MARY JOSEPHINE ROGERS

My Dear Mrs Cushman:

I was sorry not to get up to see you before I left.

I tried to call you the night before I left but no one answered

I suppose you have heard about our wreck coming down. Fortunately none of us were hurt.

When we reached here mother and Uncle Ray were here it seemed good to see them

It is quite warm here,

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we opened the tea
Room about three week
ago.
The flowers are so
pretty now.
we brought three
cats down and mother
brought a dog.
How are all your
boy friends coming
along ~~H~~ a Ha.
Hope you are well.
Remember me to Mr
Cushman.
would be glad to
hear from you.
with love
Go

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from Frena but once since you were here. I can not understand Vily. She must have more time since the two children are in school, if Bobby is in school, I do not know.

Mr. Hoagland was up to dinner & spent the evening last Thursday. How I wish he was an instructor of history or philosophy in a boy's school. He has so much to give, and is wasting himself & his great knowledge in this petty little Unitarian Church. We are all so blind!

Thank you dear darling for all your generosity always. You & wrote. Mother

178 South Main St,
Jamestown,
N.Y.

Dearest, my Childie:- A lovely October morning. September left us with a decided uncomfortable feeling.

Your Air-Mail letter came in due season on Friday morning. I thank you dear, for the subtlety and understanding with which you handled the situation, sometimes, Harriette I wonder if I am doing right, then when Father thinks of nothing but photography-works

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every minute with it. Spend whatever he wants and it really returns his nothing.

He has made some beautiful pictures, while "art for arts sake" is a beautiful thought if one can afford it. Well, you can understand it.

The weather has been so bad. I fear I can not get the walks in before winter. When I could have had them put in & Ali Hagen was ready I could do nothing with father. I dared not tell him at that time that I had saved the money & that it was your money for that purpose.

But it is alright. Every thing will come out alright if we but work rightly and think rightly.

Paul is still in the hospital recovering from a tonsil operation. Stanley is in Cleveland.

I must write Thomas a letter for his birthday. Possibly he may answer it. I have not heard

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A NIGHT WITH LONGFELLOW'S POEMS

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Key to a Night With Longfellow's Poems.

1. The Old Clock On The Stair
2. Spring
3. An April Day
4. The Brook
5. Twilight
6. The Voices Of The Night
7. Mad River
8. The Bridge
9. The Day Is Done
10. The Evening Star
11. By The Light Of The Stars
12. Fire Of Driftwood
14. Fire
15. A Shadow
16. The Ghosts
17. The Song Of The Bell
18. Day Break
19. To Morrow
20. Sun Rise On The Hills

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MY friend and I decided to spend a night in the open,so consulting --- --- ----- -- --- -----,and found the afternoon was fast waning, we got our camping traps together and started. ------ had come in earnest,although -- ------ ---,the air was warm and balmy,which was not always the case in this part of the country. The sun had been hot enough to free the winter shackles that bound --- -----,which went singing along at the foot of hill upon which we would spend the night. --- ----- had fallen and in the hush which followed we heard --- ------ -- --- ----- . A flock of noisy crows settled in the dark pines above our heads,a great bull-frog was repeating in a raucous voice the depth of --- -----,the plow boy had left his plow in the furrow and was returning home riding one horse and leading one. We heard his cheery whistle and the heavy clump,clump of the horses feet as they crossed --- ------,there was the bleating of sheep and the quivering answer of the young lambs as the farmer was bedding their fold with fresh straw.

--- --- -- ----,and --- ------- ---- shone like burnished gold in soft blue of the eastern sky. By --- ----- -- --- ----- we found our way to the chosen spot and built a ---- -- ---------,which we had gathered a few days before. The ---- burned brightly lighting up the place and casting ------ of each tall leafless tree,like --- ------ of Druids,who may have lived long ago in these very trees.

A soft bed in the deep pine branches,the smell of wood-smoke,and a spurt of fire ,a puff of smoke from a pine knot lulled us into forgetfulness until we heard --- ---- -- --- ----, as the cows were slowly wending their way to the upland meadow. It was --- ----- and it was -- ------. We arose and hurried into the clearing to see the ------- -- --- -----. Thus ended a beautiful Night With Longfellow's Poems.

M. E. Cashman

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a livable earning out of it.

Father & I are still having much amusement over Moby Dick. We are disgesting it in small bites.

When I was ill I wrote 2 plays & several stories in my mind. It takes so much concentrated time to put anything on paper. So I will never arrive unless I am crippled in some way. Father is ready for bed. so I must stop devotedly.

With love Mother,

'78 South Main St.
Jamestown.
N.Y.

Dearest Childie O'mine: How mother has neglected you dear, but really darling when there was lessons every morning and rehearsals every evening and sometimes outside duties besides the home. I have been more than busy. I have enjoyed your nice letters, but realize dear that you are not eating peaches & cream every day.

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Sometimes one says to Life
whither goest thou and why?
Yet as if the answer
comes 'cross the great sea
of Time, one hears, but,
Keep your sails sails
set and you little bark
a float," thus we go on.
One play came off Thurs. Mar
5th. They did very well indeed
when one realizes none of
the Cast were ever before the
public before. Well it did
not hurt them, and they
over a hundred dollars for
their fund.
I do not hear from Vily. I
know she is busy, so are
we all.
Mrs. Berquist has been quite
ill with Shingles. She is some-
what bitter, to-day.
Aunt Jane is gradually failing,
last week Dr. Ormes passed
away, and it made quite
an impression on Aunt Jane.
He was only a few months
her senior.
I wish dear you might
be able to write and make

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I have just finished a letter to Aunt Mamie, which I have been a whole month in writing.

She has been doing a great deal of research work in the Coffin Family Genealogically. She has gone as far as Wm the Conqueror, but not back to Mathuselah or to Adam & Eve. I made a little table for her which I framed in a French history. Wm's mother was a daughter of a Flemish peasant, & a mistress of Wm father, who was called Robert the Devil. The mother's name was Arlitta, & Wm was born out of wedlock. When Father starts to bragging about his ancestors, I remind him not to forget Arlitta in future. Will you pardon this dreadful letter I am so tired. Always your devoted Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie & Mine Own:-
I am late again this week. Sunday we went to see Mrs. Underwood & Della. Della is quite miserable, but the dear Mrs. U. is the same dear resigned saint as ever.

When we came home I was too tired to write or read or anything but go to bed. Monday after Jane had gone, I got things picked up, as Father had promised to help me clean the living room on Tues. So yesterday we cleaned the living room. Father doing the lifting

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I cleaned windows, woodwork, polished furniture. I had previously cleaned all the books. To-day I cleaned my room, took up rug, cleaned mattress & springs, cleaned the walls, window, woodwork, floor, pictures etc, then did the curtains for living room & my room. I had company to-dinner & tonight. I am so tired in my spine & across me.

My hand & thumb are still so dumb, when the spine is tired.

I am so glad dear you have such an optimistic outlook and know that there is always a way.

I do not hear from Vily. The last she wrote: Robert had been very ill. I feel quite anxious about him. He does not seem strong. Both Vily & Thomas had a desperate fright one night when Robert was so ill. I do hope they will grow strong & she may raise them all.

How I wish they lived near me. But they seem to prefer it this way.

I will copy the thought for to-day. "As every man has his cares, brethren, so has each man his blessings."
— George Borrow.

I wonder where you were and what you were doing yesterday.

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Normal, majoring in music. Arnold. (15) in high school, and Audrey. (10) a small child - plays with Bobby. and goes to Rogers Jr. high. Yesterday, Virgil and Ruth were over to telephone and spent some time with me. Ruth is a very interesting young lady.

I am glad dear that you like your cushion. I seem to have accumulated so much yarn, I made Vily a variagated blue. I have not heard from her yet. nor have I heard from her since John's birthday. I wish I was near enough to keep you with your reports. Lots of love from your own mother —

178 South Main St.
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Dearest Childie o' mine: - I was so glad to hear from you, and so glad also that you understand mother, so that when I feel worried and you are too busy to think, you go right along and know it will be alright with me.

This morning our dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Berquist, passed from us, after a long dark night

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of physical suffering. What a blessing to us to have sleep and rest.

I do not know whether I will be able to attend the funeral. I walked out to Mrs. ~~Hal~~ Werle's to see her doll house, with Mrs. Uhl to accompany me. She lives where the Thoren's lived once. It was too great an effort for me and possibly I could not have succeeded in getting back. had Mrs. U. not been with me.

I have been suffering so much lately, possibly it is due to adhesions.

We had a box from Vily in which sent me a box of stationary. and "Bobby" sent me six highly colored bath clothes, and John six handkerchiefs, with large highly colored G. in the one corner, these he probably selected himself, bless his dear self.

How interesting the children must be now. How much I should like to see them.

The people in Mrs. Underwood's house have five children one young man, Virgil Moe (25) a musician, Larrimer (23) a morning Post reporter, Ruth (20) in Fredonia

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I have not heard from Vily for several weeks & do not know whether the baby has whooping cough. Of course she is busy.

I do not know whether you knew Fred Clary or not. He was younger than Rebecca or Fay. He died very suddenly Sat. night, leaving a young wife & two children under four years. Mrs. Clary's last child of five children.

Ever & Always Your Devoted Mother

4/4/32

your library. I am sure Father would allow you to borrow it.

Josephine's lesson on Friday was about King Arthur. I gave her an outline for home work. I am quite anxious to know what she will do with it. I feel sure she can write if she will. She is so anxious to learn and really has a great capacity for learning.

I am so glad Harriette dear, you take the world as it is and you can

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adjust yourself ~~to it~~.
Sometimes one wonders
at the trend of the people.
Men seem accept to
go along the lines of
least resistance, but
the women struggle to
lift themselves out, and
with all their handicaps
bear the standard.

Will there be another
reign of Amazons?
Why not? While every
man is the son of a
woman, every woman
is the daughter of a man.

So we are all one, and there
are always Changes. I am
not sure whether Evolution
is forward or backward
like "The Water Baby."

I think I told you that
Mary K. W. wants you to
write something for "The
J. Journal."

You'll pardon me dear
if I do not fill this sheet.
It is time for Josephine
and I must give this
letter to Selma to mail
when she comes for
Josephine.

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Mrs. Day. Richard Hilary. Virgil M. went. Mary K. W. came, Mrs H. + Richard went Margaret B. came. Mary + Mrs. D. went, June Swanson, (Esther's sister) came, Margaret went, then came back, June. went, Mrs. Uhl came at 10.45 they went, This morning (Sunday) Elizabeth Butterfield came while I was in my bath, she sent the family to church and came to sit with me until they came home. We had breakfast at 12.30 P.M. It is kind of my friends to come, and see me, I cannot go to them.

Thank you darling for all your kindness - With love + devotion.

Your own - Mother

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Dearest Childie o'mine own:-

I received your wire yesterday dear, I thank so much, You are so kind.

Every hour I am grateful dear, just for you, grateful for your strength of character, grateful for your abundance of common sense.

There is so much suffering. Just now, it is the time that tries the souls of man, and so many have ~~th~~ not the

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strength to bear, the courage to endure.

We are having a little dish of snow. I am so glad. Our warm Spring weather has been so unseasonable.

I had a card from Viola Gammon this morning. Her head is quite dense.

I also had a letter from Miss Della U.! How few people are able to care for themselves!

There is a meeting of Players' Club tonight, and I wrote a silly scenario for it. I wish I were to be there, but perhaps it is well that I should'nt hear all the comments.

Next week my little one act play is to be given at the Kiantone Church, but I really should like to see and hear this one. I do not think it will have strength to live.

I have a three, and a one act, now in process of writing. I think may be better, which I will try to sell. But really have little time.

Here is a list of Saturday's callers, 9. A.M. Irene came to clean, Mrs. Fairchild came, to Clarence Mills. lunch, washed dishes. Irene went. Mrs. Hilary came, then Virgil Poe

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Dearest, my own Hannitte.

How much we enjoyed your wonderful description of the fair. How very interesting it is, and how you must have enjoyed it!

Well the flat is rented and occupied. they came in yesterday. They were to come in the first of the week. So we planned to have the rooms ready during to-day (Sunday)

babies. for really John is little more than a baby. Winnie has a bowel trouble. Lily Lenz is in no condition to travel. I sent some money by telegraph so she had to go over & identify herself. lots of trouble and not enough of it to take a R.R. train. I am so sorry for her.

Darling please excuse this miserable, rambling excuse of a letter. & I will mail it without further ado.

Will write again very soon.

Ever with love & devotion, my own dear faithful child.

Mother.

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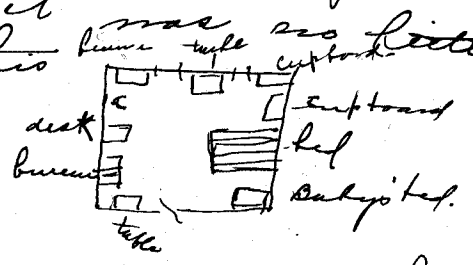
On Saturday morning (yesterday) at 9.30 Mrs. Grimshaw telephoned they would moved in bag & baggage. at 3. P.M. So I went down stairs. notified Viola & went to see Clarence. So we worked & worked. not only did we have to clear the lower rooms. but make the upper flat livable. So!

I picked up Father's room. and put it in readiness and it was no little task to do this. like this I have my own. & Father sleeps on the davenport.



Miss Matthews called yesterday. She has not been able to come up to see me yet. as she has been quite ill with intestinal grip. but will come this week.

Wednesday:- Forgive me darling. but I have had no opportunity to finish this letter.

Thus. morning, waiting a moment for Jame. Bobby is. ill. was ill all night. vomiting & a high temperature. poor little lad.

Thus. P.M. Bobby is no better. has slept most of the day. Vily. wants to go home tomorrow. and must go on the bus. I do not see how she can possibly manage it with the

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Clarence seems to be encouraged with his chicks and thinks if he loses 35% of them from the day old chick until they are marketable he will be doing well.

(You do not speak of your friend Miss Bogert, and her sister. Do you ever hear from Mignon? I am so sorry and so often regret not having seen her when she was so near.

Yes, I too think, mending is a very virtuous and domestic occupation, and a most necessary one. Always your devoted Mother.

April 5-1936.

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Dearest Harriette O'Brien:—

Marion S. and Genieve F. have just sent me two more books within the last few days, from Marion "The Portrait of a Family," by Eleanor Farjeon, who is the Grand daughter of Joseph Jefferson the Am. Actor. The being a story of the immediate family of J.J.

