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[Jan. 10, 1957]
Thursday.

Dear Mother

I promised myself to write some letters before I went to bed last night but I had already promised myself to do so much work that I was too tired when 10:30 came to do more. So I shall write you a little now so that you will get something tomorrow. I received your letter today and am very sorry to know that you feel. I hope you are feeling much better by now. I also hope grandpa is over his cold. By the way did you ever find your shoes. I

this afternoon to pass off my other
longway requirement. I shall also
go over to the Engineering School
and register for next term.

With love to all

George.

retrieved them and forgot to tell you
about it. I left them behind the
door in the middle room (that is the
one where all the things are stored.) I
hope you want wear them much.

Thank you for the candy - I don't
think it will hurt me. I have felt
slight since I've been back. I didn't
miss anything important from the
laundry so I don't think you really
need to send a package unless you
want to.

On Thursday I noticed a thin
spot in my blue trousers and with
a little fuddling made a hole. I found
another one also so took them to
be repaired. I'm afraid their days
are numbered.

I must go down stairs and arrange
for another appointment at the dentist.

I am going to take a German lesson

January 26, 1927.

Dear Mother,

It is somewhat below zero tonight. It is however very comfortable in here and I'm planning a rather comfortable night's rest. Not having had one for several nights I shall appreciate it. Since last Saturday my tooth which was expected to threaten began to ache. Since my first appointment wasn't until next Monday I let it go for a while. Yesterday and today it was so bad I could take examinations only by taking several doses of aspirin. So this afternoon I

men sent to the school and
had it examined. The verdict was
extraction, and since it was
abscessed I had to take gas. I say
"had to" but I was very glad.

That is the way to have a tooth
out. All done while you're pleasantly
dreaming. My mouth is already
feeling quite good again though
quite swelled. No cocaine
sickness or soreness. I shall
however have to keep my appointment
next Monday for the one next to it
must be looked at. The other cause
of my nocturnal discomfort has
been warm nights with heavy
pajamas. I slept rather badly
after the vacation so returned

to light pajamas. But I found to
my dismay last Sunday that all
except the pair I had been wearing
were home. So you better send them
back with the laundry or the Colport.

I wish you could have heard
Ford Hall last Sunday night. It wasn't
on the air so you couldn't. I was
there to hear Dhan Gopal Mukerji.
He spoke on his rather famous
book "Caste and Outcast". He is a
Hindu mystic but a most interesting
man. I advise both of you to read
his book - father at my rate for
he seems so interested in India -
and India is probably the most
important country in the world today.
He has just one idea which he
wishes to bring to Western

to and to realize the importance of
It is that we, by our industrialism,
are losing silence and therefore
meditation. He also does not have
the fear that we are losing the
courage to live poor. His family
belongs to the highest caste in
India, but it nevertheless is
proud of the fact that for over
1600 years it has numbered no
rich man. You cannot get his
book at the library but you
can I think have them get from
Albany. I have never read it
but I am sure it must be
interesting. You might advise the
library's buying it.

You ask me what you should

read. Well, anything you want to.
I'm horribly ignorant of the present
books. I am reading Mrs R. Thayer's
letters. They probably wouldn't
interest you. They are five letters
however by a great biographer.
They are particularly interesting
to me for he spent most of his
life in Cambridge, and was
intimately associated with all
the great men of 1900. I am also
reading Robinson's The Mind in
the Making. I haven't got far in
it yet but I think it will be
good. The man is alright and the
book has had wide commendation.
It is not light reading. I recommend
it to you both. If either of you

would like to spend some
time on The Story of Philosophy
I should be very glad to send
it for I don't expect much time
to read it just now. I think you
could both enjoy it. Skip what
you don't like.

Then there is Les Misérables. I
don't know whether you have
ever read it, but I think you
should. It's very hard for me
and I'm still in the third volume,
but I feel ~~in~~ the presence of
something great when I pick it
up.

For novels I can't say. Every
body should read Galsworthy
tho' I haven't. Try one or two.

Then I think you might like

Hardy - I have read one novel
and several short stories of
his, - he is great in character
analysis. Trust somewhat in
Miss. Wallace but please don't
let her give you any wispy-
wassy - you don't do enough
reading to waste time on that.

I have three exams past me
and by a week from now shall
have them all in that category.

I hope you are all well and
not suffering from the weather.

Love to all,

George.

P.S. If you are crowded for money now I
can get along for at least three weeks yet.
I have had £314 from the college - and
had a £5.50 job in dressing last week.

Catsackie W.V.

Feb 3/27

Dear George-

I have thought of you so much since hearing of your tooth trouble - I am so sorry you had to suffer so and especially during exams. I hope you will have no more trouble that way. I went down to the dentist Tues. but he could not seem to find out what the trouble was - said it must be at the root. So - say there has been matter coming out in my mouth - from some where & perhaps the worst is over - I hope so. I have not had real toothache, but just enough to annoy & make me nervous.

Last night we went to Loatskill to the Hope College Glee Club concert. We took Fannie + Mr + Mrs Cooper. The church was very packed and the concert very fine. I would like to have talked to some of the girls but did not for several reasons. Good but it was not a week later + perhaps E. could have seen them. I suppose she will be home soon tho' she has not said just when - she says she is going to Shells on Feb. 14.

We have been having some real Springy days but as the old bean saw his shadow yesterday it will have to be six weeks more before Mrs Spring puts in an appearance.

We have the book you mentioned "Carte + Subcarte" + are both reading it. Mrs Wallace got it from Albany + we can keep it till Feb. 23. I like it very much + would enjoy having the author. - Pa wants you some Sunday to go hear Silas Anthony preach - he is very good.

I suppose H. is enjoying a little vacation. He finished up his tests yesterday + said that today he would eat, sleep + skate. Tomorrow he is going to Illion for the weekend. He seemed to think he profited by his hard study tho' he had not had reports yet. Let's hope so. - I saw in the paper today that over 700 flunked out in Syracuse. Do you have any time at all between Semesters.

Pa has gone to prayer meeting - it is so quiet here when he is gone. I tried to hear the hymn sing from Will but W44 is so loud

with old jazz it drowns everything else.
When do you have Spring vacation?
The clipping you sent was interesting - I
have frequently heard of Mahatma Gandhi
& there was frequent references to him
in the book we recently read, "The China
of the Indian Road". - I must find out
some more about him.

I read Les Misérables before I was
married - there is much of it I've forgotten
& had I more time to read, would read
it over. - I want to look over your
Story of Philosophy sometime & I think
you would, too. We are both reading more
just now than at any season. My
schedule is neglected, any other duties when
I get an interesting book. - I have been
very nervous again lately - I don't know
why - probably I do not get out enough.
Don't take too many papers - they are
very bad for the heart. - I will send the
Spring books in a package soon.
Lovingly, Mother.

[Feb. 7, 1907]

Thursday afternoon -

Dear Maeku:

There really isn't a whole lot to write but I'll say just something before I go down to the laboratory to get started on my work for this term.

We had a little snow again yesterday and today everything is all wet again. I had planned to go and see the Twelves last night but I couldn't get them on the phone. There was a sing' last night but I didn't go. I'm not very sociable you know and now that they aren't held at Mrs. Pray's anymore I don't care to go so much.

Friday afternoon Frank and I
went to Concord - on his suggestion.
I thought it was a rather odd
time to go although it was a
nice day. We saw the bridge etc but
the Tavern was closed. We couldn't
get into Emerson's house for it is
open only on Mondays. On the
previous afternoon we had been
over to the Natural History Museum
in Boston. We spent several
afternoons during the examination
period playing baseball.

I'm sorry I shall have to ask
you to look up another book for
me. It is "In St. Turgens"
by Starin - (German). A small
thin light brown book published
by H. G. C. You better send

it as soon as you find it for I must
get it. I shall have to wash the
back at Geneva this time for I
got only C in it. (I think the
book is probably where you found the
other one - tho' I'm not sure).

I'm sending my blue trousers
this week. Mend them up as best
you can. I think both knees need
some patching. I'm sorry to trouble
you with these old trousers all
the time. I shall also send
the story of Philosophy this time.

I suppose Eva is home by now.
I am sending a clipping which I
found in an old letter of yours. I guess
you wanted it back, didn't you?

I have been going to ask you if
you need a fountain pen. I have

Now you know - I broke one and
got another while having the first
fixed. The pen in the old one is
so weak however that I'm not
using it. If you need it I'll get a
new pen in it and a cap, with a
ring if possible - I'll send a brand
pen however. What grade point
do you want?

My tooth is quite well again although
I have a sort of pointed bump on my
gum which I don't understand. I
must go again on Feb. 23, and
hope that will be the last. They want
to take off the gold from my front
teeth but I don't think I'd better
now.

By the way you can send a
box of the Little Tangers if you
want to. I'm used out.
Love to all,
Geary.

[Feb. 16, 1937]

Tuesday evening.

Dear Maithu,

Having decided that the only way I shall ever keep up with my correspondence is to write at least one letter a day (!) this one shall be to you. I wrote Eva yesterday that she might get something soon, or I should have written you.

Thank you for the valentine & the "little Turques". The package came today.

I am very busy again, more so than

chapel and heard a very good sermon
by Karl Reiland. He is minister at
St. George's in New York. You may
have heard him over the radio for
his church broadcasts. If you haven't,
do, for he is very fine - one of the
two whom I have liked best at
chapel since I've been here.

Frank & I are again adrift on the
Sea of Nourishment. Our boarding
house served its last meal Sunday
noon. It is to be torn down and
an apartment built. We see no other
regular boarding place in sight.

You ask when we have vacation.
We are to have from the 17th - 28th
April. I don't think Frank will be
able to come with me for he is
expecting his ~~brother~~ ^{brother} to visit him.

ever I believe - I have ~~to~~ ^{from 9-5} spent every
minute, except when I have classes, in
the laboratory. I have figured that, at
the rate I have worked for the last
week, I must spend 30 hrs a week, but
I have only 20. Therefore I must
speed up. Evenings & mornings before
breakfast are filled with mathematics,
(my new instructor gives very long home
lessons, German and reading, chemistry.
My marks at the midyears were 4 A's
and a C - the latter in German. I
am making an extra effort with German
this semester for I must get at least
a B in it.

