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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Nov. 2/34

Dear George -

Another work day flew
by and tho' we have kept busy as
usual nothing of great importance
has happened. There was a Hallow-
ein party at Grange Tues. night
but we did not go - any exciting time
at night seems to keep us from a
good rest afterward. Instead we went
to a clam Chowder supper as told
Grange & was home before 8 o'clock.
Last night we went to a supper & meeting
in our church & was home before 8.30
We enjoy the free place & a chance
to read some. Pa has had Sherman
a few afternoons to get in the vegetables

and do numerous other odd jobs
that must be done before midn't
that pa cannot do alone. It costs
money but we can't help it. This
AM. He had another feature the
to. Since we went to Middlton he
will have to have a complete
new set of tires at once. So it goes.
It is rarely in evidence here -
Mans seems to demand all
his time out of the office & con-
siderable that he ought to be in J-
file. His business does not pick
up much & his blue checks are
numerous. To-day I have a
"peachy" job - go to Auntie's after
dinner to meet a woman from
Middlton as prospective housekeeper.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK

ELM SHADE

COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Auntie has the Florida fever for fair & has asked this woman to go with her. Elsie does not know this - she is to go to Schenectady after dinner. It looks as if she might be married soon but has not really said so yet. Auntie is as well as she has ever been since her first attack 5 years ago but just the same could be knocked flat any minute. She is headstrong & independent & only agrees with me as far as I will agree with her. She has not been here much lately, only once in 3 weeks - I don't know why.

I sent four Cambray to-day. What
did you send the tie for? - Was
cleaned or discarded? Also tell
me what about those socks you
returned clean last time? Sorry
I could not get those stains out of
the handkerchiefs - perhaps the laundry
can do so. Better use old clothes when
you have a bad cold or use med. to m-
hale - It must be that causes stains.

Thanks for fixing the tubes - I did
not have the nerve or patience to tackle
them. I feel pretty good as long as I
do not exert myself too much - Long work
& I have fallen out. As soon as I begin
to dig, I am all in - get some one to
do the digging here. His most 12 ft dig
has to get done for I must go down
immediately after. Love - Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Nov. 8/34

Dear George -

I wonder if you have
as much rain as we do - it seems
to come some every day. Pa and I
were in Albany this afternoon and it
rained quite hard for a while. We packed
up by the J. N. & had us some bella byt
we were not in the street much. We
had an errand in the State Office buyl
ing at the Pub. Service rooms & then we
took Pa's fur coat to sell on Clinton
Ave. I ordered my shoes & most I had
done so last summer so now they ^{would}
be at least partly broken in. We had
supper at J. & stopped in to see J. & B.
before coming home about quarter 8.
Pa & I. are going to the Adirondacks

to-morrow probably for a week -
Bessie will ^{be here} come here Sunday, I
think, to stay. Had Maquette
Saturday to clean our bed room &
Harold's rooms. On Tues. we
went to Catchell & bought a piece
of linoleum to put under our bed.
Have moved the desk in front
room & turned our bed around.
The house cleaning will be done
when we do the dining room & kitchen
probably week after next.

R. Goodwin was elected again &
Hil Haas is now our State Assemblyman.
Can you bear that?

Pa thinks he improves but it is very
plain that he feels best when he does work
ing but rest when home. Still there are
some jobs that must be done & so he
does them. Edith Doyle was here

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one day & she wants pa to take the
same thing grandpa did - some
every morning. We had quite for-
gotten she prescribed that for grandpa
for neuritis & he took it & was cured
so he never came plagued by it again.
she says a specialist told her of it
in New York & it cured her. So now
pa is trying that - it will not show
effects at once but we hope it will in
time..

There is nothing new to write
about - we have been home mostly
I hate and am quite contented
to enjoy the fire place & go to bed early.

I am sending you the papers but if
you don't want to read them throw
them away. We get 2 copy unions
& I send one to Eva, so you need
not send her any papers.

Now I am going to bed - pa is
asleep on couch. We are
amused at Prof. Meiss's new
job - you will miss him, but
then you may not have had him
near you any way next year.

Francis has been Lame on a 2 wks
vacation but I haven't seen them -
Why don't you go call on them - they go
back Sunday. Now for bed.

Love, Mother.

Carasachie Vef.

Nov. 23/34

Dear George.

Another week has rolled around. - I have just written to Eva and if I don't write now to you, you would not hear from us till Monday. Yesterday & today have been dark & damp but not cold - probably rain to-morrow. Sunday, Monday & Tuesday were just beautiful days. We went to church twice on Sunday - at night to the M. E. Monday we drove to Medway & called on the Paluccis & Calburns - the latter leave for Florida this week. Tues. we went up to see O. Sities. To-day Margaretta was here to clean the dining room and at last we have the curtains up.

Pa works a little every day and
on the odds & ends of necessary
jobs are gradually getting done.
To-day he got the storm windows
and painted them. We have sent
for 3 new ones for front room
and when they come they will
have to be painted.

Last evening I spent with
Auntie - I thought she would
be alone but she was not. She
talked Florida all evening
and insists on going and driv-
ing all the way. She does not
realize what she will be up a-
gainst. But she has no defi-
nite plans made and she may
not go after all. She says she
leaves in a bout a month. She
has talked & acted so independent
and self sufficient, that I am
not going to say any more. We

have all suffered before be-
cause of her medicines more-
ments and probably will gain.
I'll try not to worry for I can-
not afford to loose my sleep
and get run down, course-
quently.

We may go to Albany Sat-
urday for the evening having
supper at J. N. Hobe been in-
vited to a select Grange meeting
of County Deputies & Masters &
Wives - this eliminates about
all members we usually meet
at climax & we really get more
satisfaction from such affairs.
We have been home evenings
so much lately we feel we
can afford to stand one such
outing. We turned down a big
one for last Tues. at Echo Grange.
Keenold is our enemy night

which seems absurd and it's
really getting on my nerve -
he just eats & sleeps here now.
I suppose you know Mary
is going to Mexico Dec. 26
for 2 or 3 weeks - H. says
when he'll be home every night.
As H. will be home, he says, on
Thanks giving Day - we will have
the usual dinner - probably asking
Auntie & W's family. Perhaps I
won't wash till Friday, so I can't
get some of the preparations for
dinner done on Wednesday.
Pa has some joy on his face and
is all painted up to-night with this
black liquid (Eva's remedy). He picked
some greens & berries for a rabbit bouquet
& had some joy berries - he did not
know what they were till Paul Van
Denberg told him - Well, this is all
except I hope your cold is better & you
are resting plenty. Love, Mother.

Harris?
Cambridge, Mass.
November 25, 1934.

Dear Mother and Father,

A good portion of this day has already been devoted to letter writing and apparently the rest is to be spent in the same way - it is now eight o'clock in the evening.

It has been a beautiful day - in fact quite a blissful weekend, all told. The annual Yale game took place yesterday at New Haven. There was an almost complete exodus of Harvard undergraduates to New Haven so that it has been nearly as quiet as the glen

whom I have neither seen nor had
communication with since I left
Rochester - Helen Hewitt. The house is
in Granville and when I was there
two weeks ago Elizabeth told me that
Helen was here in Radcliffe this year.
I planned to present myself in cognito
and see if she recognized me, but before
I got around to it I had a note
from her announcing her presence.
Apparently she had known I was here. So
I asked her to lunch yesterday - we seemed
to have no difficulty in recognizing each
other though I think I have changed
more than she has. There was the
usual reminiscence and accounting
for years in between - pleasant enough
for a while, but boring after a couple of
hours - at least with her, for she's
not very interesting.

around here since Friday afternoon. No one
burned up at my class yesterday morning.

I have pretty well recovered from my cold -
in fact by last Monday morning I was
feeling quite well again - I had spent
practically all of Sunday in bed. I
suffer now & then, but more irritating
is a vicious cold-sore which has
been decaying for a week - I don't
seem to be able to get rid of it - I
have used up nearly an ounce of spirits
of camphor on it, but it persists.

I'm sorry Harold wasn't able to come
over last Sunday afternoon and get the
woodbasket - I have no real use for it
and I think you could use it. I enclose a
small sketch of it - if you think it is
large enough, say so, and I will try
to send it.

I had lunch yesterday with a girl

I'm sorry auntie seems to trouble you
so much - just let her go and have her
own way.

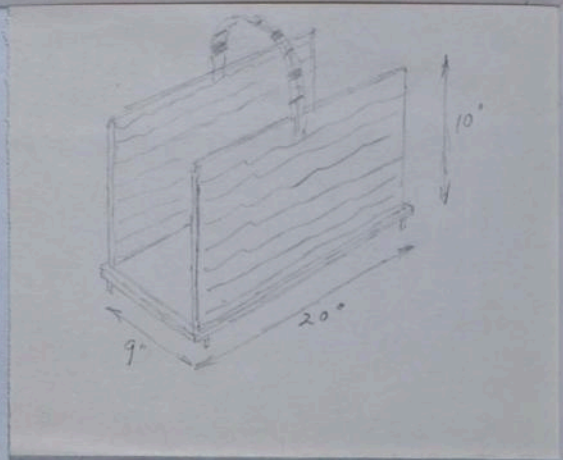
I hope you went to the meeting in Albany
on Saturday night - you deserve such
once in a while, at least. I'm sure you
had a good time if you went.

I trust Father's poisoning is cured by
this time - I thought he knew poison-
ing in any form - it is a snare in the
fall - its coloring is as attractive as
can be found.

I know you'll have a jolly Thanksgiving
if the plans you wrote are carried out. I
should enjoy being with you. I shall not
be un-gay myself. However, Elizabeth
is spending the holiday & the week-end
in Cambridge as I reckon I shall have
a rather gay time.

All for now. Love to all,

George



Cossackie Wey

Nov 30/34

Dear George-

We are having a spell
of damp cloudy weather and
to warm the doors must be open
part of time. Consequently the
house has been full of flies.
Thanks giving is gone and it
passed off the same what dis-
appointing to me. I knew you
could not come home but
I hoped Eva would as she
could have driven as far as
Middle town with her friend.
Mittie's folks did not come
either as Emory showed up
Wed. night. He called at 9 P.M.
to tell me - rather late notice.
I can't see yet why he could
not have gone to one of the other
sisters. - Auntie came at
eleven & stayed till after seven.
Our dinner was as usual.

Pa caught a rooster from Earl
and it baked fine. Harold
worked all day on the Poplar
tree & Sherman came after dinner
to help saw the trunk in pieces.
He is going to cut it up, too. It
burns fine in fire place.

The end of Elsie's reign of
terror comes to-morrow &
the Middle town woman is
coming to take charge - pre-
sumably to be chauffeur to
Florida. I try not to worry
about it all, but can't get
it out of my head - the most
ridiculous thing yet if she
does go & she is telling every
one she is. I do not encourage
talk on the subject as it only
irritates me.

Nothing else of consequence
to write about. Pa seems to
be feeling much better & certainly

seems to gain in strength daily.
Hands knees & shoulders are
all very much better.

Mary went home Wed. & H.
is going up there to-morrow.
You better send the wood
basket if you can pack it.
Pa talked of making one but
that is not advisable for sev-
eral reasons. I've said H.
did not bring it - he said they
started too late to go over to
Cambridge.

I wish you would look
for ottomans or something
similar - see what you could
get to match the leather chair &
how much. Pa ought to have
one - he uses the piano stool
but that is too high & it ought to
not to be so misused. I don't
know as we can afford it for

to Christmas as friends are not
very flush, but I'd like to
know what & where to get one
when we feel we can pay for it.
I heard him remark
recently about a book he
wanted but do not remem-
ber the name - Will try to
find out & let you know
so you can see how much
it is.

I hope you had a pleasant
Thanks jing & work end.
We are going to Catchice
to-day. To much fair
Will consume much
of our attention & energy
these week but I am taking
A very calm & do not intend
to over exert. Lovingly
Mother.

Catsackie W.V.

Dec. 6/34

Dear George -

James received your letter
yesterday. It was rather a shock to hear
you will be home only 2 days dur-
ing the holidays but, of course, I
must not complain as you know
better than I do what you have to do.
This week has been mostly fair with
moderately cold weather, but not
an over supply of sunshine in-
doors or out. The community
was shocked Monday to hear of
the sudden death of Arthur
Fallenbeck - he just sat down in
a chair and died when he came
in from the barn that morning. The
funeral is this afternoon in church.
It has been rather a black eye to
the fair festival, but if we have
carried it thro' & will finish up
to-night. The affair quite upset
me for I could not help but
imagine myself in Mr. W.'s place.

Auntie contracted, Lee paralytic
for her "crazy" journey south but
says nothing about it, as I have
refrained of late to discuss it.
The new woman arrived Sat.
and Auntie invited us to dinner
on Sunday - H. had gone to Richmond
to return with Miss Morley. Auntie
was quiet about all in after a hard
day with Elsie on Sat. - she raised
cain, I guess. Forgive me I
had the excuse of going to Panama
so I did not have to be in the
fracas. I am trying not to wor-
ry about the Southern trip, but just
the same away back in my head
is the constant thought of the
possible & probable outcome. I
don't see how she can drive
1400 miles in her condition
without serious consequences. The
new woman seems competent but will
know more what she is up against after

a few weeks.²

Monday evening I spent at Mil-
bur's - the first I had been there
this Fall. I guess, to take my hat off.
Pa was at a S. S. meeting at
Parsonage. Milbur was supposed
to have the evening off but he
did not come home till 9 P.M.
Conditions at the garage yet more
& more complicated and he
does not seem to know just how
to make them better.

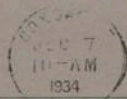
I wonder if you have heard
from Eva Carter. She wrote a
suggestion for this year's Christmas
in her last letter home & will, no
doubt, tell you of it. It is a plan to
pool our Christmas money &
buy just one inexpensive gift
for each. We three are agreed.
None of us are well supplied
with either cash or energy for the
usual Christmas shopping.

Pa continues to feel better & better
and is really getting fat. He does
have those awful headaches
sometimes early in morning, often
several days in succession and
then it seems to tire & worry him.
Fortunately he was free from it
this A.M. & got up feeling very
good coinciding the rather
upset week we have had. Things
will settle down again in a few
days - death does not stop the
wheels of activity, and tho' it
may take some time to get some
things in church & range read-
justed. Love for Pa, & I must
have an early dinner so as to get
up to church by 2 o'clock. Glad
you had a pleasant walk and in
spite of the bad weather.

Love

Mother.

I meant to put in some cake and laundry
last time & forgot.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Schaack,
Hallis 7,
Cambridge,
Mass.

Monday Aug.

Dear Geo. -

Harold inquired
at ticket office in R.R.
Station Albany about
the week end excursion -
they told him there would
be an excursion both
ways to & from Boston
beginning Friday. You
can make inquiries
and will, no doubt, be
able to come home that
day. All ok. here -
pa is ready to go so I
can't write any more.

Love

Walter.

Catscahin Bay
Dec. 13, 1934

Dear George -

I want to rest a while so
will spend these few moments to
write to you. It has been snowing
this AM but now the sun is peeping
through. This is our luck day post-
poned from yesterday because I had
another engagement. Had a bad
attack of indigestion last night but
I parked off & I'm better tho' feel
rather lumpy to-day. Guess I was
more of a nervous attack than
otherwise as I could not lay it to
any article of food - had a very light
supper. Have been rather upset
about Auntie in spite of my
resolutions to ignore the whole pro-
cedure. She came here Tuesday to
say good bye & was to leave this A.M.
But the boat has been put off till
Saturday as preparations are not
complete. She says Dr Van Ros used

her to go - it is most preferable to
think of her drinking so you visit a
strange woman, too. However the
worst is yet to come, maybe, and
I must try not to worry.

Let me know how Mrs. Hogg is -
I am so sorry for all of them - it
is a very trying ordeal and the
uncertainty of the outcome is very
trying - I do not think I am
really over East Spruce's experience.
I do hope she recovers & is real
well again.

Your letter came yesterday &
was perused with usual interest.
I hope you have written to Eva
so she can do the Christmas plan-
ning. Somehow I haven't the
time for it this year & have done
nothing yet but purchase a few
cards. Do not think I will go
to Albany to shop at all as I
dread getting into such crowds.

Pa seems to be getting very good
but he is quite tired evening
when he exerts in afternoon. He
has put heavy paper around the
house foundation and has been
painting the new storm windows.
He does enjoy the fireplace so
much - I have just Cain on couch
the last 2 evenings not feeling
well enough to do anything else.
Pa had to stop the Soda as his
stomach got rather upset - he
is going to try it 3 days off &
3 days on - I think that was
the way grandpa did. But I see
great relief that his shoulders
bother him so little now & his
legs are practically o.k. - his
hands, too, are getting quite
normal.

Thank you for the check -
it comes in very nicely now
that cash has not been very
plenty. I think I will use

part of it to pay for a quilt
that was left from the fair -
I brought it home to take
care of but did not feel
I could buy it tho' I did
want to. I think Pa has
forgotten my birthday - he did
not mention it but he had
rather a hard night with me
and a busy morning. Jessie
called up, so did Auntie this
a-m. + the latter had given
me a small gift I had not
yet opened. Mary sent me a
card & A. Jane me too -
Will no doubt hear from
some time to-day.

Now I must get busy
again - I feel alright only
awful legs. I'll see about
the pajamas + hope you
will come as soon as you
can - Love
Mother.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schoeck
Hollis 4
Cambridge Mass

Dear George :-
Walter was going to
write but didn't have the time so
I am writing this in the P.O.