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very rich. Father has just finished reading aloud— "Lafayette, A Life" now we will begin on the "Tracking Deserts." (?) The one from Genevieve is "Uncle Sam's attic - Alaska." by Mary Lee Davis.

Marian spent the afternoon with me yesterday. most enjoyable. To-morrow. Lola Fairchild comes to see me. Tuesday Madelyn J.C. will come. I miss Paul & Stanley. How I written since I received Aunt Minnie's last letter telling us of the arrival of Gordon & Marion's baby? John by name. came March 25—

We had the tag end of your storm last week. Snow and freezing weather to-day and to-night rain. I think it will turn into snow before morning.

Harriette dear, how I wish you were near me! Sometimes you seem so far away, and seem all alone. But we are both so busy and must carry-on

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against it, not with it
I will meet it, and buffet
it, and reach the bottom
of the hill, triumphant
and radiant.
Some times I feel with David,
"Oh, the wild joy of living! the
leaping from rock up to rock,
The strong rending of boughs
from the fir-tree the cool
silver shock,
Of the plunge in a pool's living
water, the hunt of the bear,
The sultriness showing the
lion couched in his lair,
And the meal, the rich dates
yellowed o'er with rich gold
divine,
And the locust-flesh steeped in
the pitcher, the full draught of wine

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Dearest Harriette Sweetheart,
Such a perfect day, how
I should love to run to the
top of Yonder hill, for the
sheer joy of running
down again, some time
I will, I shall not have
a hair pin to bother me,
and but one outside Gaunt,
the wind will gather in
my hair, breathe loudly
in my ears, clasp my
body - and I will run

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"And the sheep in the dried river-channel
where bulrushes tell
That the pipe was meant to go warbling
so softly and well.
How good is man's life, the mere
living! how fit to employ
all the heart and the soul and the
senses forever in joy!"
— "Saul" Browning.

I saw Mrs. Gates yesterday
she looks so poorly, so frail
& thin but not one whit
lacking in pluck and self
control. Wonderful is she.
I wish you might find
a moment in which to
write her. She was so happy
to have me come, yes.
I went. I paid the price &
the visit last night but
it was worth it.

Every body is so wondrously
good to me, so I must be
good, and I will.

What a varied existence you
have, but withal how intensely
interesting.

I am at the end of the sheet &
will write very soon again.
Always & ever. Your devoted
Mother.

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Jamestown
N.Y.

Dearest my Harriette! —
We received your nice letter on Thursday and Yesterday — Sunday — the lovely snapdragons, a whole dozen of rose-pink ones. I thank you, my darling. I did not know it was "Mother's Day."

I received a long letter from Vily, "Special delivery" — Robert is only just recovering from mumps & cheaken

Yesterday Father went up to Allen Park and found several children playing he called them together and asked them to play London Bridge, which they did very willingly, and he took a picture of them. I do not know how it came out yet.

Alice Catlin telephoned Yesterday from the W.C.A. hospital, saying she came down from Packard Manor, to celebrate Mother's Day — and found her mother very ill. So took her to the hospital, where she had just undergone an

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pox, and John & Winnie are in Sed with them. She Certainly has her hands full.

We are having beautiful summer weather. It came so very suddenly. It seems all in a day, the Oriole, the Chebeck, the Orio- and several warblers put in their appearance, and the lawns became golden with dandelions.

Lola F. has been visiting in Washington and in N. Y. C. so we had been at a stand still with our plans.

operation for tumor, and is quite serious. I have not heard today.

We have had about ten applicants for for the flat, all sorts & conditions, poles, Italians, junk dealers, people on relief able to pay $8 or $10 a month. There will be some one for it. Fifteen dollars a mo. is not much but it will pay taxes.

Wednesday night Father reads his article at the Coin & Stamp Club. I typed & corrected the paper for him a week ago, but he has not made

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the photographs to go with it yet. I suppose he will be in a fever to-night & to-morrow night over it.

We have just finished the book, "Yonder Sails the May-Flower" by Honoré Morrow. Purporting to be a picture of the Pilgrim Fathers in England & Leyden, this grievous this dissentions, and this forming into a band of Pilgrims. The characters are entirely fictitious, and are as strong or weak as the author of

at star. this father died for me & it Comment lovely. In this book are the more serious Christmas poems. Now I shall make another with the lighter poems & Children's Christmas Poems. I seem to have accumulated so many. & of Course Can not throw them away!

Do you ever hear from Regina A.? a Claybourne Sampson, whose wife inherited a large fortune from

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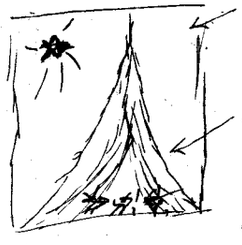
their Creation, which is extremely weak, a most disappointing book.

I have just made or arranged a book of Christmas poems. Father gave me a Catalogue of silver ware, with a blue cover in three tones. I cut off the advertising part leaving about an eight by ten cover, with the design



light blue,

dark blue,

very dark blue, so I thought to put a very dark blue star in upper left corner, and three wise men on camels in silhouette crossing fore ground and looking

an Uncle, and then died a couple of months ago. Seems to be paying attention to Regina, Mr. S. owns, and lives on a large farm on the Dutch Hollow road.

Mrs. Hilary was up Saturday night, as also was Stanley. A very pleasant evening!

Two little girls next door have taken off their shoes & stockings and having a most exciting time walking on the rough gravel.

I can appreciate your dislike for crowds especially in a City.

Well what a long letter of nothings. Always & forever your devoted Mother.

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Bobby-

Bobby's such a little boy.
'Cause he's only four.
I am older more than he,
A whole month & more.
Bobby goes to bed at six
'Cause he's only four.
But I'm allowed to just stay up
Five whole minutes more

I'm sure I cannot climb the stairs
They are awf'ly steep.
And I cannot open up my bed
I am most asleep.
I don't know why our mothers do.
Always forget us when
A big boy that is awfully tired
Is a little boy - just then.

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Ti-c-k-a-t-o-c-k.
Ti-c-k-a-t-o-c-k.
See the pendulum go.
When I'm shut in mother's room.
It ticks awfully slow.

But when Bobby comes to play
And we are having fun.
Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock, tick tock
my but it does run.

The Dog. Stumpy

Don't know why they call me Stumpy
Nor where I got the name.
If my tail is cut off short
& nig-nag just the same.
I can make it go so fast.
When I'm feeling glad.
And I just sit down on it
When the mood looks bad.

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"It is a curious fact but past all doubt
That the more of happiness one gives out
The more he has left, and the more his
powers.
As a gardener strips a bed of flowers
That more shall bloom, so strip your
soul
That another's happiness be made whole
And lo! in the quick winged second
after
'Tis filled with the blooms of love
and laughter."

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excellent. Do you have nice sweet corn? It seems very nice this year although I can not take care of it.

Do you see "The American Home" magazine? The Sept. 1938 number contains an illustrated article, "A Cabin in Montana" by Mrs. Edward R. Dye, Bozeman, Montana. Do know her? She says her husband is a Professor of Structural Engineering. The plan of

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the Cottage is given in
minute detail.

Father has not got
around to finish your
pictures yet.

We had a nice long
letter from Vily. She keeps
very busy, and I think
she is more normal.

Stanley's father has had
a heart attack similar
to those which I have, and
is quite ill. Stanley is
doing journalistic work
at Chautauqua this year
again, and is glad to be
so near his father
and mother.

Paul was in yesterday
or Saturday for a short
time. He is indeed an
imitation of a man.

I see the Postman
so I'll get this off and
write more next
time.

Thank You mine own
for all. Always Your
devoted — Mother —

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she made three copies.
and gave her uncle one.
This work is intensely
interesting and illuminating.
I think the government
is contemplating having
the work published.

Mrs. Underwood is very ill
indeed. Dr. Herbert arrived
on Friday. He brought us
news from Auts Mamie's
Condition. Her heart Condition
is quite serious, to speak
in terms of the layman, her
heart muscles have collapsed.
the are not strong enough
to perform their duty. She
is extremely weak. but not
in bed - all the time.
I feel so sorry for them

178 South Main St.
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N.Y.
St. Valentine's Day
In the morning

Dearest, my own Harriette: A
beautiful morning. The great
sun rose from a great
bank of purple clouds this
morning sending his
gorgeous rays abroad and
coloring the whole heavens,
bringing light and warmth
to this chaotic world.
What can man mean
and where will he end!
Your nice letter came
Wednesday last week, and

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your beautiful valentine
Came Monday. Thank
you darling for the thought.
It is so nice!

Really Harriette I can not
fully comprehend how you
can accomplish so much
and one small head contain
so much as that wonderful
report shows. You have to
be on the job every minute.
I let Florence & Clarence
read it, so they might
know something of your
work. They think it the
most wonderful piece of work.
We are sending it back

this week.

We have the loan of another
wonderful document. It is
a typewritten copy of the official reports,
which Gen. Washington's orderly
kept kept from day to day while
the army was stationed at
Valley Forge 1777 & '78. The
original manuscript is
in a vault in N.Y.C. and
for some official reason.
a young lady in that service
was sent to N.Y. to make a
copy or copies of this manu-
script. The young lady is
a niece of Herbert Niles
a friend of ours (you prota-
bly remember him in old Camera club)

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P.S. I was very much interested in the Albert Spalding recital,- thank you for the program. Shall I return it? I looked through my file of old programs & am enclosing a program which A.S. gave here thirty years ago. He was a beautiful young man.

Spalding was a relative of the Dorrs and spent much of his life in Randolph. N.Y. I shall always remember his interpretation of Schubert's "The Bee"!

Such a long letter. Pardon it, dear,!

Always with love

Mother

especially for Uncle Waite. What will he do with Aunt Nannie. It takes a life long companionship to understand and manage these irresponsible men. One who has not tried it does not realize what it means.

Mary came down Saturday morning & spent the week end. it seemed so comfortable and nice to have her here.

When I am incapacitated for greater accomplishments I can mend stockings &

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I have seen, I brought out "Our" basket of stockings and mended seven pairs. I too have sent a ways some things. but as yet have heard nothing from them.

If you will pardon my Conceit, I will Copy a little serenade I wrote a few nights ago when my pain was too great to allow me to sleep.

Thank Your Darling Child for all you do. We could not get along without You.
Ever Your devoted Mother.

A Serenade – (Copy)

The day is done, the evening star
Sinks low into the West,
Within your sacred Chamber Love,
Sleep, sleep and rest.

Through your Casement window Sweet,
Upon each silver beam
The Moon doth bring a fairy web,
To weave for You – a dream!

The breeze hath Caught my message love,
And Carries it to you,
Each tiny zephyr echoing.
You – oo – oo – oo – oooo – o – –

M.E.C. – 1/20/39

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for the P.T.A. of Jefferson Jr.
and I have been asked to
give some originals readings
etc. I think this will wind
up my ~~ac~~ public activities
for the year.
This A.M. I have written 25
post cards, hand written & hand
addressed. For father, written
two letters, tied up a few
hundred magazines, newspapers
etc. Sent out the laundry,
ans. 8 telephone call, and am
still in the ring.
I saw Leo Putnam on Sunday. He has
work in Jastown now and living at
home until the family I write more
to M. J. S. looks just the same & acts
the same. Love and devotion your
own Mother -

178 South Main St.
Jamestown
N.Y.

Dearest Childie O'mine.
What a nice letter was
your last, but all of
them are just as full
of interest.
Our "Green Goddess" went
off very well, and brought
a great deal of favorable
comment. I am right
glad it is over. It was a
tremendious undertaking
for Amateurs.

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We were at the cottage on Sunday. It was a beautiful day. We did much planting much cleaning up, etc. The lake was unusually high this last Winter and brought in much gravel. We have the back yard cleaned the Cord of new wood piled, and much garden planted and some garden up.

I had a letter from Vile. They will be out on "Mother's Day" or I think will be here next Saturday to spend Sunday. I am anxious to see John & the others too.

I must go over town at noon. Go to Board meeting at A. H. at 2.30 and a rehearsal at Jefferson Jr. high at 4.30. as we will repeat the one act play at the Methodist Church Friday evening at 8.30. So will have another recital. Wed. or Thurs. Evening at Church.

On Friday 17. We will give a Silver tea at Mrs. Geo. Bergquist

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with Dr. Creager. We went at eight and did not get home until eleven forty five. It was all very nice, & quite exclusive. I saw all the Stewarts. Mrs. S. is feeling quite well again, & look quite like herself. Jane & Mary were with them. They all inquired for you. I enjoy Dr. Creager. She is quite young, not as old as you, and a middle, westerner, quite blunt, and much like an awkward Country girl, but fine when you know her.

Darling we did enjoy your last letter so much, what experiences you do have! Is Grace B. coming to see you this year? Lovingly and ever your devoted Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Birlie: I am going to be more prompt in my letters to you. It is so dear of you to just write when the time comes whether you have received letters from home or not. Such an understanding and trust is beautiful, darling you know there is a reason for any delay, and that our love is just as strong for each

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other and our faith is as great in each other.

Sunday P.M. We went to see Vily. She is quite well but so busy. I do not see how she can do it. baby John takes so much of her time. & Thomas much. then she is teaching two hours a day. It seems too much.

Yesterday morning the hospital Com. met with ours. I the play Com. in a two hour session. We find we made about

six hundred dollars to be divided equally. which redeems our finances. which were quite low

Our Chautauqua play was a great success. there were five thousand people to hear it.

On Sat. night some of the Players Club were invited to the Country Club of Warren Pa. to hear the N.Y. Shakespearean Players give "Candida" a Comedy by Bernard Shaw. I went over

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Maple Springs
On Lake Chautauqua
N. Y.

Dearest Childie:- How nice your last letter seemed. So the Nichols' have been & gone. I am glad you saw them. We had word from one of this Kennedy friends that they were stranded in Minn. I glad they are on their way. It was such an unwise and unnecessary

I am sending You a little package honey. I hope you receive it all in good time & hope. Please let me know when you receive it. I am sorry about your mail dear. Have you written Juanita I fear she will or may think me did not forward it to you.

I am writing. Miss Hershey & also miss Hall this morning. I wish I were able to take Miss Hall came to me. but really fear I am not.

Oh. It is such a beautiful morning. I think I shall go sit by the side of the lake.

Ever Your devoted Mattie

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undertaking. I Cannot understand Mabel doing such a rash thing with the three babies. Of Course Mr. N. always was visionary and irresponsible. I do hope they finish the journey and settle down where, where the children may have a chance.

We have not seen the Children this week, not since the Christianing. I hope everything is well with them. Thomas is very temperamental and hasty. They do not know what they are going to do nor where they are going when Camp closes. I feel quite anxious, as Vilet is not well and now has the baby.

