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1734 Cambridge St.

Cambridge 38, Mass.

March 13, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

The March sunlight is flooding my room feeling that spring isn't far off - indeed though it hasn't been very warm this week it has been otherwise quite spring like, the snow disappearing completely with a heavy rain Sunday night.

The week has gone quickly - this week was tutorial week and I have just had the last tutorial. I had a letter from Danard on Wednesday and a short continuation today.

is something furnishing magnesium salts. Tell grandpa Danaed was very glad to hear he has recovered so well.

I had a note from the Huntingtons, who are in Florida now, this week, enclosing two tickets for a symphony concert next Monday evening. I am going to take Prof. Marris. I think it was very nice of them to remember me at such a distance.

Marris and I saw Mary Wigman, a dancer, last Saturday evening. We had heard that, either one is very taken with her or one dislikes her a great deal. We expected the latter for ourselves and consequently went in a very suspicious mood. We were not disappointed and had

He hadn't written because he had been working hard on the canal. He has finished it and it is now in the hands of the League of Campuses in New York. If they decide to play it this spring - April 7 - he will leave Europe next Saturday - otherwise he will stay until some time in May. In any event Betty will not come with him for he has definitely given up looking for a job at present, preferring to camp, so that he will be going back in the fall. They can live over there much more cheaply than here in America. Betty is very much better than she was, having found a medicine that helps her a great deal. I

an hilarious time. Such motions
haven't been called dancing since
prehistoric times. During one of
the dances I thought we should
be thrown out for disorderly
conduct, for we both got ^{so}
laughing and simply couldn't
contain ourselves despite stuffing
our handkerchiefs in our
mouths and holding our noses!
After the performance Morris gave
a little supper party to which
were invited Aaron Richmond, (Miss
Myzma's manager), his wife, a friend
of theirs and a couple of other
people. Such a party I have
seldom been in, but we all
had a good time, principally
taking sides on the Myzma proposition,

Richmond and his party defending
the dancer, while the rest of us
found fault with her.

I had a letter from the Postal
Life today saying that my
policy has no cash value and
that the only dividend I have
coming is \$4.60 which is the
original dividend of the
present policy. They didn't say
a word about the dividends
which I never collected on
the previous policy. Didn't you
understand that there were
dividends on that one? or
any rate I shall write them
and if I don't get satisfaction
I shall set them out in no uncertain

Arms.

Tonight is a big night for the cantata but for Koussevitzky, the symphony conductor, is coming out to the rehearsal for the first time. I doubt if he has ever heard us and I fear he may be somewhat annoyed at some things we do. At any rate he will probably keep us a long time and work us half to death.

Well, now it's time for supper. I hope you are all well and not planning too much work for the spring.

Love to all
George.

1734 Cambridge St.

Cambridge 38, Mass.

March 20, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

Another week gone and only four
more until vacation. I hope this
week has seen the end of the share
business, which you have mentioned
as possibly taking place soon. What
a great relief it would be to have
that out of the way this summer!
I do hope you can bring it about.

On Monday evening I took
Prof. Morse to the symphony as
I wrote I shared. He is quite a

