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Catsackie N.Y.
Jan. 26/1923

Dear George -

I am sorry you will not get this letter to-morrow - It slipped my mind about writing last evening until too late. But then there is nothing much to write about now-a-days except the snow and bad roads. I live rather a hermit life as I rarely get out even to the bank. I did go up street on Friday - had to walk both ways - and I do not intend to do it again very soon. It took tired me and made me nervous walking on the track. I went to the Moore's & then called on Miss Kitty. Grandpa goes with the mail on Saturdays as far as Schoonmaker's every morning & goes to Milton sometimes by way of the plank road - he does not get home till six or seven o'clock. I make a late supper & short evening - we do not go out at all. Harold went down with you yesterday morning & had shorter splits - but on but his ain is just as bulky as ever

so he cannot yet get his overcoat. So we
cannot plan see him to Albany yet - too bad
as the best suits will be picked out. Sorry now
I did not go to Albany with you & get a hat & coat -
I'm afraid now I won't get them this year.
However I should worry. Harold is bearing
his affliction bravely but it is very tedious. He
has learned to help himself wonderfully with
just one arm, so does not need as much at-
tention as at first. We were so sorry to hear
of Mrs Bullis's accident - it means so much
to a housekeeper to be so handicapped. I
know you will help her whenever you can.
I am wondering why you were so busy that
day from morning till midnight - don't do that
very often. Wilbur is our tonight - working new.
Ralph Jensen is working in valve works now - they
go together mornings - I don't have made soap
or is fine - the best I ever made. I have been trying to do
some sewing & mending but don't get much time.
Eva has been quite elated over the prospect of some work
but has again been disappointed! I don't understand
why your work was so late - I sent it Friday morning.
Hope you finally got it. To all I must close & go to bed
Sincerely
Mother

Sunday P.M.

Dear Mother:

It is now 8:25 and I have a contract with myself to be in bed by quarter of nine. I foresee a necessity for an extension of the contract.

Today has been another day spent in bed and work. Last week I was up every night except last night till 12 o'clock (Friday 11) as you see I feel very much like sleeping today. I was in bed by 10 last night and stayed there till 10:30 this morning. I had to go immediately to Holtzhaus and work dishes till 12 o'clock. Then I came back returned at 1:30 and was there till after 4:00. As soon as I got back I lay down and didn't get up till 7:00 since which time (a la Charlie) I have been reading. So you see I haven't done very much today.

[29 Jan. 1923]

Thank you very much for the apples
cookies. They taste good & great
concern.

I saw the wash yesterday. The
Keweenaw on rather the greenback
I happened to find in a book store
for \$2.50. I'm sure you'll get a
quarter's worth out of it.

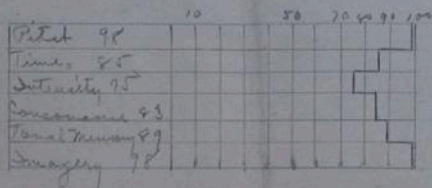
Barnet is very wonderful. His
classes are very interesting. His
concert was a great success. He
plays marvellously wonderfully.

The amount of the check was \$48. I
enclose the receipt. I asked about
my scholarship several times. They
have not got track of it yet. They
say they have never seen it &
I shall wait a little longer however
before I write to Albany.

It has been snowing here most all
day.

I have received the results of
the musical capacity tests.

The chart is as follows as near as I can remember it.



90-100 Superior
 80-90 Excellent
 70-80 Good
 50 Average

For some unknown reason the first time I took the intensity test (last fall) I got only 39. So I took it over again and got 75.

Dr. Stanton said I was above the average of the school but that my work was not. Now I have to keep up to my capacity or get a gubbing every so often.

Thursday night was at a concert by J. Herman Lund organist of Boston given free in Christ Episcopal Church assisted by male choir.

He was very good but he speaks
English which I do not like. I
liked the large voices very much.
I had never heard boys voices before.
Yesterday I was to a meeting by
Guy March painter. He gave children
program with nice & less lecture
with it. The admission was a
dollar but since they couldn't
sell all the tickets regular course
students were admitted free.

I haven't had any again lesson
this week. Wednesday afternoon my
regular time lesson was too
short and yesterday at five I
went to bank it but he couldn't
get to it till six so it has been
postponed again till Friday AM.
He has been feeling bad all week and
Sun today he doesn't take rest
till breakfast. He has too much
to do and of course all the
mistakes & omissions. Pupils make

he says on his own case although
it is not his fault.

I went to two typewriter places
- this week. The Smith people
will rent a typewriter for \$4 a
month and will sell a new or
used one for \$15 down and \$10 a
month of good used one for \$40^{to} \$60.

The Remington people will rent
Remington for \$3 a month 4 months
for \$10 for home use. Will sell one
on same terms as Smith. Remington
also say they would rent the same
as they do although I haven't had time
to look them up. The Smith man
said it is only dealers not factory
branches that rent on the installment
plan and that dealers can't be
trusted. He says if you wish to
buy that way they charge ten
to twenty five dollars more than

The typewriter is so old because the
average rent is for 3 months at
\$4 a month. They have to put
on a new ribbon \$1.00, ^{and} send and
bring back the machine \$1.00 and
make ^{the} repairs necessary besides
time and money expended. So
it would be a losing game if
they could for actual amount of
typewriter. The wife says mine
and said he would help me in a
buy either if not from him by
fixing one. The age of any machine
he could tell by serial number. So
you want me to look further for
\$10 for 4 months is the best I have
heard of. One would have to pay office
however. You might be able to do
the same from the Albany factory
branch which of course you undoubtedly
could trust.

This week I have theory test
and next week history test.

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Inmate Cristo is coming to the
Theatre this week. I expect to see it.
Well its mine fifteen or so times a day.
With love to all
Jessie.

I was quite surprised not to get a letter
from you yesterday but I suppose
you thought you'd give me a letter
of my own medicine.

I'm trying the No. 19 Cataract
Cure and on my fourth bottle
I have a little trouble in remembering
to take it. I wish I could get
it in big bottles but you can't get
that number that way.
9.

Cossackie Hill
Jan 31 1928

Dear George:-

It's nearly bedtime but I must write you a few lines. I've been in jail so long that I haven't very much to write. If this weather keeps up I think we will all be in the bughouse. The roads have been in horrible shape for a long time. Today I did it all with a little help from Grandpa and didn't get home till half past seven. It looks like snow to night.

Eva came very near being a school teacher. Mr Charlie Collier the trustee at Milton hired her to begin teaching Monday and then in less than 24 hours she told her she had changed her mind. I don't know what they are going to do as teachers are very scarce. It's too bad for the minimum salary is 20 per week.

P. S. - I did not send that old shirt back as it is beyond repairing if you need another I'll get it when I can.

Harold started to school Monday and seems to be getting on all right.

Wilbur says that Ralph Jansen has ordered a Star car: what do you about that?

We will send the wash in the morning they are putting in some fruit cake but wasn't baked very hard and you better let it dry before using. Well I can't think of any more to say now perhaps I may think of something in the morning.

Feb. 1st As usual I must finish up Pa's letter but I have nothing much to add.

I'm sorry you are so confined Sunday's has you can't get to church or S. S. I'm sending a S. S. tract so you can at least keep back of the lessons - try to go to church once in a while - it's not very good to get out of the habit.

Said the Recorder & Union to Auntie. Pa signed the check to pay Eastman bill & I'll send another in this letter for next week's room rent so I will not have to send again this week. Glad you keep well & hope Pa will help you. Eva's ankle bothers her so much, she limps now most all the time. Must get Harold ready for school now. Lovingly Mother.

[Feb 5, 1903]

Sunday P.M.

Dear Mother

I will stop work a little while to write.
My notebook still remains unfinished
and as I have only two more evenings
in which to work I have to work
today. No church again today.
Helen asked me stay in bed this
morning so I did not get up till
12:30.

It is very cold here today so I
suppose it is everywhere (another
Charlie centime).

I suppose you are reading in the
papers about Anderson's trouble.
Does Grace say anything about it.
Probably she will be interrogated
too. I notice Miss Hill - bookkeeper
was.

Have not received the record yet
she is not heard of for a few days.

I'm a little in the soup about a
suit. My green coat has failed.
It's given out holes. Consequently
I have nothing but my sweater
or summer suit to wear. It's
rather early for that yet. I don't
wear the blue suit till its less
"jumpy" if that time ever comes.
Well I guess I'll get along alright
somehow.

Miss Holihan fell today on her
her wrist but did not break it.
I think she sprained it some.
Mrs. Beecher thanks you for your
sympathy.

Real news is quite scarce this week.
I guess I wrote it all last Sunday.

Had theory exam Thurs. Wasn't
very difficult. Friday we have
History exam. I wonder what will
have because we've had nothing
specific in class.
Tomorrow night there's

meeting of the Organ but at one
of the members houses. ^{Wednesday}
Evening Louise Homer Contralto
and her daughter Louise Sopranos
give a concert.

And Friday noon we hear
a free concert. by Myra Hess
English pianist.

Yesterday I saw Monte Cristo.
It's very good but moves so
rapidly one must know the
plot to follow it. Someone
told me the story so I got
the drift of it. The entire balcony
was sold out yesterday at 3 so I
had to sit down stairs. The
organ sounds much better
down stairs.

With love
George.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Catskill N.Y.

Feb. 5/1923

Dear Geo -

Just a line
as Pa is ready to go -
Nothing news - all well
and busy - good
sleeping now and
very cold again. I
went to church at 8.8
yesterday am. the first
I had been out since
previous Sunday. Ed's
girls were all here for
the afternoon yesterday -
some time. Hope you
are all o.k. - will expect
a letter soon. ^{Love} ^{mother}

Catsackie N.Y.,

Feb. 8, 1923

Dear George-

Pa meant to answer your letter last night but did not so I will now. He wants me to tell you to look around and see if you can get a suit at some reduction sale - the clothing stores must be having such sales now as they are in Albany. If there is a United Tailors place there or see or any other reliable store - perhaps you could get a good suit for \$20 or \$25 - maybe you could get some one whose judgment is reliable to go with you. If you find that you want pay a few dollars deposit and then send home

For the rest of the money.
I will send some extra for
this purpose in this check.
If you wear the summer
suit it will not be good
when summer comes, so
that would not pay - be-
sides it does not look season-
able now. - I expect to
go to Albany with Harold
to-morrow to get his suit
that is if not stormy & if the
doctor removed the splints
to-day as we expected he
would. I wish you were
here, too, to get a suit. I
rather dread the trip be-
cause it is so cold & my
foot is painful & I hate
shopping anyway - I
have a number of other
things to get.

I was glad Eva decided
to-day not to go with us.
She has been planning to
go but her foot is so pain-
ful by spells, she is afraid
she could not stand the
walking.

Now I hope when that note-
book is finished you will be
sensible enough to go to bed
earlier - I do not think it
is wise or good for you to
keep such late hours every
night. Better change your
habits in that respect, hadn't
you?

Did you get your watch?
I sent it some time ago but you
have not said you received
it - neither have you returned
Harold's watch. Let me know
if you did not get it so we
can trace it. Alas, I wish

You would send that
old soft hat - get a box for
it. I think it will do Harold
& it will soon be time to
wear it.

I am enclosing a clipping
of a meeting or series of meetings
to be held in Rochester Mar 4-10
Find out just where they are
held & try to go to at least one
For I'm sure you would enjoy
it - Rev Chas. Furbell is
editor of the S. S. Times &
a wonderful speaker.

Sorry to hear of Miss Hall's
fall & trust you she will
not suffer much from it. -
also hope her illness is im-
proving. There have been so
many falls & broken bones this
winter all over on the icy pane-
ments.

Lovingly
Mother.

Rochester, N. Y., March 4 to 31.—Victorious Life Messages, under the auspices of the Rochester Gospel Center, Mr. Charles G. Trumbull, speaker. Further information may be obtained from Mr. A. G. Slight, 140 Court Street, Rochester, N. Y.

[Feb. 13, 1933]

Sunday P-M.

Dear Mother,

I've just finished a long letter
to Hank. My hand doesn't feel
much like writing more but I
feel I must write something.
Miss Halihan said she would go
with me to look for a suit. She was
a dressmaker and knows a deal
about goods. So we went yesterday
morning. We were however unable
to find anything for less than \$30 or
\$35. The Mrs. Farlin store said that
they would this week however
have a final sale when most
things should be sold for half
price. I intend to go to that if
I don't get suited sooner. Mrs.
Beeler told me last night I should
have gone to the National where
Mr. Emper works. I shall go

tomorrow and have him wait
on me. In fact I want
get ^{any} thing, ^{other} than for less than
Booth's. Miss Kalich's friends
some^{one} who she thinks will pay
me about for about 25. I don't
quite fancy the idea but shall
see what he says. Edwards
had cheap suits for 8, 10, 8 that
would do to put ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{ward}
near to school. But I thought
you wanted me to get a good
suit. I already had fifteen
dollars when you sent the
note so I borrowed 5 from
Miss Beeler. Then I saw
Lanese for Hammet class.
I hope you will write soon and
tell me what I better do.

I went to an organ service this
afternoon in a ^{small} suburban church.
To my mind most of the play
was gone except that I did

purpose of Mason + Bonnet.

I'm getting along very well in my organ work - at least the teacher says so. He said yesterday he was very much pleased with my lesson. My piano gets "worse" & "worse" day by day. I've developed an awful splurrrine of mind in my path for the future.

The reception of the organ club for the Bonnet last Thursday night was very fine. It's a very genial & responsive person. He played games with us and even essayed a dance - the first in his life. A week from Tuesday we have a slight side party out to the Lake stopping at one of the members homes on the way back.

The Hammers last Wednesday
nights were very good. They
sang several duets which I
liked very much.

We had Hist. again Friday
P.M. It wasn't near so hard
as I expected it would be.
I didn't get my note book down in
time as supposed I won't get
such a good mark on this.
I'm sorry but I was so tired
I simply couldn't work late
nights.

I went wash yesterday. You'll
notice that the left side of its
pants is nearly gone. I've just
asked Mrs Beeley for a key to send
the key in. She says she thinks she
can find one tomorrow.

My daughter & granddaughter
are here at present. They got
from Bridgwood N.J. The
little girl is 6 1/2. She made

one two visits today with one
promised for tomorrow. This
is exceedingly interesting and
I think quite musical. She
always picks out tunes and
the piano although she never strikes
any chords.

Well, shall look you about
tom. I guess I better stop and
get to bed. I try to get to
bed every morning by
8 or 8:30.

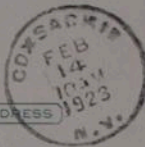
Love to all
George

P.S. If you haven't destroyed that
brown picture of Mr. Bonnet
and don't want it sent
back, whenever you may keep
it if you want it. I hope!

What has become of my other
collected since the pleasure?
I had only three here when I
sent the post yesterday.

G.

Dear Geo: ^{10/10}
Just received
letter & cash with parcel
check tomorrow of letter



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Catsackie, N.Y.

Feb. 14/1923

Dear George -
Your letter received yesterday. We thought you wanted a suit to wear to school at once, if you get one for that purpose - he said it is all wool. But if you want to wear the blue suit to school & get a good one for best do so - you would have to pay more for it, I suppose. Perhaps you have purchased already - if so all right. I may not have made it plain in my letter but perhaps not. Here snow last night - pa is pretty nearly disencumbered - still snowing. I wanted to go to the Home Wagon but it looks as if I could not go. Lovingly, Mother.

What do you mean
about dipping for
the beans?
Catsackie N.Y.,
Feb. 15, 1923

Dear George-

It is after ten but I must
pen a few lines to you and enclose
a check - it slipped my mind
earlier in the evening. Harold
has just returned from Literary
Society. They had a debate to-
night and he was on the affirmative
side of the question. Weyers
shall not be abolished - his side
won - America Pau Dunge + Valenta
were his helpers against Burke, Durie
Martin + Anna Schoonmaker. I
did not think H. would do it but
he has really enjoyed it. Likes to
argue anyway, you know - and
says 5 minutes was never so short
and he never had such fun - he
is still talking to Eva about it upstairs.
Glad you succeeded in getting
a suit and hope you will like it.
It ought to be good if it was a \$50 one.
Mrs Halichaus was very kind to go with
you last Saturday.

We are having extreme winter weather
again - very cold & windy - snow has
been drifting for 2 days. Grandpa
has not belted on route since
he had such a bad cold - but
he is feeling better tho he coughs
awful yet. Pa did not go on
Flats yesterday and to-day he
did not leave the Union P.O.
So he got home early about 5:30
I hurried your wash this week
and E. took it to Tompkins Cen-
ter yesterday afternoon so pa
could wash it last night
and I hope you will get it be-
fore Sunday. Get a couple of
Madras shirts if they are reason-
able. I did not see any bar-
gains in Albany, so meant to send
to Chas Wm for some. Harold
had the splints removed last
Thursday so is a normal boy once
more. He & I went to Albany
on Friday on the 8 train for home
5:10. I could not get him a
suit in Dolan's but not a nice

You ought to drop him a letter
or card sometime - I do not
think I wrote him about taking
you out there.