There is an excursion from Albany
to Boston - the 21st 22nd and 23rd

If we could get a ticket would you
want us to send it to you Price \$3.00
Auntie started this A.M. Father

[Dec. 28, 1934]

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a line to tell you of my safe & sane arrival. I saw you waving from the door yesterday morning, and I waved back though I doubt if you saw me.

My train was on time in New York - it was much warmer down here. Elizabeth met me at usan. We had lunch straightaway and spent the afternoon in a book-shop and at the Museum of Modern Art. Then up here for dinner. Summit

Am is at the 155th Street bridge over
the Harlem - this is a marvelous
view of Manhattan from the living
room window - but little is
visible this morning for it is
very hazy again.

We are going downtown to lunch
now and then to a play. I shall
try to see Uncle Hank tomorrow
morning before going to Danbury.

I had a splendid time at home
and regret that it was so short.

Hope all is going well, and that it
is warmer at home today.

Love to all

Grays.

Friday noon

[39 Dec. 1934]

Dear George -

Ever forgot to give
you the \$4 due on afternoon
from H. & me - so I enclose
check for same.

Hope you are having a
fine time - We here today
but quite cold. H & E. are
starting for Albany. E & I

had dental work done yesterday -
for took us down & we left M.
morning - Called on Mrs. A. Hillen-
beck last evening - she was all
alone - What an awful fate!

Auntie is safe in St. Petersburg.
Best regards to Mr & Mrs. Weeks.
Love - M. Hillenbeck

Cassachie, W.V.

Jan. 2/35

Dear George-

I suppose you have been on the job to-day - When did you return? We all went to W's for dinner yesterday (2.30) and Eva left on 5-0'clock train for Newburg - then by bus for Middletown. Suppose she & friend are in Baltimore to-night. When we awoke this morn'g the snow was coming down fast and there was about 7 inches on the ground. We did not think E. ought to go. So she telephoned Elizabeth & she said the snow did not amount to much down there. It cleared her by noon but last night a high wind made many banks & Pa had to retrace several times to-day. I wonder if you go to the

Letter with check I sent to Danbury.
I had it ready to mail Friday & told
E & H. to take it when they went to
Albany, but that night it lay on my
desk, so did not get mailed till Sat.
Eva had an interview with State Ed-
ucational head and found she
would not have to do much else
to get a license in N.Y. for H. School
work. No chance at all in Museum.
Auntie reached St. Petersburg on
Christmas night - after 3 nights in
a hotel. She got a 4 room apartment
at 1145-16th Ave. South - I guess she is
finding the unusual crowd there has
raised prices very much.

Ways reached W. City O.K. - I
seem good to have H. home nights.
For a while; Bessie visited here Thursday
& staid all night - Eva had her chair
in fine shape - you both did a good job.
H was in Calcutta to-day, so I went
down town with pa after dinner. I am
feeling better except for the frequent p. pains
in head - concluded it is neuralgia - has
bad to-day. Rose, Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHACK
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Jan 3/35 -

Dear George -
I have just finished dinner
and Eva is getting packed up - I hope
she'll be ready - It is now 1:30. I
can't think to say so she will
wonder tell you all the news. If you
take her to any of the stores to-morrow,
I want her to buy an umbrella - she
knows all about it but may forget
So I am asking you to remind her. I
also suggested that you say away
those lace doilies as they are too firm
to stand another washing, I attempted
to mend them but gave it up in despair.
If you need others I'll be willing to
pay for them for you - Will be to get them

I am glad the rain is over - it was
a hard storm but now the sky is
blue & the wind is north. I hope
you'll all have a pleasant
week end & not too strenuous, so
you will not be too tired next week.
I was very glad to have you home
& will look forward to the next
time. Hope sometimes you can be
home for a longer period as you
used to be. Has some I forget to give
you celery & apples but am sending
some with C. Don't neglect to ask
for anything you want if we can
give it to you. Much love,
Mother.

Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
January 4, 1935.

Dear Mother + Father,

Back in the harness again - contrary to my plans I did not return until Wednesday afternoon. I stayed at Daubury thus long, partly, of course, because Donald + Betty were so persuasive in their invitation to stay, but to a large extent for two other reasons. In the first place I reached Daubury with a wretched cold, which only now is leaving me, which kept me in bed more than half the time during my first two days there. In the second place the Vases came on Monday - I had never had a chance to see much of them and didn't want to pass this one up.

Despite my cold I had a good time - Sunday dinner at Terrace Place - an evening of bridge at the Biggess, and the New Year's dinner on New Year's Eve - seeing the New Year in with jollification is one of the rites Betty never forgos.

They are living in a perfectly huge mid-Victorian

House, all dotted up in a most fantastic manner by its previous occupants - they have stashed away most of the worst furniture but there still remain built-in mirrors, things above the doorways, etc. But it is luxury in a way, for they have plenty of room and plenty of heat - an oil burner - I think they are quite lucky.

I left New York Saturday noon. I had planned to call on Uncle Frank that morning, but when I phoned him I found he was not in his office that day. So I spent some time going through the publishing house where Elizabeth's aunt works. I had never seen all the details of publishing before - from manuscript to finished book - at last I found out how the linotype operated and saw the many operations involved in binding a book.

I saw little snow to speak of until I got back here - there are several inches here - and the walks are covered with ice - and sand - with which later we shall contend from now on until April. I reckon you have heard from Eva by this time. I hope she reached Baltimore without mishap.

Now that your family is again distributed (even as far as Florida) I hope you can settle down for two or three months of quiet. Love to all

George.

P.S. The Truesdels were all glad to hear that father is feeling so much better - with so simple a remedy - they wanted me to find out the exact prescription.

Halls?
Cambridge, Mass.
January 22, 1935.

Dear Martha & Fadder,

It seems as fatal to get out of a habit
as to get into one - if I don't write on
Friday it seems as if the days roll by
without an equally good opportunity. But I
shall write what I can before dinner
and hope you get this tomorrow.

I am glad to hear you are feeling so
much better. Martha, but don't let that
set you off on another spell of hard work -
I prescribe a long rest-cure.

You will be surprised, as I was, to hear
that Miss Hoys is an invalid for the
present. I called her up for the first since
vacation last Thursday. She told me she was
flat on her back with a broken hip - she

has two new tractors with attachments
in front for sweeping the snow before
them. So as soon as it begins to snow
they start out and until long after it
has stopped, it sounds around here
like plowing on a large farm. It
seems that after each round of the
walks they come - stop in front of
my window for a rest, but without
turning off the engine - so that I am
beginning to dread snow storms.

There is little excitement in my life
just now - I am still keeping at it pretty
regularly. Sunday evening I spent with
a friend listening to the Jell Makers
program. Yesterday morning I had to postpone
an exam. The next one won't come until
a week from Thursday. I hope in the
time in between to polish off another
paper - a rather short one.

I wonder if you noticed in my laundry
a pair of socks done in a kush - they
are new ones - I sent in the previous

got twisted up with a broom handle and
a doorway the Thursday before Christmas
and fell back a mighty crash. She was in
the hospital until a week ago yesterday. Her
doctor thought a cast unnecessary but
put a brace on her leg which she must
have on until April 1st at least. I
went up to see her Friday evening. She
looks very well and says she feels very
well. She has her bed down in the living
room. She gets up twice a day for a
few minutes each time to walk about,
but otherwise must lie fairly flat al-
though she can read. She has endless
company - I was the twelfth that day -
she seems very cheerful about it all
and is probably having a good rest.

We have had less rather heavy snow
storms since I wrote last, each
one of them fallowed by rain - on Sunday
evening everything was one glaze of ice, by
yesterday there was quite a fog and now
there is nothing left but slush - the
regular cycle which occurs over & over
again here every winter. The University

laundry another new pair since lastly
knocked which didn't come back - possibly
you kept them to mark - they were, I think,
dark blue with cloaks having some red
in them.

I was glad to get the apples. But I
suggest that you don't seed so many
at a time, for I have no place to keep
them cool enough to prevent them
from drying out.

That seems to cause the weeds etc
that has collected by now and it is
time for dinner. I hope you are not
having too much of a struggle with
winter - spring will soon be here, probably
all too soon for me.

Love to all

George.

Harris-7
Cambridge, Mass.
January 30, 1935.

Dear Mother + Father,

This is a real winter - I reckon you have had a hard week if your storm was anything like the one we had. It rained 16 inches according to reports and they are still churning in the yards, although some paths were open the next day. And it has been below zero several times this week - it is getting colder now and I reckon it will be zero again tonight. You must be having a lot of trouble with the water pipes - I wish you had had them put inside as I suggested.

It is exam time, but that is not why I am busy - during exam time I have fewer interruptions and try harder to get more work done. The paper I hoped to finish this week is far from finished, after a long session with Morse last week and I found that not only it but also the one we 'finished' in December had to be revised. I took Saturday afternoon off to hear Myra Hess, my favorite pianist. The only seat I could get was on the stage - I sat front row front,

only six feet from her - I was almost as conspicuous as she was. Morrie was also there. He had copped together afterwards. It was our first meeting since before Christmas.

On Sunday night I went in to Grand Hall to hear J. B. S. Haldane, the eminent British biologist. I have long admired him as a learned man who has managed to keep sane and I wanted to see what he was like. I was somewhat surprised for he is very different from my pre-conception. He is a tall, heavily built, rough-and-ready looking fellow with a hoarse voice and somewhat hesitant speech. But what he says is interesting enough to make one forget his manner. His subject was 'Is there a chosen race?'. He did not attempt to answer the question, but merely to point out that to define 'race' is very difficult and to evaluate 'superiority' of race even more so. He showed in particular that, even were it desirable, it would be impossible for Hitler to separate out the Jewish element in Germany - the peoples of Europe are simply just too mixed up.

I'm glad Father got out of his accident without injury. I hope the car was not so damaged as to cost a great deal to fix. How did it happen? Could the condition of the road be held to blame, as that you could collect

from the town - though I'm sure you wouldn't
even if you could! You oughtn't to try to drive
on the roads that are dangerous.

I was glad to receive the apples in the country
on Monday - they seem to be especially good this
year. You speak, Mother, of the pair of blue
sarks as not being very good, - new, but only
rayon. That is the best kind of sarks I am
able to buy - besides which I think they
mean better than silk. Still, that pair doesn't
seem to be mine, for I know mine had some
red in the checks - but it is a small matter,
so forget it.

Now I must go and mail this, and on
the way back get my suit which I left at
the tailors yesterday, to be retined & to have the
pleases slightly sharpened. The cost will be
£4.50, quite a price it seems to me, but
the linings were completely worn out so I had
to have it done.

I am glad you are able to keep warm in at least
one room of the house this weather, and hope you
are not having too much winter trouble.

Love to all

George.

Catsackie W.V.

Jan. 5, 1935

Dear George-

Pa and I have just returned from making several calls. I have been out very little lately, I think only once while Eva was home & that to the dentist - oh, yes - on Christmas Day, too. These two days have been beautiful and I hope the weather has been fair, too, in W.V. I am quite concerned about your being ill and wonder how you managed. I hope you are better now and will not have a return of the trouble. Do not hesitate to let us know if you are ill ever any time to need me, for I could go if necessary. By the time you get this Eva will be gone. She seems very well now & had a good time home even if much of it was spent in the kitchen. I was surprised to hear how miserable she was all Fall - I don't see how she managed to keep up her teaching. Friday night we packed up boxes of the articles she wanted sent & was about ready to listen to the President's address

When 3 callers arrived & staid 2 hrs. Pa & St. were dis appointed but will go to sports - H. went to bed.

I was so sorry I forgot to give you apples & celery last week. - Your stay was so short & we have ever been living on schedule as usual, so much has been out of order. This coming week will be rather busy but we hope soon to get settled down and be able to do some reading.

The entire community was shocked yesterday morning to hear that Wm. Furdell was killed the night before on the Albany - Schen. road in a head on collision. Poor Lavinia, I think of her all the time. We do not know particulars yet, but they wanted H. yesterday after he had left for Putland to bring Mary back to day - He is not home here yet. The funeral is to-morrow. I heard at church this morning that Charles Dick died in the night - He has been ill for about 5 years.

Pa will want to go to his funeral on
Tuesday likely. Wed. I have a
Mrs. meeting & Pa has an electric
freedom conv. meet. here. So
the big wash will be in progress
the last of the week. I will
not attempt the curtains till after
the other wash is out of the way.
Margaretta came yesterday tho'
I feared she would not on ac-
count of William's death. So
we got the tree & greens cleared
away & the house straightened
up generally. When we get
caught up, we must make a
trip to Albany - I need new
glasses & shoes - both important.
I do hope you feel better & will be care-
ful - You should close your overcoat at
the neck & chest every time you get
off the car & when they open the doors -
I remember the awful draughts one en-
countered in traveling in New York.

Better get that sweater we spoke
of to wear in the office. You do
not seem very rugged and evi-
dently N. Y. City air does not
agree with you. Write soon if
only a card so I can know
how you are.

Not one warm here as the
dash so I guess I'll sit in the
other room by the fire place.
We do not feel very hungry
after 2 square meals to-day,
but will probably get a bite
of something before going to bed.

Love,
Mother.

Cassachie W.V.
Jan. 10, 1935

Dear George.

Another week has fairly flown
and it has been cloudy, foggy and slippery
for four days. Washed to day.
Was sorry to hear you had been so
miserable with a cold while in Danbury.
There is so much sickness about &
many cases of pneumonia. H. Cooper
& Mrs. Hallen both are both still in
bed. Yesterday we attended two
funerals. Geo. Seward died in
St. Petersburg on Saturday and Mrs.
Collier had another stroke Sun-
day while doing chores & died be-
fore midnight. Yesterday Ed.
DeMott passed away.
Have heard frequently from
Auntie - a long letter on Tuesday.
She has concluded such a long
auto trip is not the best way to travel -
a tone of some disappointment
seems to invade the letter & I guess
everything is not all honey & pie.

No doubt you have heard from
Eva. She was some how sick,
at first but soon got rooted
again. Marge is on her way
home. Left N. City Tuesday & will
be in Albany Sat. A. M. We
have liked having H. home
evenings, but that will soon
be over. She is out to night to
see Burmans & Van ^{an} Hoer.
I got courage up Sunday &
went to Dr. Van to see what is
ailing my head ever since the
middle of Dec. & getting worse. I
concluded it was neuralgia
and Dr. Saep his, due to an ex-
hausted nerve condition. He
gave me a strong tonic but I
have been no better. Fortunately
I do not suffer all the time but
yesterday & today have had head
ache almost constantly. Probably

in time the medicine will help -
in the meantime I must frequently
let things go & lie down.

Do you remember her Rev. Wuester
who used to preach in Catskill?
He had charge of the Union
Service here in 2nd Church
Sunday night gave a very
fine sermon - such as is rarely
heard in this berg.

Pa is as usual all O.K. if he
keeps still but quite "soxy" if
he does any manual work.

He again has a little stiffness
in his hands at times, but com-

plains very little about his shoul-
ers & knees seem O.K. You can
tell the Doc that the remedy
was simply a teasp. of baking soda
in a glass of water before breakfast
as just he took it every morning.

but now he takes it 3 & skips 3 -
this is the better way as it may
upset some folks stomachs.
Haven't seen William's folks
since we were here on New
Year's Day. Saw Mrs Comaley
yesterday & she said Bessie
had been sick Tuesday & had
to stay home all day.

Thank you for the \$2 check.
I'm not sure to whom it belongs
either N. or E. Will know
when I have a reply from E.

Must stop now - this is more
than I thought I could write -
when I sat down. Hope you
will keep well - be particularly
careful for this is the season
one gets ill so easily.

Love,
Mother.

Cassackie W.V.

Jan. 18/35

Dear George-

Time flies so fast I hardly realized - last night was letter time. I was busy with telephone work till too late for anything else. I will get this ready for P.O. to mail & may be you will get it to-morrow. Had quite a snow yesterday but not as much as on New Year day. High winds are blowing the day and there will be drifts in places tho' the snow was heavy to start with. Ther. is 28. not so cold, but we feel it when the wind starts in every crack.

I have felt much better this week and it is a great relief to be rid of that everlasting dull headache and the frequent shooting pains. Have not heard from Auntie in over a week but she has written to H. on business. Nothing of much importance has happened here unless

It is that I am having a new dress
made. I will have to start right
in wearing it, as it is not out for warm
weather - Eva bought the goods when
in Albany last time - it is plain dark
blue and will be serviceable. Ho.
brought Marge here Tuesday evening
and she gave a very entertaining ac-
count of her trip to Mexico. She
said she was there plenty long e-
nough for quiet trip as it was some
what of a shame to meet so many
~~new~~ relations she had never seen
and accommodate herself to
their habits & mode of living. She
was glad to get back tho' it was
a memorable experience. I
think she looks thin & tired but
she seemed to have the usual
flop & ability to converse. She
brought me an artistic plate
made of plastic wood & decorated
with flowers - all hand made.
H. has a set of book ends hand
carved representing ~~the~~ each a

Medicine asleep while sitting with
head bent (one a man & one a woman)
face is hidden under the pombers.

Pa & I went to the annual Con-
gregational meeting. Had right
much against our wishes but as
Rev. Bosch had been so kind
during Pa's illness we did not want
to offend him by staying home.
We were really sorry we went
as it amounts to nil - Dickie
who ought to have been in bed,
was the main show & entertainer
on his own account even
thro' the business session. It
really got us Pa's nerves. Mr.
Bosch was the one way to see
Pa & confidently to ask him
if he thought he (Bosch) ought to
leave - no one else knows about
it & we are perfectly sure. Of
course Pa advised him to go for
his own sake & Church's too but it may

be his wife's relatives will try
to help him - however he is very
self willed & usually does what
he makes up his mind to do.