I did not see the Tweeklys on
Sunday for they were already
engaged. I may next Sunday. In

At any rate vacation's quite a way's
ahead so not much planning can be
made yet.

We had a heavy snow fall yesterday -
about six inches of very heavy damp
snow - The weather has been quite
mild for over a week now so I
have been very glad to have my
light pajamas. You have still another
pair (the yellow ones) haven't you?

Well it is ten o'clock and since
I must get up shortly after six
I must stop and go to bed.

I hope you are all well
and happy,

Love to all

George.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Feb. 17/27

Dear George-

It is so quiet here one could hear a pin drop if it were not for the clock ticking and the pumpkin sitting on the stove. Pa has gone to meeting - I have just been listening to the Hymn Sing - it was very good to - night.

Of course we miss Eva after having her here a week. She left on the 8 train Monday morning reaching here 11.45. She went on duty in the afternoon in a house with boys 8 to 15 years. I was in hopes she would have work with little girls - she is on duty 10 hr. a day - I fear she cannot stand it long if the boys are noisy & obstreperous - however she was determined to try it. I wanted her to

Stay home & wait for something better to
turn up but she wouldn't. She promised
to come home soon if she did not like
it or found it too hard. - When we
came home from Albany last week
we found her exam report - 7 A's -
What do you think of that? As usual she
made light of it but never the less was
tickled to pieces.

Harold did himself credit - got
2 Honor counts, 2 credits and 2 passing.
It was some relief to me when I got the
report.

Had a card yesterday from Wilbur.
He is coming down Sunday to get the car.
I guess they mean to move on or before
the 1st of March. So Wilbur will work up
here till the 12th - He shot he would go
back & forth those few days.

Jessie is around the house again -
the baby sleeps one night & cries the next
etc. - I hope she is not going to be cross.

P.S. - I have no pen of my own but I left one of Leo's.
 Somewhere where you are richer than I am now, I
 can have that one fixed for me I think
 Congratulations on ^{Dr. B. V. SCHAEFER} ^{COBURN, NEW YORK} it but don't do it at
 the expense of health.
 We went to Orange Monday & that is the
 last we are to meet at Upton. They
 insisted on \$10 per night and we are
 too poor to pay that. Next time we meet
 in Masonic Hall & have a card party -
 but I will probably come home after
 the business. It was decided to fix up
 Palmer's Hall at Hedway & use that for
 the present. We had a long discussion
 on a site for a new building and
 finally decided on nothing. Frank
 Collins has given a lot as a gift here in
 town back of Haas Gas Station on the old
 Fair ground. A certain few want to ac-
 cept it, but most of the men here do not
 want to build in the village - I think it
 would be the end of a Country Grange &
 it is mainly intended for Country people.
 They had a valentine feature & a dance

+ we did not get home till 1 a.m. Then
Flay & suffered with tooth ache most
all night - what was left of it. I am having
anxious trouble & am just patiently waiting
for my appointment to tomorrow 3
for two days & two nights, now I have had a
discharge in my mouth - it keeps me busy
getting rid of it - I dread going to bed for it
seems worse when I lie down. I have not
had much pain since Monday but am
in constant fear it will set up any moment.
Consequently I have been extremely
nervous. - Tues. afternoon I took care for
a sleigh ride - my first & probably Caythys
mills. I went up to see Katie who has been
very sick; she is better now. - We have
had very mild weather for some time ex-
cept Monday when it snowed - but that
snow is most gone now. - Today I
quished part of our bedroom floor - that is the
beginning of house cleaning. - St. Geo. Church
broadway Sunday afternoon - I have never list-
ed to it but will do so. - Mary told me that Maury was
so good. I hope you are not working too hard - do
be careful & take enough rest & exercise. I sent you
much to-day. Hope you will find a good place to eat.
Love you, Mother

[April 3, 1927]

Sunday AM.

Dear Mother:

Another two weeks have gone by
without my getting anything off to you. I
shall be glad when this term is gone. It's a
much too busy one to suit me. And
this confounded initiation business is
helping things out. I am so little
in sympathy with the nauseous
proceedings that I'm not making much
effort to comply very well with all the
regulations. For one thing I must have
what I think an alchemist wore.
Well I don't know a case but
since I must have something I
wonder if you can send me something.

about a 1/4" in diam and long enough
to tie around my waist.

There is also a lot of other foolish
junk and requirements which I'll
tell you about when I come home.
I don't know yet what day I'll come,
and don't know until the 13th or 14th.
If Jessie is still in the hospital
on the 15th and I can get away I
shall come then for you can
meet me in Albany. Or if there
is a late bus that night and I can
get away I'll come just the same.
But the way things look at present
I shan't be able to get away before
Saturday. I don't know whether I
shall be able to see Eva or not.
The Tweedy, said in his last letter he
might want to meet me at Pokeepsie
on the 20th. Probably will bring me

I should have written before because
I must have it by Thursday^{or} at the
very latest Friday morning. The
requirements are something black and
near or less flaring. An old black
cloak with a black shirt might do
very well. I wish I were home,
I could get something up. I ought
also to have come kind of skull cap
(black). Do you think you can scrape
up something to send by Tuesday
at the latest. If you can't find anything
write and I shall have to try to
send something or go without, I care
little which. The contraption(?)
should have flaring sleeves ^{or at any rate some} ^{sleeves}
if there aren't any just hute on
something of that kind. I feel
nearly enough to go in a pair of "coveralls".
If you can also send a piece of rope

back to Cox. or Albany on Saturday or
their way back to Rochester. I shall
suggest N. Y. however for I should
like to see Eva and I know she would
be glad to see any of us. I shall of
course be very glad to go on the
route any time that I can.

I hope you are feeling better and
won't have any serious trouble with
your tooth. I'm awfully sorry to
have to ask you to find ~~me~~ something
but I don't know where else to get anything
unless I send it and I'm not sure
it would be fit to return afterwards.

I wrote Jessie a note the other
day. I hope she is feeling better
and will soon be out.

Love to all
George.

[April 13, 1957]

Wednesday P. M.

Dear Mother:

Just a note to let you know how
I am and when I'm coming. I
received your card and thank you
for offering to meet me but I
don't think I can make it by Friday.
In fact as things look now I
shall not be able to leave until
Saturday afternoon. So if you
don't hear from me before then
I shall arrive on the late bus
Saturday night (Sunday morning).

it until I get home.

I hope you are all well and not
working too hard this fine weather.

Love to all

George.

I wonder if you sent my laundry this
week? Drop me a card as soon as
you get this and then I'll know what
to expect if ^{the laundry} it doesn't arrive before
I leave. Of course if you haven't
sent it don't. In fact I meant to
write for you to keep it, although
it doesn't make much difference.

9.

I'm awfully sorry it must be
so late and especially that someone
will have to wait up to meet me.

Factor, of course. I shall get off
at Bailey St. corner. You will be
able to find out just about when I
shall arrive.

Yesterday when I got home I found
a note from Mrs. Gray with a ticket
in it for the Boston concert of
the Harvard University Orchestra
for tonight. So I'm ^{all ready} ~~about~~ to go and
must leave in a few minutes. I am
glad to have this vacation for I
have been very busy up to today - I
had an hour exam in German ^{this} ~~except from 9-5~~
morning and have done nothing ^{since}
Sunday except translate German. I
have much to tell you but will keep

[April 25, 1927]
Monday morning.

Dear Mother.

Trust a line to tell you I arrived safely at about ten fifteen. I have so far remembered only one thing which I failed to bring back that is my rubbers - I left them in the play-room. They are a new pair so I guess you won't have any trouble refunding them. Try and send them with the laundry this week.

I hope you had a nice visit in Albany and arrived home safely. I thank you very much for bringing me up, especially

to that train. I also thank you for the
fine vacation I had and ^{for} all that you both
did to make it so.

With love to all

George.

[May 1, 1957]
Friday evening.

Dear Mother,

This is Friday evening and I have dedicated it to the cause of letter-writing and although you have waited longer than you of course have first right to a letter. As per usual little of great moment has taken place lately as there is little to write about. For one thing it's been cloudy part of the time every day this week, though there has been little rain. On Wednesday night Frank and I went to the annual dinner of the Baylston Chemical Club. We are neither of us members but it was an

much of it is as it was when built.
The new ones are to cost 2 millions
and will be very fine.

I am enclosing the check in this
letter. I am sending you my own because
I don't like to send endorsed checks
by mail. Tell grandpa I thank him
very much for the money. I have
heard from Mr Tweedy (immediately
after I wrote) so that I am getting
along alright. The clipping I enclose
may interest you since you seemed
so confounded by having the article
appear early.

My laboratory work is nearly over. I
hope to be all cleaned up by next
Wednesday night. Exams will follow
a week after that and by the 11th I
shall be done. I shall not get home
right away, however, for I have

open dinner. It was held at the Harvard
Union. There were about fifty there.
After the dinner and election of officers
two of the chemistry professors spoke.
Prof. Richards, probably the most
noted American chemist, spoke on
the history of chemistry in Harvard.
Since he has been connected with
the department since about 1850
he could give personal recollections
of some of the earliest men and
work. After him Prof. Hunt
spoke on the new laboratories which
are being built and which will be
ready by September 1928. He will
then have the distinction of having
both the oldest and the newest
chemical laboratories of their kind in
the world. The one I am working
in now is seventy years old and

a small leaving job (a couple of days) to do and must pack up.

I'm sorry father is having so much trouble. Davie's work too hard house-cleaning - remember it has to be done again next year.

I don't find much more to say and since I have a stack of letters a couple of inches high lying here to be answered I guess I'll stop.

Love to all.

George.

[May 5, 1937]

Wednesday evening

Dear Maiker,

I know you are wondering what has happened to me. Well, nothing I guess, although Eva wrote she was afraid I might have diphtheria by now, since an epidemic has broken out there.