Eva had a very nice letter ye-
sterday from one of your school
mates - Miss Reynolds. She was
very much pleased and will ar-
rive some time soon. I might
she wrote to Woodhead & Ethel. - You
do not come to any conclusion
about her for next year tho' it is
daily conversation. You might
get and a catalogue of Rochester U.
Of course she could not go there
unless she could earn part way -
do you suppose she could earn her
board by helping with house-
work - inquiring of some one. I
want her to teach one year to save
enough for a good start - but she does
not want to wait another year. It is
a great problem & there seems no solving
it. I have just been going for a walk
I have had it 3 nights.
Well, I guess I better go to bed - It is not
home for but all else have retired.
Lovingly, Mother. Will send the card

got one for \$24 in the Beaver.
Got his overcoat in Dulanes for
\$17.75. He did considerable
shopping around - had to go to Evers,
the Empire Store Co. Pickups
and most of the stores on North
Pearl St. He had dinner in
Dulanes and spent several
hours visiting the Capitol and
the Museum in Ed. building.
I thought we would attend a
session of the legislative and
Senate but they were not in
session that afternoon. I was
awfully tired after the trip & had
to spend Saturday morning at
Eva's class were here again all Sun-
day - they are making picture
booklets to illustrate the 23rd volume.
Had a card from Cassin Charlie
yesterday - his ~~name~~ Harry died
and was buried to-day - that was
the one that had been in Detroit &
was now living with them again.

[20 Feb 1923]

Monday P.M.

Dear Mother:

I'm afraid this letter will be short
+ sweet for there's nothing much to
say. I received the mail today. Thanks
for the candy. For some reason or
other the apples are nearly spoiled.
Maybe frozen. You needn't buy me any
shirts. I bought two last week for \$1.15
each a pair.

Yesterday I went to St Pauls
Episcopal Church on East Ave but
was so tired I disgraced myself by
trying to keep awake. It's like a
cathedral so one can't hear the
minister at all if one sits in the
rear.

Sat night. I stayed with the Priest
just for fun. He was sick most
I kept awake but is well again. I had
to take his place.

The University Catalog says girls must
live in dormitories or with friends
or relatives. I was just thinking
tonight that Eva could have my
job next year and I could take Dr
Boatt's. It doesn't expect to be here
next year. She could probably get
a room at Helitau or here some how.
Perhaps we could each get a room
at Helitau. They are much cheaper
than Beiler. Miss Keltner said
tonight she ^{the camp} ~~the camp~~ ^{arrangement} ~~arrangement~~ ^{about} ~~about~~
would suit her alright. Miss
Reynolds says she knows of several
places but all quite a ways a
way and places where she would
have to work harder. She would also
have a very good chance of getting a
scholarship. You will find that
explained in the catalog I'll have sent.
If you don't receive it let me
know. As ever
George

Catsackie N.Y.

Feb. 23, 1923

Dear George -

Meant to write to you last night but it slipped my mind, so I will just scuddle a few lines now before Pa goes. There is not much to write about but I will enclose a check anyway. Was glad to get your letter and it raised Eva's spirits to the seventh heavens. I don't think you would not want her so near you, but it ^{would} relieve my mind greatly to know she was with you and you could initiate her into city life, for I don't know how she will manage alone at first. It would probably be only the first year maybe two - However we haven't received the catalogue yet and can't make any definite decisions - We must cut down the expenses as much as possible - We wish she would consent to stay home & teach one year but she will not listen to it. This week she has been making herself a new brown jersey dress - expects to finish it today so as to wear it to night to a S. S. Entertainment given by Margaret's Class for benefit of New East Fund.

Eva is going to recite. Did you have a
Holiday yesterday? Pa did but Harold
& Milbu did not. Milbu & Ralph Jauren took
Tuesday off & went up to Albany & Green D.
looking for a job in the new Ford plant -
they didn't get it but are going again some
day. Pa has had a dreadful cold for
some time - Many a man would have been in
bed threatened with pneumonia - I did per-
suade him to go to the doctor on Wednesday &
get some medicine & it was good he could
stay home yesterday - I think he is on the mend
but he coughs awful - so do grandpa & Harold.
Pa did not go out at all on Sunday, trying to
recuperate for next day. Yesterday pa painted
the kitchen ceiling - we hope soon to have a new
floor, clean paint & paper. Cold weather hangs
on good & steady, so the snow does not waste &
there is a great quantity in the roads, too - some
water & slush when it starts to melt - guess I'll
stay home then (I do anyway now most of the time)
Harold took me up to church Sunday morning
& I never was colder - I telephoned to Eva not to
come up to S.S. but she came & didn't mind it.
H. went to Darkey Donation last night but M. did
not.

Did you get the studs? I forgot to put him
with the wash. I don't understand why
your wash is so long in getting to you - we
mailed it on Wednesday afternoon. Yes,
the apples must have been frozen for
they were perfect when we packed them. Lucky
they did not stain your clothes. I will not
send again if very cold weather. I hope
the shirts you bought were good ones that
was very cheap if they are good Madras full
color. How do you like your suit? Do
you wear it to school or for best?

Are you thinking of going to Syracuse for
Easter work? Wish you could come home
but it is so expensive for such a few days.

To-day is beautiful again but very cold.
Grandpa helped pa on Wednesday and is
going on the flats again today - then pa can
get home from 1 to 2 hrs. earlier at night.

Mr. Jummell & Mrs. Homer both were
taken to the hospital on Monday both for
operations - I guess they are doing well. Mrs.
Arthur Hallenbeck has scarlet fever - she is in
bad shape the doctor told papa. Francis had
to quit but is better. Poor Beatrice has had

stop her school work - To may prevent her
getting her certificate this year. Do you hear
anything from Ethel? Eva heard that
Bill had told Ethel Van Crumpling that
Ethel was engaged to an Episcopal minister -
I think he was only fooling.

Now I must stop & get busy - Mrs.
Holthaus is very good to help you in these
arrangements I hope she would change
her mind at least till we can make
some decision.

With much love,
Mother.

Cassakin, N.Y.

March 3, 1923

Dear George -

Saturday afternoon and I forgot to send you check yesterday. But Harold is going to take this up direct to be mailed so you will get it Monday. Was glad to get that card on Thursday as I was beginning to think something was wrong. - Did you ever pay the enclosed bill? it came a week or two ago. If not, send stamps in payment or return to me and I will pay it. I wonder why you don't send that hat. I fear Harold will not want to wear it now in the Spring. We are having beautiful Spring weather every day now and the snow is melting fast making very bad roads, of course. Both our homes have cut their fore foots by stepping in the crust but not so bad but pa can drive them. Grandpa has been feeling miserable all week but kept going till to-day when he consented to stay in bed. He had some fever this morning but seems to feel better this afternoon. He thinks it is some inflammation of the kidneys; if he does not get better soon we will have to call Doc tho' that is just what he does not want.

Papa got over his awful cold, fine and would
felt real good if the bad roads did not
get on his nerve so. We will all be glad.
When we can get the old driver out again.
Last night we went out for the 2nd time in
the evening since you were home. It was
the occasion of our annual Ant Meet-
ing. Papa came in about quarter to six
and grandpa went down town with the
mail so we could go. We meant to have a
nice evening - had a good turnout. But M.
Kies was as usual determined to pick a
rumpus with pa & after some hot arguing
he went home Mad - Its bad we must
run up against such business every time
we go to church, it seems. I hope the day is
not far distant when he will move out to his
new stopping place.

You will laugh, I know, when I tell you Eva
and I are living on a reducing diet just
now - she makes out our menu every day ac-
cording to schedule so we get about the right
number of calories of each kind in order to
lessen our weight. I confess I am hun-
gry most of the time, but I am determined
to get rid of some of this superfluous

flabby fat & Lane put on this last year. Perhaps I'll weaken but not yet - of course, the folks all make fun of us and are disgusted, likely you would be too.

Haven't heard from Auntie in a long time. Last she wrote there was an epidemic of scarlet fever and school was closed. She wanted me to visit her Easter week and asked me first to sell or dispose of all her remaining property up at the store. Pa could not bother with it & I did not know how I could, so I suggested to her to come and visit here Easter week & lend to herself and she has not answered. I fear she is displeased. Did we ever write you that she gave Eva that piano up on the Nisbeck farm because the new party there had ordered her to move it. We do not know what to do with it, so have done nothing. Do you think it would sell for 5 or 10 dollars? You are the only one that has seen it and would know about its worth. The man up here told grandpa in the street last week, he would not take it for a gift. Pa says he might go & break it up when he gets time - the wood might

come in useful some time.

I suppose you would like to have your Spring overcoat by the last of this month, but probably you do not have Spring weather as early as we do. I will send it when you say so.

We are much interested in the Anderson affair and read it every day - What a shame to persecute a good man so - He is all right I believe and will yet get the best of them. It was done just at this time to hinder his efforts in the prohibition work at this time. I have heard from Grace in a long time, but probably she is quite worked up over it. I do recognize some names of the workers she spoke of. Thus Mr. Potter was crooked, too.

How is Mrs. Beck's mission? - Letter I hope. Must close now and get to work. Hope you are keeping better hours at night & not overdoing either in work or pleasure. Am still looking for that University Catalogue.

Lovingly,
Worshiper.

[7 Mar. 1923]

Monday P.M.

Dear Mother

I'm writing this on the
street car so you see how
busy I am. I'm going
now ^{to} the Reynolds Library
the largest library here.
It's a private collection
but free to the public.

I have so much to say I
don't know where to begin.
For a while my bank account
was so low I didn't dare
send the hat paper
warning out of money.
I'll try to send it

tomorrow morning,
The knit tie is for
Harold if he wants
it. There was a long
sale of 65¢ for 15¢ tied
in a long sleeve
sweater for 29¢ and
though he'd like one.

Wednesday P.M.
Carol got to the library
but it was closed. For
good reasons except
to be disclosed which
letter is delayed till Wed.

Sunday Feb 25 Miss
Reynolds invited three of
the organ students, including
myself out to her home.

The plays well but he is
 the real Bonnet here.
 He and Bonnet are the
 two greatest in the world -
 as you see I had an ex-
 perience that probably
 won't be repeated for
 many years.

Tonight Chaliapin
 greatest Russian Divo
 sings at the Eastman and
 next Tuesday Kreisler
 plays at Convention Hall.
 I expect to miss them both
 because I can't afford
 them. at present I have
 only 50¢ as please send
 a little extra next week.
 Robin Hood is at the

Eastman this week, I
hope to see it but doubt
if I can except Sat
night and then there
is a piano recital in
Kilbourn Hall to which
the regular students are
admitted free.

I have never payed
the advertising bill. I
am also in closing a
receipt from Eastman school.

I hope grandpa is
feeling better by now.
Don't wait for him
to tell you to get the
doctor.

I have no ideas on the
piano at all. As a musical
instrument it is absolutely
worthless.

Mr Beeler had the coat
taken off a few days ago
so is using her arms
again. Saw Harrod
Did any trouble in
using his?

We are having quite
a lot of snow today
and yesterday. About
six or eight inches
have fallen since
yesterday morning.

Friday night the organ
club had a surprise
party for Mr Bonnet
at the Gleasons. We are
to give him a gold
Eversharp pencil.

You see I went to the Baptist
Temple here Sunday night.

Dr and Mr Warden are the
opponents of the temple
and Mr Clavin but I

don't like either so well.
The church is quite old
and dilapidated. They
are soon to have a new
one the south a commercial
enterprise attached.

Just ^{will} get scribbling
for now.

Must love
you,

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I could not say that day
tell about +33 but went
nevertheless. They have a
very lovely new 18,000 home
in the suburbs of the city
in fact practically in
the country.

Then on Thursday the
organ club met at 7. We
were to have a sing
that night but there
wasn't enough snow left.

Monday night Feb 26
Mr Bonnet gave a recital
in Kilbourn Hall. Since
the seats had been cold
for many weeks he
arranged for his playing
and listening students
to sit on the stage out
of view. In return we

presented him with three
dozen pink roses. I can't
describe ^{on paper} this appreciation

Last Friday he played
practically the same program
to all the students. He
played wonderfully on
Monday night but Friday
he played as I had never
heard him or anyone else
play. He played more
wonderfully than than
I had ever imagined. I
don't think I shall ever
cease to be affected by his
playing ^{on} that day.
When Friday afternoon
Marcel Dupré played a
little for the high students

Catsackie N.Y.

Mar. 9, 1923

Dear George -

I meant to write to you last night but it slipped my mind again. I have been eagerly looking for a letter from you and Pa telephoned to day from Milton that there was one came this morning. He read it & says you are out of money - an awful situation in a strange city. Pa said to send you 8 dollars I happened to have this check signed which I did not use as I expected to on Tuesday. Is this enough to help you out? Let me know if you will need more than \$5 next week.

Had a big snow storm again this week and then a terrible blow blocking all the roads again. Today is beautiful overhead but very cold. I have not put the over coat yet for 2 weeks. I thought it was too cold again for you to wear it yet - also have been very busy as Eva has been sick in bed three days - you know what that means when I have to take all the steps & wait on her, too. There was not much work with the

butchering - the pig was so small - but had to
go thro' the usual process. Duly and pair of sausage
made the head cheese yesterday - only $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Eva is better & aroned to day. We are going
now up to the chapel to a meeting of S. S. Wives
to hear Mrs. Brimmer speak. We also have
lunch up here at supper time & come home at
eight. Grandpa is going to take us up & Pa or
Mama will come afters. We have left
things all ready for supper. To night Eva
is invited to a surprise dinner at Pauline's -
she is going for a little while if not too tired.

Now I guess I've written all the news -
so will stop for it is time to get ready -
clock just struck two & I am due up stairs
7:30 - So Goodbye -

Loveingly,
Mother.

Luke had it before,
Paul had it behind,
Matthew never had it at all.
All girls have it once,
Boys cannot have it.
Old Mrs. Mulligan had it twice
in succession.
Dr. Lowell had it before and behind
and he had it twice as bad behind
as before. What was it?

William Lyon Phelps, professor of English literature at Yale,
popular lecturer and essayist, in his newest book just off the press
says:

"I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men
and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college
course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible.

[12 Nov 1923]

Sunday P.M.

Dear Mother

Your letter and the check received.
Very glad to get both. Did not send the
money yet and haven't yet sent the
last few back of funds. However I
shall send both tomorrow if nothing
happens.

I'm afraid I shall have to have
my glasses changed. My eyes hurt
quite frequently. I have quite a
few head aches and often I
find myself holding my eyes in
furnace with force.

The snow is falling again quite warm
yesterday & today tho' cold last night.
We had a very fine time Friday
night - stayed at the Jeanans till
12:30. Quite a coincidence that
both Eva and I should attend
surprises on the same night.
Yesterday saw Robin Hood.

It was good that I had such a headache and as much trouble to get in, I could enjoy it much. Literally hundreds were crowded in the lobby at 3:00. It took me about 20 minutes to get inside. I had bought my ticket in the morning too. I was only of a few happy ones far above to the farther side of the lobby must have had to wait till 4:00.

Last night there was a Quarto rented in Kithamu Head by Jander was an Hungarian. Regular students get free tickets.

Tuesday is the last day Mr. Bennett teaches. He returns in April or May for a concert.

I didn't have to work today. I had to take dinner to a sick lady in a hospital on the other side of the city. She has been

very sick these a long time. Yesterday
Aime Holihan visited here and
she said dinner from her
boarding place would taste
very good. I had to check it.

Bud's are talking quite a lot about
getting a radio. I think they will.
Mr. Jackson bought one for his
children at Home Trade, Monday AM.

Better send the next week. I'm wearing
my blue suit to school part time
now and it needs some repairing
so I'll have to take it to the tailor.

Look on the left knee of the pants
again. You fixed the hole but left
the other spot.

Time to go now.

Love to all

George.

Look out for the new shirts. Please put
marks on the sleeves.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESSES

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Cesapeake, Md.

Mar. 13/23

Dear Geo. -

Your wash did
not come till this morn-
ing as grandpa is going
to Berlin's Dept. - Will
try to return to morn-
Very mild again - last
night was the first
since mudpedis that
it did not freeze - snow
is disappearing fast.
Will try to send you
to morn. all well
here - Will write letter
later of the work.

Lovingly, Mother.

P. S. In regard to paying for parcels - as you don't know just what it would be, you could either pay a deposit, or borrow the money from Mr. B. till we could send back the next week, or if you rather you say he will send a blank check next time for what purpose, let us know what you prefer. Casackie N.Y.