H. went to the W. E. Laugel
last night but pa did not. We
have one Jan 31 & Dr Rubens
Pres. of Central College will be the
Speaker. R. D. does have one to -
morrow night in P. Keupie - pa
wanted to go but wisely decided not
to - there will be one later in Spring
for Capital District Carriers. To-
morrow if weather is not too bad
we go to Albany - I would like to get
a new hat & pa wants to attend
the Grange for his. Well as if W.
Snow is showing so now I cannot
see further than Camp's orchard
at winter but some times hope &
Spring is coming. I hope you are not
having much trouble with your trees.
There is much sickness in town but no
recent deaths. Lovingly Mother

Cassackie Hill,

Jan. 24, 1935-

Dear George-

Here I am in front of the place quite cozy this zero night but it is the only warm + sun forecast spot in the house. That a day this has been! the worst of the winter. The snow arrived here late - Letter day after-noon and the wind was with it + did it blow - you can imagine - lucky we did not have as much as in New York City where it was 17 in deep - we had plenty. Pa went to the Meeting + banquet of the N.Y. State Agricultural Soc. in Albany yesterday with Mr. Brougham - they left at 1 o'clock + returned soon after midnight - Marguerite + I staid here all night. They encountered little difficulty because the main roads were clear of ice before this storm came but the country roads have been awful since the last snow last Friday. Pa had a bad time to-day for he upset his car on the hill NW west of Mrs. Bohm's + had to leave the car + go down to Melbuis in a passing auto. It was fortunate - he was not hurt at all but the car is damaged some. W. took him around the route that he had not covered + this afternoon they brought the car home - Pa has been out all day + is so tired to night. The car runs ok. but must have some new parts outside - two fenders broken.

The water pipe has frozen twice to-day & he is just now going down to thaw it out the second time - Spring can't come any too soon to suit us. The wind has let up some but it is very cold out. We have had fire in here all day & I have been in here quite a good deal for my feet were like ice in any other room.

Was very glad to get your letter to-day. I feared you might be ill tho' I valued this is best times you were probably unusually busy. So sorry to hear of Miss Hayes' misfortune - I will try to send her a card or letter. John Pennis had a bad spell on the street last Saturday & was brought home - had to have another woman to care for him a few days - at first we thought it was a stroke but I guess it was a Stomach attack - He ought not to have been out that cold day - he had been here twice that morning. He is ok. now but not out doors yet. Pa & I went to Albany Saturday afternoon. While he was at the Fire Ins. meet. in C. W. C. A. I lounged in the parlor there reading & snoring. Then we went down to get a bus for me & got home by supper time.

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Nothing this week from Auntie - a
long letter last Friday - she seems
to be enjoying life in the sunny
South. Jennie Butler is in St.
Pleureury, Wis. for a while.

I have not felt quite as good this
week - head inclined to bother some
but not as bad as a while ago - am
still taking the medicine. Your
prescription is fine if one could only
follow it. I'm sure it would be the
best cure. But I have concluded
that I must either get out of town or
lie in bed & do nothing in order to
rest completely. These are days of
course, when I'm not pushed & then
I do rest more. I have just fin-
ished reading Lampton's His Becom
& I would not recommend it to
anyone - too modern & full of
bursts, dashes, fives & numerous ca-
lacities - very little to even smile at.
Now I have started *Reveries of the
Nature* by Hardy - guess I'll like it.

I have just packed four canvas
sack & will send to morrow. I
marked the sacks for you. The
pair you sent last time I
must have put with it's but don't
seem to be able to find them now -
not if they have any red on them -
There is a pair of blue & blue cloths but
they are not very good ones - that is
they are new, but only rayon.

If you get too many apples give
them away - there was so little to pack
last time, I thought I'd fill it in with
apples & you could treat some one.

Now it is more or less 9.30 & I haven't read
a word yet to - night. One thing, I
do sleep fairly good, and also keep
lie down at least some during the
day. Tulo-pa & I called on Mr. Hallenbeck
who is still on his back - then John Bonnes
& then H. Cooper - the latter looks bad &
is quite discouraged - Mrs. Thompson has
gone home & he is able to help himself
some now.

Love
Mother

Cossackie Mt.

Jan. 31/35-

Dear George-

This is my last letter dated Jan. and I'm not sorry. Life here must be more livable. Was surprised today to get your letter - two in one week is so unusual. Also had a letter from Eva; she is ok. - busy and appears as happy as usual. We have been having rather a better time since I last wrote but maybe the worst is over. We did not have the snow you had, but tho' it has been clear it has been too cold to exist. Zero & mostly below every day for a week with us let up but fortunately no severe winds. We can keep very comfortable here in front room evenings with a good fire & if we have the time to sit here afterwards, we warm it up too. But I don't see how we could have company when the weather is so cold. I wear a sweater most all the time & my feet have been like ice except when I stand on the heater or hold them near the fire. He has about all the bed clothes up & stays on his bed for his room is very cold. The water system has been a source of delusion and the main source of work & covering him all week. Tho' the weather has

been no worse than last year, the pipes
have frozen more & often & Pa has
been a slave to them all week. They
would close up in half an hour after
being thawed out & on Thursday the
entire system was frozen. Pa spent
all afternoon working to thaw him out
& got nowhere. Yesterday a large
cold water pipe burst over the ceiling
& has been leaking ever since. We
have been using water from a pail
all week. Today Pa consulted Longham
& found how to empty the pipes &
now we will have no pipes to thaw out
to morrow. This will be our procedure
whenever a cold snap comes until
the pipes can be changed. Longham
must come to solder & before we
can have the convenience again.
Yesterday Pa found the heater grate
was broken - we feared we'd have to
let the fire out, but he managed to prop
it up till he can get a new part. We
haven't our car back yet & Pa is all
at sea every day without his own de-
pendable car. Some days he uses H's
& some days Dr Steiler's. Ylburved
Jervett is here for short runs but it is not
ideal. Monday night it rained to fury
after a range near Chumax store & we had

to telephone to Wilbur to come out &
push us home. Today Pa had
trouble with H's car & had to be towed
into the garage - it was nothing serious.
The running machinery of our car was
not damaged, but the body was badly
dented & one light ruined. The cost
will be \$25 & maybe more - don't
know yet. No way to make a claim.
The road was icy with fresh snow
& that caused the trouble. This
is a long tail of woe isn't it? But
we are alive & very hot just now
Pa put on a lot of dry wood. So
is getting ready for court next week
When Wilbur & Jessie's call comes up
he has four other cases, too. He was
to Albany yesterday & goes Friday & Sat.
I have been out only twice since I
wrote to you - church & Orange. I
am feeling better most of the time but
occasionally lose pep & feel rather
draggy - this is generally after doing
too much extra - it seems hard to
shift the work when the house
gets upset & dirty - looking & no
one else to clean it up.

I found your blue silk socks
with red on clocks & will mark &
send to you next laundry time.
Sorry I have not yet written to
Mrs Hayes but will try to do so
before long. It has been too cold
to sit at the desk day times or
nights - even with a good
fire-mass fire. Having our big
bed room open uses up the heat &
lets out plenty of cold - We cannot
even open our windows many nights
when the north wind blows.
I hear from Auntie once a week &
write - once a week. I don't tell her
any of our ailments - arthritic, ca-
lamities or bad weather so it is not
very easy to fill up two sides of a sheet.
It has been cold here & she was glad to
shut up one room's fire by the fire place.
Dr. Van Halen plans to go down in a
few days. - He is asleep on couch & wants
to be held so I guess I'm thro' nothing
more of any importance. Hope you
are all ok
Love
Mother

Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
February 7, 1935.

Dear Mother & Father,

It would seem to be something more than a week since I wrote last. ^{The} time flies by, but with no great excitement therein. You are having a very cruel winter - I am sorry you had so much trouble with the water system - it has been warmer the past week, so I reckon you are more or less back to normal. I hope you all have your car back by this time.

The second term started on Monday. In

boy in great detail how he had done a problem all wrong he replied 'Well, I can't help it - that's the way they told me to do it at the tutoring school.' The other one asked me to raise his grade. When I asked him on what basis he thought I could do so he said 'On the basis that the E you gave me will put me out of college while a D will let me stay in.' I didn't of course, change his grade, and I hope my E will put him out, - he's been a nuisance since September.

I have not been up to see Miss Kays again though I have called her on the phone. She says she has so much company she has no time to read and scarcely time to eat, and she is just deluged with letters, books, candy, etc. She seems to be getting on very well. Mrs. Kays is also getting on alright. Mr. Kays was in yesterday for the first time in three weeks though he was down two weeks ago, she

just twelve weeks I must have in a clinic. If I am to do so this year, I begin to doubt that I shall. I got a short paper in fair shape last week and spent several hours over it with Morse on Friday. Between us we whipped it into publishable form. The next morning I met him at breakfast. He said he had decided the whole thing should be done by a different method. So now I am starting out again on the same thing - it will take me five or six weeks at least.

I hope the book for Bessie reached you in time for her birthday - I didn't know when I signed it whether her birthday was the 4th or 5th or neither.

I corrected my papers and made up my grades all in one day last week. I had two annoying complaints. After explaining to one

day of the storm. It took him four hours
to drive home that night.

I had a short note from Eva yesterday.
She had been having a rather gay week, her
dinner engagements and a party at Dr. Johnson's,
but she said she was feeling alright.

I suppose Mother & Jessie's case is an aw-
ful one. I shall be interested to hear about it - I
hope they can collect a respectable sum.

All for now. Love,

George.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Feb, 7, 1935

Dear George:

I am taking pity
on mother to night, by writing
this letter while she reads the paper.
She has been mending coats and
other things preparatory to sending
your work. We have been having
some pretty cold weather; last
night it was from 8 to 12 below
zero. Luckily we have escaped
very deep snow. We seem to
have been between the deep snow
in New York and the one you had
in Cambridge. Much of the road is
as bare as summer, but there is

some that is very icy. Havent
got our car back yet although
expect to get it tomorrow. There
wasnt so much to do, but it was
just impossible to get Henry self
busy on it. If I should start to
tell you all the experiences I
have had in the past two weeks
with cars and water pipes it would
make a book. We had two broken
places in the pipes and Lou came
and fixed it up Saturday. Then I
conceived the idea of wrapping
a lot of bags around the pipes
loosely and also filling the holes
in the wall. We have had three
below zero nights and no trouble.

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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

So I feel that possibly it may work.
This week is Court week but to-
day it adjourned & till next Wed-
nesday. There is a question whether
Jessie's case will come at this
term, as the opposing lawyer's wife
died yesterday and that may cause
a delay. Too bad, I wish it was
settled. Marge was here to dinner
Sunday and brought Burton Pickett
with her. He is as bright as a
dollar, but will never be able
to walk. Last night we went to
see "The Little Minister". It was good
but not as good as the "Barrett of Man-
pole St." Had a card from Auntie

to day, she is still going strong.
Recd a card from Jennie Wallis who
is at St. Petersburg and in it she
said she hadn't endured so much
hardship in a long time: it has
been very cold there. We were plan-
ning on going to Catskill to day but
put it off till tomorrow.
Next Thursday we ^{have} our annual Church
banquet. I suppose mother wrote
about my going to the banquet at
Albany. I enjoyed it very much.
Am reading quite a bit; have nearly
finished the volume of the history of
the English people. Started to read
"The Folk" by Ruth Suckow, but don't
think I shall finish it. It is almost
as bad as Anthony Adverse

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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

We certainly enjoy the fireplace;
it is the first fire we have ever been
comfortable. I was down to see
Anna Spoon the other day, as
she wanted some information
about the Van Schaacks. John
Borus has recovered and is
about again. Henry Minions was
buried to day; he broke his leg
a few days ago and it resulted
in death. Well I guess Joe will be
most of the news and perhaps
mother will add a line.

OVER

Love Father

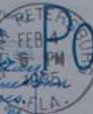
Friday 11th.

Have just packed four
Cannidy. Guess everything is in
except one sheet which needs
big patch on & I haven't had
time to fix it. - Much milder
to-day and snowing now. We
are quite tired of winter and
all its problems & departures and
will be so glad to hear the first
robin chirp. I am feeling
better if it were not for so
many annoyances due to the
cold weather. Hope you are
OK - Love Mother



St. Petersburg, Feb. 4th 1935

From the Mountain Pine of Maine to the Sunny South of Florida



POST CARD



Your letter received with pleasure
 first time in P. M. to my surprise
 to find I. She was out both times.
 She called on me Sunday P. M.
 and we took her for a long ride
 & Miller was with her, so she had
 had plenty of riding (she many
 from Pittsfield, Mass. so she had
 not had a chance to be lonely.
 The ride was moderate and the
 day was sunny and fine weather
 it was 11 o'clock the like the 50 when
 we got up for our two weeks now.
 We left for So. Hallenbee, Conn.
 about a long ago. Red U. Carle from
 New Bedford to day, winter has been
 very when temp. was low. Went to
 search again yesterday. Such
 a crawl must be a surprising to
 minute. Can't see any day. Had
 most of this flowers in the night.
 Yours as ever, S. B. H.

Mrs. M. D. Van Schaack,
Catskill,
N. Y.

Green Co.

Catsackie Va

Feb. 14, 1935

Dear George-

I am writing this morning because I know I'll be two nights to-nights when we return from camp. We had a real spring like spell for a few days the week end but zero again Tues to Wed. This morning there is a strong south wind and rain after a heavy hail storm while we were having breakfast. Harold was to Catbrell yesterday again to-day. If court holds over till next week, Jessie's case will come up; if not, it will have to trail till Apr. The postponement was due to the death of the lawyer's wife on other side. Quite a relief that the Hauptmann trial is over but I cannot agree with the jury in the death penalty. With so much circumstances evidence, I feel it ought rather to be life imprisonment. There surely must have been other implications and they may turn up yet unless they

are the ones that have died since.
Any way, I don't believe in Capital
punishment - the judge did a
very unusual thing in trying to
influence the jury & altogether the
whole thing from the start in 1932
was badly bungled. Harold
came home at midnight last night
(he had been to banquet in Catskill
given by the bar to Judge Staley)
and he heard the broad casting
rights from the Court in Flemington.
I could not sleep then till I took a
rest tablet.

We are glad to say the old car
is once more here on the job all
fixed up again - pa got it yesterday.
It was an expensive affair (don't
know yet just how much probably
around \$50) but not as much as
if pa had been hurt - however
it supplies us still more finan-
cially - we have been so behind
all fall & winter & pa thinks he'll
have to sell some stock this Spring
and get straightened out.

We were sorry to hear you had
to do that paper over - surely that
Moral is over particular - I hope
it won't be the means of preventing
you reaching your goal this year.
Are you trying to get a job some
where or is it not time yet? Pa
has been quite concerned this
week sympathizing with Geo. Lamb
because John Lamb flunged out
of Fordham University where he was
a freshman. We never had that
care & worry but we know some
thing of anxieties connected with
college careers of children.
Pa & I have helped considerably in
planning & arranging for the
vacquet - I have not done hard
work but have succeeded in
getting many others to take the
brunt of it. The job was rather
thrust on us & for various reasons
we could not thrust it off.

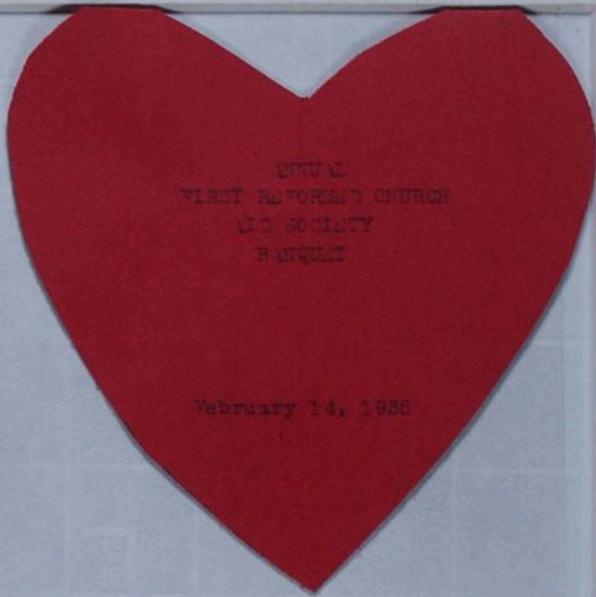
Rev James 1st Rfd Ch Albany will
be speaker & he is very good ac-
cording to reports. Fannie is
managing the kitchen & the
dining room but I have a
number of good helpes (19) so
I do not mean to do much waiting
on table. We did a up last night
to set the table. they look pretty
with red candles, heart menu cards
and prim roses (plants) I went to
Hausens to buy the latter - they were
50¢ each but the woman volun-
tarily gave me 8 very nice plants.
Mr. Basch printed the cards & I
helped cut out the heart shapes.
I am getting very good now & this
constituted medicine. Did I tell you
Dr. Van Huesen is in Florida Auntie
seems to be on top as usual but she
says she must have another woman -
this one from Middle town has had emul
I guess. Sunday pm I made 4 calls - so
many sick people whom we know -
one ought to go to Steer. B's birthday was 4th
I did not find back till next day so sent
it up. - Wishing you & L. & hope same with
you - all for now, Love, Mother.

Soda Treatment
for Neuritis.

1 Teaspoon baking soda
in 1 glass of water before
breakfast.

My father has had it every
morning but now it is
3 mornings out of 3 off to
+ he says he is going to
quit altogether soon.