I haven't done anything exciting since vacation unless it was last Saturday. Frank + I visited Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It was open house day and all the building was open with many exhibits and many classes in session. We were there from three thirty

until after tea.

Thank you for the little cookies. They're
very nice to have as few indeed when
I come in from the lab. The candy
was all gone in exactly four days.
That indeed I let dry so long was
after all the best. Perhaps that's
the way to make fudge. I shall
mail the Laundry tomorrow morning.
You seem to have kept the shirt of
one of my suits of pajamas. I guess
I can get along alright if you don't
send it until you send the Laundry
next week.

As I said above there's nothing
exciting to say so I'll stop. I hope
you're all enjoying the spring weather
and not tiring yourselves out too
early in the season. I'm going to
Math Club now.

Goodnight and love to all
George.

[June 6, 1927]

Monday morning.

Dear Mother,

I was scarcely surprised on Saturday to receive your letter saying you had thought of going to Thibault in two weeks. I really don't know what to say for I had already written Mr. Trundy that I should be glad to go with him. Are you sure that you couldn't go on the next Saturday even if the berries were ripe? I think grandpa & I could take care of them for a day or two. Were you planning to go early Saturday or after dinner? I should think if neither Harold nor I could

we saw the "Cedric" leave Boston Harbor and disappear on the horizon.

In regard to my laundry, I sincerely hope I shall receive some clothes this week for otherwise I shall have to go to bed. You needn't send the full amount but send some.

It's time to go to breakfast and since there's nothing more to say I'll close.

As I said last time - I hope everything can be arranged.

Love to all

George

the house (in case you were going on Saturday noon) that Milton + Jessie could stay overnight with him.

I went out to Nahant with Raymond Tuesday afternoon. Senator Lodge owned the end of the peninsula which is a great mass of rock on top of which he lived. He and his family after him have left it open to the public, however. Mr Tweedy had a new camera which he wanted to try out. It was a fine day when we started but since it took two hours to get there there was chance for some cloudy sky before we got there. He did, however, get a couple of pictures. Then it started to rain and while we stood under the entrance to Lodge's house it poured for about half an hour. Since it didn't clear up very much we hurriedly decided to come home. While there

[Jun 14, 1907]

Thursday morning.

Dear Mother,

I'm so glad you find it possible to go to see Eva, even tho' I shall not be home. I suppose you are wondering when I am coming and well soon I shall be off again. I expect to leave here on Thursday morning at 10:30. I shall probably get the first evening train if my train is not late. I had a letter from Mr. Truesdell yesterday in which he said he hoped to drive to Rochester on Friday so that he should call for me that morning at 9 or 10 o'clock.

We shall probably get back on the 22nd,
so take courage, I shall be home then
for a while.

I am partly packed and have part of
my drawing, work done. I must go to Boston
before tomorrow night and buy some shoes.
The Tweedys have invited me over there
for dinner tomorrow night.

Well I must go to breakfast now and
then get to work printing the 375 names
of Cambridge streets that go around the
edge of the map.

Love to all,
Georg.

[Aug 17, 1957]
Wednesday morning.

Dear Mother,

I suppose you are already on your way to the fair. I have just come from breakfast to write you a few lines before starting work.

Your lunch was right, Mr. Tweedy was at the boat when it reached Pakepae. So we reached here in plenty of time for lunch. After lunch he, his sister, her two children and

believe each one to be a leader,
for there is not the least bit of
hesitation on the part of any one
of them. All of the dances were
done in elaborate costume and
in one case dancer carried
a live snake which he swung
about almost as one would
a stick. We expect to see
them again tonight and Friday
afternoon. Before coming home
we went to the post office
and you will notice that I
have some large stamps again.

I went down to Danbury to
see an exhibition of Indian
dancing. A few of the Hopi
Indians from the Arizona
Pueblos are touring the
country with the purpose
of arousing public opinion
against the wares being
made to prohibit their
snake dances. Their dancing
is very fascinating, the rhythm
is very intricate changing
every few seconds. Although
there is a leader one might

although there are I Saratoga
rather than of Oustany.

Since the big bounce is full,
as it was two years ago, we are
down here in the cabin. From
all appreciation I shall be here
more than a week since I am
committed to complete
the copying of the book on the
typewriter. Therefore you
had best send at the good
shirt you can find.

Love to all,

George.

[Aug. 29, 1927]

The Rainy Season
Sunday even.

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to get your letter Saturday morning (2:15 AM) when we got home from New York. I'm glad father is better and hope you have completely recuperated from the effects of the Fair by this time.

It has rained all day

New York by 10:15. The
business at Steinway's was
soon over for of the seven
pianos they had in stock the
Tuesday listed name. We then
visited a couple of music
publishers and went to lunch
at the Harvard Club. While
there I telephoned Harold and
tried to get Mrs. Pierce but she
was on vacation. The afternoon
was spent in visiting book
stores and the public library
in search of Irish folk tunes.
We repaired to the Harvard Club
to rest and to have dinner and

quite had. Thursday was the
only nice day last week. Friday
wasn't so bad when we started
for New York but it started to
rain while we were there and
was pouring when we reached
home. We left here shortly after
noon to catch the train to
White Plains. We had gone only
a few miles when we had
a flat tire and having no
jack handle had to drive back
to a garage and have the tire
changed. We then went on
to White Plains and reached

then since it was so rainy
we decided to go to a play instead
of way up to 125th St. to the
concert. We saw the "Squall"
a play which is new in its
tenth season but which is
not much good. Blanche Yorda
was worth seeing however.
We left N.Y. at 11:45 and White
Plains at 12:20. It was very
dark and rainy and our tickets
were junk so it took us
two hours to make the forty
miles. We had breakfast on
Saturday at 12.

That morning I had the
manufacture & heard the frame
of my glasses so I went to
Dunham in the afternoon to
get them fixed. I have a whole
new frame, somewhat lighter
in both color and weight -
\$5. The other had lasted
five years so I have no kick.

Mrs. Tweedy (the elder) is
here now though she did
not come until this morning
since the weather has been
so bad. We have had fires in

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I shall be in N. Y. when auntie
arrives. We are to go there again
before Mr. Truvelly goes to home
and if he is done with me
then I might stay there a
couple of days. But all is
quite uncertain - as I have
said previously I don't think
the book can be done before
September 10th. Tomorrow will
be spent in making a cross
reference index of 371 Characters
in order to make the book useful
with either of two editions of
these characters. This is unexpected

both living room fire places
since yesterday noon so that
things are now quite comfortably
dry again. The lights go off
almost periodically so that
we must burn candles & kerosene
part of the time.

Practically nothing has been done
on the book since Thursday AM.
so the end is not yet. I hope
you will answer the question in
my letter to Eos regarding when
you plan to go away. As I see
it now I shall not be home by
Labor Day unless you send for
me. Neither do I believe I

since the second edition ^{in one way} ~~was~~ found
in N. Y. on Friday.

I haven't heard from the
Committee on Scholarships yet though
I think it is past time. I think
I shall drop them a line tonight.

What has 'His' done about
his vacation. I'm sorry I can't
help him out but I hardly
feel in duty bound since I gave
him such long notice.

I hope you are all well and
happy. Love to all.

P.S. I shall write ^{George} ~~for~~ ^{the} ~~check~~ ^{if} I need them.

{ 24 Sept. 1927

53 Matthews Hall
Harvard Square
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mother,

It is Saturday night and since there is scarcely anything to do I'm going to write a few letters. I had hoped to have my trunk to unpack tonight but somehow or other it hasn't arrived. Since it won't be here now before Monday sometime, and since I can't get ~~get~~ into the room where I left my other

coming. The whole building has been renovated this summer and new furniture put in all the rooms. But everything is not finished yet - we have only one light, no shades, no chairs, etc., and the halls and washrooms are fearfully dirty.

I partly finished registration today, and also saw the head of the metric department about the reading job. He told me to wait until Monday to see the others who need readers.

I visited the Phillips Brooks House and saw the framed

things I shall be without a blanket until then, unless I am able to borrow one. I think I shall call up Mr. Tweedy in a little while and see if he can loan me one, or failing that I shall call on Miss Hayes. I hate to be so dependent, but I didn't sleep soundly last night because I couldn't keep warm without doubling up.

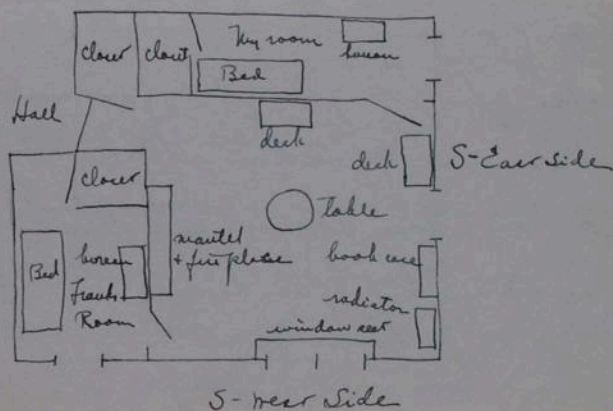
Frank had already arrived when I reached here last night. But since he had taken the room I did not want, and since all the furniture is new I had no kick

map, which is not so bad, but which
do multiplies the poor printing on it.
I am enclosing a copy of the miniature
size made for the Freeman Handbook
and for general distribution. The printing
appears somewhat better on this one.

As I had feared the sheets are
much too short to suit me. I wonder
what can be done. They ought to
be nearly two feet longer. I suppose
this sounds silly to you, but a
sheet is of no value to me if it
doesn't tuck in a foot or so at each

end. These scarcely extend the length of the mattress. I wonder if you could sew extensions on them if I were to buy the goods and send it.

Below is a plan of our rooms.



had left there. Tonight after
dinner I we grabbed a couple of odd
chairs which were standing in the
hall, for it's a rather queer life to
have no ^{comfortable} place to sit down.

