet's. He is a great big good natured



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Norwegian. Her Tutvet is from the old Norwegian royal family. One did not have to be told. Although she has only been in this country a few years, her English is delightful and her manners perfect. It makes no difference what the nationality, breeding certainly shows. Her linen, silver and dishes were the nicest & she had bookcases full of books.

What a queer world Extension work lives in - you never know from minute to another where your next step



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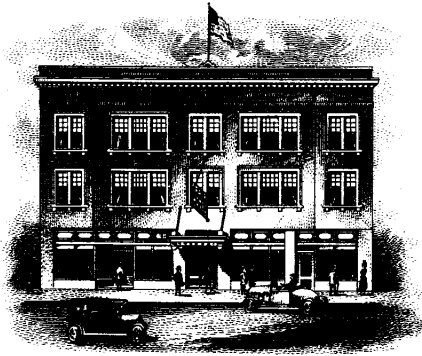
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HAVRE, MONT.

will be or what kind of people you are going to meet.

Last night coming into Havre from Shelby I ran into George Morgan - who has charge of experiment station work here at the No. Mont. station. He had been spending a few days at Lake Mac Donald. When we pulled in a midnight, "Sandy" the county agent & Uike - the head of the animal husbandry dept. at Bozeman were at the station waiting for you



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so we all went out and had a sandwich.

Every where one goes one is sure to run into one of the other workers.

Well again I've got to work.

I hope a letter or something is waiting for me in Chinook.

Lots of love  
Your

Harriette.



# Park Hotel

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

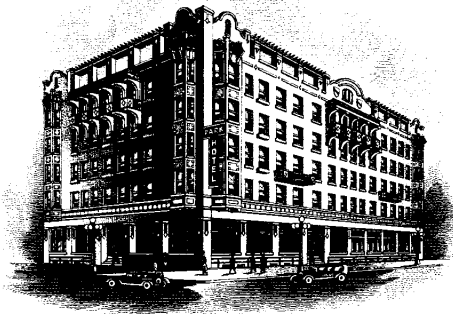
6/6/31-

Dear People,

The Parks Hotel seems to have  
some new stationary. The old one  
always showed trees around the  
hotel.

Well to day finished a very  
busy week.

Yesterday we drove much  
miles and had a meeting at Mr.  
Violettes. I have known them  
some time as we have had  
meetings there before. He is  
an ex. minister and she is a very  
sweet woman. Perhaps a bit  
older than I am but wear &  
tear has been a bit harder on  
her. She is quite gray. They live  
about 40 miles north of Harlem



# Park Hotel

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Now I am ready to fare forth  
as soon as Mr. Cameron  
arrives.

Things look a lot better  
since the rain. Imagine  
a lot of the places this recent  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  in of rain is the first in  
two years. I admire their

pluck - No one seems unduly  
blue. That with wheat dropping

11¢. Truly I don't see how they  
keep going.

Well dear I'll write  
when I come back from Minions

Much love

Yours

Harriette.



# Park Hotel

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

through the years they are gradually building up the place, but its such a slow almost hopeless job on these prairies.

This morning when I got in I found a letter from Miriam Hawkins Smith. She used to be out some management specialist. They live up near the mountains on a stock ranch. She tells me there is a Miss Frazer & her boy friend going to drive out within a couple of miles of their place so I am to come with her & spend the week end with them. So I have

hunted up Miss Frazer, bought some much needed tools & called the County agent & eaten breakfast

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6/17/31

Dear Mother and Dad,

I have sort of regretted the Cushman's this week because we are having H-H annual Conference here. I have to be on the job by 8 A.M. and not off until 10:30 or 11:00 P.M. so by that time the main thing I want to do is go to bed and sleep. Besides Betty Jenfield my turkey club leader from Helena is staying with me at the house & we usually talk a while when we get home.

One of my jobs at the conference is to take charge of the locker rooms while the girls swim. That is sort of fun. And I only wish I could be getting into the plunge too. The water looks so good. But it keeps me busy handing out towels, regulating showers, taking charge of glasses, rings, watches and beads.