Mrs Brandow (Astoria) takes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tea sp soda + juice of $\frac{1}{2}$
lemon in a little water
every morning + every night.
She thinks this is fine - her
doctor says it is better for stomach
than a whole spoonful at once.



WYU C.
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
L.S. SOCIETY
BANQUET

February 14, 1935

Haellin 7
Cambridge, Mass.
February 15, 1935.

Dear Mother & Father,

Glad to get your letter this morning and to hear that you had had some respite from the severe weather. You must be having some warm weather just now - it rained here yesterday and today the sun shone most of the time, so that the snow is going fast.

I'm sure your dinner last evening was a great success, considering the hostesses & stewardesses. I hope you made a good sum of money. I was at a dinner at the Harvard Club on Tuesday - the

bottle - they are quite expensive - one dollar for thirty, but they seem to be worth it.

The revision of the paper turned out to be not so drastic as I had feared. Just at present it is going along very well. I am trying to get a job of course. I am registered with the college appointment office - and the chairman of the division spends considerable time looking about for jobs for us. I have also registered with one Chicago agency and am waiting for a registration blank from another. I wrote to a friend at Haverford College near Philadelphia - there is to be no opening there this next fall but they will keep my name in view - I should like to teach there. I also wrote to Dr. Shute at Hamilton a couple of days ago but have had no reply yet. It is said there will be more jobs

annual dinner given by the division to the part-time instructors. It was a rather boring affair - it seems to get more so each year - but I shan't have to endure it again. A member of the faculty gave a long & tiresome talk on something only two or three of the guests knew or cared anything about.

I am glad you are both feeling as much better - I hope you will keep that way. Also glad to hear you have your car again - too bad it cost so much. I have managed to avoid getting a cold since I got over the one just after the holidays. And for the past week I have felt quite a bit less tired & nervous. I reckon that is because of some cod-liver oil pills which I have been taking. Donald sent me a bottle of them about two weeks ago, and I have taken two every day. Today I bought another bottle - there are only 20 in a

this year than in the past two or three
and that there is little possibility of not
getting one. But it is still rather
early for much activity in that line. And
just at present I have all the job I
can take care of right here.

I too disagree with the Hauptmann
jury - but I go as far as to think they
should have acquitted him - at least of
the murder - I didn't expect they would,
but I did expect they would disagree.

Nearly everyone I have talked to about it
feels the same way - I hope the trial
will be declared unfair, for it was so.

I had a long letter from Eva yesterday.
As usual she seemed to be getting on first
rate.

All for now - Love to all

George

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Feb. 24/35

Dear George-

I just wrote to Eva and now remember to-morrow is a holiday & I must get this off for you to-day, too. Here had several mild fair days but to-day is quite cold again and now the South wind is settling in every crack. I wonder how you will spend the holiday week end. Harold leaves in the morning driving to Rutland with Marge. He is home very little and we hardly know how he looks. He had quite a disappointment this week when the accident case was again put off till April Court term. The opposing lawyer has a break down

after his wife's recent death. Wilbur
and Jessie were in Catfish Mon-
day AM. & came here ~~to~~ to dinner
& also supper. Bessie was here all
night - she has a dreadful cough
& I got barely any rest, so was quite
peppless next day. Have not been
out since the banquet - glad of
a chance to stay home & rest.
Was quite shocked last Friday to
learn Rev. Bosch was taken to the
hospital & operated on for ap-
pendicitis. He did not complain
Thurs. night but we thought he did not
act natural - I think he was miser-
able all that day. Pa went to see
him Tuesday in Catfish hospital -
he is doing fine - with effects from
either ~~or~~ no gas pains.

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MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

There was no church Sunday
but pa had Sunday School.
Mr. B's brother in law from Iowa
is here & he will preach next Sun-
day.

Mrs. Delp called yesterday and
staid quite a while. We had two other
calls before her so I got little
done in the way of mending. To-
day J. Zimmus was here most
of the morning & so I got little done.
I will try to get some things
ready to go in morning but may
not be able to as I still have some
ironing to do & the sheet to mend.
What did you want me to do with

the pair of socks you knotted -
they are clean & mended &
have a Van - are they discarded?
I am enclosing a clipping from
Literary Digest - Have you ever
met this man in Rockport? Per-
haps Raymond Tweedy knows him.
Guess this is all - pa has kept up
a stream of talk & I could hardly
concentrate so don't handle him
what I have written.

Hope you have a pleasant
holiday. We are invited to supper
at 7 o'clock near Kitchatun - we may
go & we may not - depend on how
we feel & how weather is. So long
till next time. Love Worthen

Comics—And Their Creators

Harrison Cady came to New York at the age of eighteen. Drew first for *Harper's Young People* and *Saint Nicholas*



Harrison Cady

and *Life*. Was on the staff of the last named magazine for twenty-three years.

Did many serious war cartoons and animal drawings. Illustrated over 7,000 of Thornton Burgess's animal stories, which are syndicated and used all over the country. Developed the character of *Peter Rabbit*, which now appears in the *New York Herald Tribune*, and is also syndicated.

Has done articles and drawings for *The Ladies' Home Journal* and *Good*

Housekeeping, and has written children's books.

His paintings and etchings have been shown at the Pennsylvania Academy, Chicago Art Institute, and American Water Color Society. Last year he had a one-man show in New York City. His most popular etchings are those of the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and South Carolina. As a young man he spent many summers in the Canadian forests studying animal life. His summers are now spent in Rockport, Massachusetts, where he has fitted up a little tower for a studio which used to be the dye-house of the village many years ago. He has also acquired one of the ancient inns of the town which he has restored and uses for his summer home.

He is a member of several different artist societies and enjoys the Dutch Treat Club of New York.



Drawn for *The Literary Digest*

Peter Rabbit

Hall's 7
Cambridge, Mass.
February 21, 1935.

Dear Mother & Father

Tomorrow is a holiday, and it is highly unlikely that there is any mail collection between noon & ten o'clock at night, - so I had best write tonight to make sure of your getting this before Sunday. Somehow or other my correspondence seems to be growing by leaps & bounds - I suppose it's just the increase due to letters regarding fat-hunting. I had a letter from Mel Shute on Saturday. There too there is to be no new appointment next year. But that was no great surprise, - swell.

I was in Boston Monday afternoon and before coming back here dropped in to see Raymond Fowley. He had just returned from Washington & was just getting out for Augusta - in fact I was able to see him at all only by going to the station with him. He and his wife had been in Washington for Harold's wedding on last Saturday afternoon. Harold has a fairly permanent job there with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board - he is in an office under the supervision of a fellow from my class here whom I knew quite well - and whom I cannot think of as being in charge of an office.

Otherwise not much of interest has happened this week. I was invited to listen to the radio concert Sunday afternoon - it was a good concert but the radio worked so badly I wished all the time I were back here reading - I seem to loo-doo radios.

Will you get me another box of Little

colleges make appointments only seldom, & that I should have about one on the second try would have been a rare coincidence. Did I write you that I had written to Charles Merkle and have had a reply from him? His salary has been much reduced, but they seem to be able to manage - he teaches in summer school to make it somewhat larger. They wished to be remembered to you.

I called on Miss Hayes last Friday night. She is keeping up her spirit very well - she feels perfectly well and is getting rather tired of lying in bed. She has had one setback - she had to wear a shoe all the time because of the brace - it finally produced a blister on her heel which she failed to tell the doctor about until it became rather serious - so that she had to have the brace off for several days - she could not lay in bed at all that time for fear she would dislocate the broken bone.

Jacques to send with the laundry next time? I
still have several, and in fact need them
very seldom, but I should hate to be without
them.

Did I write that Sam Talley & his wife have
a baby - a son born the latter part of January?
Probably I didn't, for I guess after all you
don't know Sam, or do you? I also had
a short note from Miss Wiggins. She wrote
that she is retired but not free - she has
apparently been the mainstay of her family
through the depression, with the complication
of a very long illness in the family - apparently
she is no longer a Christian Scientist (if she
ever was), for they don't speak of illness,
even of serious one.

It is now Washington's birthday, so I'd
best get to bed - we have a holiday and
I should like to get a lot of writing done.

Love to all,

George.

Halls?
Cambridge, Mass.
March 5, 1955.

Dear Mother & Father,

I missed your letter yesterday, but I reckon that you, as well as I, were too busy to get one off in time - at least. I hope that was the case, rather than that you were sick. I hope you have been hauling as gravel a day as we have - the sun has shone brilliantly all day - and has made big dent in the snow - the look was nearly all gone a week ago, but we received a new supply of several inches last Tuesday night, followed by more near-glees

there was no suggestion of banishment about them. There were three soloists, who both sang and acted most convincingly. During the last part of the program they were dressed in sailor suits and sang sea shanty songs. Morris is quite fascinated by them and wants to adopt them all! He has it mixed & single concert they have given in Boston, some ten or a dozen.

Yesterday afternoon "Friend of mine from Easthampton" came to see me and played for me for nearly two hours - things I like a great deal but can't attempt to play, and which one seldom gets a chance to hear.

The holiday week-end didn't see any change in my schedule - except that I was able to get a lot of work done on the 22nd. I look for a rather busy week ahead for the freshmen must choose their fields of concentration this week after a conference

weather. But with March well started we need not look forward to much more severe weather.

Morris took me to hear the Vienna Choir Boys on Wednesday evening. There are twenty of them, some of them children of poor Viennese families and others children who have been abandoned by their parents - they are trained & educated by a Catholic priest & his associates. Few of them are over twelve years old and some of them look to be ^{scarcely} more than eight. In their first group they were dressed in black cassocks with white lace collars, and singing ancient church music with great solemnity they presented a most pathetic appearance. That was all changed however in the second part of the program. They did a short 18th century opera, in costumes of the period - the boys who were dressed as women made perfect ones,

with their advisers - I shall have a dozen
of them coming to see me - some of them
with definite ideas, but others with no idea of
their interests. And then I have to write a
short report on each. And on Wednesday I
have to speak before the seminar - but
preparation for that is not so hard for
I shall speak on the paper I wrote with
Prof. Morse last year - which I ought
to know backwards.

Other excitement there seems to be none.
I had a long phone talk with Miss Hayes -
she is getting along very well & looking
forward to April 1st. I hope she won't be
disappointed. I had a short letter from
Eva yesterday - her spirits seemed to be
as good as usual.

The pair of sacks you mention, reveals
on rather close examination two holes -
the holes fit the pattern so that they are
rather hard to find.

All for now. Hope you are all well.
George.

Hack's?
Cambridge, Mass.
March 5, 1935.

Dear Mother,

Just a note to tell you I am
sorry indeed that you have had such
a heavy cold - if acute sinus means
what I think it does, you must have
had a great deal of pain in your head.
I hope you are feeling much better
by this time and that your sinus
is not starting on a chronic condition.
Why don't you try cod liver or heliver
oil tablets or capsules, or whatever they
are, for the next few weeks - March
is a bad month for changes of tempera-

sure and you would do well to fortify yourself.

I have had two notices of jobs - one in Missouri, the other in Illinois, both in teachers colleges - I refused considering either of them - the first starts June 1st. before I could begin, and the second requires training in education of which I have none. There seems to be an unlimited number of teachers' colleges - one is always hearing of new ones.

I hope this finds you feeling quite fit again.

Love to all

George.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. George B. Van Schaack,
Hollis 7
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Dear George - Mar. 5/35
Was glad to get your
letter yesterday. I am on
the job again after a weeks
rest - it was rather an un-
pleasant experience but
might have been worse. It
kept me quite busy - Dr
was here Thursday - I ought
to have had him sooner &
I might not have been ill.
So long but one never can tell.
I tried all our old remedies
but nothing seemed to help.
Yes, Spring is here - the snow
we had last Wed. is almost
gone - cloudy to-day. You
can imagine I found a few
things to do after a week of idleness
but I am going slow - it takes
a little while to get entirely over
such an attack. My wife has some
sick last week with fever but is O.K.
again. Love, Mother.

Catskill, N.Y.

March 8/75

Dear George-

It was so thoughtful of
you to write me that extra letter - I
appreciate it. I am gaining
and feel better every day though I
find I haven't much pep left after
working all morning. The last two
days I spent most of the afternoon
in bed. I went out last night for
the first time to a supper in Chapel
Pa would not go without me and I
guess it did not hurt me for I sleep
fine and feel no worse for it. Had
some snow last night just enough
to make a white country again. Sat-
day is cold - so was yesterday - but Wed-
nesday was a beautiful Spring day
ideal for the washing. The sun shined
bright today and I expect to go out for

a while this afternoon. This is the first day I have had no headache but the day is not over yet. I shall never forget the awful pain last Thursday and until I put mustard plaster on Friday morning. I'm sure the worst is over tho' I do have frequent use for a hat. yet. It was a hard week for Pa and I feared he would be sick too, but he took some of my tablets and has pulled thro' O.K. Yesterday he went out to the Wood Lot at Earlton with a prospective purchaser - now I must write to Auntie about it. She certainly has come out on top of the heap so far but never the less I shall always feel she took a big risk in going as she did.

Pa is deliberating about just what to do with the land this year - Earl does not want it. Some days Pa says he will let it all go & then again he declares he'll work it. He seems to be feeling very good now except for a stiffness in his shoulders & hands not pain as last summer but just stiff especially when using them.

I am glad to hear from Mrs. Hayes - I am ashamed I have not written to her but I have not felt well very often & have wasted so much time just lounging about or lying down. When I did feel good there has been so much desk work reports, galore

Surely I got the main big one off
just before I was taken ill - I was
dreading it ever since New Year
& it had to go to P. S. Com. by Mon 1st!
I spent the afternoon of Washington's
Birthday & the next afternoon in mak-
ing it out. The evening of the holiday
was entertained by the Berkeley Ridge
H&H Club at a farm home near Kirkham.
You'll see and accept it in one of the
Recorders. I sent your laundry of
this day - Here comes for & I
want to send this W.P.O. with
him. Please don't accept any
positions so far away that we
can't see you at least as often
as we do now. When do you
come for Spring vacation -
Done,
Wooten.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs B. Van Schoock
Hollis 7 Cambridge 38
Mass

Saturday P.M.

Dear Geo: -

I suppose you
have looked for a letter.
Mother has been in bed
for several days with a
very bad head cold that
led to acute sinus. She is
much better now but
still in bed up tomorrow
I guess. Bessie has also been
sick has been running quite
a temperature, but is better.
Everyone else is all right.
Today is quite spring like
and the snow is going.
I had a letter from the room
she seems to getting on
fairly well. Love
Father

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
March 13, 1935

Dear Mother and Father,

I have always highly disapproved of personal letters being written on the typewriter, but I am so tired of writing by hand and have to do so much in the next few days that I can write you a more readable letter if I type it. The 'paper' is getting on, in a way.-- I have spent a total of twenty hours with Prof. Morse in the last five days--We have decided to add two rather long sections which I must write directly, and I must write a meaty abstract of the whole paper to send to the publisher within ten days. Besides which I have two hour-exams to make up and give and a long seminar assignment to read before next Wednesday. So you perceive that I shall be rather busy.

I am glad that you are feeling better again, Mother.-- I hope you will soon have some nice spring weather to get out into. The Yard was practically clear of snow yesterday, but it snowed again last night--about two inches of very wet snow, which is melting very rapidly. The Yard was a marvelous sight this morning with every twig laden, but that was all past by ten o'clock.

I was in Boston Sunday evening to have supper with Raymond Tweedy at a downtown restaurant. While we were there Mrs. Tweedy came in with a young woman whom she introduced as Hilda Conkling. The name sounded familiar, but I could make nothing of it. It was only the next day when I happened to meet Mrs. Tweedy again that I found out that it was the 'little girl poetess' grown-up. She is living at the same settlement-house as the Tweedy's and is doing settlement work--she is not writing poetry. She is twenty three now, quite blasé, but also quite kiddish.--I'm afraid her grandfather Hazard would be shocked by her

I hope you can come to some sensible decision about working the land. I certainly feel that you should not attempt to do much yourself. I know you feel

that you could help your pocketbook somewhat by working part of the land, but only in so far as it would be of such help should you do so--and then you should not try to grow anything for sale.

I wonder if you would look around for my knickers--gray flannel, rather 'sergey'-looking? I thought I had them here, but when I tried to find them the other day to take them to the cleaners I couldn't do so. If you find them will you send them right on, for I should like to get them cleaned before the vacation.

Our vacation is from March 31 to April 7,--but I do not know yet whether I shall be able to get away for it. It will all depend on how well I get along these next two weeks.

Now I shall go out and mail this--and look up Mr. Hogg at the Chemical Laboratory--it was my turn to have him for lunch today, but he didn't show up.

I hope you are both feeling quite fit now--I manage to keep feeling well enough to keep at work. Love to all.

George.

Cossackie Wf.