March 15, 1923

Dear George -

It is all quiet along the Potomac tonight so I can write with ease. Harold has gone to Library, Eva to Pauline's and Wilbur as usual to Jennie. I did not get your mending done yesterday as I wanted to go to the Missionary meeting - it was the Annual meeting and I had not been to one in a year. So I finished the clothes last evening and sent the wash care with you this morning. I also sent your overcoat in a separate box - had to put two shirts in with overcoat as the care was so full. You will miss two collars which I will send later - if you fall short you will have to purchase one or two more. Had some bad luck with the washing this week - the clothes got spotted here & there with grease put on the machine to make it run easier. It would have been easily removed if I had noticed it before pressing clothes thro' the wringer which is a new one and does a thorough job. You may notice the spots on some of your things but I think nowhere where it is noticeable when you have them on. But the two

Collare had spots right on front & I am going to try to bleach them out. - The hat you sent received O.K. on Tuesday but unfortunately it is too small for Harold. - Perhaps he will try to wear it a few times - I don't know. -

Eva had a very nice letter from Mrs. Reynolds to-day. She is very kind to invite her to visit her but I don't see at present how she could. I have never told her what was in that private note you sent me but of course I let her read it. It is very generous offer but we do not think it would be advisable until they were well acquainted. You know Eva is somewhat hard to get along with and when Mrs. Reynolds knows her as you & I do, perhaps she would not be so anxious to have her live in the same house. - I see by the Note Book, she is managing editor - quite a responsibility I should say. I also understand she is taking University work - how does she manage it - I don't understand how some do and you cannot. - I am sure you have had delightful times at the gatherings ~~she~~ spoke of - You must all have got attached to Bonnet & miss him very much. Do you think you gained much by being a listener at his classes? - I wonder why that Catalogue of the University does not come - I am eager to see if Eva could get a ^{scholarship}

I was looking in Auntie's encyclopaedia to night and happened to think to look up the W. of R. of course that is very old but it shows how the College has grown - In 1876-7 there were only 8 professors, 163 students - tuition \$75 - 50 scholarships.

We had a lovely long letter from Mr. Deunaut to-day. He inquired about you - I think some time you ought to write him a newy letter - He is so interested in you & would appreciate it. He has a Radio, too - says there is a man who puts them on for \$15 - I hope Billie's will get one & I wish some time you would learn how to install one cheap - perhaps we could have one then. Mr. Deunaut said Ella Colwell had left him in Jan. she is to be married this spring & is working in Schen. near her future husband.

Auntie has been coaxing me to visit her and on Tuesday I received a very tempting program from her to spend the Easter holidays in N. Y. - then a week in Newtow. I hesitated, because my being away means more work for pa & I do not want to add to his burdens. But we thought perhaps in two weeks, he may be able to use the car tho' the roads are still bad - so today I wrote to her I would go down on Mar. 28. Then to night I got a card from her that the Easter fence scare has increased - 22 cars besides over 50 of wheels - school closed all this week & a general scare

all over the Community - so we think now it
would not be wise for me to go there. -- I
wonder if you are going to Syracuse for
the Easter holidays? What do you have there
before or after? I've forgotten I can't find the Cata-
logue. Pa says you can go if you want to and
then you could go to the same place you did before
to see about your eyes. Or if you are not planning
to go, you better have your eyes tested in Roch. - I'm
sorry you are having head aches - that is not right.
Probably Mrs Butler can recommend you to a
reliable place. I hope it will not cost as much as be-
fore - it ought not because the same frame can be
used. Grandpa took Eva & me to the laundry
this afternoon - the first I have been down I
think since before Christmas. I wanted to have
my hat returned over but the milliner was not in
so I'll have to go again. But we had other errands and
it was a nice ride & a change. If you have an
opportunity to buy a copy of the American Boy for
this month you might send it to Harold - he does want
it so much. I did not renew subscription - Am trying
to get William to pay half - Auntie has never offered to pay for
this year. I know other of buying a car - would it that make
you laugh? He has been saving up this winter - is doing well
& sporting little but I don't know where the money is being
kept - he gives me \$4 for board etc. - \$4.50 for board clothes
every week that he gets from 12 to over 15. Lovingly Mother.

March 18, 1923.

Dear Mother;

I hope that you have been having as beautiful a day as (have we). It has been simply glorious. Mr. Pratt and I went to Genesee Valley Park this afternoon--the big park south of the city, where we went the Tuesday you were here. Quite a few more persons were out than I expected to see. Mr. Pratt set us off the car about where we stopped to ask the lady where the park was. I was sure we were wrong but after we got off we couldn't get back on the car so we had at least a mile and a half to walk.

Mr. Bonnet left Thursday. Although I wasn't present at his departure I was told that several of the girls cried. For the last few days before he left he couldn't turn around without someone asking him to come back. I really think we have had enough effect upon him so that he will come back next year--at least he doesn't so vociferously decline to return as he did when he came. He gave the teachers and pupils of the Organ Department a beautiful oil painting upon his leaving. He returns in April to give another lesson and perhaps a recital. He will at least play for us then. Last Wednesday he, Mr. Gleason and Mr. Harrison with some of us students went up on the roof of the Eastman School and had some snapshots taken. He also had his picture taken with his playing students in Kilbourn Hall.

Yesterday the Competition Contest was held in Kilbourn Hall. It was very interesting--forty nine compositions were submitted. There were four classes and eight prizes. One of the classes was Childrens compositions and they were very good. Miss Truelove simply and plainly killed mine. Not that I expected to win a prize but I would have at least liked to have it decently played. The prizes were five dollar gold pieces.

I received the packages and letter yesterday as well as an additional letter and card. That is more mail than I have ever received in one day in Rochester. I think the new washer must be particularly efficient for the handkerchiefs seem cleaner than ever.

Last Wednesday evening the New York Symphony Orchestra played a very program in the Eastman Theater. This week Mme Calve--great French contralto--sings. I haven't yet got my ticket but I hope to go.

Last Friday evening Mr. Pratt took me to East High School to the Senior Class play--The College Widow. It was very good. He is Dramatic critic for the Post-Express.

Next Tuesday I expect to start to attend the rehearsals at St. Pauls Episcopal Church of Mr. Harrison's Chorus which will give Bach's St. Matthew Passion in May. Although I don't expect to sing much the training will be good. I came very near getting an organ position this week but Mr. Gleason advised me not to take it for if I did I would have to work so hard to keep it that I wouldn't get any-

thing else done. The jobs generally pay about ten dollars a week and if I can and Mr Gleason advises it I think I'll try to get one this summer. I have no job in sight yet but Mrs Beeler has said she knew some^{one} to speak to-- a florist I think. If I could get a church position too I would like to get a half day job. Do you think it would be good to advertise soon so. I don't know whether I shall go to Syracuse Easter or not but I probably won't go for more than a day for I haven't been invited and you know I wouldn't invite myself. I might visit Mr Pratt a couple of days and go with him one day, I don't know.

I suppose you saw in the papers that Chancellor Day is dead.

I don't know what to say about my eyes. I hate to go to an oculist and I hate to let my eyes go. If they get any worse I'll send for a blank check.

I have quite a few chances to^{see} Mrs Calthrop lately. She has been attending the Bonnet classes.

I am acquiring a surprisingly large vocabulary of useless words--which interpreted means that I am reading or trying to read The Descent of Man by Darwin. I think we are supposed to read it all but if I wade through the first 250 pages I shall feel satisfied. There are 750 in all.

I think you will notice that the paragraphs are diminishing in size which means I am running out of material. I wonder if this letter will show you why I don't write more frequently.

I am very sorry to hear that you can't go to Newton. It seems something comes up every time. But I shouldn't want you to run the risk of getting scarlet fever or messels. I hope you can go before Summer.

I visited the hospital again today so didn't have to do any dishes this afternoon. This will be the last time though for the lady is nearly well.

I hope this letter is more legible than previous ones. Congratulate grandpa on the fact that his birthday is also Mr Bonnets.

With love to all,

George

P.S. I have just read your letter again and find it's the wrong which is new. Anyhow the handwriting looked clearer this week.

I have vacation from April 2-9. I have bought a copy of the American Boy which I will read with the whole next Set.

Catsackie N.Y.

March 23, 1923

Dear George-

I s'pose it is time to send a check again so here goes a few lines. Your last letter was appreciated - I wonder where you found the typewriter. We are having fine Spring days now tho' the first of the week was very windy. Grandpa & Mill Paulow laid a new kitchen floor yesterday - I was in bed all day and did not get up to-day till ten o'clock. Auntie went to Ravena to see Elwood yesterday afternoon. Not much news to write as I guess Eva wrote it all the other day. It seems good to hear the robins & other birds. Roads are getting some better tho' there is still plenty of snow on the hills. Pa had his last sleigh ride Wednesday and is now using a wagon. Milton took the car up to the garage last night to be put in order, but pa says it will be two weeks or more before he can use it. It might be expected to bring the incubator down in the play room & get ready to start on Sunday.

We are wondering how & where the organ position -
that is how you got it & where it was? It seems early to
adventure for summer job, but you will have to use
your own judgment - perhaps one will turn
up without advertising. Can Mr. Stearn get you
the organ position? Would you be able to practice
at the Eastman School during the summer? I
do want you Lane but know it is best for you to
earn some money & there doesn't seem to be any
chance here. I wouldn't debate if I were you
to write Frances you were going to visit them that
is if you want to - for they invited you last sum-
mer when we were there. Don't neglect your eyes -
that won't pay.

Harold has just come home & I want to
send this down to Touppin's mail box. I will
send check for \$5 - if you are going away be-
fore next Saturday write & let us know how
much you need - Well I must stop so good-
bye.

Lovingly,
Mother.

[Mar. 27, 1903]

Tuesday P.M.,

Dear Mother -

This note will be short tho' I'm afraid I can't vouch for its sweetness.

Nevertheless I hope it will be so.

Darst yet the idea that I'm in a melancholy frame of mind. You may judge my frame of mind when I say I have just written a minuet

Yesterday A.M. I went to St. Pauls Episcopal. I'm in the chorus that will give Bachs St. Matthew Passion there in May. The organist of St. Pauls is the leader. We rehearse on Tuesday nights.

This afternoon Mr. Mac Kays my piano teacher gave a recital in Hillman Hall. It was the first I had heard him really play. He plays wonderfully. I would be taught as well.

Please make the check this week
large enough so I may stop this
hand to mouth existence I've been
having since I bought my suit,
It's quite a bit too hectic to be
pleasant.

This Wednesday the Director Phil
Larmann Architects (outgrowth of
the Eastman Theatre Architects) makes
its debut in the Eastman.

Last Wednesday I heard Emma
Cplai, She was wonderful considering
her age - she is 62. One knows her
more for what she was than what she
is.

Typewrote the letter on Mr Pratt's
typewriter.

Last night we received four inches of
snow about half of which disappeared
today.


Its 10:30 so I'll stop and go to bed.

10:30 receiving this letter
with result of 57 not meant
7.

With love to all
George

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Catsaekie W.V.

Mar. 28, 1923

Dear George -

I am sending
back to day - did not return
the articles I thought you did not
need - apples all most gone
so there are not very choice.
Hope to bleach clothes as soon
as the grass grows - Do not
send any more papers to Cluette
she does not want them, she
said. She left on 8 A.M. train
Sunday. Wish you would
make a special effort to
get a University Catalogue
and mail it at once. I am
anxious to find out about
those scholarships. Quite time
try air - yet but chances of being
are apparent more & more each
day. I am wondering what your
plans are for next week. Look
for a letter from you to day.
Lovingly,
Mother.

Cassackie N.Y.
Mar 29 1920

Dear George:-

They say it is my turn to write, so I suppose I'll have to make a try at it. I have been so tired and weary nights lately that I have done very little reading or writing. I received a nice long letter from Mr. Dummer but have not answered it yet.

Yesterday was the coldest day this winter to be out and last night the thermometer was from 2 to 6 below zero. I haven't been so cold this winter at any time. The snow is nearly gone and the roads are very good indeed. Could run the car but am in no hurry. In fact it's in the garage being fixed up. I guess it's done now. I sent to Whitcomb Ward & Co for a battery \$11.90

I have started the incubator and have bought another brooder. I want to build another brooder house next week, if I don't get time I'll get Will Parslow for a day. Wilbur and Harold are batted out tonight. Wilbur has gone to Catskill and Harold to a Literary Society meeting. School closed today for the Easter vacation. Wilbur makes very good wages at the Talon Works but is very discontented.

I wish he might get something that he likes to do and ^{that} pays well.

Aunt Sarah left us on Sunday after an eventful week with the things at the store. She finally got about \$12 out of it. The rest of that stuff grandpa has brought down here for firewood. We have come to the conclusion that we will get no help from her for Eva's education. She is very much concerned about when she shall go but never a word about paying part of the bill. I don't know what we would have done if you had not

found the dishwashing job. It certainly
is quite a problem. This money question.
Of course it went at all certain that Eva
will go to school this fall but I hardly
know how we can swing it. I've been
thinking if it were possible for you to
borrow some money on your own respon-
sibility. Not a large sum, but \$200 or some-
thing like that. I don't believe Auntie would
ever lend any more. I am enclosing a
clipping from the "Teteray" which explains
itself. I think that it is worth looking
into. You never can tell you might get
some help. We didn't realize that you were
so short of funds. We are all short out
here we are getting used to it. Will send
you check for \$50 this time. Forgot to tell
that we had a donation at the church for
the church repairs and it netted \$135.
Well I guess I've said about all for this time
don't worry maybe something will turn up.

I guess I'll stop now and maybe you
written will write some more in the
morning. With Love
Father

Dear George -

I cannot add much to what pa has
written. I felt sorry you had been cramped for money,
and it worried me when I read your letter, but I thought
we had been sending on the average as much as usual
and you had not complained. I think you better
write about that "15 million" - explain the circum-
stances - that you must get help because we must now
help you sister - & would not be a bad idea to mention
that you are helping yourself to the extent of leaving your
board. Eva & I went to the Laundry yesterday
to do some necessary shopping - We rode in lumber
tray in with pa & pa to the street & then walked down
& waited while back with pa. It was awful cold,
and is yet this morning. - Well I must get
to work - she old grind becomes menotorious, but
must keep at it - there's a good time coming, what do you
say? Hope you have a pleasant vacation - How did
you were coming home, but - Lovingly, Mother.

FIFTEEN MILLIONS FOR MUSIC STUDENTS—One thousand a year for help to a musical education is the incentive held out to "needy" and "worthy" students, but the bait is hedged about with conditions, however, that admit not much free play to "temperament." That is temperament in the sense popular with "artists." The Juilliard Foundation, of 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which controls the bequest of an old New Yorker in the interests of musical education, has at last begun to function, and has issued a statement through its executive secretary, Dr. Eugene Allen Noble, of the course necessary to be followed by students desiring to participate in the benefits of this fund. American birth or citizenship seems to be the primary consideration, next to musical talent or aptitude. "Serious, promising and needy" are the qualifications looked for in the student. Neither sex, color, nor religion will stand as a deterrent. *Musical America* reprints the statement, from which we take these extracts:

"Serious, promising and needy students of music who may be selected are eligible for the benefits of the Foundation, irrespective of sex, color or religion. They must be able to demonstrate their fitness to cooperate with an organization that seeks to serve a cause rather than to assist persons.

The purpose of the Foundation is to render a social service through music, and applications will be investigated primarily to determine the fitness of individual students to cooperate in such a service. Decisions arrived at as a result of investigation will obtain for one year, and applications that are declined in any year may be renewed subsequently.

"The Foundation will direct its beneficiaries where and with whom to study. The need of music students, as that need is understood by the Foundation in connection with the purposes, ~~composes~~ the main statement that while the preferences of applicants will be considered, the decision of the Juilliard Musical Foundation concerning where and with whom its beneficiaries are to study rests with the Foundation. In some instances a course of study in a school may be more desirable than training with a private teacher, and vice versa, but the final decision in each instance will be made by the Foundation in accordance with its purposes and objectives.

"For the present no applications will be considered from persons not of American birth or citizenship.

"The Foundation will provide a grant for a single year at a time, and the maximum amount granted to an applicant will be \$1,000 for one year."

The original ten million left to the Foundation are to be swelled by five million more, so it is said, "as soon as some legal technicalities are disposed of." "The trustees declare," observes *The Nation* (New York), "they have been quite overwhelmed by the applications that have poured in upon them from every direction, so that, as the director phrases it, they have been hard put 'to find stable-room for hobby-horses,' and so have reached no definite conclusions."

[5 Apr. 1923]

Thursday, Am.

Dear Mother:

I had my eyes examined yesterday after focusing about 20 minutes he got the same combination I had in my glasses. He says my present glasses cannot be improved for long distance but that for close work they are not alright. My eyes have instead of 10 only $5\frac{1}{2}$

diopeters or degrees of accommodation. This is due to the flu, close work and artificial light.

He is going to lend me a pair for a week or two and see if he can get my eyes into such a place that one pair of glasses will be sufficient.