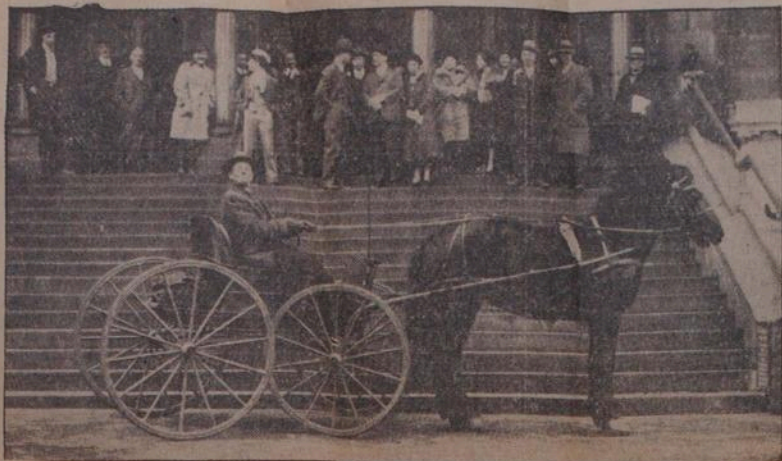
it very much as Oscar Greene
reads the notices, - not one
word of inspiration or expression
in his voice. He is giving an
interesting series of talks an art but
I don't believe I can stand his
presentation enough to attend
them - he's better read than listened
to. On Sunday morning Morris
is coming over again and we
shall hear my favorite minister
Soars of Chicago. I had feared
he was ^{not} coming this year for his
announcement, but he will be
here the next two Sundays. I
do hope you can be here some-
time in the spring when he

loves of music and plays the piano
quite well but is so engrossed in
his work that he takes little time
for recreation, so that I think
he enjoys the diversion. I was
very glad to be there for there was
a new symphony conducted by the
composer, a young Russian of only
thirty-one years of age. It seemed to
me to be the best composition of
the younger men that I have
heard.

On Tuesday afternoon Morris
came over and we went to hear John
Dewey, the Columbia philosopher,
lecture. He was a great disappoint-
ment, however, for though what
he said was sound enough, he said

comes for I should like you to
see him.

Koussevitzky didn't show up
last Friday night and we haven't
had a rehearsal since. We expect
him to come tonight though I
fear he can't. We have orchestral
rehearsals in Symphony Hall next
Monday and Wednesday at 5 o'clock.
On Tuesday I hear Bach's Mass -
it requires so long a time to
give it that the performance
is divided into two parts at
4:30 and 8:30. The interim is
rather awkward for it scarcely
leaves enough to come home for
dinner and has long to stay in
Boston. Our performances come



Ruben Curtiss of Chatham Four Corners, Columbia county, N. Y., looking for the stable at the Hotel Brunswick.

RUBEN INSISTS HOTEL CARE FOR HOSS, BY CRACKY

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pulling an ancient volume of law from a shelf in his office. "The hotel has got to put your horse, here's the way it reads," and he quoted the century-old chapter 140, section 5, providing that innkeepers must supply stable room, hay and provender for the horses and cattle of their guests.

"Now we'll tell them a thing or two," Ruben announced, and he returned to the hotel, where Bess still stood patiently at the curb. He stated his case to L. C. Prior, the manager, Mr. Prior stroked his chin, and then announced that, the law being the law and a horse being a horse and a guest being a guest, Ruben could put up Bess at any one of three stables at the expense of the management.

With Bess and the buggy stabled for the night, Ruben returned to the hotel and told his story.

"Thirty-five year ago," he said, "Me and pa druv down to Boston to sell some cattle. Pa's 97 now, but he's chipper as a cricket. Ma's 87, and she's pretty well, too. Me and pa stopped right here at the Tavern then, and when I told pa I was coming to Boston, he says, 'Rube,' he says, 'You stop to the Tavern, it's a durned good inn, and there's a durned good stable there.'

"Gho, things is a little different to what they was thirty-five year ago when I was a boy of 12. Man and boy, I've been driving around in a buggy for a matter of some time, but I misjudge either Pa or me would think there'd come a time when a horse and buggy could make such a to-do."

"Why don't you drive an automobile?" someone asked.

"That's what the constabule over to the station asked me," Ruben replied. "I sez to him, I sez 'Cap'n, if I was to drive an automobile likely as not I'd be killing somebody, and then you jaspers'd be after me. It's pleasanter'n a durned sight safer to be drivin' Bess, I sez."

Ruben's yarn assumed an air of mystery this morning when the night operator and general mail carrier of Chatham, Columbia county, New York state, declared that, so far as he knew, there was no place in or near Chatham known as Chatham Four Corners and that certainly no Ruben Curtiss lived in the vicinity.