March 15/35

Dear George -

Paris just starting off, so I'll try to have this ready for Harold to mail - he isn't up yet - has a bad cold. Had just enough snow yesterday to make a white landscape and messy roads. Very cloudy & looks like more storm to-day. I improve but some days have little pep - yesterday was one of them and I went to bed very early. If I work steady mornings, I am good for nothing rest of day - do not even want to go out anywhere. So if I plant to go out, I must take it very easy beforehand. I am taking iron & have 2 bottles of hypophosphites - waiting for me. However, I'm sure those oil capsules or tablets - you are taking must be very good. Pa seems to be feeling very good but he has those awful headaches frequently in the early morning - did not his? He has been trying to do some odd jobs

7. jobs around the barn when after
noons are favorable for such work.
Has not definitely decided what
to do about the land, but is in-
clined to tend to it himself, doing
what he can & letting rest go. Of
course that will mean occasionally
hiring a horse or team + 1/2 hr man.
If Earl would do as last year pa
would gladly let him have it but
he will not agree to as he hopes to get
job for State institution. The build-
ings are about ready to be occupied
and there are rumors of the boys
coming now any day. Pusters are
invited for inspection the last
two days of March. The empty houses
in town are being rented by the
employees but many of them will
have to live in Catskill, Athens or
Parsippany, as this village has been too
slow to provide some new houses.
The State Doctor has rented 61 New St.
where Auntie lived. Had a card from
Auntie yesterday - she wants me to
go down for a visit at her expense but

admits I could not leave here & it is
only a pipe dream. H. wanted to
go & then telegraph I was on the way.
She says she is not coming home till
May. - I do hope you'll be able
to come home for a few days anyway.
Eva wrote that Aggie & Dick sail for
S. America tomorrow & that Dick
has a contract for two years with an
oil Co. That seems like a long time.
It would be dreadful long to me if
it were my children - yet I know
I may be called on for a longer
separation - no telling. Alice
Finesdell's husband has a job (next year)
in Sanger's school as Science ^{teacher} -
so Alice is going to give up teaching
now. He was going to study Med.
I don't know how or when he switched
off. Francis & Florence have moved
again to a bungalow, they were once
for Washington's birthday. Mrs. A
Kedallbeck sold her farm last
week and must be off April 1st so
she is getting ready for auction Nov 27

Rev. Beach is on the job again but
looks very pale & thin - He did not
take time to recuperate.

Harold has had an offer of \$3500
to sell all damages & accident
from the Ins Co. Lawyer - as that
is considered very good offer they
will probably accept & then there
will be no court procedure.

I will look for you knuckers to-day
& send at once if I find them. Was
very glad to get your letter yesterday -
it was easily read. I'd admit.

Glad you keep telling well and
hope all your extra premiums work
will not tire you too much. We
were reluctant to hear about Hilda Co.

The world is not so big, after all.

A. has had is breakfast now & is
most ready to go so I'll finish this up.
Snow storm has started & looks
as if it might make a real job this time.
Have just looked for your knuckers
don't find them except one - You
must have them over there.
Love: Mother

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
March 21, 1935

Dear Mother and Father,

I'll bet you were glad to welcome official spring this morning, even if it wasn't wholly spring-like. It was squalling here when I got up, but it has since changed to a drizzly rain. The ground is clear of snow, the lawns are beginning to look green, and on some of the bushes there are already a few tiny leaves--so this hard winter seems at last to have come to an end.

I have been kept quite busy this past week. The abstract is finished--I finished it yesterday morning, having worked on it late Tuesday night after Prof. Morse had called to say that it had to be sent in today. So there was a grand rush to get it copied yesterday afternoon. When that was finally done he called up someone to see when was the latest that it might be turned in for the next issue. The reply was 'March 14th'. So all that rush was for nothing--but that is quite typical of him. Relieved of having to work late last night with him on a second abstract of his own, I took the evening off to hear the Harvard University Orchestra. I had not heard it since I was a freshman here. It was a good program, but too long and consequently not very well played.

Mr. Hogg was down on Saturday and had lunch with me. His wife and a friend came over here after lunch. It was the first that I had seen the former since before her operation. She seemed to be feeling well and certainly looked well. They are anxious to have me go up there for a week-end, but I don't see how I can before some time late in April. I haven't called Miss Hayes up for an age, I must do so tonight,--she expects to be relieved of her brace within a few days.

The insurance company offer seems to be very good-- it would seem to cover all the actual money costs, though nothing could pay for the trouble and Jessie's long incapacity.

I had a short letter from Donald a few days ago, saying that he had finally had to give in to the influenza--it seems that he must have it once a year. He has been very busy for over a month organizing and conducting a subscription campaign for a Music Centre at Danbury. They sold the quota of 250 subscriptions at \$5 each and had their first recital of a series of six last night.

Vacation is only a week away, but I cannot tell yet whether I shall be able to get home or not. It will all depend on what Prof. Morse says next week.

I wonder if you looked in the chimney closet upstairs for my knicknars? I can't find them here, unless they are in a box down in the basement, and I shan't try to find them there. I hope you weren't too mystified by the large number of shirts that I sent in the last laundry. Two of them were beyond repair and I thought you might want them for rags. The other one or two--I've forgotten which--might possibly be mended to last another two or three washings--but don't spend very much time on them.

All for now. Hope you are all well and not having too much to do. Love to all,

George.

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
March 28, 1935

Dear Mother and Father,

I shall get the bad news over first,--I shall not be able to come home this vacation. I reckon I am quite as disappointed as are you, for I had planned to come home, and you had only hoped that I might. I am staying here, not because of my own work, which is in such shape that I could leave, but as a courtesy to Prof. Morse,--and after all he has done for me I couldn't do otherwise. The paper which he is writing, and of which I spoke last week, must be ready to send off a few days after vacation and he wishes to discuss it with me in some detail before having it typed. He hopes to have it ready for the first discussion by Sunday, and then to have another one on Wednesday, after I have had a chance to read it and ponder over it. Since there would not be time after vacation for all of that I offered to stay. I shall go away on Thursday, and I can only explain why I do not come home then by telling you where I am going,--namely to Granville. I shall be staying again with Elisabeth's aunt and uncle, Silas Everts.

I regret indeed that I cannot get home now, but I shall try to make it up to you in the summer. Commencement is only twelve weeks from today, and no matter what transpires by then I shall probably be coming home on that day. If I get a job near here I shall not, of course, bring all my things home, but otherwise I shall. The problem of getting them home would probably best be solved by having someone come over for them with a small truck. If I get a degree I suppose I may as well stay for commencement. I doubt that I shall be able to get more than one ticket. I shall leave it up to you whether you come or not,--I can promise to get one of you in to the ceremonies, but only hope to get both of you in--I might know someone who would be able to give me a ticket which he could not use. I have thought that if you cannot, or do not want to come, that Wilbur might--he could come over the day before with a truck, we could load up that night, and then leave for home directly after the exercises. At any rate, will you

my chatters

make some inquiry about the cost of hiring a truck for that purpose, and also about the possibility of having Barber take ~~it~~ home on his way back from Boston--does he ever get over this way? I could not have it ready before the 18th or 19th, however.

Morris came over on Tuesday night to see 'David Copperfield' with me. It is an awfully good picture, possibly the best I have ever seen--you must not miss seeing it--I hope that when you do see it it will not be 'cut', for there isn't a dull moment in it, and one would not want to dispense with any of it. Morris came over again tonight to have dinner, and afterward went to see the spring production of one of the college societies--he wanted me to go along, but I have too much to do, besides which I am not in the habit of paying \$2.85 for such amusement, and I don't like to have him spend that amount on me.

We had a heavy rain storm tonight, after several very bright, but quite cool, days. The latter have kept the vegetation from developing much in the last week. I do not think things were so badly injured by the cold weather as they were last year--so far as I can tell the forsythia will bloom.

I had a long letter from Eva today. She seems to be having her spring vacation this week. She had had too good days of rest, with two invitations out to dinner, so that she was feeling quite chipper.

The thesis, such as it is, is about finished--I expect it will be typed next week--but it has yet to be accepted, and even after that I have a lot of work to do getting ready for the oral exam in June. I have spent two days trying to write a short summary of it, and now that I have that finished, I think I shall have to write another one, of a different nature and still shorter,--saying a lot in a few words requires some ingenuity.

All for now--it is already after eleven o'clock, and I must write at least one other letter before going to bed. I hope you will not be too disappointed that I will not get home. Love to all,

George.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

22 March 1935

Dear George:-

Thursday Evening.

I am taking pity
on mother by writing this letter
while she mends your clothes.
We are sitting here alone by the
fire place. The nights that Harold
is home are few and far between.
I never saw such a loose affair
as that one and I sometimes wonder
what the outcome will be.

Spring is a bit tardy but comes
in apace. To day has been stormy
and raw, but yesterday was perfect
and a fine wash day.

Have been doing some odd jobs but
not very much real work yet.
The white has been very close
on many things white beech looks
particularly bad and I believe the
forsythia beech are not going to
blossom again this year. Are they
that way in Cambridge?

On Monday night we went up to
a large meeting at Jewett Heights
with Brandeis. It was a lovely
night and we had a good time.
I was interested to see the sap
buckets along the road there were
hundreds of them, as this is the height
of the maple sugar season. It is
surprising how many sudden deaths
we have had the white

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK

ELM SHADE

COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Yesterday morning Oliver Blossom
dropped dead it is too bad as his
wife has been an invalid for
several years Had Lou Landon
out yesterday to fix the toilet as
it had sprung a leak. No letters from
Eva in a long time just postal
cards she says Peggy and her husband
have gone to South America for two
years. She is not coming home
for Easter. I am beginning to slow
up on my reading. Just at present
am reading the Education of Henry
Adams and Sigrid Undset's silent
books the Trevelyan, Bidal Wreath, The
Masters of Husbandry and well the

other names has gone from me
I am reading the record now.
Mrs. Halliburton has sold her farm and
next week they have an auction.
We were over to Mabels for a short
call the other day. She looks rather
miserable. No word from Annie
for several days she intimates
that she will stay down there
till May, but I think the warm
weather will fetch her home.

Well this seems to be about all
I can think of at present. I hope
you will be able to come home
for a few days. Love

Father

Dear Geo - I am at. only quite busy as
usual during vacation. Love Mother

Did
you find
your points
this are not
here.

Coyackie Bay

Mar. 28/35

Dear George-

We are wandering if you
are coming home - we hope so. I will
not write much for I hope to see you
soon. Has been quite a chilly week
but fair until to-day - we had quite
a rain and it was good to get the water
for cisterns well getting low.

I have been trying to start some house
cleaning but it is a job to accomplish
much alone, for I get tired out just
doing the regular daily work - Marguerite
is coming to help to-morrow. Marge
was here to dinner & for afternoon Sunday.
There was a big fire in Athens Saturday
and we happened to be down there at a
Pomona meeting. Several large buildings
& some houses near river were lost - a
strong south wind carried flames
far & fast but plenty of help from near
by towns including Hudson & Albany got
it under control.

Friday we were in Castakill. I had
a date at Dr Bennett's & then we
went to Jeanette to supper - got home
at 10.30. Aunt Berta is still fed

But expects to go home next month.
She looks good and seems to be quite
well again now, she is rather lame.
Suppose you know this is Dad's vacation
week - wish she could have been home.
We see very little of W. or his family
they have been here only once since
Christmas. We called there a week
ago - as Jessie is in her mother's place
so much, it is not easy to get her on
the phone.

Some of the boys are out at the State
institution and there are many stragglers
in town. Rents have gone up and some
houses are being fixed over for
flats or an extra family. The
P. D. will be open to public Sat.
and Sunday.

Two more deaths have occurred
in last week - Olive Blossom
suddenly of heart trouble & Frank
Vernuliga in Albany Hospital.
Pa went out this afternoon to
solicit for the annual church
contributions. He did not see

much - every body seems to be poor.
We have felt the effects of the de-
pression more this winter &
Spring, with less income and
higher prices - economizing
to the limit to pay our debts.
Pa. has been hunting trees etc. but
has not decided yet just what
he will do with the land. A. has
been getting some of the wood
chopped up - he staid home this
Aut. & worked several hours.
The accident affair is not
yet adjisted as I really think
the price ought to be higher.
W. has sold a number of new
cars also all the old ones that he
took in, so he ought to make some
thing. But the partnership does not
seem to be satisfactory - I don't
know much about it & don't want
to. - Well, I must get to bed I'm so
tired - just 9 o'clock. Love the other

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

April 1st / 35

Dear George -

Of course we are very sorry you
could not come home for a few days -
it is the first Spring vacation I have
not been here since you left home for
this reason I really thought you would
get here. So your letter was quite a shock
to me and naturally the tears welled
up in my eyes, but I was so busy bak-
ing and getting dinner when pa gave me
the letter, that I did not have time even
to cry. I regret it, especially, because
I know you need the rest and change
but hope you will relax as much as possi-
ble. I can't help but feel Prof. Moore
ought to have timed his work so as not to
interfere with your vacation, but at the same

time, I appreciate your position and am
glad you are willing to make sacrific-
es for those who have helped you. I
know you will enjoy the week end but
I fear you will not rest much then, I
get in some extra sleep before Thursday.
Yesterday we three went over to see the new
State School (Prison) - there was a mob there
and we had to walk in line - there is still
much to do to make it presentable indoors
and out and we were disappointed to
see rooms furnished - only a few of them. There
are a few of the best boys there in Khaki uni-
forms acting as directors in a way. The
bulk of the boys come this week. - Rents have
gone up in this town as a number of strangers
are appearing daily. Spring comes slowly -
only one really warm day so far - to day
cloudy & will probably rain. There seems
so much to do here indeed, we hardly
know what to do first. We would like to go to Bot-
in some, but fear we cannot manage it. Will consider
the plans & let you know later. (Signed) very dear
one - Arthur's.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELM SHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Apr. 11/85

Dear George -

Have just written to Eva - father
her a box of May apples to-day - do
you know what they are? A nice flavor
that grows down in the fields as Uncle Sam's
Eva is studying a rust that affects them - She
requested a box full. To-day I have
been to a Frange Conference at our Hall.
there were Frangers from Greene & Albany
Counties & the leader was State Lecturer.
He came out to dinner & for afternoon -
we were here before 5 and I was tired
tho' I had done nothing but sit & listen
and visit.

Harold has been busy this week on
court business. Jessie's case was
settled yesterday without a trial. They

accepted the \$3500 - it was problematic
whether they'd get as much if they stood
trial & the expenses would have been
increased by having all the doctors to test.
Fy. Quite a relief to have it over - H. has
worried about it quite a little.

Sen Cumpmann is giving up farm work
at Brant Farm & will have an auction
Apr. 24 & 25 - J. Cooper is in bed again.

Eva sent us some daffodils - they came
in fine shape. Pa has ordered 250 chicks
for May 2nd. We get very few eggs now - have
been eating hens and others have died - only a
few left. Have caught 14 or 15 big rats in Sen
house. Two snow storms lately - 15 in Feb.
day on the Mts. they had to get out the windows
again. Spring is coming very slowly. Our
coal is gone & we are using wood in furnace.
I was in the shell again over the week end
with a bilious attack. Milbur has a new job
Justice of the Peace - isn't that the limit?
Those folks are awful busy but I will re-
fect a letter to you on or Saturday. Now
I want to get to bed. Love, Mother

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
April 12, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

It seems an age since I have had a letter from you-- and I am wondering if any of you have been sick--the laundry case did not arrive until Thursday, which is rather unusual. I hope that I shall hear from you tomorrow that none of you are ill. Possibly you are just borne down by the beastly weather we have been having. We had heavy rain and wind all day Tuesday, and snow during most of Wednesday, and now it is raining again. But there was good weather over the week-end while I was in Granville, both Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days. As you expected I had a good time in Granville, though a quiet one. On Friday afternoon Mr. Everts took us out in the country to see sugar-making--I had never before seen even so much as a sap-bucket, but I have now seen hundreds, if not thousands. We went into two places where the sap was being boiled down and tasted some of the finished syrup--one man had made 300 gallons and expected to make about 200 hundred more. There were other places, too hard to get to, where the sap is piped directly from the tree to the boiler, so that the process goes on continuously and almost automatically for days at a time.

Prof. Morse has kept my nose pretty much to the grindstone ever since I came back. I spent most of Monday, part of Tuesday, all day Wednesday and yesterday afternoon with him. Wednesday was spent in taking down from his dictation an abstract of the paper which he has been working on, and yesterday in seeing that it was properly typed and the formulae filled in. It is now on its way to the editor, so that I may look forward to a few days of peace, though I have so much to do that I scarcely know which to do first.

There is little other news. Morris brought a friend over last night. We had dinner together and then went to a free quartet recital in Sanders Theater.

I found a registry notice in my letter box this afternoon--I suppose that it is my thesis which was being typed by someone down in Virginia--I would gladly (done have) it myself, but Prof. Morse said he would pay for having it done if I would help him last week and this week. Now I must get the thing bound.

All for now. I hope to have a letter from you tomorrow. Love to all,

Hollis 7

Cambridge, Mass.

April 19, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

I am sorry that you will not get this letter until Monday,--I did not realise until too late this morning that, today being a holiday, there would be only two collections today, one early this morning and one late this evening. Today is Patriot's Day, the annual celebration of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, and I was awakened at quarter of ten this morning by the sound of the parade--I was told by someone who saw it that it was a rather poor spectacle, ending with four trucks which carried advertisements for the new Chevrolet! It has been a pretty fine day, but I have been out in it only to go to meals. I spent much of the day reviewing and the rest, reading my thesis over for the last time before getting it bound. There are two or three pages which have to be recopied and I shall take them to a stenographer tomorrow morning. I could do them

myself were it not for the fact that the typewriter used to make the copy had 'elite' type, which is considerably smaller than this.

The week seems to have gone rather quickly despite all the bad weather--it has been sunny nearly every day before breakfast, but has clouded up afterwards and has either rained or snowed--Tuesday night we had about two inches of snow which, of course, melted very quickly the next morning. I heard the director of the Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory give a talk Tuesday evening entitled 'Why the Weather?', which was a very timely topic. He had no difficulty in explaining the recent weather, but it was all on the basis of air currents, the origin of which he did not explain. On the basis of Tuesday's weather map he made predictions for the rest of the week which have so far been pretty well verified.