Father has been invited over, there, by Mrs. Stoll to give a little talk on the stars, using the small telescope. I think he will go on Tuesday night.

I was invited to Margaret Merz' wedding on Saturday night but was unable to go. It seems a strange night for a wedding.

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JEWELER
325 MAIN ST., COR. OF FOURTH
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

My Dear Harriette :- It seems like a long time since I have heard from you, perhaps not so long yet it seems so. I believe the last letter was the one in which you told of Grace Bennetts going and getting him.

You spoke there of her being a man hater - I never realized that. She may have assumed that attitude as a result of cultural influences - social influences - yet have been just as natural a person as the rest of us way down inside the social strata.

The more I see of life the more I believe that nearly all women are go getters. and I dont know as its any ones business but their own if they are. You remember what a prosaic + prosy person Adam was - how he used to go down to the river every day all day naming the animals - hard working man he - - and mankind has been much like him ever since - - Leave it to the women to have ideas - The Rotary + Kiwanis Clubs

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may talk and eat all they want to, and discuss being go getters &c. &c. but every one of them is an amateur when compared with the women of the world.

We are still up the lake and enjoying very fine weather. Tom & Vi are with us now but expect to make some change soon — They dont know just what — "Such a moment such a doubt" — when your school has just let out —

Little Johnie is such a dear a rough - yell and pound boy and as fair and pretty as a picture.

You share would love him were you near him — and it seems as if you are so far away.

Mother is not very well — but I am quite so thank you.

With love Dad.

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it. If you do not want to keep it.

Della Underwood was over a few days ago. She and her Aunt Julia are very unhappy. I was sure it would be so. those girls are so selfish and self centered. I feel so badly. that such a beautiful spirit as Mrs. Underwood's must be crushed at the sunset of her beautiful life. Yet we are in a treadmill and must go on and still:-

"A little sun, a little rain.
A soft wind blowing from the West.
And woods and fields are sweet again,
And warm with in the mountain's breast.

So simple is the Earth we tread,
So quick with love and life her frame,
Ten thousand years have dawned and fled,
And still her magic is the same.

A little love, a little trust,
A soft impulse. a sudden dream
And life, as dry as desert dust
Is fresher than a mountain stream.

So simple is the heart of man,
So ready for new hope and joy.
Ten thousand years since it began
Have left it younger than a boy. S.A.B-

Always your devoted Mother

understand Father, when Dr. Jamison passed. I said. now order some flowers. So I said "who will pay for them?" "I will" he said "You have always paid," "and get something nice." Well many times before he had said the same, and when I reminded him. he would say. "I didn't buy them. I have no money for such things!" This time I did not order flowers. but wrote Mrs. J. a nice letter singing Sarah our names. When she acknowledged it in a set form, Father, said. "Isn't that nice? It was awfully good of you to attend to these things." forgetting entirely

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his promise. This seems too bad. but it also seems the better way. Forgive me dear for the long unnecessary discourse.

I do thank you darling many times to the depth of my warped soul.

I thank you for the postage stamps

I hope dear you may be able to use the things I sent. I forgot to put the letters in. I have several tapes looked over, but will send them.

The young ladies here are wearing extra jackets

they come just below the hips. I thought possibly the striped mohair would serve with a white, cream, or light brown skirt. A cream blouse would be quite becoming to you. Della Fairchild has a blue & white striped one.

You'll pardon the soap & bath clothes. the soap was a prize. I had long ago at M. S. at bridge.

The little book was one I have had a very long time. I did not write in it. I thought possibly you might have a friend to whom you would like to

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I think, his mother's favorite. How nice it would be if the children were nearer home. Mr. Underwood said so often during the last year, "I am so hungry for the children."

How much we have enjoyed "The Preface to Morals." I am now reading "The Late Harvest," which I had not finished.

I do not, some how find a great deal of time for reading there seems so many things to do.

John is in school and quite fond of it. You'll pardon a short letter, with oceans of love, devotedly.

Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown,
N.Y.

Dearest Child o'my heart: I fear, darling, when I think of my last letter to you, was quite a gloomy one, please pardon me dear, one of my years has no right to show a gray side of life to younger ones. We get from life just what we put into it. no more, no less.

I had a letter from Vily this morning (Mon. Feb. 24)

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(Malcolm's birthday.) In this letter she speaks of going to Mass. Thomas leaving on March first. Will he ever settle down, and try to get along! With a wife & two Children it certainly takes something to live on, even with the strictest economy and Thos. practices anything but Economy.

Father was at the Cottage yesterday. We have had a number of Chestnuts trees cut. Do. he went yesterday to take Care of them.

Our weather is beautiful. I suppose it is honored from April, but we enjoy it during the loan. Arthur U. is here for a few days, he came East to arrange some mine trouble in Mexico. Of Course his mother is happy. I am so happy for her. It has been several Years since she saw him. and he is

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Dearest Childie o' mine own:- Sweetheart what a beautiful letter, I have so enjoyed it. first I read it then while I rested after the dinner Father read it aloud. So that we enjoyed it together, then I read it ~~aloud~~ to Mrs. Hilary Then I read it to Ruth Moe. as I knew she would enjoy it. then to Mary K. who always enjoys your interesting letters. Now with your kind permission I will loan it to Lily to be read and returned. I rejoice with you, as you say the Park is so near, you can go again. What a joy to meet such nice people. The more

Our parties are suspended for the time being. While I was so ill. I write a story, a play and an operette. but they are still in the embryo. or perhaps in the first germ cell.

We are expecting Margaret B. who was to arrive, on N.Y.C. from Europe, on Sunday night but nothing heard of her yet. and everytime the telephone or door bell rings I am all ready to greet her. And school begins to-morrow!

Our weather is very cold. it seems colder after the intense heat of last week.

You have not spoken of Mignon, Did she not come to Bozeman?

Father is ~~experimenting~~ with enlargements to-night. We have made a great many post cards this summer and had very good luck with them.

With lots of Love You Dear Mother

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is full of them, but they seem nicer when Care free, and amid beautiful surroundings, and among other nice congenial company. This is their best side. This is alright because it is so nice to have a best side to put out. Your sides, darling, are all the best, or the best side of you, is like the tail of a little boy's shirt is always out.

I will tell you this, dear, then never speak of it again, during the last week or two I have been repeating the performance of a year ago, just hanging on, a great deal of pain, and a 100.5 temperature, until last Wed. I had to go to bed. Thurs. A.M. more & father called the doctor. Examination showed condition of a year ago, had treatments, morphine & bed. Fri. night after intense suffering, the stem broke, but broke into the lower part of the colon, or rectum, am better, but feel horrid! So, lets forget it.

I think I told you of Our Margarets little son, "Duane Andrew." We sent him a little gift, but I have been unable to write, until now, so will write.

We had your card, and your last letter came first and your first, last.

I had a nice letter from Lily. Harry and Lois and two children have been visiting them, the two families drove over to Stoneham and visited Clate Coppin and his family. Then afternoon C- & his wife & child visited Lily for a day.

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Dearest Childie O'mine:-

We are having a touch of winter again. Frost in some places last night, and snow in the Adirondacks last night.

Mrs. Kidder used to say "It takes all sorts of people to make the world, and I'm glad I'm not one of them!" I really feel the same, yet I must confess to being one of them. But the world is certainly undergoing a great change

when father put sap the Chelsea.

I had a letter from Miss Hall to-day, in which she writes, that just after Christmas, Margy lost a little eighteen month old Child. and at the time her husband was quite ill, her husband has died. She has lost everything, and has taken her eight year old Billy and gone to her mother in Montreal, but unable to find employment.

Miss Della H. was over to see me yesterday. She is very lame, and feels fearful lest she loses the use of her limb entirely. I truly hope she may not. life seems difficult enough now And so to bed! With lots of love.

Devotedly. Your own Mother.

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Has man been on the wrong path, these many years, and now has reached his limit, and must retrench and start over. While he has learned much cunning, developed knowledge in many ways, yet he has not acquired wisdom, now that the great test has come, where is the wisdom with which to cope with it?

Anthony was here to-day. He is a nice child. If being so bright he will not be spoiled, which he very likely to be among his particular people.

Father & I have been adjusting this in the attic, as we used all the cupboards & cases to accommodate the library at the store. We found a Lariat with your poem "A Homesteader's Hills." I think there was another of the same magazine at another time was ~~in which there was an~~ there not?

Gradually we are coming to the boxes where your letters are stored. Every book, box and magazine has been stored upon the floor, so the process has been slow or not begun until Sunday

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Dearest child of mine own:-

We have passed the forty-third milestone, together, father and I. while the years have been full, there are so many regretable things, some irreparable and some which may yet bear fruit.

Everybody is looking forward to Tuesday. I trust, after so many timely thoughts, prayers and earnest endeavors, something may come from it, that will be for the best, for a willful, extravagant, disunited people, a people who have seem to forget, unity, dignity and high ideals.

I am so sorry that Mr. Hoover as, our President, has condescended

There are so many problems to meet and to settle in some way. Not always satisfactorily. but some way.

Marion Spencer brought me a book yesterday. "San Michele." I have not looked at it yet.

I am still reading Queen Elizabeth (by Stracley.) aloud to Father.

I suppose Bozeman is your residence, do you have to go there to vote? There are many who have never voted a Democratic ticket will do so to-morrow.

It is the people & American voting, not the party.

I must plan a party for this week to make a wee bit of change.

Take care of the Harriette girl.

With love and devotion. Always. - Mother -

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to leave the seat of government, and go from town to town, like a very common individual, singing his own praises and "throwing mud" at his opponents. It is so beneath what our presidents have stood for. I fear he has out done himself. I fear his party and his promises no longer interest the masses. it has ceased to be party it is the people clamoring for a change, for recognition as men, not as slaves, not as bondsmen.

We hear, "what cannot be accomplished by ballots will be by bullets." I really fear for america, if there is not a radical change. The people have been long suffering.

We have been having beautiful fall weather, and at last I have been able to put in the last of the few shrubs and bulbs which I brought from the cottage.

I have been reading a very interesting book on Fra Filippo Lippi. It would lend itself well to dramatization, and I have a lad who thinks he wants to be a playwright. So am encouraging him to try his hand at this.

I do so want to encourage self expression in the younger people especially now that they seem to be drifting. If only age was not veiled in the acquisition of wisdom!

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his family, nor shall I.
I have invited Mrs. Underwood & Della to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us, but am afraid she (Mrs. U.) will be unable to do so.
Will you come & eat with us, darling? What a great joy if you were near enough to do so.
Josephine left Friday morning for Florida. Mrs. P. being unable to bear the expense this year. Let Josephine cried and cried and cried not trust herself to tell me good bye, but telephoned & cried in the phone. She did not cry when her mother left each call. I shall try to write her often.
Thank you again my own darling
Forever and ever Your devoted
Nov. 29-1932 — - Mother -

78 South Main St,
Jamestown, N.Y.

Mine own darling Child:- How could mother exist without you? Well I simply could not exist.
Your dear letter bearing food, fuel and drink came. I feel so selfish darling. Can you spare it?
I have had a strenuous week, I do- considerable of my laundry work, and some sewing.
I promised Marion Spencer to- try to get an audience for her on Saturday afternoon. She gave "Green Pastures" and wishes to give readings as she must remain in Jamestown until her mother is better. So Mrs. Mac & I gave an afternoon and had a very appreciative company. & served a light buffet lunch afterward.
Friday, without a word of warning Thomas came and brought John to

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remain until Sunday or Monday. while he and two other men went to Cleveland to witness the game between the Navy & Notre Dame. I certainly had my hands full.

Arnold Rice took John to stay with Father during the reading. which was a great help. John is my largest and quite a nervous and difficult child.

Thomas & the two men came back ~~X~~ yesterday about three P.M. Father went out and insisted on them all coming in. knowing that I could scare up something. Of course I did. but spent the entire night and to-day on the rack.

Saturday was quite a success, but strenuous. and I had no time to rest afterward.

Marion hopes to form a class after the holidays. and will, I course rent our rooms. also she wants me to be her manager in securing her appointments for readings etc. and I course will remunerate me. To-day I am too ill to consider it at all.

We are having quite a cold bit I mother. with the air full of snow crystals. and all the world looks gray.

Thomas reported 60.000 people at the game! foolish Americans. to have not suffered enough yet!

He saw Gordon. and from all reports he is drinking quite heavily. I am so sorry. Gordon is too young an inexperienced to attempt such a responsible position as Navy Coach. He is very young and very over grown for his years and very conceited. I have said nothing to

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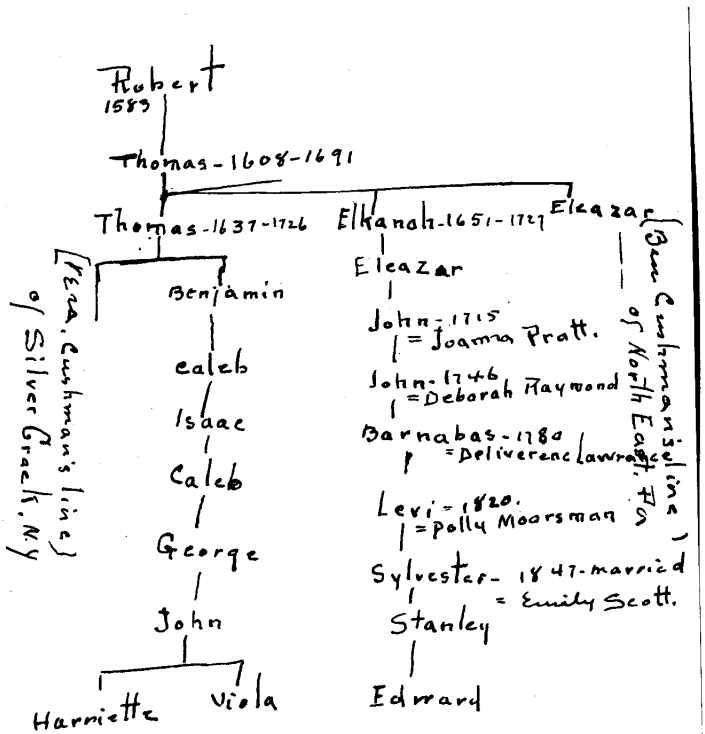

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JUNE

Friday 15

I got a letter this a.m. from a Mr. E.S. Cushman, Jefferson, Wis. a friend of a Mr. Grey that smat. Grey said he would have Cushman write. He says he is Edward Bennett Cushman, father was Stanley Cushman of Ohio. Grandfather Sylvester Cushman lived in Pa. Sylvester had 1 son 2 d. daughters did not marry. Stanley had only 1 son this Stanley. Do you locate him?