This afternoon we are to take the 200 boys & girls up the West Gallatin. The members from Eastern Montana who have never seen mountains love it. Well, they should. The West Gallatin is truly beautiful.

(over)



I have not heard from home for the last few days - I am getting anxious.

Remember, mother, if you need a couple hundred, the amount is here for the asking - and more if you need it. I asked the building and loan man the other day and I can borrow up to 90% on my building + loan - so don't feel a bit hesitant about stating how much you need if you go to the hospital. If this sounds crazy it's because I am sleepy.

Hope things are getting better

lots of love

Your

Harriet

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6/24/31

Dear People,

I'll grab a few minutes - I was so glad to get your letter yesterday, mother, as it has seemed a long while since getting any word.

I certainly feel ashamed to face, you dad, these mothers + fathers days get me all twisted up - I got mothers day a week ahead of time + I was working under the delusion that fathers day was next Sunday + here I just completely missed it. Worst luck I had a good card picked out. Well, dad, I'll send you a 4<sup>th</sup> of July greeting or something else. At any rate I celebrated fathers day.

Mr Kelly, <sup>the</sup> Pres of the Farmers Union dropped in on Sat. and said he had business at Mammoth Hot Springs + did I want to go long + spend the week end in the park. Most of the girls I know had something else planned so I gathered in Jessie Hays my stenographer. So we made quit a trio. We got to the Park by 4 o'clock. He did his business + Jessie visited a friend - so I just sat in the car. Then we ate our dinner

(over)

at the camp grounds, as I had brought along some things for a picnic. First we thought we would push on from Mammoth but it seemed late so we got our cabins & stayed for the evening entertainment & dance.

Seeing there was two women & only one man we took turns dancing. Jessie & I slept together, she is a lovely thing very good to look at. In bed she got confidential & told me she has become engaged. It seems to be the best thing my stenographers do. But she man is a nice one. A brother of the brother-in-law of ~~going~~, my steno. Slaps back. Well they will do it.

Next morning we had breakfast bright & early. An awfully nice San Francisco family ate at our table. Instead of doing the park we beat it for Cook City. I have always wanted to go there. It is a town that is 50 miles from the park. Their only to get to civilization is through the park. It makes them 100 miles better from a railroad & over roads that are snowed in better than 6 months out of 12. Also there are some very rich copper mines at Cook but can not be developed. The town has dwindled & shrunk until only a few old inhabitants remain who still have hopes of a railroad coming in and making them all arduous rich. Well there will be a new high way going

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from Red Lodge to the Park. The contract will be let this Friday. Of course it will take at least two years to put it through, but I wanted to see the place in its original-dreaming state. We all felt well repaid for the drive there was magnificent & the little old town all that it promised to be.

We took some pictures & as soon as we get them, I'll send you copies. We ate lunch beside Soda Butte Creek & got back to Mammoth about 4 P.M. - so we went to the plunge & all took a swim. The water was grand but the air cool so you kept under the water.

After that we ate again & came back to Bogeman. We got here just at 10 P.M. Very good time.

That was such a nice way to complete the strenuous club week. My new housing bulletin is just off the press and I am sending one. It was a lot of work to make all those cuts. The lettering may look sort of 1st gradish but it will have to do. I liked to story about the Dr. & the lawyer - write when you can. Lots of love  
Harriette

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her do chores. She used to be a school teacher before she met Mr. Bradley. We had the Indian Conference here last week. That was another busy week as I had to be on the program & had to speak at the banquet too.

I don't know what I am going to do over the 4th I hope something for I hate staying in town on a holiday.

The urge to make a dress has fastened onto me so I am trying to make something its simple & I may get it done. Its a wash dress and I sure need it.



Well, dears, I must get to work for I have much to do. Lots of love.

Your  
Harriette

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7/5/31.

Dear People,

It was sure good to get your letter this morning, mother dear. It was so long since the last letter that I began to get worried.

Well I am sleepy to day. Why? Too much 4th of July.

The actual 4th was not so strenuous. I did not get up until 9 AM. then I fooled about the house and took an afternoon nap. Later Lois, Doris Wilson & I went out to Gallatin Gate Way Inn for dinner. That is the place where they stop the Milwaukee trains to take their folks to Yellowstone Park. It is a very pretty place but open only during Park season. We usually try to get out at least once during the summer.