I called Miss Hayes on the phone a few nights ago, and she kept me for over half an hour. She had been up and around for about three weeks, and was quite discouraged with her slow progress--she is exhausted after little exertion, her leg pains her, and her feet and ankles swell badly after she has been up a few hours. Those are, of course, all things which she should have expected, but she seemed

to think that the moment she was free of her brace she would be well.

Now I must get to bed. A friend came in at the end of the last paragraph, and since then I have been out with him to get a cup of hot chocolate. I am going to Exeter for the week-end. Mr. Hogg will meet me in Lawrence tomorrow afternoon and drive me up from there. I have so many things to do tomorrow morning that I shall have to pack my few things to-night.

I hope that everyone is well and that you are taking things slowly and also planning to do so all summer. Love to all.

George.

Colts Neck, N.J.
April 19/35

Dear George -

Meant to write last night. But I was too tired when I got here with the mending. I did not get the sheet ready so put one of the sheets in laundry case instead. What about the socks that were lost in a trunk? - I see they have no marks on them & maybe they are not yours. I put your keys in, too. - found them in my desk drawer.

At least we are having some different weather - sun has shown for two days now. But the wind is very blustering still - in the night it sounded like midwinter. We had several light snows recently, and rain galore - did not see sun for about ten days. Heavy snow on the Monuments; only 2 dd. ago there were 10 in.

in Lanesville - I do not care to be up there but
the mts. are beautiful to look at and the air
is very clean and near. Mother has not been
of the house cleaning type and as I am not over
peppy anyway, I have been doing preliminary
details, getting some Cozy standing odds & ends
done and more time to rest & read. Marge
left for Rushville this AM. So Pa. will be home
there for a week - perhaps I can get him to
help some next week, but in his time, one never
knows when he can or will be home. In spite
of the cold & wind, Pa has worked some outdoors
or in barn most every day lately - there is so
much to be done he is in despairing ever getting it
all done. He has materials here now to put in

a concrete sill in Wagon House - Earl will
help him. Says today he is going to work on the
flower bed. The tulips & iris are up and now
other plants will be coming soon. He has the
little chicken house clean & ready for the 250
chicks he has ordered for May 2nd. He offered
the hay to Homer Lampmann if he would
spray the apple trees twice & it is a bargain and
quite a relief to have that problem settled. We
will probably not get our papering done till the
last of next month - must wait till Pa gets home
to do the painting first.

On Wed. another of grandma's old friends died
Hattie Hallenbeck, Blanche Sporis' mother. She had
quite small but was taken with a heart attack &

After a 2 months absence the black
car has returned. We thought it might be
dead but it has been up around the
parsonage. Evidently one day when
Rev. Bosch's car was here, Billy got
in it & went to sleep - M. B. found it
there, but why he did not tell us, I don't
know. Last week, when he heard it
might be our car, he caught it & brought
it down. It is a good ratter & so we are
glad to have him back - the rats had
been raising Cain in the chicken house
but they seem to have taken leave now.

Mounted police are daily eight here
beginning by every day - for the present
the horses are kept in Jansen's barn.

Our State Legislature has adjourned
& I enclose list of their accomplish-
ments cut from yesterday's paper.

Must get busy at dinner prepara-
tions now. Hope you have a nice Easter.
I fear I could not go in the 5th Lane parade
for I haven't a thing new this year.
Love, Mother.

Broad Social Program Gets Legislative OK

NEW YORK'S Democratic-controlled Legislature, which adjourned yesterday, passed most of a broad social program recommended by Governor Lehman.

The Legislature voted the following major measures:

An employment insurance fund to be built up by employers beginning Mar. 1, 1936, and from which employes will begin drawing benefits Jan. 1, 1938.

A revision of the state's NRA enforcement law, to meet the legal tests that have been started against it.

Continued investigation of privately owned utilities.

Elimination from the statute books of the state's so-called heart balm laws, which had permitted damage suits for breach of promise and alienation of affections.

Continued advertisement of milk at a cost of \$400,000 to increase consumption, and thereby benefit farmers.

Inauguration of a \$50,000 program to advertise the state to tourists.

Creation of a mortgage authority to salvage the investments of 250,000 New Yorkers in defunct mortgage certificate companies.

Inauguration of a permanent state planning program, to dovetail with the federal project to tabulate economic information, and use it for social betterment.

A \$55,000,000 bond issue for unemployment relief, subject to referendum in November.

Creation of a four year term for governor and a two year term for assemblymen, doubling the present terms of office, subject to approval by the voters. (No measure was passed increasing the present one year terms of senators.)

Legislation to strengthen state's system of milk price pegging against the importation of so-called "cheap milk" from surrounding states. (Four laws are in the group.)

Investigation of the "state-aid system" where by New York returns more than half its revenues to local governments.

State regulation of beauty experts, as a result of complaints that inexperienced operators have injured women in treatment.

Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture to bring all

its functions under the control of the chief executive. (Heretofore the Council of Agriculture, Republican controlled, was not under executive thumb.)

Major legislation killed by the Legislature follows:

Ratification of the federal child labor amendment.

Mandatory jury service for women.

A constitutional amendment to legalize pari-mutuel betting at the state's race tracks.

Reapportioning the state's congressional and legislative dis-

tricts.

Require students in state supported colleges to swear allegiance to the constitution.

State regulation of taxicabs.

Anti-crime bills sponsored by Attorney General John J. Bennett Jr. designed to lighten the state's grip on known criminals and facilitate court procedure.

Legalize lotteries for unemployment relief.

Limit the tax on real estate to two per cent.

Investigate the state's relief setup.

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
April 3, 1935

Dear Mother and Father,

It seems scarcely possible that it is already Wednesday afternoon. I spent all day Monday and the best part of yesterday with Morse, and expect to go down there in about a half-hour to spend the rest of today. It is quite a vacation to have a change of routine,--I have slept late two mornings, and with no classes or papers to correct, I am having a rather restful time. I took Sunday afternoon off to go to see Miss Hayes. She is now pretty well on the way to recovery. She had been to the hospital a week before for an x-ray. The latter showed that the bone had knitted perfectly,--so she is now free of her brace, and spends several hours a day walking about and sitting in a chair--she plans to discharge her maid in a couple of weeks, having her come in only to do the upstairs work and the general cleaning. I think she has come out remarkably well, for although her knee is somewhat stiff, it is not nearly so bad as Jessie's was.

I should like to have seen the new state school with you. I suppose they are waiting for the boys to arrive before putting the finishing touches on--they can have the boys to that. I notice that you call it a prison, in parentheses,--I suppose that it is that, but certainly a better type of prison, and one likely to do more good than its predecessor on Randall's Island. New York's system seems to be ever so much better than that of Massachusetts. There is a drive on here now to round up a gang of young men in South Boston, who term themselves the 'Dripping Daggers' club--a part of the initiation requirement is to steal a car and race through Boston with it. Sunday was initiation day, and there was one serious accident, two of a party of five were killed and the rest badly injured. Boston is a very lawless place, and so much in the hands of Irish politicians that it is difficult to get anything done.

You don't seem to have come to any decision about working the place. I wish you would come to the decision that you wouldn't work more than a very small part of it.

Spring does seem to come very slowly--it is still very cool here--I hope that we shan't have to make up for it with very hot weather through May and June as we so often do.

My thesis is finished, such as it is--it is rather short, but I suppose that Prof. Morse wouldn't have let me turn it in if he didn't think it would be accepted. I shall have to spend the most of the rest of the year reviewing for the oral exam which comes sometime during the first two weeks of June. I shall have to start on that as soon as the vacation is over.

All for now. I hope that everything is going well at home. According to your report, Wilbur seems to be getting on very well. Love to all,

George

P. S. I have lost all my keys,--at least, they are so thoroughly misplaced that I cannot find them, and I have some reason to believe that I have lost them beyond finding. The only one which will cause some inconvenience is my trunk key. But don't you have a spare one at home--you used to. If you can find it will you send it along sometime. G.

Coxsackie N.Y.
Apr. 26, 1935

Dear George-

I will write before I work so
this will be sure to be mailed to-day.
We are having a spell of fair weather
beautiful Spring days but still rather
cool - we have a little wood fire in the
furnace and some in fire place in the
evening. Pa has made quite a be-
ginning with the outdoor work around
the house; yesterday Ho. came home
early and helped to reset bushes etc. The
cement sill as base is finished and
now he is waiting for Ed. to help with
the big stones. - Work indoors is at a
standstill waiting for me to do the
pauling & necessary preliminaries.

We expect to go to Albany this afternoon
for I feel I must get some kind of
goods for a new summer dress. That
is the main object tho' we will probably
purchase a few minor articles. It is
just a year ago to day that Pa went
to the Hospital; he has improved very

much this Spring for he feels he will get
feels from his working except to be
very tired at night. He did not get
all the trees trimmed on account
of pressing the other work. But
perhaps he will not get time to
finish them now. Yesterday he
had Fred Stacey work over the
asparagus and plow a piece for
our veg. garden in the orchard
just past the flower garden.
This is vacation work here and
Bessie came down Tues. morn-
ing, on her roller skates to visit.
Mr. W. took her to Catskill in the after-
noon - he had a little business ^{there}.
I did not want to go but he in-
sisted. We stopped on our way home
at Vestburg's (from Little Pt.) to get
some shrubbery to put under the
fashroom window - he has moved
what was here - it never did well.
Pa took B. up Street Wed. & she
got the "Streetists" & ministered on

going home next morning it is
too tame down here for her any
more - she must be with the
crowd in the same light. The
latest Van Schaick news is that
Melvin has purchased the Moller
house next door to the garage -
fa thinks this was o.k. & of course
my opinion was not asked.

Early was a beautiful day. We
all went to church & staid home
the rest of the day. I heard
the sunrise service at 7 over
radio broadcast from Lincoln
Park, Albany. Harold has been
home considerably since last
Friday when Gary went to Rus-
land. He is going up to -
tomorrow to return with her on
Sunday. He is ready to go

Now so I'll finish up.
Hope you are feeling good
and will not need now
at this last end. What about
the job business? We are
hoping you'll get one nearer
home - also that Eva will
land Halib's film Well,
All mine -

Love
Merton.

Hollis 7

Cambridge, Mass.

April 29, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

Glad to get your letter on Saturday, and sorry that I didn't get one off to you. But there has been too much sun around here for the last few days for me to take advantage of it and at the same time get my work done and write letters. This is the fourth fine day in succession--we have been catapulted from winter into summer, missing spring completely. Friday afternoon I went out to Belmont for a long walk, and on Saturday Wilson Talley took me for a long ride down to the south of here, during which we stopped for a short walk and a sun-bath. Since then I have had to resist the temptation to go out. The Yard is quite lovely now, with forsythia in every direction, all the bushes in leaf, as well as many of the trees, even some of the elms. I hope that you have been having an equally warm time--if you have some of the tulips must be nearly ready to bloom.

The weather was also fine for my week-end in Exeter. Mr. Hogg met me in Lawrence,--happily, be-

cause of a bicycle race, we lost our way getting out of the city, and found ourselves on the way to Manchester rather than Exeter. Since it was a nice afternoon we did not turn back. I went over to see the Rogers the next morning and had a nice long visit with them in the sunshine on their back porch. And in the afternoon, down to the beach, to that part of which at least, it seems I had not been for a year,-- for there is a mighty sea wall there now, built last summer--it is of concrete, about ten feet high, several feet thick at the base, gouged out on the ocean side to throw the waves back. It must have cost a mint of money, but for that kind of thing, money seems to be fairly plentiful--wherever one goes one sees projects of that nature being carried out. There are miles and miles of new roads everywhere about here. We saw one long stretch in construction on the way to Manchester, about five miles of it with not over thirty men doing the whole job, with all sorts of new machinery.

You ask me about 'the job business'. There isn't any. I have heard of only one job in over two months. That was a small job in the Connecticut Teachers' College, for which the director refused to consider me because of lack of experience. Those who ought to know tell me that it is still rather early and that they expect there will be plenty of jobs later on. So I am not worrying yet, though I am getting to the stage where I would accept any job.

You seem to be getting several outdoors matters straightened out quite satisfactorily. It must be a relief to know that you will not have to bother with the hay. I wish you could do the same with the asparagus--but I suppose you will be glad to get the money from that,--however, don't tire yourself out with cutting it.

All for now. Glad to know that you are both well, and hope that you will try to keep so. Love to all.

George.

P. S. The socks you ask about are a new pair of mine--you will find another such pair again this time. G.

Cassackie, Wey
May 2/35

Dear George -

I did not get to letter
writing last night - I was worse bed
time when I sat down. Pa went
to Hudson in afternoon for the little
chicks - he left me up street as I had
to go to Mrs. Moores - we went at 1 o'-
clock leaving dishes etc to wait - H.
was in Catchkill. It was after 4 am
when we got home and he had the
chicks to get settled & some fires to
set out so that meant a late supper.
It has been a full week and yet
nothing very much seems to be ac-
complished. I did a little digging
out up stairs the first 7 the week
then came the washing & a supper
at church same night. Jessie
is coming this afternoon and
help me - I have asked W's folks
& Mary to supper for H's birth-
day - It is a long time since we celebrated.

Have not told him so it will be a surprise.

Esled to get your letter but sorry that is no job in sight. However I feel sure the right thing will turn up in time - no need to worry yet.

Pa has been getting odd jobs done outdoors & I am patiently waiting for him to paint kitchen prep room to the papering - nothing in the cleaning line has been done down stairs yet. We are having very chilly weather for a few days, Wed. the Utis were white with snow again - it feels good to have a fire in furnace. Yesterday I waited for Pa at Laminis - she had no fire & I got quite chilled even with my coat on. Pa was delayed waiting for the chicks most 2 hours & I thus lost valuable time I needed at home as everything was in such an upset condition. Have had only 1 call from Ira in

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two weeks - then she had just
moved to top floor so Mr. Luntley
could have his room.

Auntie wrote she plans to
leave the 7th or 8th driving up
all the way on advice of the doc-
tor down there. Had a letter

from Uncle Frank recently -
he said he & son will be up
some Sunday this month.

Last Sunday we went to a
funeral at Vaultin - an old frang-
er just returned from Florida - died
suddenly in the night of heart attack.
Before coming home we went to
call at Coopers - Herb. has been
very ill again and it seems as if
now he will never get out of bed
again. We did not see him. Mrs.
Cooper has been very optimistic all
along but has given up now.

To-morrow night Pa wants
to go to the banquet of the District
District R. D. Assoc. at Guildenland.
This is a new assoc. & the first
banquet. Usually I'd rather
stay home but will have to go
to please him. He does not ex-
pect to go to the annual con-
vention at Utica, so decided
to go see the boys at the banquet.
He ought to have some help
with his work & reports to, but
has not got around to it yet.
His strength does not equal
his ambition - he is very tired
nights - but usually gets out
good & feels O.K. in the morning.
I am feeling much better but
naturally get very tired, too, when
I work too much. Humble

those awful pains in my
head have taken French
leave & I hope they'll
stay away. - Now I
must get to work - I sat
down to write, imme-
diately after breakfast -
pa has been up to the
mill & is back. So good
bye & love -
Mother.

Hollis 7

Cambridge, Mass.

May 7, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

I have had quite a busy week since I last wrote you. There seems to be so much to do, that if I take any recreation, I am always behind. I got a good week's work in up to Saturday afternoon. Then Raymond Tweedy called me up and asked me to go to Rockport with him for overnight--Hilda had given up going at the last minute because of a bad cold. Since it promised to be such fine weather I went. We stopped at Breck's in Lexington on the way up to get some grape vines and forsythia. It was quite cool up there, but we built a roaring fire and were quite comfortable. I had not been up there since I went with you three years ago this summer. The place seems much improved and looks very well indeed. Sunday morning was beautiful, and we went for a walk down on the rocks, having a look at the little salt water pool, which seemed as green as in midsummer, although I didn't see any animal life.

While we were there one of the Samoiloff boys came up with his wife, mother, and grandmother. I had known the former for some years, but had never met the latter two. They are all Russian (except the wife), although

all but the mother live here in America, having fled after the revolution. She and her husband, an eminent psychologist who has since died, were kept there by the government as teachers. She must go back there this month. She is the sole German teacher in the School of Geography of the University of Moscow. She has four hundred students, meets each class only two hours a week, and teaches from eight to ten hours a day. She said that I could easily get a job there for a year teaching English--it is quite unnecessary to know Russian.

We started back about two o'clock and were in Cambridge before half past three. Such quick time was possible only because we came back inland, through Essex and Danvers. Then I had to go directly over to Boston to hear the Bach Mass which began at four. The first part was over by five thirty, the second not beginning until eight thirty. I spent the intervening time having dinner with Morris and some of his friends. That was the end of the orchestral season, during which I have heard only two concerts,--probably fewer than in any previous year. I wonder when I shall ^{hear} the Boston Symphony again.

This week has started off with plenty to do--hour exams yesterday and today, seminar tomorrow--I am beginning to look forward to the end--I shall probably have my orals just five weeks from today.

We are having a great deal of rain again, but in the main it stays so cool that the trees have made little

progress in the last week. It is certainly a late season. I saw Mrs. Putnam the other day--she was just back from Washington--she says the season is late even there. She was full of lamentations--Washington is crowded with people who don't know what they are doing, who are drawing salaries from the government for wholly unnecessary work, etc., etc. She described to me the more popular new cocktail rooms in the various hotels, telling me how the dining room where she had always taken her meals had been cut up, and though her own table was still there just inside the door, she could no longer enjoy going there. All this so that the whole cafeteria could hear it!

All for now. I hope that you are all keeping well and not trying to do too much. Love to all,

George.