I hope you are back back into the
swing again and not feeling any the
worse for it. I'm glad you could have
such a nice vacation. I had a few times
to have this summer and thank you so
for everything you did.
Love to all,
George.

You see we each have a desk, a real nice
one, and there is plenty of class room.
But there is only one radiator for the
whole suite, and not a very large ^{one}
at that. The wanted piece is almost
impossible. It is said to have been
put here by Mr Randolph Hearst
when he occupied this suite. I
can well believe it. It is a large
thing with shelves and carvings and
various kinds of ornaments.

I called at the McHugh's today
to get the two pictures which I

[Sept. 30, 1957]
Friday evening.

Dear Mother,

I have just come from supper and although it doesn't seem to be letter-writing time, if there be any such thing, I'm going to write something now so it can go out tonight.

Things are finally under way. I have classes from ten until one on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,

I have succeeded in getting a job reading math. papers. I have to read and mark about forty papers, three times a week. The job will require from six to ten hours a week work, and will be worth from \$175 to \$200 for the year. I hope I shall be able to keep it and I think I will. It is interesting and not distasteful and of course can be done when ^{ever} one has the time.

I wasn't able to get Mr Tweedy on the phone last Saturday night so I walked up to Miss Hayes's and after a nice visit made known

and from nine until ten on Tuesdays, Thursdays + Saturdays. But I shall not want for work, for two of the courses - History of England since 1688 and Introduction to Philosophy - require a great deal of reading, in fact one could read practically all the time for either of them. The other two are math. courses and will require quite a bit of work. Then I have tutorial work besides, of which I can always do as much as I have time for. I have a tutorial conference every other Thursday from 11-12.

my needs. She gave me a double
blanket which I took back on Tuesday
night. That evening I called to see
Mr Tweedy (I had met him on the
street Sunday) and found him home.
He has three fellows living with
him this winter.

On Sunday afternoon Frank and
I inspected the new museum of
Fine Arts which the Univ. was building
last year. It is very satisfactory and
there were very interesting exhibits, including
a Gutenberg Bible - printed in 1456 -

one of the first books to be
printed with movable type. It is
worth about a hundred thousand
dollars. After leaving the museum
we took a long walk thru the
nicer residential section of Cambridge.
There are so many lovely houses
here which I should like to live
in.

I wonder if you have sent my
check or are you waiting for the
P.O. check. If you haven't please
send it right on for Jim about our

in the sitting room by the parlor door.

I wonder if you have had fever yet. We have had only one real cold night. It has been very warm today and since the heat is on and our radiator doesn't shut off very well we have to keep all the windows open.

I suppose you & father are out at Boekens tonight. I hope none of you are working too hard gathering the vegetables.

I mean. I have practically all required books bought by this time. I am also going to ask you to send a couple of books either now or at least when you send the laundry next time - 1) Huxley - Lectures & Lay Sermons - Everyman's Library. 3rd or 4th shelf of right division of another book case. 2) (If Harold has not sent for it) a book on philosophy by Patrick - it belongs to Harold. He did not take it with him. It was on the table

Tell D must stop and take this
out of the mail-box.

Love to all,
George.

Oct. 19/27.

Dear Mother,

Father's letter came this morning.

I'm sorry you have had the gripper
but trust you are quite all right
again by this time. I shall mail
the affidavit tomorrow. I don't know
what election district to put down
so I'm putting 3 on with the hope
that it's right. It seems as if I

They meet together once every two weeks discussing any particular problems facing the student in his major subject, as well as take up new work, with a view to synthesizing the work of the various courses.

I'm sorry not to have sent the pen yet. I have had to send it back twice because the joints they put on it was quite impossible. I hope that the one they are putting on now will be satisfactory.

I wish I could write more, but I'm very tired and since I must get up early tomorrow to do some work for

can remember hearing much about that particular district.

I have just returned from the first meeting of the Harvard Math. Club. Quite characteristically I forgot my hat and coat until I reached here. Since the meeting place is several blocks away I shall wait until tomorrow to go and get them.

The tutorial work is for every one in all departments except two. Each student has a member of his dept. of concentration assigned to him as tutor.

a nice or last class I shall have to go
right to bed.

Thank you for the apples. These will
be gladly received.

Love to all,

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Oct. 26/27.

Dear Macken,

Something tells me that you may be looking for some little word of me, and since if I don't get something off before tomorrownoon, it won't reach Cas Laadie before you leave I shall start a letter now, tho' it will have to be finished later tonight or tomorrow morning. I hope someday that I may know how it is that

I spent three afternoons this past week at the Dental School with us real dentists, for they were commenced in putting in a gold filling which failed to set properly and must come out again a week from tomorrow. The charge for the gold was two dollars; I hope I shall have to pay two more for another.

The ballots came yesterday. I'm afraid that in some cases it is a gamble on which is the worst villain.

Thursday morning.

I was interrupted here last night and then went to Match Club. I have just

time can fly so fast.

I'm very glad your vacation is so near. I'm sorry you had to wait so long but I'm sure it has been best for father to have you home during the harvesting of the vegetables. We are having very nice weather now and I hope you will have as good luck in Keraton. Remember me to Auntie and the Pivies.

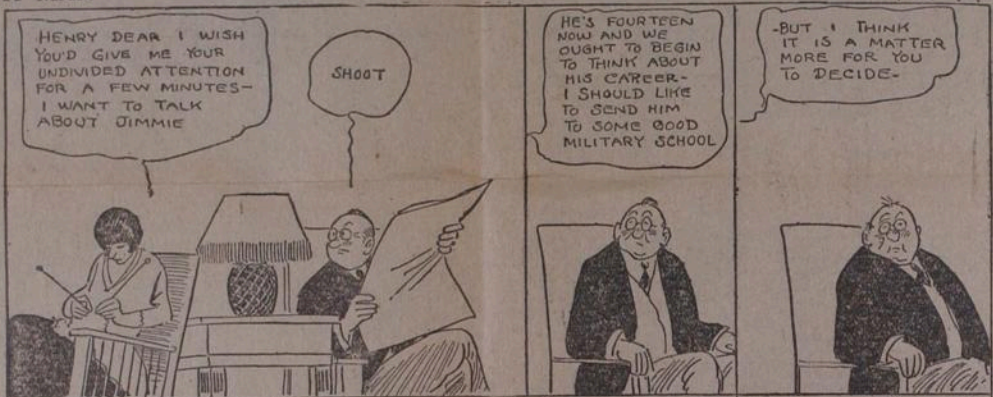
I had a short letter from Lisa from the Bayles today. I must ^{write} her again soon, she. He had only one letter from me.

comes from breakfast now, being gone up
before breakfast to do some studying.
Never mind about not sending the books.

I got along quite well without them.
There are always plenty here but it is
sometimes more convenient to have a book
in one's room than in the library.

The enclosed cartoon may interest you.
It happens in the best of regulated families.
There is very little more to say, except that
I hope you reach Newton safely and
have a fine time. I had write you then.
It is time for class now.

Love to all,
Poyze



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Newton, N.J.

Nov. 3/27

Dear George -

Well, here I am settled in
Newton and living a very busy life - It
seems like a dream. I left Levinia on
Monday at 11 and caught the 12:15 train
reaching here at 3:10 - Auntie met me
after school. The weather has been
beautiful until today - it has rained
hard all day. Tues. & Wed. afternoons
I sat on porch and it seemed just
like summer time. This is a very
quiet house and one can rest in
peace any time of day. I lie a bed
morning till 10 or 11 and actually go
to sleep after Auntie leaves for school.
I have been waking up about 2 A.M.
& then lying awake till morning -
But I think this rest cure is just
what I need for I have lost so much
sleep the past year. Besides the

Family here, there is an editor whom I have
never seen nor heard, just across the hall.
Two young school teachers I have had one
glimpse of and an old ^{lady} downstairs,
who is very kind & entertaining & thinks she
must look after me while Auntie's away.
I just love to hear her talk - she reminds me
of Mrs David at Hills, but is even more refined
& David educated & I believe a woman of some
means. We go together at noon about 4 or 5
blocks away to meet Auntie at dinner. There
are excellent meals and one gets enough for
4 meals. So at night we have been eating
just a lunch here. Last night the Scotch lady
invited us to tea with her and then we listened
to the radio program - She has a fine radio & is
anxious to share it with others. Auntie
is to have a holiday Nov 11, Armistice Day,
so she is planning a trip to New York for us.
By that time I will be well rested & ready to
do some sight seeing & visiting. She wants
me to stay over Thanksgiving Holiday & then
go on another trip may be further away but
I can't tell yet if I will be here then. Some
times I think I ought not to leave for so long
& then again I think it may be a long time
before I get away again. I had a letter to-
day from pa - all is O.K. so far but it has been
a busy week. After the crops are gathered &
delivered, it will not be so hard for him.
Harold & Tom appeared Sat. night & left
Wed. morning - some travel for a short stay.
Grace met me on Saturday in D. & W. Street
Shore depot Wehaukan & we reached Linn

about 2. Kate came just as we
were ready to go for a ride up the
Hudson. Sunday morning we
went to Hackensack to Church &
then visited the rest of the time. Aunt
Toll got her innings Monday morn-
ing after the others had left for work.
She lashed me deaf, dumb & blind &
she is so deaf there is no use trying to
talk back. But she is a good soul & a hard
worker; I don't see how she stands it.
I like their home very much, but I can
see even with the improvements, that
in some way it must be harder for her.
I hope to hear from you soon. Haven't
heard from any of my sisters & left. Now I
will write a few lines to Wilbur.
Hope you are well and not over-
doing.

Lovingly,
Kroster.

[Nov 7, 1907]

Sunday evening.

Dear Mother.

I'm awfully glad to be addressing
you at Newton. I hope you're getting
a good cut. I think you had better
plan to stay over Thanksgiving. I
think Jessie would be glad to take
care of father and grandpa on
the holiday.