"I ought to know," he told The Herald over the telephone. "I've been the telephone operator and mail carrier here a good many years."

Asked to verify Mr. Curtiss's existence with the police department, the operator and mail man expressed surprise and said there was no police department at Chatham.

For a country boy, Ruben kept late hours last night. At 2 A. M. he was not in his room at the Boston hotel where he put up Bess, but he had heard all abouts of the black mare, Bess, also were unknown.

Ruben Insists Hotel Care for His Hoss; And by Cracky Makes 'Em Do It, Too

You may believe Mr. Curtiss or you may not, just as you like, but you can't deny that he put a difficult problem up to a Boston hotel manager yesterday afternoon. And, even if it turns out to be a publicity stunt, it's a good story just the same.

"It's the law, dog none it," he declared, when he drove up to the hotel entrance and demanded that his team be put up for the night, and he was right. In a high-pitched nasal drawl he pointed to his black mare Bess, standing patiently at the curb, and declared that until she was taken care of he wouldn't sign the register.

His name, he added, was Ruben Curtiss, and his home Chatham Four Corners, Columbia county, New York state.

"I druv down here from home to sell 43 head of my cattle," he said, "the cattle's sold and now I want a place to put up for the night. The law says keepers of taverns have got to put up horses. All right, there's the horse, and there's the law. I don't set foot outside that door 'til she's put up as the law provides."

Henry Nelson, the clerk on the desk, was in a quandary. The more he argued, the more Curtiss insisted on his rights, until at last Ruben lost his temper and demanded to see "the constable" to settle the point.

A brass-bound bell boy escorted Ruben to police headquarters, where Capt. James Walkins sat in judgment on the case.

"You're absolutely within your rights, Mr. Curtiss," Capt. Walkins announced.

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on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening at the latter of which we must wear dress suits. It will be my first appearance in swallow-tails. Fortunately the club will pay for the rental for I couldn't see paying it myself.

I wonder what kind of a celebration grandpa had on Tuesday - I hope he had a pleasant day and is still feeling well. I enclose two clippings which may interest him.

Well, if you are to get this tomorrow I must terminate it and mail it. I hope you're being sensible in your plans for the

spring and want plan any
more than is absolutely necessary.

Love to all
George.

1734 Cambridge St.
Cambridge St., Mass.
March 29, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

I am sorry you didn't get a letter from me yesterday, but the past week has been a very busy and tiring one. In addition to its being tubarial week, the concerts of the Bach festival took place. We had only one orchestral rehearsal, though we had expected two, but that one was a cakewalk, from 5:30 until 8:30 Monday evening. On Tuesday I heard the Mass in two parts,

members, who were guests that evening. The stage was draped with tapestries and decorated with flowering shrubs, the chief personages sitting at tables.

Bliss Perry gave a lecture on Higginson and Koussevitzky, in his peculiar English, spoke for a few minutes. Our own concerts were Friday afternoon and last evening. They went off very well and Koussevitzky seemed to be pleased. You should have seen me in "swallow-tails" last night!

And so the festival is over and now I must get some work done in the next two weeks. I made a mistake last week, variation is from the 12th to 20th of April, - we get the

at 4:30 and 8:30 going home to dinner with Morris in between. It was a good performance and I stood it better than I had expected for there are quite a few aird places in it. But there are some glorious choruses. On Monday I had been given a ticket for Wednesday's concert so I was over there again.

The concert was very poor but it was quite an occasion for it was in memory of the founder, Henry Lee Higginson who founded the orchestra in 1881 and supported it until 1918. He is dead but his wife is living and was on the stage with Koussevitzky and other

notables, as well as the orchestra

extra Monday because it is a
Massachusetts Holiday.

Morris came out last Sunday
to hear Soares. After lunch
I went back with him and we
heard the symphony concert on
the radio. I stayed to supper
and we spent the evening talking
and giving impersonations of Mary
Mogman, the dancer. His father
and mother were away so I
don't think we disturbed any
one!