If he can't do that I'll have to have two pairs, one pair being the ones I already have.

The first way will cost \$10-12, the second \$15-16.

I made the check out to Mrs Beecher for \$12 and numbered it 1000 so you'll recognize it when it comes.

We had a very nice Easter but very cold. It has warmed up much since and rained considerably last night.

I have been practicing some this week - organ Wed and Tues for I had an organ lesson Tues. P-M. I didn't practice yesterday but expect to resume the rest of the week. We have to pray for all

we practice this week - 20¢ per
lb for sugar and 6¢ per lb for
peas.

I have known about the
'15 million' for a long time and
have already written three
times. I have had one answer
and am awaiting another.

One girl here in school got
\$300 this year.

Sunday morning I went to
the Third Presbyterian Church.
I don't like it there but it's
near. In the evening I went
to Grace Methodist way up by
Driving Park Ave bridge
(the very high one.) One of
the fellows from school
lead the orchestra there
which took part in the
services.

I'm waiting on table again
this week for Mr. Pratt has gone
home.

Last night I went to the
last concert in the Eastern
Theatre this year. It was
by the Festival Chorus
and Eastern Theatre societies.
It was very fine for semi-
professional chorus.

Well my writing is getting
at the end & it's better so
that it can be read so I'll
stop.

With love

George.

Catsackie, N.Y.,

April 7, 1923

Dear George -

How the time flies -
forget last night it was time for
another check - Beautiful Spring
weather now - Pa is going to take
the car to day for the first time -
he worked on it all last evening
so as to get it ready - He sent for
a battery to Montgomery Ward -
several weeks ago but it has not
showed up yet so we can't use
the car at all till it comes.

Donald called yesterday
afternoon. I was all ready to go
down town to a meeting at Miss
Brandow's, so I did not see him
only a few minutes but he stayed

till 5.30. They plan to go to the
mine hill to morrow. I think
he is taller than ever - He rode
home in a car with Parker &
his room-mate from Catskill.

Your letter received last
night. I think you ought to
have reced this work in-
stead of practicing so much -
I have been home sick for fun
all week. I had word on
Wednesday that Uncle Chas.
was very ill & hoped I would
go down - I could not go
now but wrote I might be
able to go later - havent heard
anything more so am just
waiting to hear from Auntie.
Now perhaps I can't go at all
so Eva has been offered a chance

the same as ever except that
he actually seems more
lengthy. In stature I mean.
I played Doctor & Pauline last
night. He was sick and I took
some medicine down and took
his temperature.

In trying not to be excited
about teaching a few weeks.
It would mean I would have to
have a wheel which I've been
aching for ever since I have
learned his. Perhaps if I could
save \$100 I could go to Lincoln
school and teach next year.

I saw Ethel only about five

minutes after church. He didn't
seem to be very anxious to go out
so I did see her again.

The spring vacations are
very much spread out. Charles
& Barbara went back Monday and
Nelson Ruckmeyer won't come
home until sometime next
week.

I simply can't write this
morning, my hand slides all
over.

Sybil asked about you
last week when I saw her. She
is right in the swing of college
society already. I'm thinking.
She was wearing a comical
pin and had great tales to tell.

This is just a postscript for
you. Lovingly, Pa.

to teach till vacation and
just beyond Union. If she is
away I will have to find
the fountain of youth again
and pitch in for all I'm worth.
There seems to be enough work
here for 3 women. I think pa
intends taking E. out to see
the trustee this afternoon. I
shall miss her help but she could
have probably \$100. I am
glad ^{to} write about that money
and I see no reason why you
should not get help as well as
anyone else. Keep it till you do.
Harold has been home this ^{week}
Wednesday. Will Parlow was here
and built a chicken house ^{8x8}
Grandpa & H. have been trying to
finish it.

Harold went to the Senior's dance
Thursday night. He had to furnish
a cake so I made one. It was
a stormy night & I tried to persuade
him not to go but he went. Ralph
Jensen has gone with Harvey J.
today down to B. J. to bring back
a new Ford car he has bought.
W. is crazy to get a car but of
course he can't.

Now I must get to work.

Loveingly
Mother.

Dear George,

Did I think about
you a very great deal this week,
and I meant to claim the privilege
of writing you the week, if only
you had got ahead of me. I guess she
has said everything. D. J. is dead.

Catsackie N.Y.
April 13, 1923

Dear George

I am a day late again with my letter but the time goes so quickly, I cannot keep up with my duties. I do not know just how much to send you, but as cash is rather slack, or rather true since so much demand for it just now, I will send \$5. - E. we know if you need have more than that next week. Received your card and am looking for a letter: We have two University, Cat. now - I see nowhere why E. could not get a \$150 scholarship - but for various reasons we cannot make plans yet. Today she had the blues & said she guessed she didn't want to go away, but that is only a temporary feeling, I think. It looks as if she will begin teaching Monday - the trustee hired her last Saturday & on Tuesday, Mr Perry called & told her to begin Monday if she didn't hear from him. It is going to be some job to get her out every day - We have advertised in Recorder for a Red Hand Wheel - by least failing me when I think of taking all the steps here - but I

have made as my mind to do what I can without
hurting myself & let the rest go - Will try to get some
one to help houseclean. Have purchased from
Pearl Roebuck Co. paper for spare room & kitchen
but can't tell when it will get put on. Mr Leigh has
promised to come next week but probably pa
will try to do the kitchen himself. The incubator
hatches out Sunday & tomorrow we expect 50
little chickens from Cairo. - As usual there is a
rush of outdoor work so it will be hard to get
much help from the men in the house for a while.
On Monday Pa & I went over to Cooper's - they are
living in the Lampman mansion until their
new house gets built. It is some house, immense
rooms and all old fashioned furniture but
looks like new, so highly polished. We got
started for Catskill Tuesday at 3.30 & picked
Harold up over at State Road. Our main pur-
chase was a long pair pants for H. for school -
he has rebelled at wearing shorts ones any more.
Got some goods for a shirt for Eva & she has it all
made - it is to wear to school. I bought a hat too,
for my best - Had my blue one trimmed over for
me. We got home at 7 o'clock & then H. had to
hurry off to a debate at high school. Myself & H.
have gone to a CE Social tonight in Chapel -

It has been beautiful weather all week but is very cold & windy again today. Pa, Grandpa & I went out to clinic at an errand before supper. Have not yet received the battery from Montgomery Ward - guess we'll have to get one some where else. Yesterday Grandpa took Eva over to see Mrs Clausen at school - she wanted to get a few points but doesn't think she got anything new.

Well Charlie has been very ill - guess he had a stroke from what Uncle Frank writes. He is in the hospital & tho' he is improving will be here a week or more yet. Nick jr would send him a postal address St Mary's Hospital, Hoboken. - I will not be able to go down to the city now before summer any way & perhaps not then. - Have been rather blue this week but beginning to feel better. Had a lively S. S. meeting last night all over the Women & Daughters Banquet in May - Mrs Brink & Margaretta's classes are concerned and as they don't hit very well - it is hard to have harmony. It is also hard to write here for though the boys are gone, the others are taking a blue streak & I cannot collect any thoughts.

Have you heard anything more from the
\$15000000? Eva is making posters & signs
for Childrens Week - Apr 15-22 - Remember the
pageant last year? Nothing doing here
this year but there is to be a County Wide Rally
of Childrens Division Mykles at Leeds next
Friday. I had hoped that Eva could go but how
I could she can't. I don't see how I can either
but I'd like to. - Milton is going to start on
a trip some where toward New York, to morrow
afternoon returning Sunday night or Monday
morning - I suppose that Pa Couley go too but he
doesn't tell any particulars - I am so tired of this
secretary business. - I'll guess I've written
enuf - I'm awful tired & must still make out a
Chas. Mm order. - I forgot to send the Litterans in
the trash but will try to send them separate. Hope
you got the trash all OK.

Lovingly,
Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Apackie N.Y.,
April 29, 1973

Dear Ges.

I'm just
a justice as Eva says
she is going to write you
a letter to night. She has
been teaching all week
and goes at it as she
does every thing so she
is quite tired. This
is a beautiful Spring
day really warm - just
Friday morning the ground
was covered with snow.
I wanted to go to Leeds
to-day to a S.S. Rally
but could not for
several reasons.
He is ready to go now
So Good bye.
Lorngly, Mother.

Saturday 3 P.M.
Dear Geo. [21 Apr 1923]

I forgot to enclose
check in Eva's letter so
am sending it in separate
envelope so you'll not be
disappointed Sunday.

Grandpa is going down
town now to the telephone
meeting - hope you will
not forget to sign it. If
he does you'll have to re-
turn it. Very warm
today - we all feel very
lazy - I guess E. has
gone to bed - I must
go finish the dishes
now - Grandpa is ready
to go. Lovingly, Mother.

Catsackie, N.M.

April 28, 1923

Dear Geo-

Wanted to write
last night but was not
able. Dinner is ready
& we are waiting for pa.
It has been very dry here
but this morning we
had a heavy thunder
shower and now it is
dark and rains by spells.
Grandpa & Harold are
cutting up some wood
they got cart made out to
the woods. Pa has
his onion seed planted
not a very big patch also
some radishes, etc. Haven't

got the front bed room to
rights yet as pa does not
get the time to varnish the
floor - perhaps he will do it
to day. We had to go to
Catekill Thursday to a
S. S. Meeting - so that I spoke
working that day.

Wass Wheel has come - it
is a beauty - blue - She hasnt
used it yet but expects to on
Tuesday. On Monday she
must attend conference in
Catekill expects to go with a
party from High School in
Hubbard's Car.

Now I want to know
is it necessary for you
to sit at the organ 4 hrs.
in succession? I should

think that was very tiresome
and hope you do not do
it often. Have you

found your summer
cap? There is a pair
of tan (dark) silk socks here
& I wonder if they are yours
they have been around a
couple of months. I didn't
think Wilbur had any
but haven't asked him.

I wish you would not
work so steady or try to do
so much - I don't think
you ought to be busy or an
the whole time. If I were
rich I would run up &
see you for a few days -
but alas! When my ship
comes in, I will do that.

Hope you have good
success with the fund - that would be fine
wouldn't it? Eva went
to see Everett Swabout
about the school - she said
Francis wants it next year.
I think Mrs E. could stay
where she is, if she wants to.
However she still clings to
the idea of going to Roch.
I don't know what will
be done. Haven't heard a
word more from or about Uncle
Chas. Funtle wrote she was
going to see him to day.
Will see you - take care
of yourself. When are you
coming home?
Lovingly, Mother

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schoeck,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Wednesday Morning
Dear George
Received
yours handay, returning it
this morning. Been very
cool all week - but was very
hot Saturday - have not
started heat again - using
oil stove. Do you want
the pictures returned now
I know you want to keep
them they are very good.
Wags wheel has not come
yet. Pa takes her out & she
came back with Ann ^{Caughy}
getting home about 5 o'clock.
Pa is going to start planting
garden today - if you mind
one or two articles, I am
keeping them to mend.
Loveingly
Mother.

[May 1, 1923]

Monday evening.

Dear Mother,

It hardly seems two weeks since I wrote a letter. I'm sorry it's so long but I've been working so hard lately that all I can do evening is to go to bed.

You needn't return the brown pictures. I have another set. I only wanted Mrs. Dwight to see them. Perhaps she can sometime.

Will Paes orange trees very good Sunday morning as I didn't go to breakfast. It was very juicy and sweet.

If you know where the paper partent (I guess that's the way to spell it) tape and holders are you might send them with the work next time! I have a large

picture of Mr Bonnet and
his pupils I would like to
frame.

Mr Bonnet returned Thursday
for a short visit. He left
Rochester yesterday and sails
for Paris next Saturday.

Several of us had a long
talk with him Saturday
Even.

How is grandpa now, I hope
he feels all well again. This
June weather might be
a jee with him. It was
very fine here yesterday
but cloudy & showery here
today.

I'm sorry you sent the
watch if you need it. I
think I'll bet you send it.
I'll wrap it up and put
it with the next week.

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and tell you what to say,
you will have to fill in
some data perhaps. I
might better have the
money than the watch
if its going to act up every
two or three months.

Dont worry about my game
hours on the sugar island,
I dont get a chance to do
it very often.

The socks are not mine
I cant find my say but
the less said much as it
wasnt at all new and
was quite faded, I saw
Jim once, I left it home,
I was in house at some
time and didnt bring it
back. Now that I've just
written that I reflect and
remember that I didnt bring

it back for I remember
having it wrapped up in
the store when I brought
my new one. Maybe I'll find
it yet but I don't know
where.

I probably won't hear
any more from the Tuller
part a couple of months.

I probably won't be home
till the first of Sept (perhaps
the smelting works) if you
can spare me that long
if I can get a job immediately
after school. I think I'll
have to advertise. I'm
going to try to get a half
day job so I can do
some practicing for I
can't sit up completely
during summer.

The Clamson spoke
here at a men's dinner
recently but I didn't
think I could find a
dollar to hear him.

Canon Daye also spoke
but I omitted him for
the same reason.

Last Sunday we got D
had a lecture again.
I never heard him speak
with such defiance and
determination.

I think we will have a
meeting of the Argon Club
this week. He probably will
go to the theater and then
then the argon after
the 7 o'clock show. That
will mean home by
two o'clock probably.

Last Saturday morning
the organ tuner took a
few lessons then the practice
begins and the lessons
and the Harrison's studies
again.

I've given up singing
in the Harrison's choir.
It's to develop in a large
permanent organization
requiring the services
a week practice. I have
said off and then. I
and organizations are
never find professional
musicians unless for
they don't have the time.
Also we have to furnish
our own dresses for
the concert and I
want and said off
that.

I hope Eva is getting on well with her teaching. The better days are another year yet. By that time something probably will turn up.

I wrote Mr. Dumont a white egg and he has invited me to visit him again.

I received two complimentary tickets to a semi-professional vocal recital tomorrow evening. I don't expect to go however. Who am I that I should get complimentary tickets? This is getting pretty long for me tho' probably you could have it ramble on much

longer if you could read
it. If it stops and
wastes a part of your
days or other better to
see Rebekah.

One of the students
here - a student of Mr. Bassett
and now of Gleason and
Hammond (matriculated)
is trying to get the job of
organizer in the Capital
in Pittsfield. We thought
that might be Helton Miller
new teacher. Do you know.
If she does I think I'll
write to Jennie about her
so she'll know some
one to go to. She from
Terra Haute Ind. will
have no name and
nothing in Pittsfield.
Her name is Joe Mungler.
Will love Guss.

Dear Sir,

Last Sept. I purchased
a Buren watch of you for
\$ — ? About 15 cents
remembers whether before or
after (was) the clock
spring broke and I returned
it to you you fixed it
free of charge. The clock
spring has again broken.

If there could be put in
a clock spring that
will last at least
two or three years I
would rather have
you return my money.

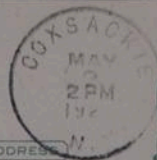
Now after what you
write you can see

what you please. This
is only a suggestion
but I would much
rather have the money
than the watch for
a cheap one is more
dependable. —

Yr.

P.S. I just dropped my
watch and its broken
Forget all about it.
I'll return Harold's and
buy an Ingersoll. You
remember I was very
insistent last Sept that
I wanted an Ingersoll or
something of that sort.

Yr.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Wednesday, May 9/23
Dear George:-
Returning back
to-day - did not see plants
nor match in cage - didn't
you send them? Emma & pa
and I are going to the Peter's
funeral this afternoon -
Mr. Dymowski is to preach -
perhaps he will come here.
I don't know. The
country looks beautiful
just now - we are the best
selling strawberry plants -
I think pa said between
\$4 thousand - he is used
cutting asparagus - some job
as there is more than ever.
Rain last night & cloudy &
showery to-day. Eva has
a school if she wants it
that means she will have
to go to Albany Normal for
she works this summer. I
must try to get some help
for I get so tired with all the
work - all well & here as
usual. Lovingly, Mother.

Catskill N. Y.,

May 5, 1923

Dear George-

So crowded here for
time, no chance to write. Many letters
your letter & card received this week.
It is real warm here now and
Spring work is booming for fair. Dig-
ging & selling strawberry plants here &
consumed much of grandpa's &
Pa's time this week. A da card from
Florence to day, that they are coming
for some to-morrow. The last of
the tomato plants have been trans-
planted so the windows are free of
boxes again. At last the spare
room is to rights and I actually
cleaned the store room all alone.
But it is hard work trying to keep up
with meals & cleaning all alone.
Eva has had an ever so fatiguing
work - she does not feel good
to-day. She attended Conference
at Catskill on Monday which
was rather fatiguing. School
Meeting Tuesday night made
a change of Justice to a union school
& snowed out who was ever to

engage Eva for next year hiring a Greenville
High School girl instead. I was in hopes she could
get the Van Schaack School but Everett is trustee &
he has hired Francis Swartout. Wilton, Cleveland &
Roberts Hill are all engaged. Scudder's district
is still open - saw the trustee last night but he was
non committal - anyway it is a large hard
school & not convenient of access. All the
Members has been wearing & trying on our nerves.
However I am not worrying & here in hopes that
E. may go to college in Sept. -

On Wednesday I attended the funeral of Mrs.
Horne who died very suddenly on Sunday night.
Another sudden death yesterday of Mrs Ed. Hallenber.
Great excitement here all week over the Jeter case
trial on Catskill - the poor boy was found guilty
yesterday & sentenced to the electric chair. I
have been much interested in the kidnaping
of little Verner of Schen. - so glad he is found -
I see one of the abductors lived in Rochester.