We are having lovely fall weather.
It is quite cool today. Yesterday

before that on Columbus day some
of us went to Quincy to see the
granite quarries. Unfortunately they
were not working that day so we
could see everything else. The size
of the pits is enormous. By dropping
a stone and timing its fall we found
that one of them is four hundred
feet deep. We had hoped to find
some crystal specimens but
returned with only some pieces of
granite.

Afternoon Jan of us went way out in
the country south of Benton - Blue Hill
section. It is very lonely out there,
much of the country being large estates.
There is a large park and then comprising
a very large and ^{high} hill $\frac{1}{2}$ on the top
of which Harvard has a weather
station. We climbed it and though
it was quite late and the air
somewhat hazy we had a good view.
On a clear day one can see ~~over~~ way
out to sea as well as a great way
inland. I don't think I wrote

Week before last I saw Handed + Athlete
both rather badly acted but worth seeing.
I was nowhere last week except to
Mack-Club. Tonight I'm going to
Mrs. Bragg's for the first time.
On Thursday I had the gold filling
replaced as no further case it has
yet to be smoothed down but I think
it is a success.

Well I must stop for tonight
to drop a line to father and something
to Eva. Love to you both,
George.

Newton, N. H.
Nov. 16/27

Dear George -

I was pleased to get your letter on Tuesday. The days are gliding swiftly by here - I have not yet felt the time drag. As I do not get up till about 9 or later, it makes a short morning. I take a walk every day usually after dinner. Yesterday, I went to the afternoon session of the County S. S. Convention held here in the Baptist Church. It seemed strange not to see any one I knew at such a meeting. We were invited out to tea & when we got back had a caller. I meant to write this to you & get it mailed so you'd get it tomorrow - but Mrs. St. John came to

right tho' of course it is rather
strimous for pa.

Friday has been beautiful
& much warmer - I hope it
will keep clear for the week end.
You would be interested in the
collection of curios here in the his-
torical rooms - there is a granite
piece made entirely of stones found
in this county - all colors. We
visited there Tues. afternoon by
special appointment - it is not
open all the time. I glad you
both is fixed & hope it will not
cause you any more trouble.

Now I'm going to lie down for
a rest before supper.

Louise,
Mother.

Sunday afternoon,
November 20, 1927.

Dear Mother,

Your letter was gladly received on Friday. I had begun to think something had happened. I was sorry to find that something did happen. I hope you're feeling much better and will be able to spend the holidays in New York. I had a letter from father

Did you know that Walter Wilson
was ~~was~~ studying law at Boston
University? I was very much surprised
to meet him on the street the other
morning. He is living in Cambridge and
working part-time on a sales job. This
morning while eating breakfast I saw
Mark Richardson leaving the cafeteria.
I suppose he and his wife came over
for the game yesterday.

Is it two weeks since I wrote you?
It hardly seems possible although
nothing of especial importance has

yesterday. He said that most of the fall
work is done and that they were getting
along tolerably well in the house. I'm
not very much surprised that Jessie doesn't
to move; she doesn't lack ambition, but
her ambition is too often directed in the
same direction.

I have been invited to Gloucester
for Thursday. I suppose I shall go
late Wednesday and return late Thursday.
We have only one day of vacation you
know. Since I have never been there
I hope I may see a few of the interest-
ing things, harbors etc.

happened to make the time fly
fast. I have been nowhere in
that time except to callaginnus,
math club meetings, etc. I have
had ~~hours~~ exams however, and feel
somewhat let down just now. I
may call on Mr. Tweedy tonight. I
had a very pleasant time at Mrs. Prays
two weeks ago this evening. There were
many old faces and so many new ones.
We have another "sing" two weeks from
tonight. Best wishes to both of you
for a pleasant week end.
Love, George.

[Dec. 5, 1927]
Sunday evening.

Dear Mother,

How does it seem to be home
again? I'm sure grandpa and father
were glad to see you. I'm glad you
had a good rest but please don't
worry too hard now getting ready
for Christmas. As per usual I
shall be home much before the

that he was trying to arrange a
conference with his publishers here
for the few days just before my
vacation. So should he come we
should probably leave Boston
together the morning of the 23rd.

This brings me to another point.
Be sure there are two sheets and two
pillow cases returned with the
Candy this week. If Mr Tweedy
should come he might stay here,
for Frank will probably leave by
the 19th or the latest. You might also

25th. Our vacation doesn't start
until the morning of the 23rd. I
couldn't ^{come} on the 22nd if I didn't have a
nine o'clock class. I might be able
to take a later train and buy a
chair seat if I could get home
from Albany. The train reaches
Albany 5:40 I think. Is there a bus?
Send a timetable if you can get a recent one.
Hannah there may be something
she'd keep me here until the
23rd. I had a letter from Mr
Tweedy yesterday in which he said

Send some of my winter pajamas.
They are in the top drawer of the bureau by the bed & sleep in two corners.
They turn the heat off here at night
so that the rooms get very cold.

Also (I hope you're not getting tired)
will you please send my heavy over-
coat as soon as convenient? I hope
the laundry didn't amaze you too
much. I sent as little as possible
to the "chinks" but still I had
to pay \$3.75. Don't bother to mend
all of these coats - throw some of
them away.

Many thanks to father for the money,
The extra ten dollars was quite a god-
send.

I'm glad father and grandpa had
such a good time at Medway on
Thanksgiving but I think some one
might have invited them out. I
had a second invitation - from
Mrs Pray which I was very
sorry to have to refuse. I had
a fine time in Gloucester Lawrence.
I never got down to such a

the lighthouses, famous rocks,
gorgeous cat-fish dock etc. The
town is very interesting - the houses
are set everywhere on the hills -
there is little to show that twenty
thousand people live there.

We have been having quite a bit
of winter today. A little snow has
fallen and it has been below freezing
all day. Probably ^{it} won't last long
however for the ocean is so near
we can't keep cold weather.

large meal. There was practically
nothing else - ^{soup} turkey, cranberry
three kinds of dressing, turnip, squash,
two kinds of potatoes pickles, celery,
salad, ice cream, two kinds of pie,
fruit, nuts, candy etc. Absolutely
ridiculous it seems to me. Every
thing was very good and those
entertaining most cordial and
generous. In the morning, after
church, we had gone for a short
ride around the harbor, seeing

Consequently we get quite a lot of
vacant rain.

Well I must stop and write a
little to the T weekly. I have just
written Eva a letter. I haven't heard
from her in a long time. What do
you hear?

Must close to all,

George.

[Dec. 13, 1907]

Monday evening.

Dear Walter,

This is rather late for a birthday
letter but I can say that I hope
you will have had a pleasant anniversary.
I'm glad you received such a highly
acceptable gift as a carpet sweeper.
Your letter came Saturday. Have

Jolly. She was at Bayl's over yesterday
and will go there the 17th I think
for a couple of weeks. I also had
a letter from Mr Tweedy which
contained news disappointing to
both ^(all of you) you and me. He is not coming
to Cambridge for he cannot leave
a conference. So he has invited me
to New York for the end of the vacation.
I shall be very sorry to have to leave
home early but I really ought not
to refuse. He wants me to come on

you been to Catskill yet? I meant
you ^{to} understand that I wanted
something for Milbur and Jessie
together - I don't seem to get up
any enthusiasm about giving
Jessie anything separately. But if
you have thought me something all
right, otherwise try to get something
you think they might need - You
know their needs better than I.

I had a letter from Eva this
morning. She said she was feeling
quite well and seemed to be very

the 31st. This will mean of course
that I can't be home for New Year's,
but if I were to see him or not I
should have to leave right in the
middle of New Year's Day and that
would half break up the day for
you and make it inconvenient for
both him and Mrs. Tweedy. So I
hope you won't feel too bad. To
recompense you I shall try to get home
on Thursday. I have written the
Bus Co. for a time table - The

tree in the paper is summer schedule
Of course that may still be in
force. I hope even I very much
desire to miss the class I should
have to take an earlier train.

Were Corcoran not so far from
Albany I should ask you to come
for me but it's such a long
cold drive with a touring car that
I think you had better not.

I suppose you want to wash
next week so I shall send my

at least. I charge him two dollars
a lesson so I hope I may keep him
a little while. I haven't had much
time for Xmas shopping yet, it's
dear to most of that next week.

Miss Lawrence got something for
Eva on the way or it would get
there. I went ^{to Boston} one, one afternoon
quite a while ago and got all the
cards I want. I got the nicest
I have ever got for a nickel a

laundry as usual on Thursday or perhaps
Wednesday as you'll be sure to get it. I
received the overcoat - O.K. Had it
cleaned and pressed for \$1.50 as that
is looks real good. This is its fourth
counters.

The usual before-vacation busy time
has come and I have as much to do.
I started tutoring a fellow in elementary
chemistry last Thursday. If nothing
happens I shall probably have him
twice a week until the middle of January.

piece - engraved. I generally get
them so late that the kind I like
are gone.

Well I must stop and write
a note to Mr Tweedy and then do
a little reading before going to bed.

Love to all,

George.

P. S. Had a nice time yesterday afternoon
at Raymond Tweedy's.

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Sunday night.

[1928?]

Dear Mother

First and foremost I hope you are feeling much better and that your teeth will behave better in the future. I hope to finish up my tooth business on the 23rd. Had a large and quite painful filling put in last week, and expect nothing more very serious for next time. They want to take off the gold crown and also put a bridge in where they pulled the tooth but I haven't time money or necessity for those things this spring.

I was quite thunderstruck on Wednesday to hear one of my

Chemistry instructors (not professors) ask me to dinner at his fraternity that evening. The fraternity is composed entirely of students of chemistry and though a social organization does not cater to money. It is Nelson's fraternity. They have a large house near where I lived last year. Many of them live there and have their meals there. I met all of them - some I already knew and had in general a good time. I spent a large part of the evening with Nelson and my host. I am invited to a so-called Open meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. Although I have no right to presume I can see no meaning in the procedure unless they have me under

consideration for membership. I think that before I should accept another invitation I should try to determine their intentions and try gratefully to be excused. Although I certainly appreciate their consideration and should like very much to join them I feel I have not finances enough to join a fraternal society. I hope I shall offend them for I shall see much of many of them in future years.