In addition to everything else I
had lunch with Prof. Morse on
Tuesday and attended the
University tea on Friday afternoon
after the concert. You can properly

conclude that I didn't get much done this week. The coming one is busy enough but it will be done by comparison.

I had a letter from David saying he is not coming back before the last of May whether his savaata is performed or no.

I'm glad you're continuing to try disposition of the business. By no means let Wilbur back out now. I'm also glad Eva plans to come home this summer. I hope you will be able to get away for a vacation at least once during the summer. Why not plan to go away while I am at home between the middle of June and beginning of July?

More of that later.

Now I must copy the lawn
exam which I made up today and
then go out get some supper.

Hope you are all well and not
steaming too hard.

Love to all

George.

[April 10, 1931]

Friday morning,

Dear Mother and Father,

I write a note to let you know my plans. I have decided not to stop in Albany tomorrow night for I shouldn't be able to get to aunties before half past nine and that is pretty late, and further it's a nuisance to find a house whose location you don't know.

but since then June weather -
today is beautiful.

One of the girls of the mathematics
department gave a bridge party
last night with, as they say in
the Union, "three tables in play."
Three of the professors were there
and we had very hilarious time,
one of them laughs exactly like
Mr. Shuyter and just as often.

Tutorial again this after-
noon. This evening I plan if
possible to see Crane Melhuus

I only thought of staying if
Harald could meet me and

come down the next day.
If my train is on time I shall
reach Albany at 8:40 with just
enough time to catch the
9:00 bus, and I do hope it
will be on time for I hate the
idea of reaching home so late.

I hope you have recovered
from your neuralgia, weather, and
that your excursion Tuesday
didn't make it worse. We too
had rain and snow Tuesday

in a play in Boston. It is the
first chance I can remember
of having had to see him
either on stage or screen, and
for sentiment's sake, and
probably curiosity's ^{also}, I want to.

So good bye until tomorrow
night. Love to all
Frage

734 Cambridge St.
Cambridge 38, Mass.
April 24, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father

Three days have brought little to put into a letter but I know you'll be looking for one in the mail tomorrow as I shall be looking for one from you.

I forgot to ask if you felt the earthquake Monday afternoon. I was in the station at the time and didn't notice it, though I saw the headlines in the papers in less than an hour. I didn't have time to go up town.

so I stayed right in the station
reading and looking about in the
book store which the Union Dress Co
has established in the station. I
was quite surprised to find such
a good bookstore in a station - it
carries a large stock and the titles
cover as wide a range as in any
book store in Albany.

Morris is coming over tomorrow
afternoon. Since someone has
given me a ticket for the symphony
tomorrow night Morris has asked
me over to dinner then.

Well, this is only a note anyway
so I'd not try to lengthen it. Love
to all,

George.

[May 5, 1931]

Sunday night

Dear George,

Nearly every night for the past three weeks I have told myself that I must write to George to - narrow - that is give training in the art of procrastination. But rather hard on George, night work?

First of all let me thank you for the excellent investigations you made along the line of museum work. I have not ^{yet} heard from the Hewartz school. I confess I am not "weld" about trying an almost entirely new line of work but if I don't get an assistant today I may

Ann Arbor. Thursday afternoon. I purchased
a new hat Wednesday and felt it so
becoming that I was enabled to interview
the boldest fowers time to at Michigan
with fewer trembling than I had anticipated.
Here to the threatened cut in the state
appropriations the appointments to assistantships
have not yet been made at the U. of Michigan.
They may be made early in June and perhaps
not until July or even August. Mr. Eilers was
very cordial but not encouraging. He said
he had a long list of applicants and in all
probability there would be few vacancies for
very few of those receiving degrees this June
have been able to find positions. Hence, there
will not be much moving up. He said that
the fact that I had had experience and had
taken the trouble to call were in my favor, but
that I must not hope at all strongly. He
introduced me to Mr. Haves, the head of the
Cytology Department, who was glib and
reminded me somewhat of Mr. Little's con-
stant bludge.