Then just after I got home and was doing a bit of sewing before I went to bed, the phone rang. It was Jim Clabby, he and his sister Lina

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were on their way from Yellowstone Park north.  
 So I had them down to breakfast. It did seem  
 so good to hear all the Weiser news. Eunice has  
 developed into such a beautiful young woman Jim  
 is very fine too.

They had to head north directly after breakfast  
 and we girls had rented a car to go out to spend  
 Sunday.

We had a very interesting Sunday. We went up  
 the Livingston road toward Enigant. We saw the  
 old ghost town & had our picnic beside the  
 stream. Then we went hiking but the wind blew  
 & it began to rain. Lois & Doris turned back to  
 stay in the shelter of the grove where we had picniced.  
 But I felt in the mood for traveling, so I pushed  
 on up the canyon. About a half a mile I hit  
 the boundary of the Absaroka Nat. Forest - The trail  
 grew steeper - Soon I came to a place where  
 they were placer mining. Later I came to the  
 "Yellowstone Gold Mining Company" camp - I did  
 not know it existed. At the office was a darling  
 old gentleman who was anxious to talk. I found  
 that I ~~was~~ could get the car up, so I high tailed  
 back to our camp, collected car & girls & went back.  
 It is not easy to drive steep mountain trails (over)

one has to be ready to shift from 2nd into low without losing momentum. But we made it fine. Then we left the car at the mining camp & walk about a mile further up the gulch to Emigrant Falls. They were more on the Cascade order. A steep trail wound up the beside the water fall. and half way up was an old deserted mine shaft. There was a lot of ~~water~~ <sup>snow</sup> and ice in it. So we threw snow balls on the

5th of July.

When we got back to the mine, the old gentleman insisted that we come in and register. He turned out to be the president of the company & has great miner's hopes. The cabins were very tastefully furnished - one even had a piano in it. And the view was just magnificent. If one could coin gold from views I predict a rapid & opulent future for the Y. G. M. Co.

Well, dears, you must think that all I do is play. I work awfully hard all week. There is really nothing to stay about the M. T. W. T. & F. It is Sat P.M. & Sunday that we live for in Montana summers. They are so short & so beautiful that ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> all just scatter out pronto on week ends.

Well dears, I must quit & work -  
Best love  
Your  
H. H. H.

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H. E. CUSHMAN

Dear Mother,

After thinking it all over I would much prefer to be in Jamestown when you take your little excursion.

I think it would be very nice to hold you hand while you are going under and be there to say hello when you come out.

Also I think I could get a very good rest at home while you are in the hospital. You see I could get Dads breakfast and pack him off, then I could sleep for an hour or so.

Then I'd take a walk and by that time they'd have you all prettied up & I could call.

Gradually as you were better I might read to you a bit each day. Then Dad could visit you evenings. In that way w'd selfishly keep the others out & would give you no chance to get tired.

I believe I'd get a good rest in the bargain. You see most times when I come home we

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gobble all day - with the result that I am more tired on my return than on leaving. This would be an excellent chance for us all. Dad would not feel as if he was leaving you alone all day. I'd rest lots - And between us w'd see that you did not get lonesome.

And I'd make a stern rule "No visitors" I think that is one reason I got on so finely at Butte. No one but the nurses & doctors saw me. I just rested and rested.

So as I am wiring you tonight - "Let me know 3 days ahead and I'll be with you." Fortunately this schedule takes me nearer home each day. It is really luck I am going East along the N.P. instead of North and West. Now I am expecting the wire. I am packing a couple of house dresses and aprons in my grip so that I can quite be the house keeper at 178 - The only thing I hope they don't play the radio down stairs - If they do that I'll hit the ceiling - Can you tattle

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suggest that your daughter gets hydrophobia  
when radios are played or would they give  
notice? That would never do. Well, anyway  
I can go walking when they play the radio.