Last Sunday we called over at Labels -
When we got back found Fred Brooks & family
gone - also that Page had been gone.
I am so tired all the time I care little about
going anywhere. Last night after going over
to see Regie (trustee) we did go to a C. E. Rally in
2nd Church - It was well attended & very good but

We were both too tired to enjoy it.
Was somewhat annoyed
one evening when Milton came
home with a new hand motor
cycle - he said he had bought
it, but it has not appeared here
again & he is very mum about it.
Poor Jessie looks like the last
rose of summer - she has tuberculosis.
I feel sorry for both the silly kids.
Harold's birthday was uneventful
except for usual cake. You card
to him was real cute. Did you
find your cap yet? Do you have
to work so hard? Don't you think
you are overdoing? Set up some
Grandpa seems to feel good but Jennie
is working too hard - he seems so
tired nights but he keeps cheerful.
I missed the smelling salts at your
news - I do want to see you but must
give in to what you deem best. But
I feel you ought not to try to practice
much during the summer - other
don't they worry you? - Will I never
do some wonderful work in my most
supper time? So glad you keep well.
Auntie has been under the doctor's
care but is better.
With much love - Mother.

THURSDAY

October

25

Envy not greatness; for thou makest
thereby
Thyself the worse, and so the distance
greater.
Be not thine own worm; yet such jealousy
As hurts not others, but may make thee
better
Is a good spur.—*George Herbert.*

L. B. Roper & Company, N. Y.

You must let me
know when you
need more than
\$5

[May 11, 1923]

Thursday P.M.

Dear Mother:

It hardly seems possible
that it's time for another
mother's day but they say
it is. It only seems like

yesterday that I wrote you
last year from Syracuse.
Time seems to go so fast.

Only about three or four
weeks to examinations.

I guess I won't have any
plans or organ examination
for I haven't heard
anything about it. I'm
getting along fairly well
my organ now but still
have quite a little to do
to finish a year's work

because I went as slow
last fall.

I don't know whether
I told you that in Feb.
I complained to Mr
Klingenberg that Mr
MacDabb was ^{not} giving me
in pieces what I needed.
I asked to change teachers
but he wouldn't let
me. However he talked
to Mr MacDabb and things
have been going better
since. To day Mr MacDabb
told me I had improved
much in three months.
He also told me again
he wished I could do
more pieces for him
capable of more than
I wanted to know of

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I could work at it some
this summer evening I
had to substitute a teacher
told him I would
and probably could
do quite a little after
summer school because
I think I'll leave again
all alone for six or
eight weeks before fall.
However I must do
something to keep my
technic going and in
proving he still try
to do some piano. I
know you think it sounds
foolish but it isn't. I
told him what you thought
but he agreed with
me. You know the
more I meet the

Further I get and
quicker I get to a
certain point where the
money will come in
altho I get a job this
summer I want be able
to save much money
if any. if I go to summer
school but its so I
said above and I also
hope to get something
from Trullier altho I
may not know about
that for a couple or three
months yet. Dont worry
tho' because I might
just as well study the
time is another. I've
been working harder
than ever the last two
or three weeks and
feel better than ever.

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Spark seems to agree
with me. I get dreadfully
tired so much so that
I can hardly do the
dishes at night but I
get up every morning
fresh and eager to get
back to school so you
see I'm not getting
run down.

It has been very fine
here but cold yesterday and
today. Some snow both
day and frost last
night. The magnolias
are practically spoiled.
They were not yet in full
bloom.

Has Eva written to Miss
Reynolds recently? She
thinks Eva has decided

not to write again. I
course she doesn't have
to but if she intends to
should do so.

No I did not send any parts
this week. I've been wearing
my suit a great deal
lately because the seam
of my sweater has partly
gone thru. Miss Halber
said she would fix
it but hasn't done so
yet. Neither did I send
the watch because I didn't
have time or money to
get another one. I haven't
found my cap yet
because I haven't
had time to look for
it. I also must straighten
up my table and copy
up my botanical notes

back soon altho I
don't know when I
shall feel like going
after supper.

Mr. Jackson has started
a church class for his
pupils. We are studying
the Bible, praying and spiritual
gifts of church work.

There will be several
recitals within the next
six weeks to which ad-
mission is free. They
will be in the hall
held by graduates and
other students, also the
school orchestra - chorus.
The chorus will also
sing at the University
commencement in
the theatre.

Well I guess I've written
enough for one letter.
Don't want to bore.
Enjoy yourself Sunday,
and know I shall be
thinking of you.

With love to all

George.

P.S. you might send six dollars
next week for my rubbers
have your cut and I wear out
more shoe leather in one
raining day than the cost
of a pair of rubbers.

What gift has Eva got?
The better kind of the
chickadee wants it. For
if you can keep me going for
whether you I probably
would be able to nearly
keep myself

Essexie, N.Y. May 12/23

Dear George -

Saturday afternoon
after four and four letters and check
have been neglected again. Don't worry
You were worried last week - few
ought to have received it Tuesday
morning for it was mailed Monday A.M.
I meant to send it to Albany with Florence
but they did not intend to go there as their
way home. I hope this can go out
next night as pa must go up ^{you} ^{before} ^{either}
before either. Eva went up to help
in the kitchen for Margaret's banquet.
She would not combine with Mrs.
Bump's class, so the latter will have
one Monday evening. I was not in-
vited for today. I could not have gone
if I had been. It is raining you see all
day & not at all pleasant.

Your letter Thursday received at
noon today and I was so glad to get
it. In fact I felt sure I would get it if
yes the time slips by very rapidly. When
one is so busy. I have had a working day
an evening for some time. For I have
been searching for a suitable article to
read at the banquet Monday night.

This has been a banquet week for me had me
on Wednesday after the business meeting.
We were pleased to see Mr. Drummond for
a few minutes & it was good to hear him speak
again at Mr. Pillsbury's funeral. I asked him
to come here but he had to hurry back on the
afternoon train. He plans to go out to see Anna
this summer.

I am glad to know your work is not fall-
ing on you and that you are still interest-
ed. I don't understand about the sum-
mer school - how can you attend if you
get a job? No, you need spoke about that.
Mr. Rob. business - I don't just understand
but it does not matter as long as there was no
trouble & things are running better. I guess
you have gone so far now in your music
that you know better than I do, what you
need and what you can stand, so I won't
pretend to dictate. Only let me say, I hope
if you feel you are overdoing, you will
let up or stop before you break down en-
tirely.

You misunderstood me about
the watch - I did not mean to send Harold's
back. He can get along without it - but I thought
you meant to send your own for me to send
to Phil. However if you can't, it would be
just as well for you to send it right as you
sell with a letter of explanation. - Notice
some of your shirts are stained blue under
the armpits - that must come from your blue
coat and I feel fear it will be worse in
the hot weather. If you were home I would
put in a pair of black shields - but would
save the shirts.

We too had a severe frost here Wed. night.
Grandpa & Harold covered most of the carriage
bushes with bago, to save them & packed all
the old quilts to cover cold frame. But he

neglected to cut the asparagus
that was up that was frozen. It is
leaved the peach & cherry crop
in this vicinity is spoiled or partly so.
Ira has the offer of the Sudder
school & I guess she will take it
tho' she is awfully disappointed
not to be able to go to college in Sept.
I fear that is a hard school, 21 kids
& umhauddy in muler as the road here
is so bad, but pa seemed to want her
to try it. Of course if matters should
turn out she could go away there & try
it with no trouble. Guess to get another
teacher. I'm better not refer to her
working in your letters as it seems
to irritate her for a time. She gets be-
cause she will be so old & it's hard
to start out. But that is foolish.
Pa is waiting for me to finish as he
is all ready to go up street so I must
stop. - Do you ever go to the Y. M. C. A.? I have
often wondered, but probably you don't
have time. What do you mean by not
having picnics & other pleasures?

[May 16, 1923]

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Mother:

There isn't much to write
but I have something to
ask. Mr. Crawford is trying
to sell his chavies (the
thing I tried so hard to get
last summer). He has
offered it to one person
for \$20 if she doesn't
take it he says I can
have it for \$25. He's selling
it because he doubts
if he will come back
next year and he
doesn't want to leave

it here. I have seen
it and its worth much
more. I think if we
can it would be good
to buy it for it will
save that much in
couple years. It's
real bargain. Please
let me know as soon as
feasible.

I looked around for
a job Saturday but didn't
get any. Mrs Beeler is
trying to get me one at
the Gas & Electric company.
I could collect, read
notes etc. If I
don't get anything there
I'm going to try Deacons
a very large book &
stationery store

weather.

I want to give watch
to ^{buy as it is broken} ~~broken~~ ^{to buy as it is broken} ~~broken~~ ^{to buy as it is broken} ~~broken~~
I don't know what to do with
it. I said it was in
India or Africa or
some place. It will
cost more to get it
fixed than its worth
but if you want to
send it say so and
we will.

I suppose I could
put in a pair of black
shields in my coat
if I had them but
I think I'll have to
wear my summer
suit for work this
summer. This one

is so heavy,³
I mean that I shall
not have to play for
examination anything
on piano or organ.

It has been raining
the same today and
a very heavy shower yet
now.

Again I say time goes
faster than I can think.
Four weeks ago seems
like last night and in
four weeks more exams
will be over. Wish I
could put the brake on
time.

Just sit stop and go
to bed. With love to all
George

Sunday noon

Dear Geo. -

[May 28, 1903]

I know you will forgive me for neglecting to send check before - so much business here, there is much must be overlooked. I have been in bed since Saturday - just got up a short time ago to get some lunch for Grandpa. While lying in bed this morning I thought about the check. No time now for a long letter - will try to write soon. Cold again last night - the men got up at 3 a.m. - to make fires over by the strawberries to keep them from freezing. They are a mass of blossoms & a beautiful sight. A larger bed than ever & it will be some job to pick.

Junnie & her party made their
annual trip over here yesterday
they called here as usual
but I was not able to sit up.

Eva went to a hay party at
Wilton Saturday - We have
plan to go to R. F. D. Junnie
at Greenville on Wednesday -
I wonder how you'll spend the day -
Have a good time. Did you
find your cap? Do you want to
get a new one or do you want a
straw hat?

No more now - Hoping
all is O.K. & you'll soon get a
job & keep well - I am getting
homesick for you - Wish you
were coming home.
 Lovingly, Mother

Catsackie, N.Y.

May 31, 1923

Dear George-

We got your letter yesterday and our way to the R.F.D. office - I am going to send the check on time and have made it \$5 larger as you requested. I will look up your bathing suit & try to send it to -morrow. Do bet carefully and don't take any risks when in the water. I am glad you had a chance to play the organ in Fairport but why don't they pay you? I suppose you have no job yet but don't get discouraged. - I talked to Miss Dougherty to-day when I was down town - she asked about you. Mrs Wright is going to give up coming down here to give lessons. We had a beautiful day for the picnic & carried family present and 17 four gets. We rest at

Thurman Vaughn's about
two miles south of Greenville.
We came home by way of
Greenville Center, Grapeville
and Medway. Met Elwood in
Medway - his brother & wife
& Helen were with him and
some of his children. Is
there much interest in your
circle of acquaintances over
the present crisis in Albany
about the Mullen Cape Repeal
I would like to have been at
the hearing in the Capitol
to-day.

Wish you could have
seen my nose this week.
I really looked like a toper
but it was so painful for
two days and I had to
protect it with flannel.
The swelling is gone now
& most of the redness
and the awful pain.

I do not know what is
the matter with Auntie
she has not written me
a letter in over a month.
Today I got a very short
note on a card asking
me to visit her at Ocean
Pine. - she goes there ^{from}
the day after school closes.
Of course I can't go - we
do not know how to
get the berries picked &
certainly I cannot be
spared. I guess I'll live
thro' it.

Well we have begun on the
kitchen at last - have talked
about it for two years. Yes-
terday grandpa painted it
gray, but there is considerable
plastering to do before it is
papered. It stays so cold
nothing grows fast. You

remember two years ago we
were eating strawberries by
this date. Today Pa set
to mate plants out in the top
but it really is too cold & too
dry for them to do well.
Milton spends most of his
spare time working on his
car or else running it - I
think it's awful. Pa
& Grandpa are to bed &
I must go too. I'm so sleepy.
I sent you papers to-day.
Please cut out the item
in the Union about the
Rally & return it as I want
to save it. Lovingly Mother.

[Jun 13, 1903]

Wednesday, 10:30 AM

Dear Mother:

I have a few minute now so I'll write a line. I have started working at Kati Paws. They have company this morning so said I needn't stay any longer. I'll wait a while and change my clothes when go to lunch before going down town so I won't have to come back.

Our picnic has been postponed again. We now expect to have it on Saturday but I fear we may not have it at all. Today is lovely and would have been just the day but I guess the Easterners had something special for the Glasgow so do as we couldn't have it today.

Tonorrow I expect to have a piano exam with the Klingers - best at 3 in the after noon

Mr MacNabb gave me an extra
lesson yesterday because of it.
I had the last or fan lesson of
the term yesterday. I shall take
two half hours before a week
during the summer. Next year
we get one half hour a week private
and one hour class lesson—
three or four in a class.

Tomorrow night the Eastern
School chorists sing Olof Trygerson
at the School anniversary. The
gleason will play.

I just took Harold's watch from
my pocket and find the crystal broken.
It has been cracked for some time.
I think I'll have an unbreakable one
put in.

Last Sunday another fellow and
I went to Durand Eastern Park,
on the shore of Lake Ontario. I didn't
dress up to go to Halibury and when
I came back here to change my

latter and get my camera I found
I had forgotten my bag and no one
was there. So I had to go in
my old green suit. I'll probably
wear that out this summer for
I expect to wear it morning to
night in. We went to the
Zoo at the Park where they have
several kinds of deer elk etc
from all over the world and
several buffals. We also found
that there is a large area of
woodland interspersed with
paths. We walked thru it for about
2 1/2 - 3 miles. The lake was very
smooth and looked very nice
swimming but the bathing season
hasn't opened yet I guess.
You'll have to send five dollars extra
next week for I have to buy another

organ book that cost \$4.00. You'll
probably have to pay for summer
school medicine for I'll send the
bill when I get it.

It's getting pretty lonesome around
school for many have gone home
and others leave every day. There
probably won't be more than half
a dozen left in the organ dept. I think
there will be many more over.

You'll stay and get ready for
school. I passed the script
year theory at 80%. Nearly all
of our class who tried it did.

Love to all
George.

Catsackie N.Y.,
June 15, 1923

Dear George -

Now for some ques-
tions. How long do you work
at the H- and what do you
do and what do you get?
How can you work and
attend Summer school
too? What changed your
mind about a degree?
And what extra subjects does
that mean you must take?
How can you do it every
year if you didn't have time
this year? Or that you
had told you didn't mean
to take 3 hours or all next
year & now you say you
mean to take 2 lessons
weekly. You are not
very explicit in your

letters so I must ask questions
to find out things I don't
understand. Don't think
I am finding fault, but
just want to know these
things. Wish you were
coming soon - when
do you think you will
come? Will the fear
of typhoid cause to waste
the degree or must you
take an extra for that?

Ethel came home
Tuesday. Monday she
drove to Ithaca to see
Donald - he comes
next week. - Eva
has been offered the
Clinical School so is
trying to get released
from the other contract.
She is home to-day but

has been running all
week - I guess she finally
was a grand success -
she didn't get home till
most 9 P.M. - stayed to
finish up everything so
she won't have to go again
but she has not yet had
a cent of the money. Since
then she has been going to
the dressmaker, dentist &
seeing trustees & drilling
kids for the Children's Day
exercises. -

Had a letter from Grace
yesterday - She & Wilfred &
Ethel are coming here
July 14 - Ethel will stay
a while probably - the others
a few days & then on to Spaulding.
I note that E. weighs better
completing in Aug. when Eva is home.

Melbur came home Wed.
eight - grand trip, I guess.
Pa has come to dinner
so I must stop.

Well, good now as the rest
are eating - Do you belong
to the Eastman School Chorus?

Mum stop as pa wants to
go.