Ed

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Dearest, mine own dear child.-
I recived your dear sympathetic letter this morning. darling please do not let me play upon your sympathy.
You are in no way to blame for this condition, and you owe us nothing sweetheart. It has been a happiness to me since your birth, and before, just to have you near. When I think of

is $9.75. Father gave me four dollars in coins which he bought at a premium and I sold me at face value. but I have prepared for this, and the coins are put away. Here! I was interrupted. and the lady at the other end of the telephone. "Is this Mrs C-etc." "Is you teach mentally deficient children etc." The father will interview me this afternoon. two hours each day. Another interruption. Irene's husband came to see if I would sell Irene's Aunt two mattrams, a single bed and old one from the cottage and a cripple porch chairs. $6.00 Cash. So! I hope I may be able to teach the child. 13 years.
Please darling, understand. I give you these facts simply as facts. do not let it make any differe

When I think of what I might have done for you, darling, had I only known, I feel so guilty, so humble and so useless!

To explain fully, dear, just so that you may understand. I will write in detail. - Father had me borrow for him, first $1,000.00 and then $500.00. telling me it did not obligate me, as the bank understood that it was his, and he signed it as such. He seemed confident that he could pay it. I did not understand that father has no foresight. Sometimes father paid the interest, or applied five dollars. I have this reduced to $600.00. due each three month on the 9th day. This money he used in his business somehow! When he made the house over to me. there was a $3.000.00 mortgage on it. taxes between $200.00 & $300.00. and the place was advertised for taxes. I used my liberty bonds and paid them as there was 6% int. on them, a 6% int on the mortgage means $180.00 per annum. fortunately for me (Mrs.) Cyprus Jones ext. holds the mortgage. and Harvey Osgood is her agent. When I was teaching and had the house rented. I got along nicely. and will again. The taxes are about $160.80 a year, and I save the discount by paying them on time.

To day the note is due in the bank. he knew it would be, the int.

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and Personal
1 Effects to cover the debt. So that
there xxxy will be an understanding
and you will have no unpleas-
antness to settle.

I am glad you heard from
Mrs Ethel S. Poor Mrs Sample is
going through such a trying
ordeal. If she only had a Barrick
They have lost their entire
income. It is so hard for them
who have always had enough
and to spare for others.

Anytime when it is convenient
will you write her. If only
romance. She needs it. I wish
she could enjoy some of the
happy, careless young people
who make my rooms, their
rendezvous.

Were you able to remodel
any of the dresses dear? I fear
they are beyond remodelling.
Do you remember the blue
linen (heavy crash) I had in
1923? It was beyond redemption
for me, but will still do service
in two small suits made up
with white for the little boy 8
two, next door.

Did I tell you that Doris, Clayborn
Culvers wife has passed away,
leaving two little girls. Clayborn
has had so much ill luck. Some
people seem to have more than
their share of trouble and we
who really have none are

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ever complaining.

I thank you dear, for the check. Please do not stint your own dear self.

I do not like your continuous colds. Do you rest enough, and are you to eat regularly and nicely?

I was awake all but two hours last night, with the miserable abdominal pain. but feel more comfortable this morning, with much to accomplish before night.

Darling. I know you understand and will not worry about anything concerning this end of the track. Defeat I am. Always Your devoted Mother.

(Please destroy)

what ever to you. I am dearest, there is always a way to those who seek. Please do not do anything to embarrass your own dear self. None know what is in store for them, until it comes. so meet it prepared.

I am enclosing an inventory of the silver. If you need now, please let me know. I will also send you an inventory of the linen. There is more here than will ever be used so if you need any it might as well be used.

Father wrote Vily about conditions, I too wrote her of you coming to the rescue, and that I had given you as security, household

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about better Conditions. I think we need a Moses or some great leader to bring a hundred ~~xx~~ Commandments & a world militia to enforce them.

This is Mrs. Underwood's birthday July. 24. She is 86. years old to-day.

Bess Beale's father passed away yesterday. 86, and Frederick Hoyt, 22 - passed also. It is so sad about Frederick. The father passed last Winter, & the mother still lives. No Man Knows his Strength!

Lots of love your own devoted
- Mother =

178 South Main St.
Jamestown. N.Y.

Dearest Childie o'mine own: -

I missed your letter dear on Thursday. Oh yes. Darling. Child. You have a perfect right to be where you wish to be & do what you wish. If only you can keep cool this extremely hot weather.

I had a great surprise last Wednesday. There was a long distance call from Lily Dale, and a voice said - "I want to speack with Mrs. Cushman." "This is she." "With Mrs. John..." "Is this Mrs....." "Is this

Harriette's mother?" etc. Well it proved to be Juanita. She and her eldest came to lunch with me on Thurs. She is giving "Readings" during her vacation. She has a car a maid & two of her children with her. She gave a program at the Chicago Fair at Cleveland & so on, a friend made arrangement for a program at Lilly Dale Aug. 1-4. in the meantime she wants to give me a program on Wed. Evening at 8.30. Down stairs to Father & me & a few of our closest friends. I am already tired thinking of it

She will give "Smiling through" with violin music which Frederic Hilary will give.

You haven't told us, dear, how the State of Montana are using You and Your Co-workers. Please let me know.

Things seem to look a little brighter, we have one cloth mill working two shifts a day. Our Metal furniture factories are all on the strike.

I think Mr. Roosevelt will if any human can, bring

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Dearest Childie:- How fast the time flies by! Sunday we went to M.S. as we had not entirely closed the cottage for the winter, and the day was bright & clear yet cold. We finished our work & came down with the usual Cushman luggage, and too Vily & Thos. may be home from Dec. 19 to 25. So there would be extra bedding needed. But the lake, the air, the whiteness, the stillness was beauty and grandeur not only visible but also audible.

Elizabeth Merz Butterfield had asked me to write an ode or a march to be submitted in a prize competition, for the Jamestown Centennial next year. I had stray & disjointed thoughts about it, but sitting Sunday looking across the white expanse of lake, to the great hills beyond, it seemed easy to write an ode, so I wrote two. I have to meet Elizabeth at 3 o'clock at Y.M. and if I possibly have time I will send you a copy of each.

The light opera is progressing and we hope to have it ready to present early in Feb. But darling it seems quite ridiculous for me to persist in doing these things, when I have ~~has~~ all I can comfortably do in the home.

After I came home Sunday night I had a severe heart attack that made me very limp and ill. But it does not daunt my courage. I suppose I should

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play invalid but not yet.
Last night I made three black Cats of Stockings they are Cunning & each has an individuality (?) of its own. they look like this:- one is for John D. one for Patricia Jean, and one for little Robert Uhl.
they are stuffed with Cotton and nice and soft to handle. I went out to Agnes Home board meeting yesterday. so was tired & enjoyed Cat making. I have the patterns if You ever want it. They are Cunning even now they are Companionable. as they sit on a book Case looking out. each with its tail in a vase.

I saw Delmary Skinner a minute yesterday she told me that Raymond it quite ill. very much run down, nervous & worries a great deal. He will not have a Dr. and is doing nothing for himself. it seems too bad for a young man to be so.

Our business like all retail business is all shoot to pieces. & I keep bouldering daddy up. for one Can not give up.

I truly hope dear you new steno. may prove efficient. and be a help to you.

Well. I must stop & go to town & meet Elizabeth B.

Later. Daddy is out tonight. I took the three black Cats which I made and went to show them to Aunt Jane. She was much pleased.

I went to see Elizabeth & hear the March played it was very nice indeed

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Elizabeth is quite carried off her feet with expectation. I truly hope the child may not be disappointed.

Darling. I received a number of the Lariat, for which I thank you dear. Your nice poem, speaks much to me dear, it is so full of humanism, such an understanding of your brother-man. — I, too, wish dear you'd have ~~Your poems collected and published.~~ there are so many good things, strong things. Only it does cost so much to have anything published.

Here's a little thing I think Elizabeth will set to music.

Six great big men went a hunting—
A hunting, a hunting.
Six great big men went a hunting—
To find a little Bunting—
With a white cotton tail.

Six great big dogs a baying went.
A baying went a baying went.
Six great big dogs a baying.
And they were all on mischief bent
To catch a little Bunting—
With a white cotton tail.

Then Bunting hopped this way & back
This way & back this way & back.
Then Bunting hopped this way and back,
And made a circle for her track
Then men caught that Bunting
With her white cotton tail.

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This is the words to the Centennial March.

To Chautauqua's sparkling Waters,
Came a valiant pilgrim band.
Fathers, mothers, Sons and daughters
Sailed from every land.
One hundred years ago did they
Unfurl their banners high,
And laid the stone of Industry,
Whose spires point to the sky.

Chorus.

Our beauteous city fills the vale
And climbs the emerald hills
We point with pride and shout All hail,
In every heart it thrills.

One hundred years have not been long,
To build this city fair
Where hands are willing hearts are strong
And love of home is.
To-day we mingle with the throng
To ~~and~~ greet old friends so dear
And though the pioneer is gone
His spirit lingers here.

Poems of occasion are always more or less stilted, ~~in this one especially~~ I have had to be setting or goal, to which some one came then who and from where, and why, & what they did when they came, & an ode to the city.

When I read it to Uncle Cyrus, he said "Multum in Parvum" and thought it good.

Aunt Jane is very bad again, poor dear. I can't tell why she should suffer so much & so severely.

Raymond Skinner is not well at all, he seems to be "running down" very thin, but will not employ a doctor.

Well if I don't soon "run down" my paper will "run out." so I'll stop. Lovingly & devotedly
Your own mother.

Please pardon me for repeating.

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a dreadful cold. and it is pouring raining so am staying in. So the days go-following is such close succession. one scarcely can distinguish, one from another.

I am so sorry you have a cold dear. They really take a hold on ones vitality.

Will we see you this fall?

There seems quite ado over our Candidates for Governor. I sure they are all fried in the same pan and served in the same dish.

We have finished "Sheep." Isn't it a delightful book, so different. I hope this winter we may be able to do more reading.

Lots of love Forever & ever Your Devoted Mother

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Dearest Childie O'mine:-

No matter how I try the time seems to play me false, I cannot get "it all done." and write the letters on my scheduled time.

Sunday night quite unexpectedly Thomas J. and a Mr. Morris drove

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into the Yard. they had been to South Bend Indiana to a foot ball game, between Notre Dame and Annapolis. Gordon had sent them tickets. So they came all the way from Boston a distance of about 1000 mi. to see Gordon beaten.

They were here about two hours. I prepared them a nice P.M. dinner then they went on their way rejoicing. We got our bags packed & went to bed.

Monday I was on the trot all day. came home at six o'clock. and as father was out with the jewelers to dinner. I did some work at the Angell Home until 9 P.M.

Tuesday the annual meeting of the A.H. board. Wed. A.M. had Josephine. (as I had had Mon. + Tues.). shopped for some in the P.M. had company in the evening + drove to Maple Springs. Thurs. Josephine. 9 to 11.30. left store for father from 12.30 to 5.30 went out to dinner. & made pictures until 1. A.M. today. had Josephine 9.30 to 12.00 M. I Lam

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Dearest Harriette:

Mine over, I would if you have had a cold rain, hail, snow etc. Dear weather is unusually cool these last few days.

We have not been up the lake yet. Father went up Monday evening & brought down some beautiful tulips and other flowers and shrubs. He has to spend his

Where is the end of it all?

You'll be sorry to know that Mrs. Tew is so ill again. In a wheel chair at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium.

Mrs. Lindlad still lives. Growing weaker and weaker each day.

Have you had an invitation from Gordon, or an announcement of his graduation? We have not. Met by the

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Sundays and evenings painting and fixing the house, it is in a dreadfully tangled up condition.

What a terrible vortex our world is passing through. I truly hope something cleaner and purer will come out of it. How shamefully poor Lindbergh has been treated. Such things are beyond normal understanding! How gullible and unsuspecting an honest man is!

press I see the announcements are out.

Of course I do not do my duty to them, nor to anyone, as far as that goes. But darling you understand. There seems so little to write about but disaster, Crime and depression, and I really try not to voice it. So I really write to nobody, but you two girls.

I am so glad Your Mignon is coming to

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Bozeman. It will mean so much to You. What a beautiful asset is a comfortable friend!

I think I told you of asking Frederick Kilany to set some of Naidu's poems of to music. which he did. I wrote him in regards to his doing so. Monday morning he received an answer from her. from Bombay India. He was so excited. He came in the afternoon

I am sending your letter in a few days. I hope you may find sufficient time to do something.

I wish you might go to some restful out of the way place for your vacation and just rest. You need it darling.

Sometimes, since the lower flat is vacant, I go into the living room and it seems

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to have me help him decipher it. While she is an English scholar as well as Hindu, yet her writing is very peculiar. She neither crosses her "t's" or dots her "i's." She was so happy to have F. use her poems. She is evidently not in prison now, although she was imprisoned at one time with Ghandi.

that the happy past must come back again, and bring me once more — you!

Yet, had I been awake and conscious of the foundation being, then laid for the future, how determinedly I would have worked to avert some things.

But, one sees, but the present page.

Do take care of your dear self, sweet heart.

Always your devoted,
Mother.

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fire in ashes. Fire all over back yard, house threatened. Thomas rushes from bed to put out fire, then he went back to bed again worn out & sick. Bobbie inhaled some of the smoke, so was worse. Poor child!

Well I have a new pupil. a son of Dr. Barone. he came to-day from four to five o'clock. he is such a bright boy. Ten years old. an in advance of his age. in his knowledge of so many things. I will have to ~~keep~~ be alert to keep a head of him.

Frederick Hilary was up & I wrote the work for a song which he will have sung at the music festival at Fredonia to-night.

The Uhl's move May 5th. We will probably have a vacant house for some time as there are so many vacant ones for rent — Lovingly your own devoted Mother —

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Dearest Mine own:- Here it is Tuesday evening, and no weekly letter to my Childie. This morning I sat down to write. but with many interruptions arrived no where. Sunday was quite ill. I had a most strenuous day on Saturday - so the Sunday "refound". I do not know that I can finish this now as I am so very tired.

Did curtains for Father's room

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and prepared Josephine's lessons before ten o'clock. After J. went I mended a pair of trousers (the knee) for father mended some hose for my self and took a bath, dressed, called a taxi and went to see a Mrs. Barone's Dr. Barone's wife, as she had called me in the morning about having her little boy, of ten, take some tutoring from me so I went. But oh, I am so tired! I have dinner ready now. baked Hash, mashed potato, spinach + bacon, (1 slice) lettuce salad. prune whip. rolls + ~~coffee~~ tea. and waiting for father. who went to the library after closing the store.