Now I've all made up my mind to come  
and hold your hand while you take four  
deep breathes, so don't disappoint me.  
This is my schedule:

- July 13+14 - Murray Hotel, Livingston.
- July 15-18 - Northern Hotel, Billings
- July 19-21 - Jordan Hotel, Glendive
- July 22-24 - Ingham Hotel Miles City.

After that I get back to Byeman for a spell.

I will be asking at the desk each  
night - "Any wire for Cushman?"

Another thing No 2 goes through evenings after  
my work is done - So how ever I get the wire no time wasted  
+ I am carrying the amount for R.R. fare in my purse - Also there  
are summer rates + I can see for about half what it took  
until I see you  
have to both you  
Harrietta.

MURRAY HOTEL

AL VOLBERDING, Mgr.  
FIRE-PROOF :: ELEVATOR SERVICE  
LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

7/24/31

Dear People,  
If I can keep awake I'll  
write. Last night it was so hot  
that I could not sleep very good. In  
Byeman my room has cross ventilation  
and when I get out where I sleep in  
Billings hotels with one window I don't  
sleep so well.

We left town at seven thirty  
this morning + never got in until  
7:30 tonight. That's a long day +  
it was scorching hot all day.

How I am waiting for no 2 +  
more on to Billings. I don't expect  
much relief there either for Billings  
is about 1000 ft lower + surrounded  
by iron rock.

Sunday morning before I came  
down here, we girls had Mr. Erickson  
the taxi man take us out to the north

# MURRAY HOTEL

AL VOLBERDING, Mgr.

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of middle creek. We hiked up about a mile to a good camp ground & had breakfast beside the rushing stream. Middle creek is one of the loveliest of all the canyons about Bozeman.

After breakfast we hiked a while & came home at noon. I had so much to do to get ready to go out that I could not spare more time.

While we ate breakfast Davis Wilson called our attention, "look at the melody!" she exclaimed. It did look like fingers running up & down the key board as the stream dashed against ~~against~~ submerged rocks. The water ~~beast~~ beat back on itself and dappled up and down like runs in music. It is interesting to note that the streams always have

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a rhythm.

Oh I am so sleepy I wish I could go to bed right now instead of having to wait until 1 PM. When we pull into Billings.

The hot winds to day have certainly done the few showing crops no good what ever.

Thank you for the wire, Dad, I expect to hear again tomorrow as its Wednesday.

Leads, I almost went to sleep writing, the first thing I know I'll be writing - "and they wound around and they ground around" -

I guess I'd better get out & get some air.

lots of love  
from

Marjette



Friday Aug. 14, 1931  
N.S.C.  
T. Bogman.

Dear People,

I have been neglectful of you since getting back. Its because I have had such heaps to do. I am trying to get things finished for the hills City Conference & we have been adding and adding until my arm grows weary pumping up and down on the adding machine.

How I do wish it was possible to be in two places at once. I need to be here but I'd like to be there too. I can quite imagine

myself getting cleared up for the afternoon & trotting down to the hospital.

How do you eat now, mother dear? I hope a little better. And I do hope you are

sitting up by now.

Perhaps if I had left the orange pajamas that would have given you an incentive to get to the dress stage, for fear some one was going to force the gaudy things on to you.

Things look pretty dry even here in the Gallatin Valley - I guess they are terrible further east. I dread to make the trip

to miles. They say there are hundreds & hundreds that don't even have a garden. We expect a

strenuous time before winter is over. At least the New York State & New England farmer can have table produce if they can't sell anything. But there is no need to burden you with our hard luck.

Everyone asks how my mother is. It seems such a personal interest. Almost as if they really knew you, dear, they take

I had a very nice letter from one of the women I used to know in Idaho who is compiling a book of Idaho poet's verse & she has asked me to contribute to it. I suppose then I'll be asked to buy a couple of volumes. Well perhaps it's worth while. At any rate I'll probably do it so please Bess Smith.

I was so glad to get back the home letters and so pleased to know that the nurses liked me. Give them all my best regards.

I hope, dad, that no remarkable licks out you plate before you get it at the restaurant and that, Drene proves to be a good cook when mother gets home.

The weather is lovely here, I do so hope the weather back there has moderated & the butter is no longer a spoon product.