Then Boyd and I drove to Ann Arbor with
two of the college boys several books and
our college banner. We stop at Lansing on
the way over but Mr. Berry was not in. I
talked to his secretary, who said that there were
no vacancies now but that there was a possibility
of one. I shall apply for that ^{position} one. The Michigan
Agricultural College is at Lansing. It has
not, however, much of a reputation in botany.
Nevertheless, I should be very glad to get in
there. I am not as green as I was six months
ago.

I left Halland Thursday noon and

be glad to do it. Thank you for your
offer of financial assistance. If it is
very necessary I shall resort to
accepting your offer. However, I feel
that you have had a hard enough
struggle journey and need whatever
extra you may have. Mother would
of your \$4 or more or whatever it may
be turned and that it would not
entail much additional work. I am
very glad and congratulate you from
the bottom of my sisterly heart. Do
tell me just how it feels to become
financially independent. No, I am
not joking. I shall lend with delight
the day that I may buy a \$5 hat without
feeling that I ought not to do it for
Mother would content herself with a
\$3 bonnet.

That brings me to ^{mention} my trip to

Reached home 10 p. m. Friday. Our
crowd was jolly and I had a good
time and we'll hope a profitable one.
We stayed in Ypsilanti Sunday
night for good accommodations in
Ann Arbor were not to had by the
time we arrived there. Ann Arbor is a
pretty town and I was quite
impressed with the University. It is
the first I have ever visited about
the campus of a large University.

At the honors Convocation Friday
morning President Engel of Yale
gave an address and received
an honorary degree. His address was
worthwhile to have over.

In the course of my wanderings
in search of Mr. Ehlers I saw quite a
bit of the Natural Science Building and

Money. I shall not stay here long
for I feel they need me at home. I
have promised to see that Selma gets to
Camp Pinnacle by ^{about} the first of July. Mrs
Boyd and Daddy plan to leave about July 7
for California, hence I shall not be
tempted to stay here longer for I ought
to make my exit awhile before they leave,
~~there~~ there will be confusion enough for
Mrs Boyd without harassing me about.
Daddy Boyd is as helpful as the ostrich
which sticks its head in the sand and
lets the rest of the world go by.

Mother spoke about your having guests
about June 20th. I wish I could be
home to help them but some commence-
ment is not until the 17th that would
hardly be possible.

What did you think of Father's health
when you were home. I know you are
being but please write me about this
one thing for I have thought and
dreamt about his being sick ever since
you wrote that you were worried about
him. There, that sounds silly and
feminine. Rather so though I were asking
you to say he is quite well no matter
what the truth. Do tell me the truth and
I promise not to worry.

It is bedtime and fast. I studied
Plant Anatomy all evening and have kept
Mrs Boyd waiting too long now. Good-night
to a dear brother.

the Museum. I saw "Anthropology".
At least I inquired of one well
fellow man where I could find
Dr. Ehlers and he replied "I am
anthropology" and proceeded to direct
me down and around various
corridors.

Yesterday afternoon I spent at
the college setting up some experiments
in Plant Physiology. Due to our
lack of a greenhouse most of my
experiments have been left un-
done these last few weeks. I am rather
appalled by the amount of work
I must do within the next few weeks.

I may stay a week after Commence-
ment to work about the lab. There is
quite a lot to be done and I trust
Mr. Thompson is glad to have the

1734 Cambridge St.
Cambridge 38, Mass.
May 8, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

It seems that Sunday is
Mother's day wherefore I send both of
you best wishes and much love
for it - I hope it will be
pleasant with a forecast of
many bright spots in the future.
I'm glad you've got the patch

German you can imagine what
a mixed conversation there was
at dinner. Part of the time
I was listening to both Mr
and Mrs Tweedy, each talking
in a different language, getting
practically nothing of what
either said. I told them that
I wanted you to go off on
a vacation and they said
they wished you could go
this month for then you
could come to Rockport and
stay at their house there - it's
right on the bank of the glacier

beach at last - what a time
you must have had with John!