I have had a long letter from Eva describing the place. She doesn't seem so displeas'd as she might. If the atmosphere doesn't offend her I'm sure all will go well. I suppose M. & J. are in Cassville tonight. I hope everything will be alright

but I should prefer to have Clifford
in California or Asia.

I shall be very busy this week.
Last week was rather short due to
the holiday and as I have an
extra amount of laboratory work
to do this week. I must also prepare
for a test on Thursday morning -
the writing of one of these essays in
a hour. I shall also have a large
book to read which I have been
trying to get for some time and which
I can have only seven days.

The clippings I found in the
papers last time. I don't understand
them as I'm returning. Perhaps
Mrs Cooper wanted them.

Love to all,

George.

1928

THE Harvard Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa cordially invites you to be present at the Literary Exercises of its Anniversary in Sanders Theatre, on Friday, June 22, 1928, at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Orator of the Day is Professor Paul Shorey, of the Class of 1878.

The Poet is Mr. Carl Sandburg.

The President of the Society, Professor Roger B. Merriman, '96, will preside.



To this meeting are specially invited all winners of scholarships, prizes, and other academic distinctions in Harvard College during the past year, the parents of these students, and the head-masters of the Schools at which they were prepared for college.

Tickets for reserved seats may be obtained by applying in writing to the Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa, 271 Widener Library, or by applying in person at 4 University Hall, between the hours of ten and twelve-thirty.

[Jan. 6, 1908]

Friday afternoon,

Dear Mother,

Perhaps if I write you something
before supper and mail it when I
go out you'll get it tomorrow. I
wonder how your teeth are. I
hope you won't have to have them
out. Mrs. Dewight was just getting

time. Saturday afternoon we saw
the "Mikado" of Gilbert and Sullivan.
You have undoubtedly seen it and
remember it, for those comic operas
were very popular when you were
living in Hakone. In the evening
Donald and I walked down
Madison Ave. looking in the
shop windows as far as the Grand
Central Station. Then we came back
and the three of us sat up until
midnight to see the New Year in. It
was so warm we could have the

seen an ulcerated tooth which she
did not have to have extracted. So
you may not have to have ~~them~~ it out.
Mr. & Mrs. Tweedy thought it would
be foolish to have them all out. They
know of several cases where that
has happened but none where any
good was done.

Have you heard from Eva yet. I
haven't heard from her and I wonder
if she is sick.

I suppose you are wondering what
kind of a time I had in New York and
what I did. Of course I had a good

window open and hear the noise
from Times Square. It was
quite a din and didn't stop until
after I had gone to sleep. Sunday
morning we walked over to
the Ethical Culture Church on
Central Park West to hear Thackeray.
He was speaking on that new
book "Mother India" which is
supposed to tell of the awful
conditions existing in India. He
said it is grossly untrue that in

the end he did admit that
many of the conditions do exist
^{declared}
and that all educated Hindus are
trying to better them.

That afternoon we heard a very
fine piano recital in Carnegie Hall
after which we went out to tea.
That evening I went see Mrs. Dwight.

I had tried to get her on the telephone
but could seem to get her number.
It was very cold and I liked to
go way up to 192nd street if she

I took my bag down to the boat
and then met the Tweedys up
at the Cathedral. We wanted
to see what progress they
have made. The work is quite
well along - I should think it
might be in use in a year. It
certainly will be an imposing
structure though by no means
nearly as large as some of the
downtown buildings.

That noon the Shute of Hamilton

wasn't there but I did, and
was glad to find her home.
She looks quite well but she
had been confined to the house
with a cold and her tooth. She
is living with Ralph.

I did not talk to any of the
Preces. I tried to get them
Sunday but no one answered,
and I had no opportunity on
Monday.
Monday morning we got up late.

and a friend of Mrs Tweedey's
were with us for lunch. I was
glad to meet Mr Shute and
like him very much. In the
afternoon we were at the play
"Porgy", a play depicting negro
life in Charleston, S. C., the
cast entire by negro except for
the three or four with white
roles. Tell Auntie she must see
it if she goes to New York again
soon. It is very remarkable.

One seen was a wake for a dead
man in which men women and
children sang their spirituals -
getting more and more excited
and entranced until the curtain
came down ~~see~~ a wait. Another

similar scene was during a hurricane.

I had to make a dash from
the theatre to the subway but
reached the boat in plenty of
time. He had an inside room
so we did not suffer from the

initiation comes off tonight. I
have no official part so I shall
not stay late. I must have an
essie tomorrow afternoon.

The pillow size is 27×19 but
I think 27×18 would be a large
enough case. The present sheets
are 54" wide. Slightly wider
(8"-12") would be better but not
necessary. The length should be
at least 96" - 99" would be better.

I hope you are all well and not
working too hard. Love to all.
George.

cold. On the contrary it was
so hot and noisy (many people
on board were unable to get
staterooms) that we got little
sleep. We all got up early and
took the early train from Fall
River reaching here at eight. I
was very tired but managed to
get my essay written.

Well it is quarter of six
and I must go and to dinner at
the fraternity house. The informal

Tuesday evening

My dear George: - 12 Jan. 1924

I'm almost too lazy
to write but feel that I must
give a chronicle of our doings.
Here we are in the sitting room
mother and grandpa reading.
Wilbur said he was coming home
to night, but hasn't shown up
yet. I guess Jessie intended go-
ing to the Rose House dance to-
night. We think it's very foolish
and unwise. Here again you come
face to face with the fact that you
can't regulate other people's doings.
Jessie is doing nicely and begins

worked the first degree at a class
of eighteen at Clio Change and they
in turn worked the second degree.
It was very enjoyable evening. The
only fely in the excitement was that some
one skived one of the new flash-
lights out of my coat-pocket.

On Wednesday evening I attended
the third annual ^{meeting} of the
Methodist church. Over two hundred
men were present and there was
a fine spirit manifested.

The team has a Basket-Ball team
now and they play two games this
week with neighboring clubs. I
may go to morrow night to show
my goodwill. The weather still lays

to understand nearly everything you
say to her. Will tell you where feet
tells, hair and eyes are, and can
almost walk alone. The business
has settled down to some degree
of normalcy. However it gives us
more or less concern and I can
readily see that we will have our
hands full to keep tabs on it.
I suppose Harold is resting with
excess this week, let us hope he
will pull thru.

We feel more concerned about Eva
did we tell you that she had a
slight return of her trouble. However
we must hope for the best that
she may be able to continue. A
week ago tonight Clinia Change

very mild. we have had just a
little snow and tonight it is raining.
We butchered one of the little pigs
today. W. has half pig. This has hardly
been around the place at all since
the change. W. went to Albany today
for a load of tires. He wants to
get a good stock of used tires ready
before the next season. I have been
doing some reading nothing very
heavy just finished two of Booth's
tracts. The Plutocrat, and Period.
Mother has finished Mother's Idea
but somehow it did not appeal
to me. Mother wants to know when
you have your Easter vacation. Well I
have reached the end of the page and
Mother has just come in and I suppose it
will be all over now. Love Father

Sunday Evening

My dear boy: - [6 Feb. 1928]

Here we are at the old Sunday night job.

Mother is writing to Ed and my job to write you. This has been a beautiful winter-day but yesterday the snow left us, and we had bare ground. Harold came on Wednesday night and left on the six to night. We were fortunate to have good weather and we used him to good advantage in getting some wood out. We have deacons a little home, but the most is out near the woods in a good

to-day. Last night they had a birth day cake for Bessie & all went but Grandpa. Bessie is very cute now and blew out the candles. She knows all you say to her, but doesn't say any words yet. She begins to walk a little with help.

Tuesday night we went out to Gange Hall for a Law Bureau meeting. It was interesting. On Friday night 34 members of Gange went down to Athens to see the 3rd & 4th degrees worked. They was a crowd and we had a very enjoyable time. This afternoon we ^{heard} Clarence Pearson over the radio his subject was "The Criminal". He is a very

place to get to with the truck. We were unable to get rid of the truck and just now W. has quite a contract for Van Sweezy. After that we will try to get the wood from H. seemed to think he had passed all his exams, but wasn't sure of Medieval History that was the course he flunked before. Let us hope that he passed as it means a lot financially. He got in wrong at Christmases time by taking one out too much. But he as much that he worked I have an idea they will clear his record. We wait quite a little concern the report from Eva. All her exams came in two days. Miller and Jones were here

interesting speaker and very witty
but rather radical in some ways.
On the 23rd they have a mens
banquet at the second church with
Dr Hoffmann as the speaker. He was
formerly president of Central College.
Business is not very brisk at the
store but I guess we are holding our
own. We had a money order from
Clara Fraser for the rest of the
furniture yesterday. She has been very
sick for the past three months and
is still far from well. Of course
we take it for granted that you
passed all your exams. Trust you
are feeling all right. With love
Father.

Matthews 53
Cambridge 38, Mass.
Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5/29.

Dear Mother

I was glad to get your card yesterday
although I had hoped for a letter. But
of course I know you are very busy
just now. The package arrived in
good condition. Thank you so much.
The apples are fine and the cake

stupid play of political and
love intrigue in Madrid. These
nights we had a bridge game.
Thursday evening I spent at the
Troceidjs. They were as usual
most cordial and I had ^a very
nice time. Friday evening I
attended the meeting of the Bach
Cantata Club.

Tomorrow the race begins
again. I shall have only two
regular courses, but since I expect
to attend the lectures in two or

looks that way although I have
not packed it. The laundry has
also arrived I believe, although I
haven't got it from the post-office
yet.

I suppose Harold will be going
back today. My vacation was
quite short and is now all over.
I spent a good portion of it sleeping.
I didn't get up before half-past
seven any day, and today not until
twelve. Wednesday afternoon we
saw a very amusing but quite

three others, at least for a while,
Isabel have a full schedule of
classes.