Loveingly
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Beachie July 20/23
Dear Geo -
Returning back to-
day - Very warm - Yesterday
was a scorch - had a bad
you are pretty clean - Call's par-
or Grandpa has a fence - Can
in the doctor - he has suffered very
much & lost considerable flesh
but persists in working most
of the time - Harold has no ex-
tremes to day so is lame to help
He is picking straw besides
the first for market - they
will be only a crate - We have been
eating them for supper since
Saturday - Pa has been feeling
miserable for some time - Pa's
had a dreadful cold and is
now much he tries to do too much
Today we must go to New Bass
to a J. S. Convent on a pa in Pa.
of the district - Mr Wright is
Hudson Co. now must get a
a suit for the wife - How do you
like your job? - Now just
received your card - What
kind of suit do you wear?
Sincerely - Mother.

[June 20, 1923]

Thursday, P.M.

Dear Mother:

It's been very hot here for the past week and I've gone pretty hot take baths and run up and down the street. However I'm glad that tomorrow night I'll have the best dinner dinner until next fall.

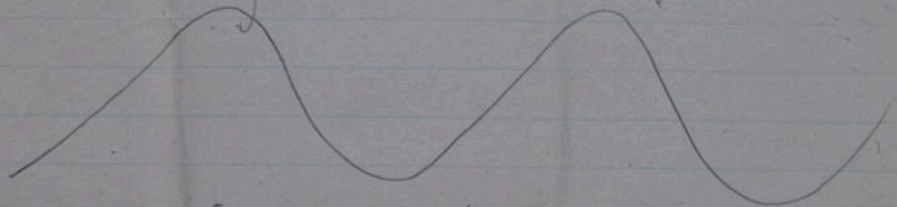
I haven't been doing much practicing this week tho did about two of the Dances today. I play quite a bit at Delkams house.

I got a straw hat a while ago for three dollars. I like it very much and have a job not to wear it all the time. Wish I had a straw suit too.

We had the picnic last Saturday at home and it was certainly fine. We left school at four o'clock in autos and drove out of Rochester the same way that we drove in but turned off near Webster to the

lake. I rode with Mr. Jackson. He
has a big car and is a fine driver
He went about 45 miles an hour
most of the time. He has a cottage
about a hundred yards from the
beach. We spent some time on the
beach and then took a walk thru
the woods. We had supper on the
porch - frankfurters, rolls,
salad, coffee, ginger ale, ice
cream cake. Sunday, I nearly killed
myself eating but "launched" it all
off shortly after wards. Can you
figure me it? Then we sat on the
steps for about an hour and sang
and talked. At half past nine
we all went in cars to Sea Breeze,
(Robert's Casey Island). Many
of them went on the merry go
round but I was out talking
with Claire. When we came
back we all went over to the
merry coaster and the show

treated every one to a ride.
Perhaps you're acquainted with
the thing its about like this.



only with a sharp turn at
the top of each incline. I
went only once for I was simply
scared to death but wish now
I had gone more. Mr. Gleason
went seven times and many
of them four times. Some of them
also did the "Jack Rabbit" which
is like the above but with only
one turn. Some say its no good
others not so bad as the "Dips"
(roller coaster).

We left for home about eleven o'clock. I rode home with Elaine and then took the car to the city with some of the girls. Got home about one o'clock.

The next day Pratt and I went down to Samuel Cartman park and walk I about three miles down ^{the beach} to Hudson Beach, across the ferry to Charlotte, and back to the city.

Yesterday was so hot I wanted to go swimming but could find no one to go with. I'm just dying to go in the lake. We didn't go on Saturday because the water was so cold. However about nine this night Elaine dropped her gold powder case ^{in the water} about 18 inches from shore and I waded in and found it, after dark mind you.

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Free my foolishness for a
while. Glad you sold the straw
berries. Don't have to worry now
about the price.

Monday morning the University
Commencement was held in the
Theater. I went of course. About
125 graduated, many from
in fits from the Eastern School.
The address was by Baron de
Cartier de Wachy, an ambassador
to the U.S. from Belgium. He
spoke on the relationship between
Belgium and America. It was
very dry and he talked so low
that I could hardly hear
him a few feet away. He
received honorary degree
L.D. There other honorary
degrees were given one to the

Pres. of the Univ. of State NY
and to David White of Cornell
and one to a number of
Chicago.

Heard in his cold. Perhaps he
has hay fever. Better be careful.
The summer school costs follows.

Dogon	30.00
Pianos	7.50
Practice	20.00
Room (5 weeks)	20.00

And of course there will be some
extras for books etc. I expect to
practice five hours every day
after 12 o'clock. Quite a program
but for only five weeks. The
rest of the summer I think I expect
afternoons. I'll probably be
tired I don't feel like doing
much.

Now to answer some of these
questions I start working at
seven and wait at table till

about 8:30 then wash the dishes
 fix up the dining room for
 drinks and perhaps clean the
 dining room floor with the
 vacuum sweeper. I cover the
 porch and help generally. Then
 I wait at table at night, about
 one hour's work. I get none or
 two dollars a week.

About this degree stuff. I can
 better explain when I come home.
 I shall have to take you and
 one subject probably English
 next year and one subject each
 other year, a language and
 history or philosophy. The degree
 course is not so hard as it
 was. I also want to take two
 piano lessons a week. Can
 I? please decide. Mr. Klingenberg
 says it would be a good

I don't know what Green said I didn't
mean to take for next year. I hope to
graduate if possible next year.
→ then I had an exam with
him but he didn't pay much. If
you want to I'd like to have you
write and ask him about me. I
got 89% in the theory exam and
I'm now in third year because
I got 98% in history of Mexico.
The year at Syracuse will cost
of course but I will must have
three years here.

I hope Eva gets the Chimney
School if she wants it and I
suppose she does.

Yes I belong to the School Chorus,
Deborah the 4th but she does so
wonderful so we had many times
at practice. The rest of the program
however (by family and students)
was very fine. I've been taking
a few pictures lately and last
night stayed up till 2:30 printing
them. Will send some home soon.
as I can set up cameras to print more

Should take two nights for revision
of J. d. I was warm & had a
useful job to keep solutions clear
and when they spoiled about 1/4 of
prints. I have about 30 good ones.

I have been invited to the theatre
tomorrow night. We expect to
sit up front and watch the
original play. I shall be glad
that after tomorrow night I
can get out about seven o'clock
instead of eight.

Well in view of the fact that I
must read over this long letter
guess I'll terminate it. Hope
you've received it.

Love to all

George

Cape Charles, June 23/23

Dear George -

Saturday morning so just
time for a few lines - we certainly live in a
rush in this house. We are all stiff
this morning from our berry picking yesterday -
it was the first big pick $8\frac{3}{4}$ crates which are
being sold in Pittsfield, Mass. to-day. I could
not stand it long - about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hrs in the
morning & again late afternoon & picked
33 quarts - Eva picked 94. Harold had
reports in the morning, so he only picked
half a day - Grandpa kept at it steady all
day & Milton came home at 3 to help, the
same time pa started in. No picking again
till Monday morning. Pa is going to be home
all next week to finish up his last six days
of vacation before July - but what a funny va-
cation it will be. He says he cannot spare
Grandpa & Harold to go, so has asked Geo Lamb
to act as substitute. Grandpa is feeling better
but has got very thin - he shows on his looks he
has not been well - the carbuncle is slowly growing
smaller, the inflammation seems to be gone & now needs

fixing only night & morning.
Wednesday pa & I went to New Ballantine
to a District Sch. Conv. - We had to go as pa
is president - it was dreadfully hot & not
many turned out. Wilbur brought Eva &
Jessie up after supper - they were the only
young people there. Clarence & Ellen both
made the evening address - Thursday
afternoon we went to Hudson to shop - it
was very hot, too, but we knew it was our last
chance till berries were gone. Eva
had some hustling to do to get a teacher for
the Sunday school - Sunday we rode to Chesterville
to see one but she would not come - at last Eva
asked Elsie & she is willing to learn over it & the
trustee Herman Meier seemed satisfied - so Eva
got the appointment at Clinch which will be
so much better in every way. - Auntie is at
Ocean Grove alone - send her a card or a letter if you
have time - address The Clarendon Ocean Grove. I don't
know whether you expect another check or not, but I
will enclose one - we really are not clearly informed
as to the financial lines of your business. Harold
wants your watch to get fixed for himself & he don't want
you need new underwear - will you buy it there or do
you want me to send for it - also some blue sport shirts
would be good to work in. Lovingly, Mother.

Potsdam N.Y.

July 4th 1923

Dear George -

This is the first Fourth you have been away from home and I wonder how you have spent it. Expected to hear from you today, but I suppose you are kept so busy, it is hard to get time to write. Do you go to school mornings now? At last I have your wash ready - just finished mending that old Union suit - you need not wear it if you don't want to. Could not wash handkerchiefs as we had to pick berries. Yesterday morning it rained but I got the clothes dry in the afternoon and ironed this morning - also made Strawberry jam - great way to celebrate the Patriotic Birthday. Grandpa treated us to ice cream for dinner - we had a quart for the four of us most too much. Milton went away last night to stay at Conlee's as they expected to start early this morning on a long trip - that is long for one day. Harold went swimming this afternoon with some of the boys - his first dip this year. It was very cloudy this morning when the sun came out a little while and later in the afternoon we had a severe thunder shower with considerable hail.

Parnament to cut hay today but weather was
not fit. He picked strawberries part of the
time and has been fixing Milbuis car as he
has been using it this week. There is consider-
able time spent on cars here, one or the other.
Of course it is Loues one without Eva but I am
kept so busy I don't have time to worry. It
was some job getting her ready at such short
notice but by working steady until 11 o'clock
Saturday night, and getting up at six Sunday
morning we were ready to start at 11.40 - She
made two new dresses and finished one she
had begun before she began to teach in April.
Harold and Tony went with us and the latter
had the time of his life. It was a beautiful
day but pa & I were really too worn out to
enjoy the ride thoroughly. We had to make
quite a detour over a horrid road between
Catskill & Saugerties - then we were mis-
directed in Rippton so got out on the N. Y.
road and did not know till we were
below Port Ewen - so had to cut across County
losing about 5 miles. Elsie had gone at
8 a.m. and we met her folks returning on the detour.
Eva is in the same house with Elsie and they are

rights near the school which is up on a hill.
It is a very large building. If you haven't
heard from E. yet send her a card or at least
address Box H. New Paltz, Co Mrs Coulter.

We came home a different way as far as
Kingston and everything was fine even to going
down a long, crooked, steep hill, until we
got to Cleveon Whellie's where there was a crash
in the interior of the car - it seemed as if
the whole mechanism had gone to pieces. We
investigated & found we were stalled for days.
Just then Leon Dudder came along and he
brought us home leaving Harold with the car.
Pa telephoned to the garage to send some one to
tow it in. That is why Pa is using Gilbuis car
as his is not yet fixed - it will be some expen-
sive job I guess - it was the drum that broke -
The old car has cost several bills at garage
this spring - we make money on the berries
& it slips right thro' our fingers. Eva's room &
board is \$10 per wk. - we anticipated a much
cheaper arrangement if she went to Albany
such is life. Well, when we got home Grandpa
was lying on the sofa - he had been sick all
day. Jake & family & Mill Montague had been here

in the afternoon and seecha looking
house, as we had left. Well, I can't help it
I can't do everything - I have it straightening
up some now. Grandpa was in bed
for days but is around, out doors again
but quite weak yet. He was more tired
out than sick & the rest did him good. The
old Carbucl took his strength & then he
worked so steady at the berries & on Saturday
hoed everything on the farm. Harold is not
at all ambitious & there is so much to do for
& grandpa just overdo. I hope we will
never have so many berries again. Grandpa
is as thin as a rail - I wonder if he ever
will look like himself again. The Carbucl
is healing but the hole is as big as a 3¢ piece.

Seems to me you sometimes keep rather late
(or is it early morning) hours - I hope that does not
happen very often - it is not good for your health
and you know you can't do justice to your work
if you lose your needed sleep. - A word to
the wise is sufficient. I fear there are getting
to be too many girls in the case - how about it?
Don't let them get you rattled. - I must close now
and write to Eva. I have heard nothing from her
except a postal written Monday morning.

Love
Lovingly,
Mother.

Catsackie N.Y.
July 12, 1923

Dear George -

You must think you are being neglected, but really it is so hard to find time to write. I was sorry to hear you felt so tired - I'm afraid you are attempting too much or else you do not go to bed early & get your proper rest. If you have time lie down once or twice in the daytime if only for 10 or 15 minutes. I am glad you gave up the piano for the summer if you found it too much - glad you had a nice time on the Fourth - that must have been a real celebration - I have written to Eva she can come home

this Friday for the week end
so she can see Ernie & the girls
who are coming Saturday for
a few days. Elsie came
home last week & intends to
every week - but she has a
fever that says her experiences
I would not care to have Eva
do that. - I have not felt very well
this week so I have not washed yet
but intend doing so today. Made
jelly yesterday - I have canned
some cherries but must do more
tomorrow. The men are busy
in haying now & working hard to
get done while this fine weather
lasts. They worked till 9 o'clock last
night. Grandpa has picked up
very much & looks more like him-
self. Pa feels better but is awful
tired - He certainly worked hard
He says after haying he is

going to let up some - but he
 can't do that - it isn't his nature
 Auntie is now in N. Y. - Her
 address is 404 N. 116th St. She
 says she is attending the lectures
 at Columbia College. Doesn't
 say a word about coming
 home. Pa thinks you ought
 to let up by Aug. 1st but I sup-
 pose you have promised to
 stay till Sept. 1st. Maybe I'll
 go somewhere with Auntie
 for a week or two after Eva
 comes home. I think by
 that time I'll need to let up a
 spell. - I am enclosing
 check for bill - Do you have
 an organ lesson 2 or 3 times
 a week? Tell me how often & how
 much you must practice every day.

All these as many boarders
at Mrs H's as ever? This is
the new Director in Klingenberg
place?

Well, I must close and
get busy. Take care of
yourself - so many are hurt
every day I fear some time
it will come our way.

Harold has a boil by his eye
he is some sight - I give for
over one on my face.

Well I must stop - Hope
to hear from you soon.
Loveingly,
Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

July 21 18th / 23

Dear George -

I do not remember when I wrote to you last but I know I sent a letter one day last week. I have had only a card from you & that was Friday, I think - you were so tired when you last wrote. I hope you are not ill now - you must keep me posted better so I'll have no cause to worry. If you have not promised to stay at Mrs. Holihan's till Sept 1st, why don't you plan to come home about the middle of Aug. or before so as to get well rested and before the fall term begins? Auntie is registered at Columbia so will probably remain there till Aug 18th - then she wants me to go somewhere with her - I want to be home while you are here still perhaps if I get a chance to go for a week or two I better as it seems I cannot rest here and I am so tired. I think however, I'll suggest to Auntie she come home for those two weeks. Grace

Mildred & Ethel came on the 6/8 Saturday.
Eva came home Friday night and went back
with Elsie & Jake in the car Sunday night.
After she went, we took a ride as far as Robbins
& back on the river road. Yesterday when Pa
came home he took them to the river at
Mill Point & Harold & Ethel went in bathing.
Grace & Mildred left this morning on the
bus for Albany & then on to Syracuse.
Ethel will stay till next week some time -
there is talk of Harold going back with her
for a week, but it is not certain yet. It would
be a nice treat for him. Business on the farm
is slack just now they finished haying
last week. It is very dry and everything is parched
lots of raspberries but they are drying up before
ripening. It is not excessively hot, but this
noon in the middle of the day it is cool evening
I did some washing yesterday and ironed
this afternoon, so I will try to send it before
the last mail this evening. The June
safts are going for fair - Pa has prepared them
just now & I will mend them - they may go
a short time yet to work in. Grandpa seems
to feel good now - he & Harold went to Uncle Geo's
this afternoon to work. No special news to write.
Take care of yourself & rest lots. Lovingly, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Vauchaack
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N. Y.

Catsackie N.Y.

July 25, 1923

Dear Geo. -

I am not worrying
but just wondering why
you don't write a letter.
I suppose you are having a
spiffy time at the Lake to-
day. We had rain last night
cloudy & showery this morning
but beautiful this afternoon.
Grandpa has just taken Ethel
to the depot. I shall be gone
some more - pretty quiet here.
Harold is working & Uncle
Geo. - now he is going to remain
right, too. Was surprised
yesterday to get word that
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson & N. J. would
call they cannot spend about
1 1/2 hrs. visiting they are coming to
Lake Geo. I am forwarding a
card from Mr. Dummer - he is
having a fine trip. All well
& hope you are glad.
Love, Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

July 30/23
Dear Geo-
Everything the same
here - not much to write a-
bout. Glad school is over.
Hope you'll try to get rested
and soon. Had a fine
rain Saturday - everything
looks & grows better. We
plan to see the Service man
Wednesday evening, but do
not think we can afford to go
Lear Sousa - I heard it
a number of years ago at
Brighton Beach. Besides the
S. S. Jimmie is to be here on
Friday this week at Bailey's
Beach - Pa is making the
plans & arrangements but
does not expect to go - may be
will - I don't know yet. Mr.
Mrs takes vacation all of Aug.
but expects to remain home.
Serving 2 Sundays - home next
week. Write to Auntie now - address
Mutter Hall, Amsterdam Av. N.Y.
Am still looking for letters from Boston.