Last Saturday evening the
Tweedys invited me up to dinner
if I would go home early! So
you see they treat me quite
like a member of the family -
the reason was that Mrs Tweedy
had been out late so must
that week she wanted to get
to bed early. Their young cousin
Günther from Germany is with
them now. Since he can't speak
English and I can't talk

Atlantic. Don't you suppose
you could make it by having
Mr. J. at the house, or can't
you possibly get away now?

They have bought a car but
it is still in Springfield.
They have asked me to drive
them up in a rented car for
Memorial Day week-end which
I hope will come to pass. I
thought I shouldn't have
to get a license, for N.Y.
licenses are good in Massachusetts,
but at the police station today

they told me
that since I am registered
in Harvard I am in a sense
a resident and must have
a license here - stupid rule
and a blamed nuisance. By
the way, can you send me
a renewal blank for my N.Y.
license?

I heard this week what
rooms I shall have next year.
They are in Slaughter Hall on
second floor. That hall is one
of the older ones as you see by
the enclosures. My rooms are

been sticking home this week
except that I'm tutoring a Radcliffe
student a couple of hours
a week. Next week will be
rather busy though for I shall
have the general exams to correct
as well as two practicing appointments.

I had a long letter from Eva
yesterday in which, in the
face of us replies to her applications,
she seems to be inclining toward
the Newark proposition. I hope
she won't wait until it is too
late to get in.

Well, it's just about dinner time.
Milan Talley is sitting here sleeping

#s 22 and 24. I don't exactly
know yet how I'm going to fill
two such huge rooms. Each
will be furnished for a single
student so there will be quite
a lot of furniture but I shall
have to have something in the
way of rug and curtains. But
that comes later.

Last night a friend and I
went to see Barrie's "The Admirable
Crichton" which was very well
done and extremely diverting
though pathetic and logical
in spots. Beyond that I have

in the chair. He came over
yesterday to inspect a couple
of schools and came in a
while ago with me. He started
to read but apparently morpheus
is more inviting.

My love to all of you,

George.



STOUGHTON HALL

STOUGHTON HALL, on the west side of the Yard, just north of Holden Chapel, was built in 1805, largely from the proceeds of a public lottery authorized by the state of Massachusetts. It was named for Lieutenant Governor William Stoughton, who gave the funds for the first Stoughton Hall, built in 1700; and who, as Chief Justice of Massachusetts Bay, presided at the witchcraft trials.

The building is divided into two entirely separate halves, between which there are no communicating doors. The prices are as follows:

<i>Price Per Student</i>	<i>Bedrooms</i>	<i>Suite Number</i>
\$220	None	14, 16, 29, 30
240	None	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 21, 23, 26
260	None	3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 23, 27, 28
280	1 single	32
300	1 single	31

1734 Cambridge St.

Cambridge 38, Mass.

June 5, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

Another broiler but these look like thunder clouds in the west so there may be some hope for a cool night. It's too hot to do anything except loaf and that's about all I get done. - I haven't figured out how long to do any work in this awful temperature this summer. I was glad to hear that you

next Monday returning on
the 15th. He has asked to stay
over with us that night and
I have written him we should
all be very glad to have him.

He seems to have dropped
the Washington trip but
has given me a tentative
invitation to go back to
Danbury with him for a
short stay - whatever that
means. But it will depend
on their domestic arrangements
there which were not settled
when he wrote.

I'm glad you noticed the
lack of shirts for I must have

had a nice day Saturday. I had
a good week-end but I'll reserve
an account of it until I see you.
I plan to leave here Thursday
morning and rather think I
may go to Albany by bus - the
fare is about one-half. I don't
know yet whether the bus gets
in in time to catch the Cassville
bus. If it doesn't I'll stay
over with auntie and come
down the next morning. I'll
write more definitely later.