Something which has just happened
as I am writing brings to mind what
I was doing Thursday afternoon.
I was over at the Dental School
again. As I wrote before, I had
to wait until then to find out
what the operator had to say about
my tooth. They had in the meantime
put on a temporary crown, that
is a celluloid cap held on by
"porcelain" cement. When they took

is off the other day the cement
had hardened so nicely that instead
of taking it off they filed it down
to the shape of the fault hoping
that it might stay some time. But
a piece of it has just broken off so
that now I shall have to go back
and have it fixed permanently. The
verdict of the specialists was
that I could not have another
all-panels inlay but must
have some gold with it. He
says it won't be a great deal

have one tooth ~~prayed~~ for they
think it is dead. They also say
that I should have a bridge put in
where I had a tooth taken out
two years ago. But since that
would cost twenty-five dollars
I shall have to postpone it for
a while yet, though if I wait
too long it will be too late.
The other work will cost about
seventy-dollars. but must be done
right away. I have an appointment

and will not be objectionable.
He says I could have a porcelain
cap by filling a large part of the
tooth away. but if anything happens
to that I should lose the tooth. So
I suppose I must bow to the
inevitable. I also had my
teeth thoroughly examined the
other day with the following
results. I need four and possibly
five fillings of which all but
one will be of gold. I must also

Jan the afternoon of February 18th.

I'm glad Jessie is well again. You
certainly do have a lot of trials
and troubles. I hope you're now
working as hard and are taking
some time for reading and rest.

Have you got the car-phones fixed
yet? I'm sorry I didn't get them
sent off while I was home.

Well there isn't much more to say.

It's supper-time so I'll close and
mail this when I go out.

Love to all,

George.

February 20/28.

Dear Mother,

It's now past eight so I'm afraid
this will get to Cassakie tomorrow
but perhaps father will be going down
Monday morning to get the mail.

Perhaps however he will be going
out to get some wood. I wish I
could be home for a chicken dinner,
as an incidental to seeing all of you. so

as many as I can, for his subject
and he are so interesting and he
presents his subject in such an
easily understandable way that I
don't want to miss them.

A while back you wrote about
a book you were reading by a George
Herbert Palmer. He is, I think, Harvard's
oldest eminent professor. He lives
here in the yard, his and the
President's houses being the only
residences within the fence. He
is about ninety years old but is
still up and around every day to chapel

it is I shall probably do considerable
work for my Subarctic conference the
next day and in the afternoon may
call on Mr. Tweedy.

Very little of note has happened here
for the past week. I always have lots to
do. There is a series of lectures -
Tuesday to Friday afternoons or 4 o'clock -
being given thru Feb. and March at
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
by a well known English physicist.
Although it takes a couple of hours out
of each afternoon I am attending

at mine silent. He is probably one
of America's greatest scholars.

I don't believe I have thanked
you for those large sheets. I
haven't used them yet for I still
have some of the others. Let me
thank you now. Thank you also
for the raisins which were in
the bundle. I had bought some
a while ago but they were gone and
I couldn't remember to get some
others.

By the way, if you think of it

when you return the laundry next
time, send me a couple of the ^{better} good
pairs of those heavy woollen socks.
I want them to wear in gym.

I might, I suppose, say something
about the weather. It snowed
here all day Saturday so that
we now have about six inches of
snow; but it won't last long
if every day is as warm as today
was.

I hope you are planning to go
to see Auntie in the spring. With love

while I was ^{at} home.

It is now mine so I'll close this
and go out and mail it. Love
to all.

George.

Don't they have their vacation in New
Jersey the week before Santa Sunday.
When does Harold leave too? Tell
father that I shall of course, be
glad to go on the route for him the
week I am home if he wants me
to. I do not expect to see Mr. Tweedy
at all this spring, unless he comes
to Cambridge. He is planning to have
a week's folk-dancing school at
Ball's Pond during vacation week. I
suggested, however, that he and Mrs
Tweedy might stop for dinner on
the sea if they were diving there. Contact

[2 Mar. 1928

Office of Van Schoack Auto Supply
M. B. VAN SCHOACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Thursday Evening

Dear George:-

Mother is making out bills for the firm and its my job to write you a line. He should have gone to prayer meeting but didn't feel particularly well. I have had quite a bad cold, but it is getting better gradually. Grandpa has a very bad cold and has been hoarse for two days, but it is some better to night. We still have no snow to speak of, and to day has been a fine one for

the first of March we raised
the wood up on Tuesday. We had
Sir Hallett do the job and
Earl helped as an extra man.
It is a good job done and we will
be able to get it split before the wood
comes on. Yesterday we were in
Catskill for the afternoon. We had
some copy I wanted to take down
to the Recorder office. Milburn is
handling the Seeburgh lines now
and we wanted a special "ad"
Business continues about the same
but it means a lot of work and
worry for us. Got Eva's marks
yesterday she got all to 90 to 95.

But in her letter also received
yesterday the ^{M. B. SANBACH} ^{COXSACKIE, NEW YORK} was not so
cheerful. She said she had a
spell on Tuesday and had not been
to classes since and that was Sunday.
However she seemed quite cheerful
from the tone of her letter. Right
here Wilbur came in so now it's
Friday afternoon. Jessie and the
babes came this morning she is
so cute as can be now. Wilbur was
down to dinner. We all feel some
better to day though grandpa hasn't
been out yet. I neglected to say in
my last letter that anytime you
need money let us know.
The Central College Glee Club sings
in the First Church in March.

Have been down to the office and now
am going to take mother down to a
Food sale of the League at 3 o'clock.
Will I seem to out of news and all
leave the rest of letters space for
mother Love Father.

Dear Geo - I don't think I have anything
to add - This has been a very busy
week for me and I have done no
reading at all except to scan the
newspapers. I have had some
more work trouble - one of those that
must sooner or later be pulled - how
I dread it. - Will we come for you -
Hope you got back O.K. - I meant to put
something extra in but didn't - Will try to
send some apples next week. That old
blue shirt is about a case - maybe it
won't be worth returning again.
Love,
Cousin, Mother.

Thursday evening.
[8 March 1928]

Dear Mother -

I know you're beginning to wonder again what has happened to me, Well as usual nothing has happened, which is one very good reason why I haven't written. Strange as it may seem one day is quite like another. There are of course things happening

held the too small audience
spellbound. Holding the sentiments
professorship of natural religion he
holds a faith almost exactly like
that of Emerson, as he himself told
us. Despite his great scholarship
his faith is very simple, one would
be inclined to call it naive in an
unstudied person. He rejects nothing
of worth in any religion but believes
that ~~only~~ the Christian religions embody
the larger group of truths and as

all the time in my studies but
they are scarcely topics for correspondents.

About the only item of note
since I wrote grandpa was a
lecture I heard on Sunday. It was
given by George Herbert Palmer of
whom I have written before. His
talk was entitled "Selfishness"
but he spent most of his time
speaking generally on his faith.
Although nearly ninety and so feeble
he has to talk from a chair he

and cannot be rejected. The lecture
was one of a series and will probably
be published. I hope as you I
should like to have you read it.

Before I forget to tell father that
he may apply for the examination
if he wishes. I feel perfectly
alright and really haven't any
time to take one but I suppose it
would be a good idea if I did.

How are father & grandpa getting
on with their colds. I hope they
are better. I haven't had a real

could this winter though I have
staved off two or three years in
time. I also hope you won't have
a long tussle with your tooth.

I'm awfully sorry to hear about
Eva. I had a letter from her
quite a while ago in which she
seemed quite cheerful; and on
Monday a box of stuffed leaves
came from her. I write her
quite often and never get something
from her again this week end. But

just now I must go over to the
library for a book to do some studying
for tomorrow.

You haven't said anything lately
about going to Newton this spring.
If Auntie wants you the week
before we come home, go ahead
for you mustn't stay home to
get the house ready. For the present,
don't say if you want to go home,
home to all
George.

Sunday, March, 1878.

Dear Mother,

What a blucky March day! It has rained and snowed and blown all day - a kind of day when one likes to stay in and have nothing in particular to do. I have loads to do but nothing that must be done.

Three weeks from today is Easter
and if nothing happens I shall be
home then. I plan to come late
Saturday, taking the 11:15 bus from
Albany. The time table I have says
there is such an one but you might
make sure by finding out. Should
there not be one would you want
to meet me in Albany? Otherwise
I shouldn't be able to come until
Sunday.

for tomorrow as I'm taking an afternoon
off trying to get a few letters written.
I have written to Eva and after this
must write to Mr Tweedy - I haven't
written him for over a month.

Neither of the last two communications
from Caslake has contained very
good health reports - I hope you'll
all feeling better. Now that your
health is over I'm sure you feel better
about it and better for it, don't you?

The laundry came yesterday. Thanks
for the cakes. I worry with alarm
and dismay that many of my shirts
are meeting their end. Dave spends
much time over them. I shall have
to buy a few but will try to wait
until May when there will be
sales here on every hand.

I'm afraid this is a pitifully short
letter but the whole of last week
was taken up with getting ready for
a history exam so nothing exciting happened.
Love to all
George

Monday morning,
[16 April 1928]

Dear Heather,

Just a few words before I see
to say that all is well. Arrived on
time and D.K. Nelson was on the
same train though I didn't know
it until I met him in the subway
station. I guess he had a chair.

I hope you and father reached home
all right. Tell father I think he
should have the car fixed right
away; and for you I say get
your car cleaned right away.

Thank you all for the good
time I had. Don't work too hard.

Love to all
George.

April 27, 1928.

Dear Mother

I hope you haven't despaired
of hearing from me this week. I
should have written before but
I have been so busy and so tired
that I haven't had time to get on
it. I now have three more or
less regular letters. This concerns

A week ago yesterday was, as you know, a holiday. I spent the afternoon working. Also on Saturday afternoon I did the same thing. Several of us went way out in the country and worked from one car line cross country to another.