I had a letter from Vily. Oh! oh! — Children better, John back in school. Thos. went to Buffalo & Canandaigua to look up a possible change. had an accident. taken to Buffalo hospital for repair. home three days late. taken to Bedford hospital. Baby brought home from hospital. Thomas + in bed. Vi. carried ashes to back yard.

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running in regards Lafollett! Politics is greatly divided here, Many Republicans are for the social party. for instance Paul Camp & his father. and others just as conservative have decided on a change,

Miss Helena Stonehouse was up to see me on Saturday, she saw your beautiful little poem in the Lariat and loved it. I was called to the telephone while she was still reading it. and when I returned to the room she had copied in her note book of treasures, it is beautiful, I was telling Mrs. Sam. Kidder of one you had written. and she wants it very much, Mr. & Mrs. K. went to Ore. & Wash. last summer. and Mrs. K. was taken ill with pneumonia, her nurse came from Montana. and when she told me of some the deserted places, the hardships etc. it reminded me of your poem of those deserted homes, so I quoted

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Dearest Childie:- How happy to be here again and receiving letters from the dearest of daughters on scheduled time again

Do you not hear the radio, there is an organ recital being broadcasted by the Estay Organ Co. at Boston Mass, it is indeed very fine, and so plain

Friday night Lafollett broadcasted his speech from Pittsburg, very plain too it was 9.30 when he began speaking and father went over and aroused Mr. Underwood, he had gone to bed, but he was so happy to get up and listen to this. Mr. U. is an ardent Lafollett man, Well Sunday will tell the wonderful tale. How is Montana

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you poem to her. She wants to see it. I am quite sure I have your permission.

A week ago I went with Mrs. Underwood (Phene) and a cousin to an old buryground on the Ellery hills. They gathered bitter sweet, while I wandered among the grave stones. on one I found this remarkable epitaph:—

"Though greedy worms devour my skin,
And gnaw my wasting flesh,
When God builds up my bones agin,
He'll clothe them all afresh."

I have lost the one I once found in the old burying ground at Pleasantville. so shall go there some time and look it up.

So you read the Mercury: what do you think of "The Wood Alcohol Bugaboo." by S. M. Hussey. under Chemistry. in Arts & Science department? Did you read "The Liberty Bell. What do you think of it.

Vily keeps very well and is able to go out to many attractions yet. I am so glad we have such a wonderful October so that she can enjoy it to its full. before she has to be housed. There will be a great change awaiting her. I wonder if Thomas will be equal to it. Vily's address is still 125 Troup St. Rochester. N.Y. I wrote her that you had lost a valuable note book in which there were many addresses. In a letter from her before that she had said You would think she had forgotten you, as she had owed you a letter so long a time.

I shall look forward to the coming of your letters.

Ever and Always
Your loving & devoted,
Mathis.

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JOHN M. CUSHMAN
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

JEWELER

DEALER IN COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOS

Dear Harriette I feel very envious of your opportunity to visit the Park. The trip must have been such a delightful outing. Even though my legs are longer, (you must have got that way from your May Flower ancestors) I am afraid I would be rather green in a saddle. You will have to impart a Juro from Mexico next time you go riding through the park. It was nice of Jack to make it possible for you two to take the trip.

I was out again Labor day to the Indian cemetary site in the hills of Jamestown. Of course I

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have to have the excuse of Ethnological research but really it was to be alone and on the ground

I had an army trench knife & pickaxe along neither of which are very large but quite effective.

These were a part of a collection left here to be sold. I dug a lot of holes a foot in diameter and two feet deep down through the finest earth.

I really was looking for evidences of a stockade a ditch or fire remains - hearths - but I did not find anything at all. There were a multitude of luscious black berries there and I carried some home in my tummie. These trips do me such a lot of good. After such an active day I feel six inches taller as I look around me. Poor Mother hates to have me go without her yet she likes to have me go. She is some better today, Wednesday, but has had a bad week of it With lots of love Dad

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Dear Hanielle:- I must have said something about writing every day when I wrote you a week ago. But, circumstances have changed for the better and, being as I find it difficult to write as you do, and mother used to do, (will forgive Mother being the chief topic of interest in our family. I'll relate the outcome of the last week: her very alarming head condition has cleared up quite considerably so that she sleeps quite well, eats real well and when not smothered too much by well meaning visitors does not get too tired. The doctor was up yesterday (monday) and found her blood pressure good and pleased with the general up look. (up look is that a new one?)

Your letters are a great tonic to her very weak and faint heart.

We are both much interested in your dehydrating adventure - give us a sketch and description of it. We are not canning anything this summer, and probably will not.

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Mother still has a few cans from last year also some jelly.

How much effect upon the viril vitamin content of the vegetable cell is there or does the actual vitamin content just go to sleep for want of water? What vegetables are best adapted to this process?

Please know that if I seem to neglect you with letters that that neglect perhaps spells more normal conditions at home. I go to Warren, Pa. to night with a small group of Photo. enthusiasts to meet with Mr Jefferson. This group has been meeting since early in the year and we have had most enjoyable meetings - Just a gentlemans agreement. - no officers - no dues no bylaws and little or no opportunity for a clinker.

What nice people you have in Bozeman I should like to know them sometime.

Mylene Dad

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Tuesday 8th.

Dearest Harriette:- Mother is getting along quite well; pretty slow and tiresome for her.

She has taken it upon herself to have a basket under the head of her bed and keeps her gause - cotton-stuffing - alcohol + such things and takes care of any surprise material that starts to exit. No anus no controle.

Its tough but she will no doubt get the best of the thing.

Some people would lay down and call it a life time spent and then let the angles or the old boy come and get her.

Seems as if "Rough + ready" was a family trait among those Virginia pioneers.

Your financial help is a great relief to her, as worry over such things as debts cuts her all up. My love to you

Dad-

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Darling — Happy Birthday!
This quaint little card
is published by a Polish
Designer.

Darling I do mean
the letter to you is
really coming —

So also - is "Coronet"
for a year from
B. W. & V. Webster
With much love — if you
already have it please let
me know I feel always
V.

to say
many happy returns
of the day!

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Happy New Year

Dearest H:—

Turkey! — Say if Christmas Turkey to the Websters was an institution we would be willing to have Christmas not "comes once a year" but Day! we would be glad to see it often —!

I have never had such a beautiful bird — it came perfectly — Sat Dec 24th I phoned Wm in the middle of a storm blizzard & he got out the sled dog team & hiked to the Express Office & the package had just arrived — what timing — so I left it with my butcher till Monday night after work — Bob went & got it — I cooked it for dinner — Today — Boy — ! I gave it loving care for I wanted it perfect it was too — Thank you for all of us —

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we had a quiet day Christmas I had a touch of flu. & "lay low". but had our presents & later got up & cooked a nice dinner — the four wee dears — Besides afor mentioned turkey — & thanks for this years lovely Card to go in my collection — I got lots of nice cards. a nice collection of very useful items, a slip, stockings, pillow cases, towel & a cutie for my hair from the fellas — from Wm the little fellow shopped all over & surprised me with an album of Burl Ives records — Bob gave me Coronet again & a big box chocolates — Wm bought the tree while he works & they set it up & trimmed it — it sure looks lovely — the boys were generously remembered — It was a white Christmas this it turned to rain —

I was lucky and had the day off and stayed abed on sick leave next day

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3/ feel better than 'I am still not good' — I've resolved to get a good check up in early 1946 — got some rattles squeaks in my chassis —.

New years quiet & very beautiful day I've worked at home doing chores — Min out taking pictures Bob down at the airport with his pal — . Mike worked then brought home Icecream So for dinner we had —

Turkey - dressing - gravy
mashed potatoes Peas
Celery — home made cranberry jelly (wild local cranberries
mead butter + milk — coffee —.
Ice cream & fruit cake —.

I know I am a very lucky woman

The boys are as bad as lots of boys and as good as most better than many and never debt are & worry that some are — Grounds for it — but I'm not a hypocrite & have no delusion about my sons — just marvel that parents as imperfect as we could have such three lovely men for sons ——

4/. I had a letter some time ago — from Christine Webster Packard — I had one puzzled at first — I being a cynic ascribed the motive in her wish to praise me of the fact that as James heir she expected to get income from estate left to Tom's boy — I knew she was - would etc - also I just shut my mind to the whole affair — Then she said she had some pictures & clippings of Tom's she that the boys would like — So I sat down & wrote - a human letter called her by her first name signed my that way - & was as nice as could be — for as I had time have I held any malice for her or her - So along comes a Christmas card & three pictures of a juvenile Tom & at is a shock to realize how Bob is growing to resemble Tom in certain mannerisms - I am pleased with the pictures — one looks a lot like James & my wife — the 3rd well its a riot - looks like no body not even Tom I'm sure — in his first army uniform as a lad of 16 or 17 — Wow! ——

Thanks so much about John

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5) I hope he can come by your way - I'd so love to have him benefit by your advice —

I must scram to bed its after one - I've done - a large ironing & written John - written several business letters - & must get a little shut eye before I have to get rolling —

Will write again - & maybe I'll sub my '46 resolutions - here's hoping - I sincerely pray 1946 will truly bring Peace to our land health and property to all our people us too! Yours with best love

V.

P.S. I wish your friend might send some of her Silk Screen work for inspiration

Baby Just Arrived!

Name Karen Sue

Date November 21

Weight 5 lbs 13 oz

MR. & MRS.

S. N. Halvorson

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Dearest Child of my very own:-

Mother now has skipped a day. The time seems so mixed up. Thanksgiving seemed like Sunday.

To-day, Darling is your birth day. As we grow older birthdays seem to come so often. Still they seem much more than Christmas, they are private and individual while Christmas public and almost universal.

I am making a scrap-book for Robert. and while I was

I have been reading the Philosophy of Nietzche. I have really been alone so much and ill so much and free to let the rare beautiful thoughts and philosophies of great minds touch mine own. that the teachings of these great minds of to day do not seem so foreign to me. I do not think this is conceit, as I feel quite humble. I think Nietzche most delightful. so honest. so broad and so unpretentious.

Father, for some unknown reason has been having a stomach trouble and eating very little. so I cook accordingly.

Ever and always Your most devoted Mother.

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Cutting, pasting and reading what others have written. The enclosed foolish thing kept coursing through my empty brain. While all the time there lay the cover to the "Empire" pattern & a silver Catalogue, and my penurious streak did not want me to waste it.

At last I hearkened to the voice and put the ——thing down.

Father thinks its very good. which he always does.

The Camera club is having its exhibit tonight, and the rest of the week.

The judges met at the store and judged the pictures there were more than a hundred turned in, some very good Kathie thinks.

Yesterday I had Callers all afternoon, Marion Spencer from 12:30 to 2:30. Mrs Fairchild 2:30 to 4. Mrs. Seymour 4 to 5:30 Father went to his 3rd Ward board meeting in the evening so I cooked a coat hanger and copied the silly verse.

Patty comes up quite often she is a fine niece but a beginning of a beautiful little woman.

We are having beautiful weather, which will shorten the winter.

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is as comfortable here as anywhere and perhaps as contented. I hope so!

We have already received a great many cards, from the Lauatus, Mr. Harvey, some from N.Y.C. from Boston, Portland Ore, Berkley Calif. Florida, and many from Jamestown. We have not opened them yet. I am glad you liked Napoleon a number of my friends have asked for a copy of it. I think I will try to send it on a little journey.

I am afraid, Sweetheart you are not keeping your promise. Please do not cramp yourself, but Oh. I do thank you darling.

Always your Devoted Mother

'78 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest Childie o' mine:-

What a nice long and interesting letter.

You are doing so much that is worth while.

I am glad you little the little birthday greeting. It was so little compared with what you always send us.

I have been making scrap-books, one quite large for Bottie, It has almost two hundred pages, a cloth one for Winthrop, and a cloth one

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for Donald Florine. Helen's baby.
I made the Napoleon book for Mrs. Meyers, and put in a deck of Cards, I made Jean a handkerchief.
I made several handkerchiefs and for Patty, the little girl down stairs. I have made a little dish cloth crochetted in red around the edges, three dust cloths. Of Cheese cloth, crochetted round with pink, blue and lavender, make a bag to pup them in, and finish a little apron for her. She is very domestic, and extremely bright.
We have a new family in the lower flat of the Thoren house. there are a pair of twin boys, one is talkative, one shy. The talkative one introduced them to Mrs. Moses: "This is Bob and he is Roger, We are twins, we have dump carts, we are three years old, and we chew our finger nails."
Margaret was in, and had dinner with us to night. She will spend her holidays in N.Y. City. It will good for her. I fear she will never tone down. She is so wild!
Mrs. Bogert was here to-day. She is staying at the lake this winter. has had a cellar dug, a furnace, and a hot water heating system installed. So she

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Dear Henriette:-

You will probably want to know how Mother is doing.

She is resting but not much change with the heart. The Dr began giving her a substitute for Digitalis which did not seem to agree with her. The new drug Quinidine seemed to bring about the desired rythm of the heart but she experienced nausea which has cleared up by dropping the Quinidine.

Hospitals are not places for Mother she likes her own bed and her own "order of the day". I get to see her for a little while in the morning

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and for a long visit after supper.

I find I like my own cooking better than the restaurant (everything in dark brown gravy + soggy mashed potatoes).

Last night I had fresh boiled potatoes, stewed peas, boiled beef sliced cold, "Columbus House" tea, a cup of soup at the begining and some orange Marmalade. It all went quite well and that's more than I can say for the restaurant-things.

Mother gets a bountiful tray of which she selects a good meal.

Our weather has been very cold this week - all one would expect at the North Pole. I think for this reason Mother has had very few visitors. I enclose a Toronto view taken as you may remember when you two girls left home. I guess it was a week.

With love Dad.

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Dear Harriette :- Father's day was just O.K. and I'm glad every time ~~that~~ day comes again - especially so when the best girl in Montana (big Stale) says Hia Dad. ~~and~~ saying it in folding checks speaks real loud.

Thanks ever so much. - You ask about pictures at the Indian village site. I did not open the camera at all the day was too dark and a grey day doesn't give me much ambish.

I have not made a single picture so far this year except a copy occasionally of some historical worth ~~while~~ document.

Mother has her daily ups and downs but for a few days past she has been a bit better. Her nerve force seems to all run out by the least activity

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It is too bad that she can't get out of doors.