I must get back to Turkey figures

Lots of love

Janette

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MILES CITY, MONTANA

8/19/31

Dear People,

There aren't many minutes before train time, but I can at least say hello. I was so

glad to get your letter today

Mother dear, It's wonderful that you have been able to sit up a little. I do hope this

time you won't have a set back.

Yes, I was able to borrow

"Shadows on a Rock". It is very lovely is it not?

The Miles City meeting is over. I am glad for I am

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dead tired out. It's been so hot. I'll be glad to get back to Bigman for a breathing spell.

The meetings were interesting I was the only woman present but I am so used to that it did not bother me in the least.

I will write a little more next time. At least I just wanted to get a hello off tonight

lots of love

Fariette

Bozeman, Mont,  
8/24/31.

Dear People,

Your letter arrived this morning  
another day, which says you are  
home. How very happy this makes  
me. I know you are still having  
a lot of pain and everything but  
to really come home means a big  
step up. I am so happy that Fred  
can be there. She is a sweet, dear.

I hope the weather has  
moderated so that it is not too  
hot in the upstairs rooms

It has been quite hot here  
for Montana. While I was at hills  
city it about took the starch out  
of me. If I was a migratory bird  
I would be a Snow Bunting or  
something of that order. I'd go sit  
on an ice cake and grin.

I was able to get hold of a book  
from the college library for over  
Sunday which I think you would  
love. "The Barretts of Wimpole  
Street". It is a play - perhaps  
you have seen it. The scene is

laid in Elizabeth Barretts bed-  
sitting room. Of course young  
Robert Browning is the frequent  
guest.

Catherine Cornell took the  
part of Elizabeth in the first  
presentation in U.S.A.

I cant think of anything  
very exciting that has happened  
recently. Mr Shrader, the U.S.A.  
Poultry Specialist has gone and  
things have fallen into their  
regular routine.

Do take care of yourself  
now, mother, that you are really  
on the up-up and perhaps things  
will truly be much better soon.

Dad, I found I had 24 pennies  
in my purse, I looked them all  
over. There was not a single 1922  
one in the bunch. But I'll keep  
looking.

Lots of love  
your  
sincerely  
Catherine

Haliapell  
about  
8/31 '3

Dear People;

I did not get a letter  
written yesterday as I was  
too busy getting ready to  
leave

The trip up here is  
usually one of my favorites.  
But it was dusty, bumpy &  
the stage was particularly  
bumpy until I was so tired  
that I took a hot bath  
and went right to bed on  
arriving. Also I never saw  
the forest look so. Every  
thing dried out & all the  
trees needed their faces  
washed.

It does seem as if  
we ought to soon get rains  
& hope on my return  
to Boxman I may see

grace as I go home the  
other way.

I went by a bunch of  
cattle to day that gives  
one an idea of drought - they  
were all crowded together  
at one end of a big bare field  
& they looked more like a  
bag of bones than any living  
creature. The Gallatin Valley  
where Bozeman is, is certainly  
the best fixed in the state.

The new census figures  
have just come out that  
shows that Bozeman & Helena  
are the only towns in the  
state that have more women  
than men. I'll have to  
move.

Well Sears there does  
not seem to be much to  
say & this pen is horrid  
& can't think well with  
a horrid pen so I'll  
say good night -  
Everyone take care of  
everybody.

Lots of love

Your

Harriette,



# Park Hotel

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

9/6/31.

Dear People,

Its been a long time since I have sent a letter from this address. I came in to night from Browning.

Yesterday after our work was done Mr. Reik + I drove out to Jaces house + brought her back with us. She stayed with me all night + then I left on the noon train.

Jace asked to be remember to "Mr + Mrs Ashman" - She is just as ~~my~~ nice as ever.

This evening as I was window shopping I saw the



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jewelry, curio shop belonging to Mr. Hannah, Dad and I went ~~there~~ and asked him about arrow heads. He gave me the two address that are special handles of "stone age goods" as he called it and also said he would be glad to answer any letter that you might address to him.

I am very tired and wont write more but wanted to get this off at once

Lots of love  
Your

*Harriet*