Tomorrow is open house day or "Tech" so that I shall probably not do anything tomorrow afternoon except go there. There are to be

a great deal of time - all my extra time. And then, during the first part of the week, I suffered from the stranger's malady - a pain in the back of my neck reaching up into my head. It came on sometimes early in the day, sometimes late. I managed to sleep it off yesterday afternoon and since I haven't had it today I think it may be over. I haven't the slightest idea what it is.

a great many things on display
that I want to see so that I
probably shall be there until
late in the evening.

Did you find the pencil sharpener in
the laundry? The books I want
to fill in. They had to go some
time.

I'm glad you've finally got your
head. I hope it's satisfactory.
Haven't heard from Eva in a long
time. - Supper time so I'll go out
and wait this night away. Hope
you'll get it tomorrow.
Love to all George.

May 10/28.

Dear Mother,

I was just going to bed, but I guess I better write you a few lines first or you may not hear from me before Sunday. Why don't I hear from you?

You're getting to be as bad as Sam.

I suppose the reason is "business": eh?

I seem to be busier and busier - I added another lecture this week but

think she has has much to do to
finish up. She is in hopes the leaders
will give her time on her outside
writing work.

I had a long letter from Mr Tweedy
on Monday - the first in three weeks -
he and Mrs Tweedy had been to Washington
the week-end before for a music festival.
They had planned to go by auto but
couldn't spare the time so went by
train. I wonder if you are planning
anything particular for me to do from
middle of June until July 1. If the

hope
no one else will want any time or
help.

I must apologize for sending the
letter so late. It completely stopped
my mind until it was too late to send
it on Thursday. I hope it didn't
inconvenience you too much. I don't
know whether you're sending a wash-label
this time or not but I seem to be short
one. Don't worry over the awful condition
of my shirts, pants and get to come, I
shall try to buy some this June.
I had a letter from Eva yesterday
which was moderately cheerful. I

prints of the Tweedys book is sufficiently
far advanced he wants me to come to
Dunbury for that time to help him make
the index.

Well I guess I'll stop and go to bed.
I haven't had that pain in my neck
again as I guess it's gone. It's only
quarter of ten but I'm as tired I'd
better go to bed and get up early
tomorrow morning. May you have
a pleasant Maithus Day and may
the ailes not be left out because
they're not Maithus. Love to all,
George.

May 25/28.

Friday afternoon

Dear Mother

Friday afternoon again and time to get
a letter written. I've come over here
in the library in order not to be
gone when one of my irregular
futures arrives. I don't know that
he'll come, but he came Wednesday
while I was out, so I rather expect
he'll come around this afternoon. He's

There is a man who sits next me in
one of my classes who is director of
an orphanage in Darcheston and
he wanted me to go over and see
it. I met him on 1 October. He had
dinner with him whom he
introduced as Rabbi——. That
was the first I had ever thought
of his being a Jew but I found out
that the orphanage is Jewish. I
had a very good time. However, he
has a nice wife and is himself
very well educated, having a
Ph.D. in Semitic languages and

such a father, and so poor I don't
make much on him, that I try to
avoid him.

Today is the first nice day since
last Thursday. It rained a great
part of the week. Both Saturday
and Sunday were rainy so that
I didn't get to the Arboretum, but
I made arrangements with Mr. Preecey
that if tomorrow afternoon were
fair that we should go. Tuesday
afternoon was fair enough for a
little tennis. Wednesday afternoon
I was entertained over in Darcheston.

having taught in Univ. of Wisconsin
for ten years.

Sunday night I was unfortunate
enough to have someone exchange
rain coats with me at the cafeteria.

It was an accident for it had stopped
raining and I suppose he threw
it over his arm without noticing.

The one he left was quite as good
it was better than mine but slightly
larger and of a style which I don't like -
double-breasted - a better protection,
however, I left my name, but since
it didn't rain hard for a couple
of days I suppose he didn't recollect
where he changed. Well I have no more paper
here so I'll have to stop.
Love to all George.

Danbury, Conn
July 18, 1928

Dear Mother,

This short note will be
in place of a card.

I reached Pokeepee a
little late but found
both Mr and Mrs Tweedy
waiting for me at the

or to do any reading. Every-
thing is very lovely here
this year. I wish you
could all see it. I have
never seen the garden in
such full bloom - it is
just a patchwork of
color. I am staying alone
in the cabin, which is
entirely covered with
climbing roses now in bloom.
Since this is only a

ferry. After doing some
shopping we drove back
in time for lunch.

The major portion of
the afternoon was consumed
in working in the garden
before. At half past
five we went swimming
and after dinner walked
and played bridge.

So as yet I have had
no time ^{left} to get bored

note and since I run
now take Mrs Tweedy and
Miss Hill down to
Lancaster. Wish you
a very happy birthday
for me, will you? Dan's
work has had and don't
vary - the cause of it is
still problematical since
we must take nine miles to
Pikepsie on Friday.
Love to all, George.

[8 Aug 1928

Dunbury, Conn
Wednesday morning

Dear Mother,

Just a short note to
let you know I arrived
quite ok. The place here
has been in a dense fog
ever since I arrived. It
is quite like being in
a cloud. One can see

yesterday I may be home
again the early part of
next week, unless, of course,
the rest of the book should
arrive in the meantime.

Coming home so soon
would probably mean another
trip here again later.
I shall know better by
Friday or Saturday when I
can leave.

Hope today isn't rainy
for father to go to

the fog even ^{inside} the
cabin itself.

We got right at work
on the index yesterday
afternoon and got quite
a bit accomplished—
what can be done at
present, with less than
half of the book to work
with, is not a great
deal, and from the
way Mr Tweeds spoke

Round Lake.

Our work has had
getting ready to go away.
Wish you a pleasant
and safe trip.

Love to all,

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Catsackie, N. Y.

Aug. 9/28

Dear George -

Glad to get your letter and hear how you are progressing. Pa took Jerry with him to Round Lake - it was fine weather but hot. They got home before seven - it was some surprise to them that Lu were gone - guess Eva made good progress with Trig - anyway she does not seem to be worrying about it. I did not go to the reception at Bob's on Tuesday - Pa went up to the store so W. could go out to collect but he did not go. They (3) came at night most 9 o'clock and we had a lively session (baby too) for a couple of hours.

Had a letter from H. yesterday everything seems as ever except awful hot weather. Tom is home

and much improved.

Now I must ask you a question for Pa which he wants you to answer at once. Did you or did you not leave a package (a rope) in on Natier's mail box Saturday? (This is the box by the Pudder Schoon house) He came here last night and said that Gaultre's says the package on the box Saturday night but he could not find it Sunday nor since. It was from Seais Rosebeck. Of course if you did it will have to be paid for (anywhere from ~~5 to 9~~ ³ Pa couldn't believe that you left it as packages should be left as Gaultre's. However we await your reply before further investigation.

I have book work done up to date also telephone bills & numerous business letters tendered to. Begin to see my way clear to being ready to leave to-morrow Bk. on train. Gasoline pump in air now. Eva is cleaning dress for Auntie.

Yesterday I was pretty busy and by

There was a lot, tired & nervous, I
undressed & went to bed. I had a
good sleep for about half an hour
when I heard a car drive in &
the voices of a man & woman. Grandpa
ushered them in & it proved to
be Dr. & Mrs. Spencer of Grange renowned.
They had to wait till I got dressed
& then we had a talk on the
Fair exhibit mainly vegetables. Pa
was quite disappointed that he
did not see him but can't be
helped. I just got started
to work again when another
car drove in & it was Edith and
a friend from Jersey - They
did not get out but grandpa
& I visited at the car for some
time. - Walpa is walking to
go as I must stop. Have a
good time & don't worry. It would
be fine if you could come today
even if you had to go again later.

Guess Pa does not care to be
over there on Monday anyway
but would go Tues. & Wed.

I ~~would~~^{will} drop you a card
from somewhere - I don't know
where - will perhaps write
some letters but I'm not going
to promise. I can't tell you
my address now but will
let you know. Good-bye.
Sincerely
Mother.

Regards to Mr. & Mrs. S. T.

P.S. Griffins have lost their
house & are to move in Ley's
flat cor New & Ely.

Mother and Auntie have written to
Harold at old address perhaps
you better tell him to look it up
for them.

Dear Folks

Ocean Pond Me
Aug 24 1928

Lillie and I are here on
the beach. I have just dug a hole in
the sand and she is lying down while
I write this letter. How shall I describe
the scene. There is nothing in all the
world so thrilling to me as the ocean.
We are looking into apparently limitless
space a few islands not far distant.
Far away I see the masts of a schooner
at our feet the breakers are rolling in.
Just to our right is Old Orchard Beach
Pier about one and one half miles away.
The sun is shining gloriously and the
whole view is wonderful. We had a little
rain last night, but only a sprinkle.
We had a good trip over but it was a foolish
thing to drive so far in one day. We will
take two days to return. Jessie seems
to be enjoying herself and at present is
lying down in her room. Regina has let
me say that she has been used royally.
Quite a relief to me I can assure you

I have been in bathing twice and this
morning it's ^{now} great, of course I feel a bit
stuffy as I always do in the water. But there
is no compromising between salt and fresh water
bathing. Johani was in once but she is no
longer that she was really a band.
We attend the morning service at the Temple
that is all the meetings I care to bother
with; for the ocean preaches to me a far
greater sermon. Last night we drove down
to Biddeford Pool and saw some wonderful
rocks. Tomorrow we plan to go to Portland
and take one of the rails in Casco Bay
Leaving at ten and returning at four we
will probably have our dinner in Portland
on return in the evening. Mother says Eva
take it easy just too on plane things. I want
to tell George just on the spot - just with Auntie
when we return, also have the Dodge office
and of course when we return. If Eva did not
get Will Eldred on the phone will you stop
and see him on Monday about being to the
meeting. We plan to go to the Old Orchard that
afternoon. Jesse will enjoy that as it is a
wonderful Coney Island. This is a children's paradise
there is a lot of them right here now. How Brown
would enjoy the sand. Well I guess that will
do for now. Read this to grandpa ^{and mother} you are all wonderful
to let me have this letter. Love
Father