Catsackie, Md.

Aug 11th 1924

11 a.m.

Dear George-

Before you get this you will probably have received my telegram telling you to go on to N.Y. with Reynolds on Wednesday. Pa telephoned this morning that there was an important letter from you (it did not come Sunday) and to send Eva down to carrier to get it. I was so anxious to know its contents & could not wait for her to return, so went down to meet her & hastily read the letter standing in the road in front of Humphreys. It would have been all right for you to go ahead without asking for it is a nice chance for a fine trip, & I think you are or ought to be capable of settling such matters now since you have done so on much more important subjects. But I appreciate your wanting my advice & consent - the lack of that in all the children is one

thing that has hurt my feelings
very much.

Now in regard to the Pierces, I
know they would want you to -
stay with them and I will re-
write to-day that you are to be in N.Y.
& will probably be there Thurs-
day night. If you arrive too
late (but I don't think you
will) to go there, I will tell them
to look for you Friday or better
yet you write to Marcella at once
& tell her yourself - I will write to
Aunt Doll, too. Perhaps Mr. Reynolds
can drive there & drop you off on
Thursday, if it is not much out of
the way & not too late as you near
New York. But after letting them
know don't disappoint them
go for at least one night, I
know you would be more than
welcome - in fact, they would feel
hurt if you did not go. Ethel &
Marcella are at home as they are
both working in N.Y. & of course

Aunt Doll is always home to keep
house for the others. Grace and
Mildred were on their vacation
last week & either the previous ^{week}
too or else this week. I don't know.
In either case they will probably
be back by Saturday night. It
would be fine if you can see
them all. You will have to make
hasty arrangements if you leave
Wednesday and I trust you will
not forget anything. The extra
things you meant to send in the
trunk case when it was returned you
will have to do up in a box to send.
Don't stop to write a letter just a
card to let me know you got the
telegram & this letter.

Now in regard to Miss Holman you
know her better than I do & whether or
not she would be satisfied here. If
you think so, tell her she would be
welcome & she can sleep & rest
every minute if she wants to. Of
course you could not practice
while she was resting. I do not

think Auntie will be here till the last
week of vacation that is the first week
of September, but I would not want
her & Miss Holihaus the same time
for anything. it would not be
pleasant either for them or us.
So the week beginning Aug 25 or a
few days sooner will be the best
time. We will probably leave definitely
from Mr. Dumont when they will
come & then you could write to Miss
Holihaus & let her know. Make her to
understand she would be welcome
for she has been good to you & will be
a gain I'm sure. I have been all to
pieces again for a few days but will
be all right again probably by Sunday
& we will be glad to welcome the
Reynolds family. I hope they understand
we do not put on any style & are
just simple country folk. I must
write to Aunt Doll now & it is
time for dinner, too. Hope you
have a safe & pleasant trip &
will reach here O.K. Sunday. Let
me know if we are to expect you to
supper so we can prepare.
Love,
Dorothy, Mother.

P.S. -

Of course you know
we are very busy getting
E & H. ready - Eva is
doing her own sewing
& mending our other work
It does seem as if we are
rushed - so I do not feel
like as if I could be
fussy over any one thing
summer. I was rather
relieved Grace did
not decide to come tho'
of course had she sug-
gested it I would have
been glad to see her. I
must regain my nerve
so I can hustle more
than I have recently.
I will tell Auntie when
I write that I expect a
lady here the last
week of Aug. so she will
not plan to come for then.

Mr. Dumont wrote
He would come the
20 or 21st - Rachel
will be with him so
that will take both the
Spare room & my bed
room. If Aunt's
room was in good shape
it would be all right but
on a pinch part can
sleep up there.

Will I answer you.

Walter.

Pierce's address is

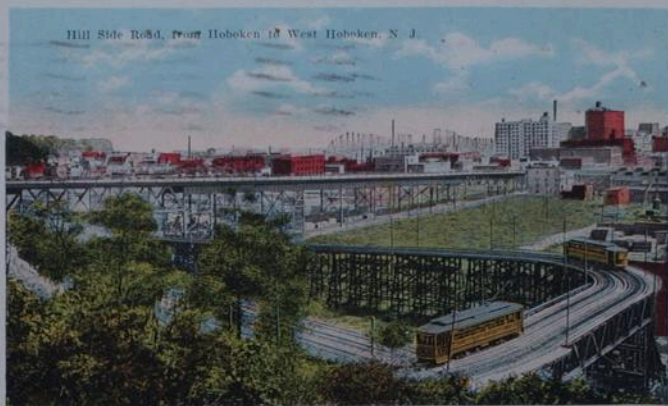
712 John St.

West Hoboken

N. J.

Do not send the hot water
bottle.

Hill Side Road, from Hoboken to West Hoboken, N. J.





George B. Van Schaack,
 250 Park Ave.,
 Rochester, N. Y.

Saturday A. M.

Dear Ges.

Does this look natural?
 Big trees, like all over Northern
 N. Y. as we went through in trees
 and tops - I like them better than
 rolling. I went down on the 20th
 yesterday to Hoboken. I am going
 now to call on Emma's mother & Kate
 both live a very short distance from
 here. Will write you a letter next
 week. Love,
 Louisa, Hoboken.

[Aug. 13, 1923]

Sunday A.M.

Dear Mother:

I wonder how the day has been at home. Eva is back I suppose. It has been very hot and muggy here today - a regular Aug. Sunday.

Last night I was one of a crowd of 150,000 people who witnessed the Annual Water Carnival on the Genesee river at Genesee Valley Park. It took me three quarters of an hour to get there and I was lucky enough to find Mrs Becker with her daughter and her family and some others in a large car. They invited me to ride home with them as I should have had an awful time getting home. It was very beautiful. However I did not see it all as we came home about 9:30. Can you imagine such a crowd.

I had anticipated about 30,000 but when I got there I decided there must be at least 125,000.

I had a fine time at the Falls last Sunday which I'll tell you about when I get home. Yours and grandpa's cards I had to mail from Rochester because I couldn't find enough stamps in Niagara. There were about 3500 went on the excursion. They have them every Sunday for only 2.00.

Mr Probst is going to take my place at Halibone while Jim home. He is also going to have my room which means I'm saving 7⁴⁸ for me.

I went swimming again a week ago yesterday but the water was frigid. However I had only twenty minutes to stay in so it was all right.

I have to spend about 2¹⁴ hrs getting there and back and dressing so it's quite a bother to go. Also I have no one to go with so I've only been ^{twice} ~~once~~.

Business continues to keep up at
 Holihau. People go on their vacations
 but others come to take their places.
 We expected a little let up during
 August but I guess we won't get it.
 We had twenty to dinner this noon.
 However we are having Sunday meals
 earlier as we have been ^{Sunday} ~~Monday~~
 noons.

I'm trying to get all my stuff straightened
 out so I'll start in front in the fall. It's
 some job. I mailed the work
 yesterday as the office was closed on
 Friday. I wonder if you had vacation.
 I went to a community service in
 the Eastern Theater. I got there
 at quarter of three and the service
 didn't begin till four. The place
 was packed and thousands turned
 away.

I have read the Crisis ^{the} Crossing
this summer as well as some books
in musical matters.

You probably miss my underwear
from the world. I have only two suits
of knit wear so I let Haliborn
wash it. They are also washing
my sport shirts. I have four ^{two}
old ones and two new ones. These
articles I put in last time I thought
some of you might not have read.
I thought them quite in-
teresting.

I hope you're going on a vacation
shortly. Have paget a doctors certifi-
cate and take some sick leave.
He really ought to do it and I
know he'd have no trouble to claim
a certificate. Well this is the last sheet
of this paper and as my news is gone
I'll stop writing.

Love to all
George.

Thursday Noon -

Dear George -

[Aug 14, 1934]

Just received your letter. No, you need not fuss Miss Holibaum - it will probably not make any difference. Glad you are having nice weather for your wonderful trip. I hope you are planning to come up the River on this side as the view is so much finer, that is the view of the River & Mts. You can either cross at Ferrytown as we did when we went down three years ago, or else cross at N.Y. go out thro' N. D. & come up thro' Leeds & Suffern & then you will ride over the Stinking road, the most wonderful in the country.

I had a card yesterday from Aunt Doll - I know they will be glad to entertain you. I don't know whether you expect to be with the

Reynolds all the daytime but if
the Piere's want you come Saturday
Saturday afternoon, perhaps you
can arrange it. If you get in
the neighborhood of Wall St. you
could, if you wanted to drop in
to see Uncle Frank at his office
No 8 Broad St. Stock Clearing
Corporation - I know he would
be glad to see you if only for a few
minutes. Also if you can arrange
it I want to see Cousin Charlie - it
is not much of a walk from Piere's
He too would be pleased - His address
is 316 Clinton Ave. W.H.

Eva had a letter from Donald today
he comes Monday - wanted to travel with
you. - Pa & I had a wonderful ride
yesterday afternoon - We went 82 miles
thru Columbia Co. got home after 9 P.M.
had supper in Hudson. Grandpa & Eva
went to the Church Clam Lake.
Daddy to Mr will expect to you to sup-
per Sunday - will look for you any-
way. Must close as pa is waiting.
Kindly remember her love to the Piere's.
Love to all, Mother. Prof arrived.

[Aug 15, 1923]

Dear Mother:

I hope this finds you safely started on your vacations. I'm so glad you are going to have one. I wonder where you're going to spend it. Can't you persuade Jim to do what I suggested. Have a good rest and forget all about work.

I expect to play an organ here next Sunday. I'm to play at the next Ann Methodist two services. The church holds about 800 I should think and the organ is very much like the one in the M.E. Church I have but a little bit larger. I was quite scared for a while but I went to see the gleason today and he calmed my spirits. He's going down to the church with me Sat afternoon to help me fix things up. I have choir rehearsal Friday night, but I don't have to work because there's a choir director. I know

you'll be striking home Sunday.
If you're in N. Y. go either
to the Fifth Ave. Pres. where
the Gleason used to play) or the
First Pres. where Dr. Carl now
plays. Of course you don't have
to but I say if you want to.

Well this is only a note because
I have no real news. Of course
remember me to the Piesces
and to Auntie. I've only written
here card from the Falls.

Love
George.

Shadyside, Allegheny Co.
Aug. 21/23

Dear George-

Auntie and I reached here via Erie Railroad on Saturday about 5 o'clock. We are $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the station and was met there by a bus. We are quite pleased with the place and expect to have a good rest and a good time. We are on a state road that leads to Bear Mt. and we are planning to go there to-morrow afternoon with a large party. It is a 2 hr ride each way & we will have 2 hrs. here taking our supper with us. We are not far from the boundary line and so not far from Spring Valley. The Camp consists

of a large house nicely
fitted up for the purpose
also a large dormitory in
the upper part of the barn
& a large hall downstairs
used for entertainments and
dancing. We have a fine
large room 2nd floor in the
house with two beds, two
tables, a large dresser, clothes
closet and electric lights.
The bath room is near by with
hot & cold water, so you see
we are not roughing it, but
living quite civilized. The
Saddle River runs by on the
other side of the tennis court
across the road. Here is a
put dammed up for a summer
swimming pool. The place is well
named Shady side for there is

pleas. of shade & the road
is lined both sides with
immense Maple trees.
A party went off at 6.30
this morning for a Baum Bar
but it was too early for me -
I am enjoying the opportunity
to be absent till 8 - we breakfast
at 8.30. The R. F. D. man comes
at 12.30 & I have a chance
to see just how far is trodden
by the boarders. A week to-
morrow since I left home &
I have heard only once - got a
letter from Eva at Grace's just
before leaving Saturday. The
only rain has been Sunday
night - a heavy thunder storm
that put the electric lights
out for 7 hours - we had
supper by candle light &

Spent the evening singing in
the dark in the large sitting
room - There are about 60
girls & women here - it
would be a fine place for
Gna to spend a couple of
weeks some time. I have
watched the tennis games
tried by asking questions of
the teacher & reading the in-
structions I think I understand
it - But I can't play for one
must wear sneakers & my foot is
too bad for that. You ought to play
it if you ever get a chance. I
hope you are pestered out some
and nothing will interfere with
your coming home Sept. 1st
Let me know how you get along
Sunday - of course I'd like you to
traveled to be there. When you get home
you must coax Gna to rest - the cer-
family needs it. Write.
Lovingly,
Mother.

HAVING A PICNIC AT BEAR MOUNTAIN PARK, N. Y.



Sept 1903



POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

George B. Van Schaack
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester,
N.Y.

Wednesday -

Hells Geo -
We are having a
fine trip - big crowd here
We rode thro' Spring Valley,
quite a big town. The
view here is wonderful.
Will have something to tell
you when we meet.
Lovingly, Mother.

Louisiana, N.Y.

Sept. 30, 1923

Dear George:-

This seems to be my
turn to write you a letter so here goes.
I wonder what you have been doing
today. I hope you have been able to
rest some. I fear you have a pretty
full schedule. You might better con-
sider some pleasure than to lose your
sleep and rest. This has been a pleasant
day but quite cool. I wonder if it is
going to freeze tonight I hope not
for we have not gathered anything.
This morning we all went to church
except grandpa. This afternoon grandpa
John, Homer, your mother and I went
to the High Hill to see John Law who
lives near on the top. We went by way
of Shells and come home by way of
Leeds. We went over some work that

none of us had ever been over before.
John was tickled to death. Grandpa
made quite a stay and took in both
the Cobleskill & Allamont fairs. We
had a good time I guess judging from
he had to pay. He bought a new fall
coat - and that also a new pair of shoes.
We are planning a little trip for the
last of the week, but perhaps some
thing will come up to prevent us.
I spoke to Geo. Lamb about going on
the south route, but he gave me no
decisive answers, he will let me hear
tomorrow. I am having all sorts of battery
troubles. I took it out to Boones to have
it tested and they found one cell dead.
I brought it home and thought it
would do for light for some time, but
last night it went dead entirely.
I have written Wm. Gomer Fair about it
but don't know what they will do. May
have to buy one here. That settles me.

send us away for batteries. We are
planning on leaving Tuesday and call
me about 10 o'clock and then on the Emmons.
On Saturday we would go up into
the Adair Hills, ^{by way of Halloway} perhaps as far as
Blue Mt. Take on Sunday, on Sunday
we would return by way of Lake
George and stop at Auburn. The next
day some more route of march to
be arranged ~~at~~ later. We would not
have to ride more than 120 miles any
day and I think it would be a nice trip.
Now for I can't tell you ^{much} I enjoyed
your stay home this time, and you
might have stayed longer. Remember we
both think of you much and are in-
terested in all you do and the progress
you make. Be a good boy and take
care of your health. Well C. -
and I guess I close with you.
Your father
over

Monday evening

Sept 20, 1922

Dear Geo -

Just a few lines addressed to P. A. I.

At the top of first page I have pinned a sample of woolen - it is like Malibu's sweater which has quite a hole in the elbow. I wish you would try to match it for me - if you haven't time perhaps Mrs. Keller would come when she goes shopping. I don't want much, just to mend with - a little darker shade would do if you can't get exact match. I had Grace try in N. Y. but she could not match it, she said. Another thing - please send those old summer union suits - I can use them for patching the boys suits with - Also if you are not going to wear those fall & winter union suits any more, perhaps the other boys can use them - send them with wash this week, so I can see before buying new ones - Eva is going to Conference this morning - it is at Cairo this year. She goes with Elsie and Jake at ten o'clock. - I must get busy now - my cold in head hangs around but is not real bad. Send love, check for bills.
Lovingly, Mother.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

Catcahie N.H.

Oct. 13, 1923

Dear George,

Arrived
home safely about 7 P.M.
Monday night. Had a
Wonderful trip - over 450
Miles - said snow on
Sunday on Mt. Mansfield
can run fine all the
way - no trouble till we
were near to Mr. Cook's
at a winter place - in the
pass. Mr. Cook had to
leave it overnight. Our
fare was beamed turned out
found plenty of work nails
my little Mac today and
will be very busy every day
for some time.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Oct. 14/23

Dear George -

Have just written a long letter to Auntie but will repeat most of it to you - that is all about our trip. This is the first leisure I've had since our return. We left at 11 o'clock Friday - did not have time to get ready till that morning so we were late in starting. We stopped to see Aunt Hattie & reached Glenville about 5:30. We were royally treated by Mr. D & Rachel - had a chicken supper at the hall & a patriotic banquet at the house afterward. We left next morning at 10 - cut over to Gloversville from Auslet and saw Stanley a few minutes -

his mother was out of town. Then we
rode straight north & at Mills we had
to take a country road - it was lonely
for Quills to Speculator - then 26
more lonely miles - one hunter's camp
& one farm house and near the end
a camping village in Indian Lake
about 5 miles from Indian Lake vil-
lage - where we staid all night. We
think now it was foolish & risky to
ride on such a deserted road -
we certainly would have been in
a predicament if we had. some
trouble but the car never acted
fuser. Most of the houses at this village
were new as the village was nearly
all burned 7 years ago - it seemed good
to have bath & running water & electric
lights so far out in the woods.