Probably she would be unable to go out of doors even if we lived down stairs. You and your friends find so many fine places to go.

It must be that Montana's full of places to go. Here of course we can't go far in any direction without trespassing on someones property.

I'm going to apply the 50¢ clik on the new light overcoat.

Mother pretends that she is much hurt when the old man gets nice comment about how he writes to the lady folks. She really dont feel hurt but she tells me definitely that: "you would not write any letters if I didn't leave my envelope open". Some truth there. Love to you Dad—

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Dear Henriette - Excuse pencil for I've left my pen at home.

Changed my shirt and forgot to pick up the pen & other pencil.

It is in some ways a bad thing to have so many pockets - coats, vests, pants, and in the summer a shirt pocket as well.

Send us some Glacier fork weather, its 88 in the store and not a leaf a stirring. Mother's bed room is the most advantageously placed bed room and she gets along fairly well.

Her walking is still a thing of the future for she seems not to have enough strength to make more than a step or two and with great pain & much trepidation.

A great fear has appeared in her mind - a fear that she will fall again.

I might have been better had she

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known as much fear for years back.
We call it fearless courage and perhaps it's all right.

Me thinks my eldest daughter has a good deal of that mark'd sprightful-ness and the old crackers all say the same. —go easy, remember your arteries.
Those arteries are not made of "India rubber." I'm thinking their elasticity is more like synthetic rubber.

We are getting some nice tomatoes from our six plants — about all we need for our table. I am writing in a back room of the store where the thermometer is 10° lower than the store's 88. That's some help.

One of our camera club members is inviting our smaller club. (of 10 members) to his lake cottage next week, Monday evening. It's a stone's throw from the Hile's old place at Victoria and most delightful. If mother can spare me I'll probably go. Much love to you Dad ——

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Schuberts Ave Maria. after the Concerts I will get out the record by Mischa Elman on the same thing and compare them. He plays very different from Elman.

The silver you cleaned is still bright and I hope your memories of the brief visit is still bright for you.

Mother and I sat through the address (radio) by Churchill. at 4 P.M. His old gusto and (will fix 'em) sureness of other addresses was gone My love to you right here at the end of the paper Dad

Sunday evening 15th

Dear Harriette :- The weeks do roll around and people change as well as the days.

I think I can assure a better story regarding mothers condition. For four or five days now Mother has felt better looks better and in playing several games of Russian Bank she plays better. In fact its now two months since she has played at all.

We have been listening to the radio the Ford hour is now on and a talker

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is now spilling his beans. We have him shut off until the music returns. Zimbalist has just finished a violin number and the wheezy talker is a poor apology for any musical hour as he talks either of the bigness of the Ford plant or else dilates on morals or international hatreds. Now the music is back (has returned) a scherzo from Beethoven's 5th symphony.

We slept late this morning and had pancakes when we did arise about 10 oclock. Mother lets me stand before the stove and turn the cakes. Unlike our great ancestor ~~Arthur~~ alfred, mother says I did not burn any cakes. ~~Arthur~~ Alfred you remember is a blood relation through Billy the Conk — please dont laugh — you'll crack a lip. Zimbalist is back with

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State Stabilizing Committee—Cooperating with National Poultry Producers Federation egg consumption drive. Miss Harriette E. Cushman, Extension Specialist in Poultry, Montana State College, Bozeman, Mont.

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Richard loves to tell mother his intimate affairs. Has a crush on an Agnes Home child at least 20 years his Junior.

The Cagey boy always has a chaperone along.

Richard comes from an English county near the border of Scotland — nice people but Cagey. While mother was having her "pan" I sat in the corridor where a couple came through. As I was writing I paid no attention to them until they stopped and the lady howdied — for the life of me I

4th of July Evening in the Hospital. :— Mother's had her supper and back rubbed. And now I'm chased out by a nurse with a "pan". Mother has had a good deal of trouble with bowel inactivity but now the action is spontaneous enough.

Her right leg and back muscles are still inoperative.

Occassional twitchings and involuntary movements show up. The tendency is all in the right direction.

Your letters are a great inspiration to her. Her

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ability to read is poor but not so poor but when the letters from that awful Child of the far west and the high mountains arrive she clamps on the "riding bows" and reads. Its a good idea for you to send them direct to her room 3. It does me good to see her eat when the tray comes in. Its always tasty and very good as most cooks go. Few cooks know how to cook meats in a way approved by your mother.

Mother says that Bertha U. has a patient in the 2nd floor and occassionally she stop in to chat on her way from the diningroom back to her patient. Mother had a beautiful bouquet of red, white & blue flowers brought to her by Richard Medley. a 4th of July occassion. 2 feet around in a big basket.

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Couldent place her — Tall
and very attractive. I apologize
for my inability and she
said Mrs. Dr Johnson and
then I unglued my eyes from
the fair creature long enough
to see who the man was and
he was Mothers Doctor.
She said no wonder I didnt
know her as her hair was
either natural white or platinumed
I'm no judge but she looked
very attractive whether natural
or beauty parlor.

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Our 4th has been as a Sunday
not a firecracker or big noise

The newspapers have
been suggesting that the people
let the boys in uniform
shoot the powder.

I'm inclined to think that
there is a general sadness
among people Much like
a calm before a storm.

Our citizens are patriotic
but not as hysterical as some super
patriots would have them to be.
Love to you Dad

P.S. Mother thanks you for the
stamps and all your thoughtfulness

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Dear Harriette:- Yesterday was Sunday and I am seldom out of the house on that day. a lot of things pile up for Sunday. We sleep late and services dont begin till near noon. Mother wanted to make the toast so she had the toaster attached to the lamp over the table and made the toast while I carried on the cooking in the kitchen. Emmie Johnson allowed that the coffee was as good as the Swedes make. I have never thought that all Swedes were very good cooks for they like to have such a lot of fat in most of their dishes. Mother always sends Emmie a bunch or plant of flowers on the 21st of March.

It has a very touching bond between them because mother always has remembered the flowers and now Emmie looks for them no doubt. Mother is improving no doubt but not noticible as from day to day yet from month to month there appears a betterment She sleeps well and that gives her a new

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start for each new day.

Operating her hips seem one of the hardest activities for her - The legs fail to step out and she has to sort of swing the leg to get it started.

So far we have had no finch for food, but as time goes on we may be expected to immitate Russia + Germany in eating hay and (ersats) food. What a lot of tricks and words we acquire in a time like this.
German for imitation

Well its 10 min to 5 P.M. and that means good bye with love.

Ed.

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Dearest Harriette — I'm stealing between Jobs to visit a bit with you,

You always seem to have a county agent about to grab you up for some where to to talk to some one.

Life gets more complicated each day it seems. Our home life is much as Duranty told you people about the two goats.

Yesterday was Sunday and I held the fort like Barbara Fritchey. I waved the flag but it was a cleaning rag or dish cloth or wash cloth or towel of one or another description the only towel not waved was the roller towel — that was tied to the wall. Our "practical" nurse is a damd dud.

I "work like a beaver" on Sunday to catch up with her. She has 250 pounds to much meat and eats her head off between meals, so consequently is sleepy every afternoon and

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and retires to her couch to sleep off the jag of good "victuals."

Mother consequently is getting the absence of attention when she should be having all the attention she needs.

She of course on acct of the diverticulum trouble makes a lot more bedpan and bathing trouble than one without such a trouble. She gets so ~~gets so~~ terribly discouraged because her wants are not attended to.

Many times she wishes to die and end it all. I dont blame such a discouragement for in the hospital there were always nimble hands to help her every desire and she looked forward to home coming as a getting up proposition.

This woman we have will have to go, both for the lack of nursing interest and fricker incessant gab. She positively is a second Mrs Geo. Putnam of B-head St. Woe and sickness sickness & horror until Mother about starts to fly. Why do people use their mouths so much?

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Of course getting any body to come in to the job is like finding needles in hay stacks.

Every personable able young woman is grinding out blood & thunder instruments of war to make things safe for "Democracy".

Poor old Democracy.

I am looking and trying to find some woman but they are hard to get.

The "Practical nurse" or rather in practical seems to fall to rather elderly widows and if gabby they can hand out an earfull.

Last evening when the P. Nurse arrived she promptly draped 250 average poise over her chair and started in to fill mother up to the eyelids with what she had done or said or so so.

I could only stop the gusher by proposing going to be right then for all concerned.

Mother seconded the motion and it was carried — out —.

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Mother really is gaining slowly in strength. As I lift her now she helps a lot more than she did but poor woman she will die if I can't find another less gabby and more attentive P. Nurse.

Please forgive my signals of distress. I'll sell a goat as soon as I can and then we'll see.

Our weather continues wet - more rain this summer than since the flood of Noah when Noah got his great reputation. Noah the first exhibitionist.

Don't forget to tell me about the dry kiln vegetate ideas.

Spiders live all winter without a drink why should not the vitamins.

My love to you

Dad.

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I am reading
"Demon ~~Daughter~~"
by Honoré Wilsie Morrow
I cannot stand her
but one book was
thrust upon and I read
it in self defense.
Have you ever
read any of hers?
Dearest please
pardon this and
know I am your
your devoted-Dorothy

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.
September 28 –

Dearest nineteen Harriette:
Here we are at the end
of the month, yet I
agree with you "Time
enchantes."
Sunday night we had
our first snow, flurry.
But it did not last
last night we had
a killing frost.
Today is clear + bright

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we rec. your rice
letter, and enjoyed many
I thank you my
darling for your
Confidence in me,
and I hope my summer
may be long in coming
and my torch of life
goes out. I know
there will be a living
Cinder to light the
way for those who
need it.

I am up & dressed
to-day - but can't
walk yet but I
shall Mr. Pearson
was up and said
"You have rheumatism
It always ends that
way; whereon I enjoy
her that I never have
had rheumatism and
never expected to have.

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Sunday 21st.

Dear Henriette:- Just had dinner with the Pierssons. Now 2.45- Have to hurry up and go see Mother again. I was to see her this morning for a couple of hours. She was looking brighter than last night. But the old right arm and leg are balking yet. That right side was her main stay. It's all pretty tough. I know

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Now I'll have to say good bye

Thanking you for the fathers day card and sending your mothers love as well as my own

Your Dad

that mother would tell you that she was still the tough old warrior of Buena Vista. Nothing could daunt those tough Taylors not even Hell or wet weather. I know that Mother would love to write you a few lines and she will do so just as soon as the condition permits.

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"Adaline" –

In looking up something in the Ingoldsby Legends, I came across this, describing St. Nicholas. "He was born on a cold frosty morning, on the 6th of December ++++++. St. Nicholas was a great Patron of Mariners, and, saving your presence – of Thieves also."

M.

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The Old China Doll.

A beautiful doll with a china head and chest, blue eyes, pink cheek rosy lips and coal black wavy hair parted "Madonna like" in the "middle" all of China, painted on, but does neither wear nor wash off. the body is cloth, the hands are kid with stitching to designate fingers.

History of Doll. The first

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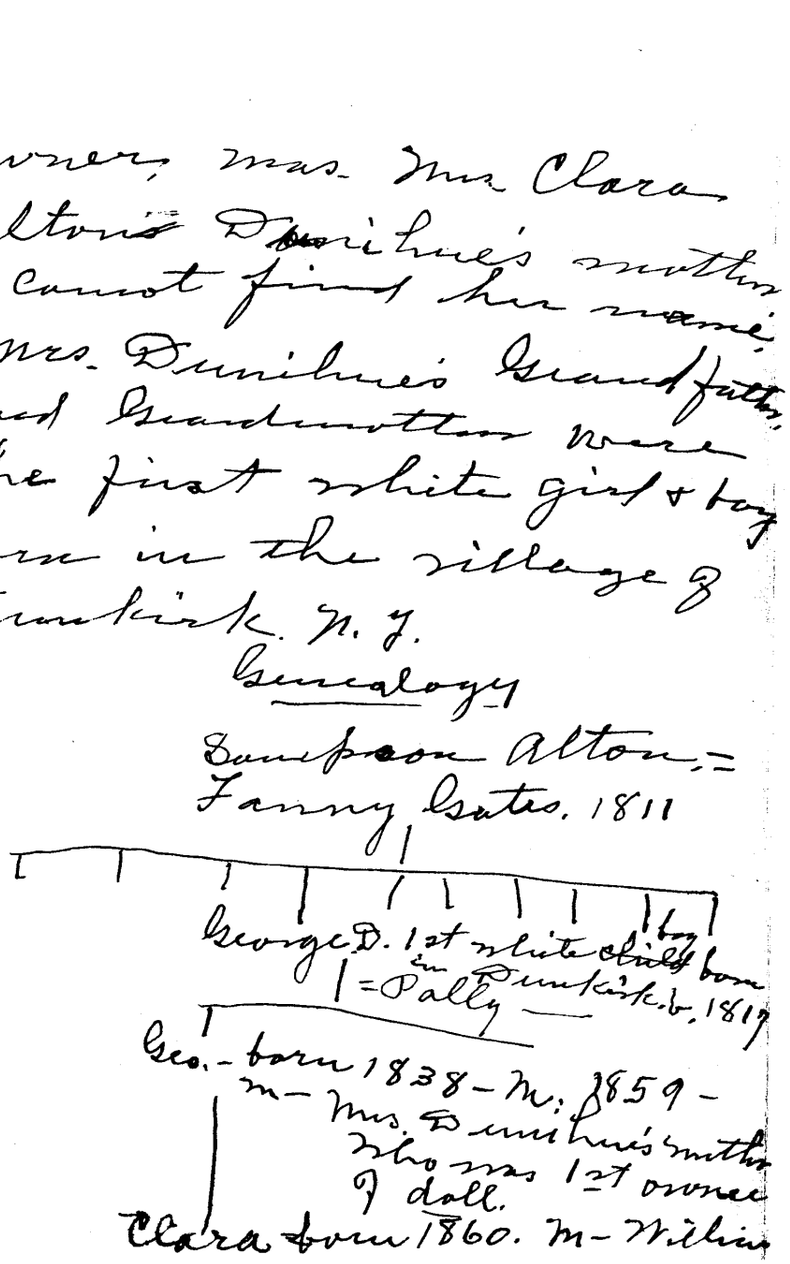
owner, was Mrs Clara
Alton's Dunihue's mother
I cannot find her name.
Mrs. Dunihue's Grandfather
and Grandmother were
the first white girl & boy
born in the village of
Dunkirk. N. Y.