P. S. I shall make sure of using a three cent envelop this time!

Catsackie, Ill

May 7/36

Dear George-

A dark chilly day after a beautiful warm sunny one yesterday. I took Margaretta down to Auntie's to run & pick up the house after dinner - I did not work. Had to lay off again last week end - had doctor Saturday, he came in yesterday to check up - says Dr. O.K. but must not work hard & has forbidden certain articles of food for a while. For some reason my stomach was on the rampage and the constant belching of gas gave me nervous indigestion. I am not attempting anything rigid except to get eats & clear away the Iyellak. most of the time. Pa has been accomplishing things outdoors with Sherman's help. Last night he was to a conservation meet. in Athens & goes again this afternoon and maybe somewhere else to-morrow. He seems to enjoy it especially as he is compensated for time & mileage. John Bonner passed away on Feb.

at 5 P.M. after a short illness which was
just a collapse. His pa were over three
several times but did not see him - he
was out of his head or unconscious most
of the time, I think. Of course, I could
not go over but will get particulars
when I see Mary. Funeral is tomorrow
but I do not think I will go. Dorothy
is better and around the house
again tho' not able yet to do much.
They had a nurse for John & he had
good care.

Was glad to get your card & looking
forward to a letter and to seeing you
when you can come. - We are
all taken up upstairs waiting for pa to
do the plastering & ~~papering~~^{painting} in his
room before it can be papered. The
rest of the house can be cleaned
entirely by Margareta as there will
be no more repairs except some
varnishing. Yesterday she cleaned &
painted the oil stone & I think I have
a purchase of N. L. Connors, began yesterday
to mine for the effe. Stone but he is not here
to-day. Hell's pa so good-bye
Love - Mother

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May 10/35

Dear George -

Always in a hurry -
neglected to write last night & we went
to bed early - After 2 nice days we
are having rain again - The trees
were also very stunning. In spite of this
Pa has got the flower beds in good
shape - tulips are popping out & also
some early blossoms - peas are white
H. has all seen mature so the "patch" is
very pretty. We are looking this A. M.
for 7 - jump to put the nail board on
the outside kitchen walls - that is the
south & west - also to fix the door - then
after painting we can get the papering
done. Working the job is done down
stairs. I find I must go slow or I
just get "all in" tho I don't want to.

Amie is on her way home - received
a card yesterday written Monday stating
they would start Tuesday - it will not
doubt, be the middle or last of next
week before she gets here.

Last Friday we celebrated Mr's 28th
birthday - I surprised him by asking
Mr's folks & Maize - he seemed pleased
Jessie came in afternoon & helped us
Saturday night Pa & I went to a R. D.
Fangnet at Cunduland - that is on the
Western Seaside about 8 mi from
Albany. We left at 5.30 - it was a beaut.
ful afternoon after a fair morning.
We drove by way of the Alcone railroad
& then to New Salem & Voorheesville -
I almost wished we were off on a real
trip. Sunday I wrote William's
his m^r chum & I asked him to come
to dinner - he had been invited, & she

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Came to supper & spent the evening. H. was not home so I came again Monday for an hour after supper. Rev Bosch was down to Beaman Sunday as a candidate. We had a retired pastor who was a candidate here before Rev Dummer was called. He has sun white hair & is a very large man but knows how to preach. By the way did I tell you Mr Dummer is retiring - Jane will end his parole in Ploverville. Rachel has purchased a cottage there & it will be their permanent home when they are not away.

The latest fatality here is Mrs. Frim-
suid, Robby's ^{WIFE} ^{WIFE} is in the hos-
pital with a broken hip - she is 76
years old & her husband is 79. Fort-
unately Jen is here & will have to
nurse & keep - Mamma is not strong &
cannot do everything. The latest
sensation is Walter Wilson is before
the Court on charges of taking G. S. S. S. S.
securities - there seems to be nothing
in the way of money or bonds to carry
out the will \$4000 of which was for the
2nd church. - It must have been a
nice treat to get up to Rockport but I
hope you will not consider it in
Russia - Something will turn up here.
Now I must get busy. If you find any
odd ~~bits~~ ^{bits} socks bring them home - I have some
that may be mates. Love, Mother.

Cockeackie Wf.
May 14/36

Dear George-

Since the Wrenail & af-
set of extra activities, I'll try to see
you a few times. After considering
mining the electric & tone was hooked
up yesterday and the old one jumped
Pa was away on his new job Tuesday
from 2 to 9.30 and goes today from
2 to 6 to Norton Hill. He has a sched-
ule of six days from 2 to 10 and
six half days 2 to 6 between now &
June 4th. The work is not hard be-
cause the farmers are not taking
hold of it - they do not seem to un-
derstand it nor see the benefits to
them - Pa had only 1 man Tuesday
to make out the work sheet for, so
really had a good rest - we had
a book & magazine & took several
maps. Sherman has not been here
this week because there is little work

he can do unless Pa is with him. He'll probably be here between now & Tues. When Pa must be in Greenville. The work in doors is at a stand still but I think maybe the plastering up class will get done soon. I am feeling quite O.K. again but going slow & resting often - of course not many things can be accomplished at such a rate. But I am so glad to feel better, I'm not risking another case in. Auntie was here Tuesday afternoon and I just lay on the couch all the time & listened to the tales of her about Mrs. Gray & Florida. As Pa was away (I'll both times) & Harold went to a church supper, I had time of from cooking & dish washing and was quite content with plenty of bread & milk.

It has been excessively warm ending in severe thunder & lightning & rain ^{down} yesterday afternoon & evening. The electricity was off ~~to~~ on for several hours & finally off a long time past

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before dark. I just managed to get
a shad broiled for supper in time.
To-day is clear but very windy &
chilly - We have a wood fire in
heater. Margareta is washing.
Harold has been quite up in the
air lately, but not as blue as his
former attacks. I think he has
Lomestung in view but of course
would not tell us about it. He
was in Albany all day yesterday.
He told me Monday he is going to
give up his office soon & this is
Cashmere's last week he also said
he expected to go away but was not
sure yet where. Marge has not
been to see me since before I
was sick - I thought she might
drop in for a few minutes, but
they are on the go all the time.
She was to Ruskland last week end
& H was home till Sunday afternoon.

Jessie invited us to dinner and
we went there from church. At
4 we left to go to Catebeles as Pa had
to counsel with Brougham - we
took Auntie with us for the ride.
I have not been to see her since
the day she came home - then I was
there to greet her - but I must see
her occasionally - I think she
gradually fails - she is so far perfect
and really ought to be looked after
some, so I try to keep track of her.
She looks as good as usual and
appears as usual for short intervals.
H. does not say yet just what he
will do about June morning - he has not
had any notice thus far about the
Bergman case, so does not know just
when he may have to go down to W. I
spoke to Milbur about it when I heard
him tell Auntie Sunday that he'd like
to make a trip to W. He said he will word
you if H. does not but it may have to be
before or after May 30 as that is a busy time
for him. Now I must get dinner. Has
you all at. & will soon hear results from your application.

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
May 15, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

I reckon that I am a day late in writing again--but as the end of the year approaches everything gets so disorganised that regularity goes by the board. I suppose that the year is ending, though the longer it takes about it the more slowly it seems to do so. I manage to get some reviewing done each day, but there is so much to review that it is discouraging--still I suppose that I shall learn enough to impress the examining board. I don't know yet just when my exam will be, but I reckon that it may be as early as June 6 or 7, and that is only three weeks off.

We had another beautiful week-end, the fourth in a row. My favorite minister, Rev. Soares, spoke at the chapel. On my way in I met the Huntingtons, who asked me to sit with them, and after church ~~he~~ invited me to go home with them to dinner. I think that it was the first that I had been out there this year.

There is little excitement in these days. However, one of the major events of the year arrived last evening. I had been at the first Yard singing of the year after supper, and then to the Math. Club. As I was returning about quarter past nine I ran into the annual riot. I followed the crowd with the other proctors out beyond the Common. There were about five hundred boys out, but there was little organisation so that it was not a very violent gathering. After standing about for a while and looking at each other they tried to stop a couple of buses and trolleys. Then a car-load of policemen arrived, and with them and the proctors telling individuals to go home, we started them back toward the Square. When we reached there more police arrived, and after about a half hour of persuading and threatening the boys were induced to get back to their rooms. Despite the almost yearly riots there have been since I have been here, that was the first one that I had seen. They are, on the whole, rather

harmless affairs, but there is such a mob-spirit of recklessness about them that they might develop into something serious.

I wonder if you have found out anything about the cost of having a truck come over to get my things in June, or to have Wilbur hire a truck to do so. I would like to know in a couple of weeks if I can, for if no one can come over, or if it would be very expensive, I shall have to look up something else as cheaply as I can.

A letter from Eva has come while I have been writing this. She seems quite happy and well. She said that Auntie had passed through Baltimore on Saturday afternoon, so that I suppose that she must be back in Coxsackie by this time.

Well, all for now. It is getting along late in the afternoon. I must collect some clothes and take them out to the cleaners--I haven't had a suit cleaned or pressed for months--and then back for some more work.

Love to all,

George

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COXSACKIE, N. Y.

May 18/75

Dear George
Sorry I did not get this
off yesterday so you'd receive it today.
This has been more or less of a busy
week making well, and everything
seems to be rather mixed up. This is partly
due to so much out-door work that pa
has little time for thoughts or work in
the house. The kitchen is still up
awaiting the painting. So far Margaretta
is cleaning out the little room and
doing other odds & ends. I mean to ac-
complish something too, but rather care
in this morning & am not good for much.
Auntie came home Sunday afternoon
having been en route less than a week.
She was very tired but was here yesterday
& seems to be her usual self. I can't see

that she either looks or acts any better
only she must be to stand all the
rambling around she has done
the last five months. I have not been
down there yet for several reasons - too
busy, no one has time to take me & I'm
glad to put off the ordeal as long as
possible. This has been the busy week
with the washing and hope was well
to get some of the papering done. Pa has
a garden well started and to-day is mak-
ing a yard for little chicks - had Shuman
here yesterday to help. He has let 2 rows
of the asparagus grow up, is trying to cut
& sell the other 2 rows but keeps him
in the pump with his other work.
It has been a very cold week tho' clear
most of the time and usually windy.
Sunday Melba took us for a long ride -
first Thaler Park & then Cobbleville. We
were gone from 3:15 to 8:30 - Ed apt for

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The Orange Meeting Monday I have
not been anywhere since. Saturday
last H. & Dad. Waze had to supper &
for the evening - next day they went
to Rusland. Jim box of Candy

was duly received & I thank you
for your thoughts of me. H. & W.

Give me some cucumbers &
Jessie & Eva sent me cards - Waze
also gave me a box of Candy.

Auntie says she has some things
for me but insists that I go down to
get them.

Was glad to get your
letter yesterday - for surely are put-
ting in specimens Miss just now - I hope
you will take a good rest this sum-
mer. Had a letter today from Eva

She says she must stay & work so as
to leave every thing in good order for
the new assistant. I enclosed
the last Cox. paper in laundry
& I think you'll find some
clips of news so I'll not mention
them. Now I must get busy
& try to do something. Mary has
cleaned the oil stove. I said I'd
paint it but I have little pep for
the job. Pa will make in-
quiries about the morning of your
goods & let you know. It's hard
to get him concentrated on any-
thing when he has so many outdoor
jobs to think about.

Love, Mother.

Cassachie W.V.
May 23/35

Dear George -

It is bed time but I will write a few lines for I may not get time to morrow. Have just finished writing the postals for the R-D. Meeting & picnic May 30 Pa has been working in the flowers & just came in a few moments ago - seems to me he works too hard but he says it must be done & tho' he gets very tired he seems to rest out well thro' the night. Yesterday he had Sherman & they spent the afternoon fixing the flag stones in front of Major's house. Monday & Tues he got the kitchen painted & yesterday Mrs Roberts papered it so it is nice & clean now! The floor, stove & cabinet need cleaning up but they must wait. Sunday we were both tired & took a good rest. I did not get up till 11 & pa came home from S. S. to rest.

We rested till after supper & then went out. Called on Cassie Hotaling who has been housed up since the middle of Jan. She had sculler fever in its worst form and is having a long convalescence - she looks odd as her hair has all come out. Then I went to Dr. Davis to have my feet chapped. Had trouble with my arch due to leaving out the arches in shoes & found I was not walking right to avoid the pain. Then we went to Auntie's for a call, the only time I've been since her return. To-day we took her to Ravens to attend the funeral of Elwood Griffin who died Monday in hospital after an operation for mastoids. She seemed very unsteady and weak to-day but that may have been due to the sad occasion; I did not think she ought to go, but am not crossing her any in her activities.

P.S. - Friday 11/11.

Pa has just called up Barber about the truck. He was not in so pa will try to see him soon. His wife said there is a transfer service at Albany & your things could be brought by the transfer to Albany & from there down here by Barber's truck. Will let you know more when pa talks to Barber. Wilson Jones is too busy to go over & he has no truck.

The funeral was very large - some
of the people had to sit in chapel
& there was an amplifier in pulpit.
I counted 19 large floral pieces,
the casket was wonderful & the
procession very large. I'm sure
Elwood would not have wanted so
much show. We knew very few of
the people.

Monday evening I spent at
Wilbur's. Jessie has been suffering
with pains in her right shoulder &
left leg - it is neuritis or sciatica,
the doctor told me it is due to the
other leg being favored so long.
But I think she has worked too
hard all spring cleaning house,
painting & papering etc. & also
nervousness as she worries so much.
To-day we took up the rivet pay
machine as doctor said it would
help. I don't think I ever told
you that Wilbur is a Justice of the Peace

now - filling the unexpected term
of W. Haas - Sebald has noticed
it in paper. He has had a number
of trials - can you imagine
him a judge?

Eva writes - she does not know
when she'll be home - she
is so conscientious she must
leave the lab in perfect shape.
Harold is having his trials
with Uncle Ose's business one
Mrs Brooks estate - Lawyer
Heath is sick every time H.
goes to see him - Walter Wil-
son was on stand again this week.
H. heard part of the case on Tues.
Walter swears Seward gave him
everything - looks as if he is in
rather a tight place. Now, to be
hope to get a letter from you soon!

Love,
Mother.

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
May 23, 1935.

Dear Mother and Father,

I suppose you are wondering where my letter is. I have so much on my mind that I have to study that late evening comes every day before I get around to writing a letter. I still don't know when my exam is to come, and the suspense of not knowing just how much time I have left to study is beginning to be an annoyance. There are only four days of classes remaining, for which I am glad, for I need my mornings, and a class at ten o'clock pretty well breaks up the morning.

I took Saturday afternoon off to go to Blue Hill Observatory. Wilson Talley went over with me, driving over with his car. Prof. Brooks, Director of the observatory had spoken to the freshmen several weeks ago, and had invited any of them who cared to do so to go over there last Saturday. It turned out that none of them went--so Wilson and I had the honors to ourselves. I had been on the hill several times before, but never on a really clear day as Saturday was. We could see Mount Monadnock, sixty seven miles away, and the whole of Boston Harbor with the North Shore beyond. We were shown about the place by a very nice young man who lives there and spends his time taking observations, although during the day he has plenty of company, for there is a large staff whose members come every morning. They have a radio broadcasting and receiving set, and while we were there they talked with Mt. Washington, where the observatory has a sub-station.

The next day Wilson's sister was in town, and he invited me to go into Boston to have dinner with them. I had met her several times when I was still an undergraduate, but had not seen her since. She is a teacher of mathematics in a girl's school in Providence.

The Coxsackie papers did contain quite a bit of news. John Youmans and his wife have certainly had a bitter blow, and I am very sorry for them. I never knew the boy, but I suppose he was a dare-devil driver. Undergraduates and automobiles are a rather bad combination. And there are so many wild and drunken drivers now-a-days that it isn't safe to be on the road at the hours when they are likely to be out--there has been a whole series of such accidents around Boston lately.---I also noted Mrs. Boehms' death,--the Grange will be quite different

without her agile tongue and energetic endeavors.

The freshmen have their big formal dance tomorrow night. Each of the proctors is assigned duty there for an hour. My hour is twelve to one, but I am getting another proctor to take my duty for me--I abominate such affairs, besides which, if I went, I should have to rent dress clothes, and I don't want to spend that much money, though I have bargained to pay my substitute something.

All for now. It is already after ten, but I have many things yet to do before going to bed. Love to all.

George.

P. S. I sent for a license renewal blank, so that matter is taken care of.

P. S. 2. I would like you to get my fire insurance policy from the vault and send it to me some time within a couple of weeks. It runs until the middle of September, but there must be some record on it of the removal of my things.

Catsackie W. J.
May 28/36

Dear George -

What a coal spell we are having - we've had fire in furnace all week. Every day has been very windy - bluffs are about shot - they have not been as numerous as other years. With the old stove gone, it has been too cool to eat in the kitchen. The electric stove is quite a labor-saver and, with the electric water heater, we have hot water any minute. Bills have not been paid nor even presented yet, so I don't know how we are coming out - probably at the little end of the horn. I am trying to be content with being about and doing very little extra - do not dare to disagree even tho' I'm beginning to feel more peppy. Had Sherman do the painting in H's room and to-morrow Mrs. Roberts is coming to paper. As

Soon as pa can varnish the floor
after that, we can get up stairs
straightened out. This is ideal
weather for cleaning if it were
not so windy - I fear it will be
hot by the time we can get busy
downstairs - I shall let Marja -
netta do the bulk of it. Before
breakfast to-day, pa started to
clean the cellar. It was quite a mess
after the winter & all the work
of the electrician down there - to
say nothing of the asparagus
bunching. -

Sunday evening we called on
Miss Army - She must move as
Full Hads has purchased the place.
There will be an auction there Tues-
day - pa may go to see if he can
get some things we used reasonably -
dining table & rug particularly. He
had his conference scheduled for
that day changed to Monday.