Monday Home - 2

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

I could not finish yesterday's work was
supper time and then we went over
to Cooper's to spend the evening. Pa has
just come in to dinner so I'll try to
finish up so he can mail this. We
left Indian Lake at 8.30 Sunday and
drove 12 miles country road to Blue
Mt. Lake where we had the finest view
in the Adirondacks right from the
front of the house where the Richbushes
always stay & other Coxsackie folks.
12 more miles same kind of road
thru woods brought us to Long Lake
where we once again got on State Road
after 56 miles of the other kind. Here
we turned east to Lake Geo. and then
south to Balston. We were in sight of
Mt. Marcy for a long way - so was snow
white for some distance from top.
We got to Arundel's about 5 o'clock. Fall
is very miserable but up & around
he suffered so much that night.

We had another chance to listen
over radio - it was a patriotic program
commemorating the 400th an-
niversary of the Battle of Saratoga.
Best mounting on all four drove
to Saratoga, Schuylerville & the
battle ground & down to Goebau-
ville. We left for home after dinner
stopped in Albany about 2 hrs. Got
home about 7. Just this side Schuyl-
makers the car began to rock & we
crept into the garage - when we had to
leave it to be brought home. It was
~~quite a bit~~ bearing burned out - not
serious. - Eva & Harold were home Friday
Columbus Day - Saturday Eva had a picnic
over in the dairy woods with her girls &
H. went on route with grandpa. Lovely
weather now - no real killing frost yet.
Flowers still blooming. I made grape juice
this morning. Harvest home this day. ^{Quilt}
S. S. Convention in 2nd Church here Wednesday.
Pain going & let H. go on route again.
Must stop - Hope to hear from you soon
& trust all is well. Lovingly, Mother.

Leopoldine W. J.

- Oct 28 1925

Dear George:-

Just returned from church
and I will pen you a few lines. Have
been to church twice today, also to
Sunday School & C. E. Had quite an
interesting C. E. meeting. It was a pro-
hibition subject and ¹⁶ ~~16~~ distinguished himself
by giving quite a good talk.

At the evening service we had Dr. Wm.
D. Brown, Secretary of our Board of Ed-
ucation. We had a little rowfal with
him at the close of the service.

Well I certainly have good news to tell
you. I'm going to have my mail route
shortened and lose Vinton entirely. It all
came about by chance. This summer
Fluid Asst Postmaster Glover was visiting
at Clint Wheelers and seeing he had
no service, promised to return the

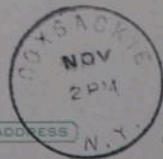
service to him. The Dept wrote Frank
and wanted to tack an extra three
miles on my route. He told them, it
would be almost impossible to do that
but that it ^{might} be possible to restore the
service from Milton and still give me a
standard route and asked for an in-
spector. Well he showed up Tuesday
night and I went down and had a long
talk with him and virtually laid out
my new route. Now I start from the
office down past Clint Wheeler crossover
and come up past Bolossons to Wepes
corner, and then to the state just as
now. Then I take the first road to
the right up past Will Eldreds to
Medway four corners and then down to
Bochus and then south by way of Paul
Van Dumburgs to the old route. No more Milton
no more boarders, and 23 7/10 miles which will
give me 1800 per year, \$180 less per year

but I'm tickled to death about it. The
Dusfactor was one of the nicest men I ever
met in all my postal work. Oh! I forgot
to say I go down to Uncle George and turn
around. Harold is doing algebra and copying
with his mother as usual. Eva has been
making an Eskimo house for the kids
tomorrow. We have the corn all husked
and I am getting quite good with the
new hen house. We are going to fix
the sitting room this week have ridged
the rug. Grandpa has sold the wood
lot on the High Hill. We talk of buying
one of Aunties wood lots.

Monday A.M. Dear George - Pa was so tired last
night he could not finish. We certainly dissi-
pated religiously yesterday. We had talked
of going to Athens to see the folks after dinner, but
it was not a pleasant day to ride - besides I
do not want to go out Sunday afternoon when
I expect to go to school. al. Fildes wife
called just ie.

Today we are to tear up the sitting room &
will take all week to get it painted as it needs
several coats & takes so long to dry. We
will have to live in the dining room & kitchen
for this work. Eva is to have a party here
for S.S. class Friday night but it will
have to be a kitchen affair. I guess - they are
so mild that is good enough for them. They
came here yesterday & Eva took them for a walk
they were so noisy here. - I wonder if you
will be able to talk English to us when you return -
I dreamed you came & could talk only French.
I dreamed of you Sat. night & saw you playing
in a church. So sorry about your match.
We have just received Pa's & Harold's old one from
Hallenbeck & an Sat. Milton took it & his one which
he had dropped on Friday & broken. Bad Luck
with matches. - Pa has been invited to go to
a C.S. Convention at Syracuse for Sat & Sun - next
expenses paid, but he will not go - he was recently
elected Pres. of this Union at a meeting in New Bath.
but we were not there. Time to quit. Hope all
is well with you.

Love,
Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

N. Y.

George B. Van Schaack,
250 Park Ave.
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Sec - Nov. 12/23
Your letter (shot) was
received Saturday - Sorry you
neglect to write caused me
any alarm - but this is a
business ranch than ever
I don't be surprised if we
do not write often. But I did
not get out yesterday as all
we were both feeling much a-
ke but are all right today.
Pa. Harold went to N. E. at
night - what service with a
board from Hudson. Pa
has been notified his route
changes Dec. Pa. wife glad
he will avoid the Chisholms
rush but the loss in money
will be felt, I fear - Tuesday
today - Saturday was cloudy & heavy
I am over this house cleaning
for but begin to see the end - his
hobby but during this week - just
1000. Hope you get better Wash
and Saturday & Sunday.
Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Dec. 2/23

Dear George - You must begin to think you
are never going to get another letter from
me. There does not seem to be much
to write about or else I have become a
poor correspondent. One day here is much
like the previous one or the next one you
know how it goes - work & go to bed. I
did have a change the day I went to Al-
bany on Nov. 24 but it was a cloudy morn-
ing & by noon was raining and I was
obliged to do considerable walking in the
pouring rain. After having my eyes tested
I went to the S. S. conference which was
very good but poorly attended. I went
out to lunch at a restaurant - that is I went with
Mrs. Sumner & four strange women. The
afternoon session closed at 4 - I did a little
shopping & came home on the 5 o'clock
bus - a dreary, dark ride. On Tuesday

afternoon I went with Pa & Frank & Emma
on the new end of mail route to notify the
people - It was cloudy but not at all
cold - we brought Eva home with us.
Thanksgiving day was as usual - we got
up late & that meant late dinner - Hilmy
& Pa & Harold worked in the car & then
after dinner M. went away & the rest
worked all afternoon. Pa & Harold
went to Union service at night in our church -
Mr. Ballard preached. I expected to
go on route with Pa Friday, his last day,
but it was a very stormy day so I did not.
Grandpa took horse on Flat's route
yesterday & Pa just did the first few miles
& then out to Hedweg - he was home at
11:5 - no work as patrons were not ready.
Grandpa did not get back till 12:5. Eva
had a bad nervous time last night &
I had to pacify her off & on till 3 A.M. - she
put some salve on her head for falling
hair & it burned so after a while she

P.S. My new glasses have helped my head trouble - the fair
costs 25 - abp. sent it. My spectacles are like mine - like
them better than the old ones. MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y. Read the articles I
send you on Well's History.

Could not stand by Sophie washed her head
in the middle of the night. She did
not get up today till after we got home from
D. S. Pa strained himself helping to
move the pians into the church. Has been
in misery ever since - I fear he will be
laid up from it. The greatest event of
the year, the fair, takes place this week
Tues. & Wed. Booths are up in the Chapel
so we had D. S. in the church. I am
not at all interested in it as I do not ap-
prove of their methods etc. and do not
even expect to go - Roast beef supper Tues.
& chicken Wed. night. It has been well ad-
vertised & no doubt they will make quite a
sum of money - it only helps to keep Mr.
Mishkin & I much as would depart.

We are puzzled about your new plan of
mapping in pians - Why such a stunt?

We have a very youthful organist now - May
has given up and Alice Broadaw performs.
Rater expected to resume but has been ill
again with Edith caring for her.

I suppose you had a splendid time
over Thanksgiving - Did you have school
Friday? What did Halthaus do while you
were gone? I wish I could be with
you a while & get acquainted with all
these new friends you have - I live in
hopes of some day visiting you but it
looks as if it may be in years if you
are going to keep on studying indefinitely.
We are struggling over what to do with
Harold next year - he wants to go to Mt.
Hermon but that would mean at least
\$500 - yet I fear he will not be able to go to
a college - problems never cease here - I get
tired & try to solve them. I think Eva is
brooding about going so far away next year &
last night I wondered how she ever could go
anywhere away from home - Will time will tell.
I am looking forward to my visit home in a
few weeks - Love you & Mother.

Catsackie N.Y.

Dec. 9/23

Dear George -

It is bed time but I will try to write a few lines so you will hear from home on Tuesday. Hope you got your washing time if you are so short of clothes you must get more soon. I don't know at all how much money you want to come home with & pa. will send a check. When are you coming Wed. Thurs. Fri. or Sat.?

I wonder if you could get me an alarm clock for pa's Christmas - I have been looking in the catalogue but don't know just what to buy nor how to get it without his knowing it. Somehow or other I can't get at my Christmas work this year - As usual don't

know what to get nor how to get it.
When I think I'll have a chance
like to-day, to set down & figure
it out, then I have a terrific head-
ache. I that my head trouble
was over but it has been just fine
for several days by spells. Yes-
terday afternoon I went to Mrs.
W. Keiney's funeral - the W. M. U.
& Wodday Club went in a body - it
was in the E. Church - Mrs Dwight was
in town Friday night but left at
noon yesterday - Miss R. Doughty
sang 2 solos - Then I called on
Mrs. Petchel - I had not seen
her since her husband died Cass
Spring. Well the fair is over
& I suppose they will begin
soon to work for the one next
year. They cleared \$750 - Mr. Tins
was jubilant over it today - even
praised about it in pulpit.

I think the money could
well be spent to repair the
damage he has done to the
church property the last three
years. - Will, the Annual
S. S. meeting comes Wednesday
night - perhaps it will be our
last one. - Pa hates to get out
& yet feels he cannot be successful
with his to oppose him all the
time. - We heard today they are
trying to get Ed Reynolds to take it.
Pa wanted me to tell you for them
bring home some of our music
in case you should be asked to
play - You may & you may not.
Melvin & Harold went to fair
both nights - but we did not go at
all. - that has brought more
wrath down upon us but we
should worry. - Eva is

preparing for some services in
school on Friday before Texas -
Hope you'll be here to help her. I
guess Auntie isn't coming
home - she may go to Washington
again - Pa does not have
much work yet on his new route -
Grandpa has been going on the flats
on account of the muds & ex-
ercise the horses. So Pa gets
home before 11.30 - Folks Karlin's
changed their address so yet not
put up votes. But he will have
a chance maybe to rest out and
not be so rushed. It has been
so mild we put off butchering but
I suppose I will soon have to be
done. I have to lie down so often, I
never get done with the work. I
must close & to bed. My head aches
so bad. Let me know if you want money
for clock or will that do when you
come. I may add quit. to check if necessary
L. M. G. - W. S. H.

[Dec 12, 1933]

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Mother

Thank you so much for writing. I enjoyed the letter and hoped there would be one soon for me. I shall write now so you will hear from me by your birthday. I hope you have a very fine one and wish I might be with you for it.

I expect to come home Sat the 22nd. Vacation does not start till that morning. I shall probably come on the train and get in Coxsackie about 5:20 for I'm tired of getting up in the middle of the night to catch a train. However I shall let you know later on.

more definitely. If you could
send \$1.50 fifteen say which shall
be relieved although I do not
expect to use half of it. However
better too much than too little.

Yes I received the roach Friday
night just in time to save me
from some extra heat.

We have been having some
quite warm and wet weather
recently but it is quite cold
tonight.

Mr Gleason talked to Mr
Milant day and I am to see
the Wilson tomorrow. I shall
explain when I come home. Mr
Gleason is going to give a recital
here Friday night on a new
organ. Of course we all expect to
go. His new home is finished
and they are living in it.
Last Saturday Mrs Gleason had

tea for the Oregon Club and
about a dozen of us went out.
The house is simply wonderful
I shall tell you about it when
I see you. They will have tea
every Sat. afternoon hereafter
for the Oregon Club.

This Saturday night we are
going to have a Texas party
at one of the girls houses.
It is to be a "baby party". I
don't know what I shall
dress in and may have no
time for anything. There is
also an Alliance meeting, I don't
know whether I shall go to both
or not.

Don't worry about your Texas
list. Send cards and forget it.
I hope your headache is over
by now. Try hard not to get

them. Don't worry about such
things as House tests.

I hope you has either resigned
or been put out of S.S. superintend-
ancy for he should give it up.

I'm very sorry I can't help
you with her exercises but
I can't get home in time. I
shall be there in spirit how-
ever.

I'm glad there went so much
work on the new route. All
but the slack is done, a lot
of good. I hope it keeps right
on that way.

Please be careful of yourself and
don't work too hard. Best
wishes for a happy birthday.

Love to all
George.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Dec. 13/73

Dear George -

Received your letter and package
to-day. Thank you so much for remem-
bering me. Always glad to get your letters
& always your good wishes. Wish I could
take tea with you and at your expense.
I'm glad you are enabled to have these
fine times. We all look forward to your
home coming. You will be wise not to
travel in the night - get a good rest & so
enjoy the home trip. I will try to give you
a few suggestions for gifts in a separate
sheet. I don't know what to say in
regard to clock. I don't see why one
like yours would not answer the
purpose. Suppose you get it with the
understanding you could exchange for a
better one in case you wanted another kind.
I will enclose check for \$15. When you

Come home you better bring all your winter
clothes even if you have to send a package
as I can wash them - I'll have the ones
you sent this week ready for you when
you get here. Do not wear your pants from
Christmas gifts. - We had some time last
night at our annual D.S. meeting, will tell
you all about it when you come - pa was
elected by 9 votes against 6 but he would
not accept. But Brandford missed him
dreadfully - it was evident he wanted the
job himself as he finally nominated
self and received only 3 votes. After a
very short time we adjourned & no officers
elected - Mrs was not there but his spirit
was in Bert's Miskitt, & a few others who did
not have the nerve to say so. I did not
sleep all night & so do not feel real fresh today.
To-night we must go to an Aid meeting. I
will report on Chapel repairs & bills we
will be about bankrupt & I don't intend
to incur any more - any plans as I discuss yours.

Such discord as is rampant now is
dreadful but M. lies is at the bottom of it
all. - Friday A.M. - I could not finish
yesterday so will close up now so that I can
be mailed. We went to prayer meeting
last night and were there. Was very confident
good weather. - The deists & Deists were very clear.
I guess I did some good to give them a few
facts the previous night for no doubt they
thoroughly rehearsed it all to the deists. Had a
fine Aid meeting also. We concluded. But
had a little to say the previous night &
hardly knew what he was doing - he suddenly
looked & died so - We came home before he
died & he was last & went home leaving the
electric lights on - they burned till next after
noon. - I fear Milbrun means business
for he is having Berkeley make him a
suit. He went over to the mills at the bridge
with the Laurens on Monday for the goods.

I wouldly know what to suggest to give them
He seems to have everything all over the
needs or wants that is a demand piece.
Perhaps you will think or find some-
thing besides my suggestion. If you
do not get all your money before you get
home perhaps you can finish up here
on Monday. Send me the something you
mentioned a calendar, w. paper, books
etc. - As for me, dear, you can see
you probably would be present would be
doubt to her write anything else. I
cannot stop now, five hundred & get
busy. My head is better now of the
time but occasionally it is very bad.
P. & J. W. Cooper, 100 West 10th St. New York
Pa had trouble in carrying at Pentecost it
took several hours. I did some shopping
was not ready to do all I got to try. Hope
it as easy as you can so you will see
you your best home. I will be better.

Harold wants a small
French Dictionary - I
think you had one - guess
they don't cost much.

Era - ~~the~~
~~the~~

Sealup was set is D.K.

Pa - Thermometer or knife

Grandpa - neck tie - or
flash light -

Milks - 7 five silk socks
7 50¢ or less -

Tdks - always useful -