Genealogy



J. Dunihue

Mrs. Dunihue's mother
owned the doll before
she married in 1859.
I do not remember the
date in which she gave
it to you & Vily not
when Vily gave her
interest to you. but
it is aware that 81
years old. Perhaps
able some time I shall be
to make a fuller
report of Dollie's lineage.
Thank you darling
for all you have done.
Always. Mother

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you will be surprised as was I last night.

about 4 a.m. I heard a whistle. mothes whistle. I hopped up and went into her room and was surprised to find her able to talk.

Her ability has increased until now she gets along quite well. Her leg and arm, right side are still spastic, (stiff) and has no use of them the left arm and leg much better. The doctr is satisfied that there has been a thrombosis from the ~~[illegible]~~ fibrilating heart and that probably a very small blood clot lodged in the brain in the region of the "talk" + "right side muscles". He seems very hopeful and Mother feels more hopeful too. The "take-outs" had a very convenient stretcher and she didnt have to move a bit to ride like a lady from her own bed to the hospital bed. I will write a line tomorrow as to here things are. I hope you are well my dear and please don't worry because Mother is getting the best of care.

With love Dad.

your letter rec'd just before we left the house

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away. When I meet people, I overlook this quality + look for others which I always thought were more important but from now on I am going to search for this in other people + see if I can't work it in some how. My people at home do not care about it but only look forward to learning which is not always combined with culture.

I was shinning my shoes to day when Anna said, "Albert do you know that you always screw your lips up when you do anything especially when you play your mandoline." I thought of you when she said this + it impressed me so that I always remember now. Do You are going to find me lots different when you come back or when I see you again. I am determined to do many things + to carry out my plans to the end + not sleep them off the way so many people do Best.

26 Baldwin St.
New Brunswick N.J.
Feb. 23, 1919.

Dear Harriette,

I just reached my old home in New Brunswick. No one is at home, not even Mr. Carpenter. I am writing now instead of tomorrow night because I want to leave for town early tomorrow. I will enclose your receipt for your trunk in this letter.

Instead of changing trains at grove street station last night, I rode just as far as the train would take me and that was to summit Ave, but I was fortunate in that the Newark train stopped at Summit Ave + I only had to wait 3 minutes for one. I am sure that Tillie + Ralph would have laughed if they knew, but you won't. Will

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you Har.?

I reached home about 9:45 & found that the Harris girls had come over to see Tillie. You met Mrs. Harris at church the other night. She was the lady whom I fooled with about my sore fingies. The girls were sorry that they did not know you were staying a few days because they would have invited us to their home if they had known. When Ralph & Tillie have friends come at our home, we are always invited over to the Harris' home & we have a fine time. The Harris have a nice home & I am sure that an evening there would help make your stay much more enjoyable.

I am going to do lots more reading than you are going to do Harriette. I am going to know more about poultry than you will know in a month from now & will be able to talk & discuss it more intelligently than you too. I am not conceited but want to work up a little competition Let's keep in touch with each other as to what we read & learn each day.

When you & Miss Peacock & lots of others I presume observe people; you observe them for culture or refinement. The thing that I lack, in fact my whole family lacks it with the exception of Tillie. She does not show it much at home but I know that she can & does when she

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and found your trunk & box up on the platform upstairs. I finally got a receipt for them & they will be sent to-night. I hope that you will get them safely. I will send the receipt to you so that you can do the claiming if they are lost.

Best.

26 Baldwin St.
New Brunswick N.J.
Feb. 25, 1919.

Dear Harriette.

I just came back from New Brunswick. I tried to get your trunk receipts but could not get them. The express office was closed but I will have to go down to-morrow noon to see if the trunks are there. I tried to get a battery for my flash light too but I could not get one. I am going to use a lantern to look over my baby chicks at night instead.

My first day out with this wide, wide world went fine. I learned how to care for my stoves. I have three to care for.

Senators are coming up this week to look over this place & every one but Hubert is making a special effort to make the place look presentable. If my cleaning up about the station has anything to do with the

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You forgot to show me how to tie the Chautauqua knot. You will have to make a diagram of it & send the diagram to me.

I did not mention your name to Mr. Pound yet so the bet we have still stands in my favor.

I will go down town to-morrow afternoon & try to get your receipts. If I do not get them I'll get there two letters. I suppose that I will have something else to tell you before I do send them.

Bert

P. S. Feb. 26, 1919.

I was turned down at the express office & by Swisher's driver when I asked for a receipt for your box & trunk. I looked around appropriation, the appropriation is as good as made. I cleaned up the oat alley, the brooder house, and the two boiler rooms. Tomorrow I expect to clean up the brown brooder house & the dirty hole that Hubert spends most of his time in. I do not mean the place that we have cleaned but the feed room. I expect to help Mr. Pound pack eggs too. I am beginning to love the chicks now. I like to watch them & care for them. I put a little alfalfa chaff in the pens to-day & they worked & scratched all afternoon. I am going to put a little in each day to keep them active & happy.

Mr. Carpenter got back to-day & asked him if you went to Vineland. He laughed & answered correctly. I called for my pillow & books & returned your keys.

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little trip yesterday. Mrs Mintum of Song Point, who married Frank Giffords daughter Cecile, took me out to Song Point to start his grandfathers clock.

I said I'd go if I could take along my camera. He was willing - I had an hour and a half and enjoyed it immensly.

If any of the shots are worth showing I'll send you some.

Sorry to hear of your friend's father who has suffered a bad stroke.

Mother has finished her letter so I'll crawl out from under and add — My love to you - Dad —

Dearest Harriette: -

Mother and I are both in the hospital she in the bed and I under the bed (no not just under the bed.)

Something like "Otto touched me" - Otto touched her father. So I'm not under the bed but I could easily slide out my rocking chair and - whoosh - I'd be under the bed.

Mother is improving but its so slow. I know just how it goes. The time I was hit

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by a cannon ball while in the Boer war it took so long to get back my nerve.

But I got it back - ask the neighbours.

We are trying to locate a woman capable & willing to take charge of mothers wants during the day.

I visited a woman this evening who is at present attending a case similar to mothers but may be through with it any day. I hope we can get her as she seemed very capable and understanding.

Mother is doing her best to write to you propped up a bit. The arms & hands dont just do. They tire quickly. It really is no new thing for mother has been so that to get a meal - even so simple - was too tiring.

The storms are preceeded by gathering clouds but we are none the willing to take to the caves of rest. I too took a

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Dear Harriette:- I truly hope that this letter finds you better- how little one can express feeling with a black fountain pen. Dear Girl I had always counted you as one of the few women who always were well- really well not just dress parade well. So few women get to be forty with out some thing to upset their reproductive apparatus. However modern surgery seems able to take us apart much as I can a watch and put us together again,

that people expect you to do.

Your mother has that complex and it helps her cooking and entertaining people much against her will and strength. I believe it would be to our advantage to sell this place just for this reason

So that she can have more leisure and invite her company where she wants em. Dear child keep a stiff upperlip and remember that we are all sending you feelings of love and strength to see the thing through Love from Dad

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more hard boiled and have a
better estimate of surgery. I
expect you to telegraph as you said
you would and tell us that you
have had the Hattie chicken
served up again and that She is
down picking up grain as
lively as any of the chickens.
But my dear chicken
now you must save yourself
for a good while You have
sense enough for that I believe.
Only you have a complex
that feels as if you were
compelled to do everything.

When Carrie Whitney Barnett was here
last sunday she said the old joke
about leaving something inside by
mistake was true with Willis who
had to be opened again to hunt for
the lost article. I wonder what
they left? Red Cross button
perhaps. Mother has been
so full of visitors yesterday and
today that she has had little time
to think of you. But with company
gone tonight the flood of doubt
and fears come rushing through
her mind. Perhaps Dan

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Maple Springs
On Lake Chautauqua
N.Y.

Dearest Child: We received your letter explaining all things. Darling I cannot tell you how sorry I am. You are so brave and so philosophical about everything. If we only knew. I should have looked after it myself. You were so unselfish too uncomplaining.

understanding of a baby is needs. While Betsy Jacoby takes little time to understand hers. Once she said to me. "Aren't you glad your children are grown up + out of the way. It must be such a relief." This as you know was shock to me. Uncle Waite + Aunt Mamie are old and their children are raising them.

You are getting on so nicely and you are so sensible to obey the Dr.

Please do not feel that you must write every day if it takes your little strength.

You know of Course where

Please do not settle your mind as to your future darling. Wait until you are well.

You need not remain unmarried. If you find the man you really love and who loves you the absence of children will make no difference.

Nor can this operation cause you to be less loving, or a less devoted wife and companion. Dorothy Hughes cannot have children, Viletta cannot, Mrs. Sample cannot, and many more of our truest friends are unable to bear children, but they are lovely women and loving wives. I really think darling, that it is much better to become a loving life companion after a certain age, than to try to raise a family. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nicholson fair examples. I sometimes think Vily Thomas and to exacting and have too little

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any more about a Canoe than does the Man-in-the-Moon.

The little girl is about ten, from Bradford. the little boy the same age a cousin from Philadelphia.

Although the lake is like glass, still a canoe is no plaything. Now the mother of the little girl is in she does not know how to hold the paddle, nor does she know the stern paddle guides the Canoe.

Please write me as to your funds. Always & ever your devoted - Mother.

You can rest and recover. So sweetheart do what is best. so as you rest a long time. until you have fully regained your strength I got around too soon, as I had a home a husband and two dear little children to look after.

Yes, Harriette, I too have gone over the past many many times. Since your illness, although it has been thirty years and I was only Twenty

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nine years old.
Sometimes the yesterday stand out more vividly than the to-days.
I am glad you are having solid food. You will gain strength faster. Come and have dinner tonight with us. I am having the Underwoods to dinner. Mr & Mrs. Elmer, John, and am having porter-house steak, brown gravy, baked potato, creamed sliced turnip

a salad. of carrot, cucumber, green pepper, cheese, & apple, this served on a slice of ripe tomato - on a lettuce leaf, hot biscuits, currant-jelly - fruit tapico with whipped cream and fresh sponge cake & coffee.
Mrs. Underwood may possible get to Butte to see you before she comes home.
There are two little children out here in a canoe. who does not know

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And for this vision, do I pray
For love and strength, more day by day.
O! may the years before her, hold
Treasures, far more rare than gold.
Pure womanhood to her unfold.

— — — —

'Tis but a tiny gift my dear
To greet you, this Twenty Third Year
But, may your thoughts be oft with those,
Who, in this parcel, does enclose,
This, for your neck, This for your nose.
With Oceans of love for a happy birthday and one long long kiss, Ever fondly devoted Mamma.

Tuesday night.

To my Sweetheart.

How Can I a poem write.
Upon such a restless night.
'Twill be filled with witches three,
Pantomime and mummery
Jests and quips and foolery.

Or, a serious side of life.
Things I learned - of Guido's wife
Pompilia - so pure, so young.
In blank verse by Browning sung
- When I, those Brownings read among.

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From Muse to Muse, I rack my brain.
"Calliope!" I Call in vain;
Then of no Hero do I write
"Clio!" no History, is in sight.
"Thalia!" Call, with all my might,

Then wait, and list, and tremble here,
And Chew my pen, in awful fear
That this muse Cometh not to me
To make my line a Comedy,
With bauble, bells and revelry,
Ah! high in Air I see his form;—
Above the Cloud, above the Storm.—
—Who, from Medusa's blood did spring
With fiery eye and feathery wing.
I wait, a message he may bring

Or send to me, by mystic Craft.
Earthward on Markab's fiery shaft.
But, no, the vision's from me gone,
Perhaps to stretch his legs upon
The distant hill of Helicon.

With Dædalean wings I soared,
And as I came, too, was floored
But now a vision I can see
Of Love as deep as Earth, as Sea,
Within a soul, most dear to me.

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I am sending Grace Bennett a card. but do not remember whether she was going abroad before Christmas or not.

Mrs. Sample has just been & gone she is such an excellent woman, not a great many like unto them.

Today darling a small package went to Bozeman, for a nice good daughter of mine, not much in it sweetheart but whatever you find please know darling that it contains, a great many times its price and it might in love from father and from me, and if there is anything you can't use you can return them and have them exchanged.

The best & loving-est wishes for the season — Always your devoted Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown
N.Y.

Dearest Childie:- How glad mother was to hear from you.

While I am busy. Yet not being able to be in the store this year. and having to be in bed a part of each day. the time certainly is tedious. as father does not come home to any meals but breakfast.

I see by papers. You are having extremely cold weather in Montana, the Arctic explorer. Steffenson. statement may yet prove true. He

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said that there was a place in Montana at Havre. Colder by far than the North Pole, in fact he thought the north Pole quite warm compared to some of our northern Cities etc of N. America.

Well. well. here it is a telegram from Thomas. — "Dec. 19 - 2. A.M. 8 lb. boy. Viola fine." so Aunt Harriette!

It is a relief. I am so happy. I called father immediately. & called him Grandfather. he is happy of course, but does not like the grandfather part of it. I am enclosing Vily's [redacted] letter, which is a very interesting one and she very likely will not write very soon.

Too bad she will spend her Christmas in the hospital but if she is treated as nicely as I always was she will not be lonesome.

I had a Christmas Card from Bert. W. this morning. I sent him one yesterday. I am glad I remembered to do so before his came. Do you hear from him. I wonder how they are succeeding. probably fine.

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Dearest Harriette, my own dear Childie:- We were glad to get the nice letter, and glad you liked the underwear, and it was something you needed and could wear. It is hard, as you say, to know what would be best to send, as it has been so long since we were together to know one another's needs.

I have been helping Daddy a little wee bit to-day to get off some advertising matter, as he is not allowing me in the store. I am able to do a bit at home, I assorted, classified, & wrote 211 addresses this A.M. and having my hand in went right along writing letters.

Then we stamped 211 envelopes as he brought the stamps home with him.

I will finish this there to-day and up again in the morning.

Mrs. Underwood has been quite ill for a whole week, but she found it quite difficult to remain in bed that length of time, even though she has scolded me so often for not obeying the Dr.'s orders, which, I am finding out might have been better in the end.

Oceans of love to you dear,
Ess and Always your
devoted Mother.

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Christmas Cards, poetising and the like, I wrote Twenty nine Christmas Cards nine of which were original scribble of my own, but I have many more to write, Still thirty six or more not accounted for.

Did you like "Trotty Veck?" I am sending eight of them to friends, I received such a nice letter from Trotty, a few days ago. will write him a Christmas letter.

Do you ever hear from Beulah Dayton? what do you hear from Juanita?

I had the children's pictures from Betsy J. to-day. they are so good of each one, Saylor is such a dear lad, I do so dearly love him.