On Tuesday he was out to Queen
Hill Farm Hall from 2-10.
but not a soul came in to sign
up. He had a chance to visit
with Thurman Vaughn - read &
rest - but he is feared to have taken
an early time. The farmers all over
the state seem to be afraid of the
program as merely a political
move but most of them do not
really understand it. Whether
it is political or not, it is the
law and the money will be
spent, so any who need it could
get it. However, I should worry
as long as Joe gets pay for his time,
I would not agree to it otherwise
Joe I am certainly housed up in
consequence. To-day he goes to
Echo Orange Hall for afternoon &
evening - Holiday to Athens 2-6 &
Friday to Surprise, Sat. Grapenell
both 2 to 6. Next week it will be

Mon & Thurs 2 to 10 + Wed & Friday
2 to 6 - following week Tues
& Thurs 2 to 10 - This is as far
as schedule goes as present &
may be the end as there have been
no further directions.

Probably you have received H's
letter, so you will be busy getting
things ready for him to bring back.
If he does not bring all, maybe W.
would go down the next week if
you want him. I hope you
are going to live with some real
nice fellows and will not be dis-
appointed in four more. If you were
not so busy, I'd be tempted to go
down with H. to see you, but guess
to all right as I am hardly peppy
enough to go visiting or traveling now.
Clock has struck 11.30 so that means
get busy with the dinner. H. is
home this A.M. sweeping the lawn. He
is keeping Casheira part time. We have
all been quite upset over the Blackman trial
I guess for his parents over the death
much love - Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
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May 29/35-

Dear George -

Pa seems to have difficulty in seeing Barber - he writes for Pa or the latter is away - so I talked to him on phone just now. He connects with the following trucking concern in Cambridge so you can see them & make arrangements yourself - they truck to Albany & Barbours - meet's goods there: His Imperial Freight Line, Tel. University 6700 address 185 Broadway cor Portland Ave., Cambridge.

This is wash day - looks like rain

We need it very much.

Expert Uncle Frank & son
Sunday. Will have
more to say when I see
you - It is going now & I
trans this mailed: So good
bye.

Love
Mother.

Hollis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
May 31, 1935

Dear Mother and Father,

The end of May--the year is nearly over. I have heard from my thesis at last. Suffice it to say that it was accepted--I have my own doubts that it ought to have been. With the notice of its acceptance came the date of my oral exam, June 12th at 9:30 A. M. That leaves me nearly two weeks yet in which to keep preparing for it. I had hoped that it would come the latter part of next week, although I can probably put the extra time to good use, if I don't grow stale and if it is sufficiently quiet around here--I doubt that the latter will be true,--they are repairing the chimneys on Hollis just now, drilling out the old mortar and putting in new, the constant buzzing of the drill makes one feel as if he were in a dentist's chair. And in about a week some of the boys will have finished their exams, will be packing up and getting out, with the consequent racket and confusion.

I wonder where you spent yesterday--I hope that you had a good day,--I reckon that you did for it was fine here and is so again today. In fact it is all too fine--we are short two inches of rain this month, and I noticed just this noon that in spots the lawns are beginning to burn. It is fortunate that in general it stays cool. I spent yesterday studying until supper-time. I asked two friends in for supper, and afterwards one of them went with me over to Boston to see a play by the Irish Players, who constitute the official dramatic group of Ireland--they have been touring the country and are finishing up here this week and next. The play was a screaming comedy, I wish you could have seen it. They do only native Irish plays, and these are remarkable in being wholly free of vulgarity, even in the most hilarious comedies, which is certainly not true of most American and English plays.

Thank you for your research on the trucking situation. I am sorry that no one can come over with a truck, for I shall have to pack things more carefully, and there are some things, such as pictures that I don't know how to pack at all--it will cost four or five dollars just to get my phonograph packed, let alone the cost of sending it. But what must be, must be, and I shall manage as best I can. I wonder if it would be possible for me to

have the car some day after I get back to run over here and pick up those things which are difficult to pack. I could drive over one afternoon and back the next day. What do you say?

I am very sorry to have to disappoint you, but it looks now as if I will not be able to get home until some time in July, although I may be home by the 1st of July. I saw Prof. Morse day before yesterday and he said that he would like to get this last joint-paper of ours ready for publication by about July 1st. I had that thought he would want it done some time this summer, but I had planned to try to get up to Maine sometime late in July or early in August. So when I mentioned that to him he suggested that I go up to Maine with him when he leaves Cambridge, either the 22nd or 23rd of June. I dread plunging into the fray again so soon, but on the whole it would be better to get the job out of the way at the beginning of the summer, rather than to have it hanging over me until later. So I have tentatively agreed to go with him.

On Tuesday evening I invited two friends from Boston over to dinner--a young architect and his wife. He has been out of a job for years, and they are living on the little money which he can make by making fancy mirrors for interior decorators. We listened to the glee club concert on the steps of the library before dinner. I had not expected them to stay long after dinner, but they came back to my room and didn't leave until nearly midnight--evidently they had a good time.

I had a telephone call from Raymond Tweedy this noon. He and Hilda are moving up to Rockport tomorrow afternoon, and they have asked me to go along for the week-end. I shall go and stay until sometime on Monday--I shall take some books along and get some studying done. Several weeks ago I accepted Mr. Hogg's invitation to go to Exeter this week-end, and on the basis of that declined an invitation to Prof. Morse's tea this Sunday afternoon. But on Tuesday I had word from Mr. Hogg that he would have to cancel the invitation. So when I saw Morse on Wednesday I told him that I would come to his tea. Now I have changed my plan again--but I don't think I shall tell him--I certainly shan't be missed. He has a tiny apartment, and invites so many at once that there is scarcely room to stand, let alone to sit down.

All for now. I shall go out and mail this, go read an exam proof for Prof. Beatley, and try to collect a book which I loaned a professor last October. Possibly by that time the workmen will have stopped for today. Love to all.

George

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June 10/35

Dear George -

We are having a spell of rather wintry weather - a heavy rain all Saturday night followed by cold and wind & clouds. Had a fire in fire-place yesterday & today in kitchen stove. Have our dining room to rights again after being upset all week.

Saturday night Herb Cooper passed away there will be a private funeral to-morrow. Heard last night that yesterday Mr. J. J. Smith (Leather) had died in a N. Y. Hospital after an operation. After supper we called at Elly farm & then went to Catskill Hospital where we visited five whom we know. They are all improving. It seems as if we have never known such a long siege of illness.

and deaths in this community.
Received your letter Saturday and
I fear you are somewhat worrying
over Wednesday's ordeal. You never have
failed yet & I don't think you will now.
I know you must be tired & nervous
after the long strain all spring and I
hope you will be able to pull this off.
We saw Wilbur last night & he said he
would like to go over to Anjara. He knows
now, he can do so. I talked to H. about
it this morning & I think he would take
me in case something turns up that W.
could not go. They say the first seat
in W's car is big enough for 3. Is there
positively no chance of your coming
back with us? I am feeling better and
if possible - I want to go over. Of
course, would like to be there, but think
it would be nice to reserve his money
& time for a real vacation later.

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Last week I had plenty of foot trouble but have relieved it by treating my feet every night and in other ways. The arch trouble is improved since foot was strapped & I have practically discarded my real old shoes tho' they are more comfortable for the time.

Auntie is in the midst of choosing a new companion. She had an ad in Rural New Yorker & has been flooded with replies. Also advertised in Cat. Union, Catskill Recorder & Ramona Herald but they did not bring results. She seems as smart as usual most of the time but is often so unsteady I fear she will have a serious fall.

I spent 2 evenings with her last week
while pa had other business. The
girl was going to leave Saturday
but I persuaded her to stay another
week - Auntie could not be left
alone & I did not want to bring her
here now. I hope some one will
be available in a few days, though
of course, I feel any one will be only tem-
porary.

I suppose you want me to return your
laundry the last of the week, if not tell
me what to do. Could we stay at Miss
Hayes one night, do you suppose? If not,
you probably know of some other place.
Now good bye & don't worry - We all wish
you success & will think of you on Wed.
Let us know as soon as you hear. of course
if we do not go soon you can't have some one else, but
it looks now that we'll be there. Love, Mother.

Haels 7
Cambridge, Mass.
June 12, 1935.

Dear Mother + Father,

Well, it's all over - I was not failed, though on the basis of what I did in the exam I should have been failed. I was abysmally stupid - I had studied too much and had tried to learn so many details that I ~~didn't~~ wasn't able to remember. But it's over.

If good luck wishes could have helped, I should have been in five form. For I received five yesterday - letters from you, Elisabeth and Donald, and telegrams from Eva + Mr. Hogg, Eva's telegram

arriving at eleven thirty last night.

I'm really in no state to write just now, and in fact I haven't time even to collect my thoughts. A friend who leaves tomorrow is coming to lunch, this afternoon I have to correct papers, and tonight Morse's four graduate students are giving him a farewell dinner at the Parker House. And tomorrow I shall have more papers to correct. Then packing - I must be ready to move out of here early Wednesday morning. I will try to write before Friday.

Yes, do send the laundry, and enclose my cap + gown - it ought to be pressed, but don't do it yourself - Let get it done here.

Love to all,

George.

Lussackie W.V.

June 13/35

Dear George -

I hope you had a pleasant
week end in Rockport - guess you es-
caped some hot weather in Cambridge.
It was very warm here. Uncle Frank & some
arrived for dinner - Auntie was here too.
Pa went to church but I staid home to
get the eats ready. I find I cannot
hustle at such jobs any more and
my feet have been troublesome lately, so
I do not get around very fast. at 3 o'
clock we started for a drive in one
of Miltr's Oldsmobile cars - we went to
the Moore Dam & Pererwin & then to
Shalitha Park & home by way of Westville
& Greenville - had supper at 7 of
Auntie's & then took the men to Johns.
Young Frank has not changed a bit
It is eleven years since I last seen him.
Luly seemed to enjoy the day very much.
Mr. did, too, but it is tiresome to be on the
job all day like that for us & we crawled
in bed at 9 o'clock. He went to Rockport
Friday & returned late last night -
we were very sorry he could not be home.

Naturally I was disappointed to hear
of your necessary delay in coming
but of course, I understand your position.
Pa has definitely decided not to incur
the expense & loss of time to go to Bos-
ton, much as we should like to be
at such a momentous occasion.
I had perhaps, I would have \$
drive me over Wed. & back Thurs-
afternoon, but it would be rather
troublesome for me as I am not feel-
ing as smart as I did when you
graduated in '29. However, I have
not given up the idea entirely, tho'
one cannot always depend on
It's movements - they seem to be
according to Mr. Morphy's planning.
Pa would like to know just
what you expect to send home
as we have no idea how much
you have accumulated. He
thinks perhaps he could hire
Jona Collier's trailer & have \$
go over for the things if you have
things to be brought that way. I

realize some things need extra
care to keep from being damaged
and it would be best if you
could look after them yourself. It
is probable you could have
some car to go for them later
in the summer if you can leave
them to be stored anywhere. If
they are packed in right way,
suppose the Transport Co. would be
responsible for damage.

To day we have the dining room
dismantled preparatory to paper-
ing it to - morrow. We will be
upset all week to leave time for
floor to have 2 coats & get dry
before using again. This
house cleaning business is some
chore - worse than moving.
We eagerly scan your letters
for news of a job but have not
seen any reference to it
yet. Surely there must be a place for

You somewhere. But don't get
discouraged - it will turn up
some where & some how.
We congratulate you on the ac-
ceptance of your thesis - but we know
it would be - why not? I have no
year for June 2nd but I know
it will be a relief when it is over.
Our R-D. unit. Thurs. was at Echo
Grove Hall as guests of Mr. Latis & Mrs.
It was a beautiful day & about 35°
H. was in Albany to proctor at Law School.
He is there again today. Friday
we had a very heavy minute shower
& quite a hail storm - the lawn was
covered with stones as big as small apples.
The rain was very acceptable but it
was only local as the surrounding dry
country did not get it, even as near as
Mrs Delps & Medway. To-day is cooler
& quite windy. Eva gives us hint of
when she will come home. When
the house cleaning is over I hope to
have time to sit on porch. But pr. Venus
will for the work out doors is done. She
he declares the fact that the flowers are be-
lieving but the garden for the time. But I am
windows are still up for lack of time. Mother.

P. S.

After finishing the letter I called
Willbur up & talked to him. He
said he would like to go over
and take Jessie (she needs a little ^{change})
and he could bring back some
of your things in the car trunk
and back seat. He said he thought
he could arrange to be there on the
20th but can't say definitely yet.
If you are to stay until the 22nd ^{and}
or later you need not pack be-
fore the commencement. If I
should go with H. we could
bring some, too, but the chances
are that both W & H would not go.
As a pinch, I might go with W & J.
We could ride back 3 in front seat.
Let me know what you think of
this. So Mr. can make his plans.
He says the Transfer Co. would be
best for most things - to send a

trick over specially would be
very expensive. Barber some
times goes over but cannot
tell very long ahead of time.
As you are having a few ex-
tra days there, you need not
rush the packing or arranging
for we may hear that
Barber would be going at that
time. We'll help you post.

Guess this is all.

Is there any chance of getting
more than one ticket? If W & J
went, I'd better let ^{them} have the
chance to see the commu-
ment. It would be a real treat
for them.

Mrs. MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
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June 12/35

Dear George-

Was so glad to get your letter this
A.M. & hear that all is over & you came out
successful - congratulations from all of us.
This good news came just as we needed a
little cheering up. Pa has not felt well for a
day or two & had a very restless night. He
has some cold in his head & was taking Pro-
mo quinine tablets. He is in bed to-day. Dr. Van
was here this A.M. There was quite a high fever
& now he is sweating & sleeping. As usual
he was rather delirious & recited all the nursery
rhymes etc. Dr. said it is a grip infection
which is going the rounds of the community.
Just how long it will last is problematical
but as Pa has been so well, he will no doubt
pull out of it in a few days - he thinks he will
be out by Saturday - maybe we hope so.
Melvin's folks, too are having a very serious

time with Jessie's sister Henrietta. She has
been there sick in bed since Saturday. She
has been very much run down & it looks
as if she is in for a hard time. It is also
a grip infection settled in her ear & may
cause mastoidis - Melhuus has been to-day
& says he thinks she will have to go to the
Hospital. So it is hard to tell just what
our movements in regard to the trip will
be next week - will have to wait a few days
before making plans. You better let
me know just where you can be found
after Wednesday morning in case some
one does go over - H. may take it in his
head to go if no one else does. I am having
so much trouble with my feet, I some-
times think I am foolish to think of the
trip - I am in misery even with my
old shoes on. I wanted to go to Albany
to get a hat & coat but money has been
scarce & also Pa's time, & I do not know

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How I could go shopping anyway.
I am doing everything I know to do
but may have to go to Dr. Dodge again
for the arch trouble. My bottom is as
sore as a nail & I take my shoes off
every time I have a chance to sit still
a few minutes. Marguerite is here to
Wash to-day & I have done little
else but wait on Pa. She is coming
to morrow too, as she cannot come on
Saturday. I'll send some word to you
Sat. so you'll get it on Monday & I
hope you'll write too, when you'll be on
Wed. Mrs. Wells is going over Sunday &
came back with Deane - he graduates
on Wed. Had a letter from Eva

yesterday- she will not be home till
August & then she is going to Holland.
We have made no vacation plans
for there is so much to be considered
and we've been too busy to think of it.
Auntie has had about 40 or 50 answers
to her ads for a housekeeper but so
far no one has replied to her letters.
Her present woman wants to go
home & I don't know just what the
outcome will be. I would dearly
love to be with you next Thurs. but
it looks almost as if fate were against
it.

We attended the funeral of H.
Esoper on Tues. - Mr. Duval was
down & called here for an hour. He
is now 78 & looks & acts same as
ever.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
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COXSACKIE, N. Y.

I have your form on line to air. It is quite wrinkled but if I pressed it, it would probably need pressing again after packing. I'm sorry I forget just where the little yellow frogs go so you will have to see them on yourself - I'll pin some thread on if I can find right color. The frogs are pinned on paper. You better get someone to take your picture with cap & form on - it will be nice to keep.

We are having beautiful weather. I hope you will take a good rest before you do more work.

I guess this is all for now. I will
try to get your Laundry case off
to night or to - morrow morning.
You did not send any shirts this
time. I will not return the sheets.
I do not think you want them + one
needs mending.

Love
Mother.

MYRON B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

June 18/35

Dear George -

Perhaps I can tell you something definite now. It is hard to pin W. down to definite plans but I think we have done so now. Pa Las concluded he wants to go tho' he says he will let Jessie see the ^{2nd} ticket if you can't get more. I think the change & a sight of you will be good for him. As he has no vacation days left he must lose his time, so he will go on route to-morrow morning and we'll start about noon. We ought to make it in 6 hrs. but if we do not

get to Miss Hayes by 7 you better
get your own supper - Pa seems
sure we'll get there earlier with
the Olds mobile & Wilbur as chauffeur.
We think it will be better to go
right to Miss Hayes' house and
meet you there. You can get in
truck with her or be here when
we arrive. Cloudy here

to day after a heavy rain.

I hope nothing intervenes but if it
does will phone or telegraph to
Miss Hayes.

Love
Mother.