I have also received cards from the Lanabas with a picture of Carroll's little girl enclosed "Dona Louise", is a sweet looked little dear, I am sorry to lose Carroll. but he seems to be so busy all the time, as most Ame. men are.

How is Grace Bennett? and when does she & her mother go abroad?

Our Player's Club has become quite popular, since we played here, we have been asked to play at Lakewood and at Warren.

I saw by a paper a few days ago that there was an embargo on Western eggs, but did not see Montana in the list, By mistake I got a dozen eggs a few days ago. called western fresh, I'm sure it has been a very long time since the west saw them, I am sure it would not know them now.

Well father just came home, he keeps the

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and so intelligent. He will be quite grown up if I don't soon see him.

I saw Mrs Charles Allaton over town a couple of weeks ago She said Regna has a choir which she is so much interested in and does not get home a great deal. She certainly made a success of her marriage!

On Friday February thirteenth Frieda Hempel sings here under the auspices of the Mozart Club. Each member must sell four tickets. I have already sold five. Promised for three more. So you see I am active is I am shut in much of the time.

Don't work too hard dear heart,
Ever & Always Your Loving Mother

178 South Main St.
Jamestown.
N.Y.

Dearest Sweetheart:-

How good it is to get your letter. How selfish I am to expect so many when you are so busy. Yet I am hungry for them.

Our play "East is West" went off beautifully and successfully Some of the players were certainly wonderful. Sun. P.M. I went to the ticket Committee & cashed up. Wednesday the Executive board meeting afternoon went with Father to see "He who gets Slapped." Yesterday & today and paying

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the fidler. But Monday I am going to try again. I am going to a large bridge party for the benefit of the W.C.A. hospital. Mrs. Jamison & I will make up a table. She has invited Mrs. Tennell & I invited Mrs. Lingo. none of us are good bridge players but as long as we pivot and none cares it will be alright. Tues. is the Y.W.C.A. banquet and I may go to that and it will probably take the balance of week to pay off that debt.

I received a letter from Mrs. Elmer Underwood a few days ago. They have sold their home in Summit. Ruth and Malcolm have moved to Chicago and they will come to M.S. as soon as the Spring opens. It will be quite a change for them. Had a long letter from Mrs. Bogert also recently. She is enjoying herself very well, having auto tours etc. I could not be satisfied with such an existance. She probably will outlive me in usefulness and joy, by many years and keep young.

I have finished the last little garment for the baby. now I will begin all over again. Vily reports that he is growing so fast. He looks so large

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my darling - Yours, sincerely, and always
Mother —

may be the first time. but I'll guarantee it will not be the last time."

Well Sweetheart, what is the new Story about, I am sure you will succeed if you have only the time to devote to it. you are so faithful in your persistence which I am not.

I had such a wonderful Christmas letter & greeting from Grace, what a dear Comfortable person she is and how beautiful of her to remember me. She, Juanita and Bert of your good friends are so kind to keep me on their lists. I hope it may be possible before the new year grows old I may see you

178 South Main St.
Jamestown,
N.Y.

The morning of the day after

Dearest Child o'my heart:- Quiet reigns supreme. I was so happy with your last letter dear, the article was quite interesting. and may have a tiny bit of something toward a solution of the great mystery governing us, but the true key that's fits the unknown lock I fear is not been cast yet, nor has the individual who is to cast it been found. possibly not born, never-the-less, it is all very interesting & problematic

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Father bought the Cosmopolitan, containing the article, he has read it. I shall but have been unable to so far.

We received you nice telegram yesterday morning. Thank you darling. We looked forward with much pleasure and excitement to hearing your dear voice at 2. A.M. this morning. Father set the alarm and we retired with one ear open, but something miscarried. At three o'clock I awoke with a consciousness of distant music filling the room. There was a light from the reading lamp focussed on the radio. I focussed on the same and saw father quietly sitting there in bathrobe with the ear phones glued to his head and taking in the music from some far off station, but no telephone connection from Bozeman.

Thomas, calls up almost every night to report from from the Center of action; every thing is moving successfully, the enemy being defeated. I think the Captain & his lieutenant will soon return to head quarters.

Thomas reported on Christmas eve. that he had heard John D. cry for the first time on that evening. Mrs. Smith, from upstairs was in, & I told her, she replied, "It

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BARTER PLAN FOR FARMER IS ANNOUNCED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO—(AP)—A barter system by which a farmer may trade commodities for manufactured articles has been perfected by a mail order house here, which forwards the money to the producer if he does not desire their wares. No commission is taken out for the service.

The concern, dealing in raw furs, one of the two industrial processes to which the Barter has been applied, is in its second year. Last year more than 2,000,000 raw furs were marketed by the catalog people.

The company also operates a turkey marketing system which last fall sent 400,000 pounds of turkeys into the market.

The purpose is to encourage sideline activities by farmers and their sons. What adds to the buying power of the farmer is beneficial to the mail order people.

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Jamestown. N. Y.

Dearest Child o' my heart. —
Some how the space seems greater
Just a Christmas time
The hours are longer, later.
Just at Christmas time,
My heart does yearn to breaking,
My heart does not to quaking.
My body, + soul a shaking
For you at Christmas time,
Once long a go before the
first tiny baby came, we
were alone, O, so alone were
we, I in Cincinnati, in
Alabama, he, The night

Christmas. the wee bit of joy
was thine. and always since
but once has one of the
other been near and
came on Christmas. I wonder
what will be the next
Christmas?

I am happy to know Childie
mine. that your first "show"
was so successful. it makes
you so much happier.

We had a long letter from
Vily yesterday, a beautiful
letter, for she seemed so happy
and sweet + tender. We had
a long letter from the boy
Saturday. such a nice letter,
I hope every thing is for the best.

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They think now that they will be married at Frederick town Md. and spend a few days there, on December twenty seventh. They are expecting to go to Brooklyn as Webster expects to finish his training in Pratt.

This of course will suit Vily Father is sending her a set of Portland silver. I table linen, while daddy seemed in proper mood. I spoke of a little sum once borrowed when he summed it up the amount was almost or about one hundred dollars, this in a fourth issue bond will be her Christmas I am so glad and she will need it. (this is between us honey love)

thats a straight line for me, if only I had stopped before I reached the end. this is a short letter, but honey I am due at 325 N. Main, but darling with this is a world of love and the happiest wishes for your Christmas. Please give my love to the good lady who cares for you at Bozeman —

Forever & ever. Your own
Daddy & Mother.

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letters to reach you honey.
This darling was the Sunday letter
begun on Monday. added to on
Tuesday, neglected Wed. on account
of annual bazaar, and now
this morning tight & early I
am finishing it for you.
I think Chas. Co. is having
your Mons. weather. Yesterday
we had very, very warm
this A. M. very, very cold.
Maple Springs is having two
weddings this month. on
the seventeenth Helen Myers
the eighteenth, Dorothy March.
They are both private, only
the immediate family at

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Did you receive the letter to Juanita?
I wrote this little thing darling which
I got down here.

The Baltimore Oriole.
A flash of orange through the green,
A call, to tell of his return—
As liquid as a crystal fount—
Dropping into a silver urn.

I rather think Miss Hall may come
& see us in September. I hope
she can come when you are
here. Miss Hall is very tired and I
fear worn. How I count the days. Ever and always
Mother.

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To serve others; to make a
secret of our discontents; to
live out-of-doors as much
as possible; to admire and
be grateful for the beauties
of nature; to be kind and
patient even when hurried
or tired; to endure, and to
have faith in what's to come;
to suppress the animal
and constantly foster the
the spiritual in us;
never to be wasteful with
food and not to eat more

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than we needed for the development of our bodies; to work willingly with our hands and add daily to our growth of intellect; to value our friends and to make our home express our ideals of beauty and order and hospitality. This is the pledge of the Eewees.

Louis Selbert
Norma Selbert

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Maple Spring
On Lake Chautauqua
N.Y.

Dearest Childie O' Mine:- How slyly an stealthily Father Time gathers in his own I foolishly think his days belong to me, until all too quickly he has claimed them, the shadows fall across the sill, and so they are gone and with them my miscarried plans, for some unknown reason I have been convinced to my bed the greater part of each of these fleeting days, and a great portion of it have been unconscious I came back to the cottage, after three or four days in J. on Sat. night, and have been up the last two days, have been doing a little sewing & knitting, have a sagua, a

"I'll down on my marrows & clear it's rein,
Will dampen the meadow 'gainst the rain,
There's too much here to do my friend,
I have n't time to think of the end,
N.C.C. Oct 7-1924

Do you see the little magazine "The Step Ladder?" The Sept. no. contains a wonderful little playette "In Old Perugia", a perfect little gem, I wrote Mrs. Seymour, the Sec. of the Bookfellows, & she sent the letter to the author, a Prof. Noe of the college of Ky. at Lexington, Sat. I rec. a very nice letter from him, he too is a book fellow,
Father has been experimenting on his radio and tonight it is quite perfect, we now

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tiny Cap- and two little blankets finished. & a slip for myself completed, I will have to stir myself to finish the layette when it is needed.

What were your poems- darling, that were accepted. and where?

This came to me this morning while I was briar stitching on the tiny blanket, —

Do you think "the World is near the end?"
'Tis for some Yesterday our friend —
While yet he stood in manhood's prime,
Closed his book, passed in his time,
Tomorrow, it maybe you or I, —
We only look about here & die,
But while you look about you stick a rose
In Yonder Corner where rag weed grows
And that Spring underneath the ~~[illegible]~~
Hidden in briars, and weeds grown rank
With sand & loam & dead leaves choked" —
What care I, if my jaens are soaked,

are listening to Chicago, late in the evening it is always better, the piano sounds right in the room,

Mr. Hunt is at home, & you will glad to know that he is so much better he goes to the office every day. We are all so glad.

Now it is bed time,

So good night darling

Lovingly- Ever and Always. Mother,

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W. C. A. Hospital
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest-Childie: Then honey I missed out again on the Thursday letter, but if you pardon mother's pencil - I will write this morning before anything, adverse to letter writing, occurs.

I was very happy dorling to receive you nice long letter, and of course very ~~[illegible]~~ greatly interested in you many and varied experiences,

5-14 Bank
Mother left well last night some less despondent
[illegible] - I visited it hospital on way
to store - Dad

As to poetry - sweetheat mother cannot entirely agree with your good opinion. As poetry as other free arts is plastic free from trammels and has its birth in any form or expression according to its creator.

I have had so much time for thought real soul thoughts since my illness, and yesterday was my first day alone, without a special nurse, and barring the fact that I was so ill. I

In a letter from Mrs. Elmer Underwood she wishes you might visit up. Elizabeth Forest. Librarian at State College, Bozeman.

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Came this: —

Through nights of questioning, days of pain
From out the depth of the Unknown
What's left to me, when storms are past.
I count it as my very own.

This is but a fragment
I shall write more
When I can see again
without the dreadful
dizziness — Lovin & Mr.
Your devoted
Mother

dared not open my eyes, or my bed, my little prim-rose pot and I would go whirling into Eternity; I was extremely happy and had some beautiful thoughts.

I had been thinking of that poem of Berwyn
"Serene I fold my hand & wait
And know my own will come to me" — J.B.

And should mine own come to me, what is mine own? and out of the questioning

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fine young men so clean, so earnest and ambitious, to learn.

How beautiful it is to grow old and use ones accumulated wisdom and knowledge to assist and help those younger ones who come to ask for help and advice. It is quite worth it.

"Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be
The last of life, for which
the first was made."

I had a letter from Vily a few days ago. with the same little story of trouble with her neighbors and the neighbors children. Poor Child she takes life pretty serious.

How I wish Darling I could help you. with Love I am

Devotedly. Mother.

178 South Main St.
Jamestown, N.Y.

Dearest mine own:- I was happy to receive Your letter Darling. I am so sorry things are so uncertain. One dares not think of it. There is always a way out.

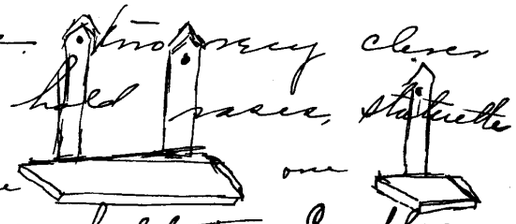
I do not know whether I'll have Josephine or not. things have gone very bad. with Mrs. Rogers during the last Year.

We are still going along with our parties, last week we had two which netted us ten dollars. This week we will

try to have two more. and
next week there will be two,
which will not net us
so much as we will have
to replenish the larder.

We have been running two
months and have received
forty dollars and a half. and
paid out fifty one dollars
and three cents. of which
forty seven dollars and six
cents are assets or Capital
investments. This is really
a very small return. but it
is on the right side of the
ledger. and in time it will
be more.

Father has made me some
very pretty hand illumined
mottoes for the wall. he
also made two very clever
brackets. for hold vases, statuette
or candles. one
the larger one hold two candles
and the little wooden parrot.
the smaller has one candle.



I see by the paper tonight
that the Montana drouth
has been broken by a snow
storm. for Montana!

I had such a nice visit
from a young man today
a Milford Snell. who teaches
piano in Fredonia such a

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convincing instances to prove her statements.

I enclose the song cycle of four songs which I wrote Frederic. They will be a part of our oriental opera when F. is equal to the music. There will four more in this cycle.

Do you like them? Please keep them yourself. We will copyright them when finished.

Please write, dearest, if but a Card with two words "Am O.K."

Ever Your Loving and Devoted.

Mother.

Poor Father, it is hard for him sent hard!

Stairs. I was so exhausted when they had gone. I really took all over inside. Mr. C. is an Irishman, young vivacious, just became aware that this great big world has lived before to-day. That there were great people, who were Authors & great Philosophers, masters of art, architecture and letters. He is so eager to tell it, just learned about steel engraving. The Taj Mahal, and Leonardo. He is just in the first primary department of this great world's school, he will go no further, for he will be lost in the scuffle, before he gets out of the primary department.

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his pronunciation is dreadful. But he is happy. most happy! His wife has said that she made him. Her handiwork is very poorly done, or only just begun.

I had a ten page letter from Lily this week. what a dreadful time she is having.

I have not heard from you last week. darling. I know. I deserve it. but please do not punish me too hard. I do worry. for you are so alone. if her father is ill get very ill.

I am glad We has the Camera Club. of which he is president also he was chosen president of a third ward. group of men. having for their aim. a greater knowledge of City government. it is something alive.

I was reading in an old book review to day. "Child verses and Children" by Mary Carolyn Davies. She spoke of most verses so styled. for children are written for adults. after they are old enough to fully understand the mind of the child. and cited several

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