I had a letter from David
this week in which he said he
is planning to drive to Rochester

had several white ones in
the package. I had three new ones
which are not here and can't be
in Cassachie. So I have repaired
this loss and have nothing
to do but await results.

If Milburn doesn't want
those vacation days I would
be very glad to take them either
with or without the money. I
shall be home enough before
July 1st to get them in.

I hope your indigestion, mites,
and dizziness will disappear. Please don't work
too hard these hot days. Love
to all
George.

22 Shepard St.

Cambridge, Mass.

July 12, 1931.

Dear Mother & Father,

Sunday morning and Miss
Hoyes & I have just finished
breakfast and got the dishes
washed at eleven o'clock! And
at twelve the Mexl's call for
me to go over there for a
"bite of dinner" and then out

The sun didn't shine until
yesterday and though it didn't
rain, ^{much} it was very muggy all
week. All of which made it
bad weather to make. So
much has happened this week that
I guess the best way to tell it
is in order.

After you left Rockport
Harold, Guntle, another sweet
boy and I went down to the
beach a mile below Eden Rd.
for a swim. The water was
the warmest I have ever felt

for a ride somewhere. So
there is just time to write
you a letter.

I was very glad to have you
here last week and hope
you had as good a time as you
appeared to. But it was too
bad there wasn't more sunshine
here and also when you were
in the White Mts. But today
is beautiful here and I hope
it is the same with you as
you drive down thru the
Adirondacks.

the ocean - almost as warm
as the air - and there was a
pretty good surf - four or
five foot swells. The tide
was high and I had to
get wet all over right away
so, like a fool, I stood half-
way in and let the waves
dash me about on a pebbly
part of the beach. When I got
back to dress I found four
large blood blisters on the
bottom of my right foot -
I suppose I had caught my

foot several times between
two pebbles. But otherwise
I had a very fine time.

Raymond came home at
six and after supper he and
I sat for a while on the
rocks. We are turned in early
for we had to catch the
7:30 train in the morning.

Wednesday afternoon I spent
with the Meslles in Rockbury.
I was over there to lunch
and afterwards we went over
to Franklin Park - only a few

with the fuzzy leaf and
red blossom we have in
the cold frame. One of the
gardeners told me it is
"nicotiana" - i.e. some sort
of a perennial evening star -
so now we know what that
is. Have Eva see if this
agrees with her examination.

Thursday and part of Friday
afternoons I packed, finishing
yesterday afternoon. Charles
(Nesler) moved most of what
I brought over here yesterday

black away to see the rock
garden and herbaceous
borders. I hadn't known
before that there was a
place in Boston to see
a large garden of that kind.
Particularly interesting to
me was the large quantity
of pink and almost red
yarrow, such as you brought
home from the picnic, growing
in the border. So it isn't so
rare after all. There was also
quite a lot of the flower

morning and I brought the
rest in the afternoon in
Wilson's car. My five boxes
of books and my trunk
were moved by a truckman
to the fraternity house
yesterday afternoon. So at
last I'm settled in my nice
coal room with everything
put away except a quantity
of papers I wish to sort
this summer and some
books I brought along.

Friday afternoon I went

into Boston and bought
some clothes. I looked first
at fancy price suits with
knicker but couldn't find
anything to please me. Then
I looked at regular suits
with two trousers and finally
bought one. It is a Kuppenheimer
of very nice goods - a dark
gray green shade - very distin-
guished looking! I'm sure
I'll like it for I was taken
with it as soon as I saw
it. - It had been marked \$40

and you ~~needed~~ needn't
plan to send me the forty
dollars.

Friday noon I had Maria
to lunch in Boston. We had
a good visit and made tentative
plans for my spending next
week-end with him at
West Harwich.

Miss Hayes insisted on my
having supper last night and
breakfast this morning with her.
So I retaliated by buying
some Flit and a sprayer
this morning to combat the

But the reduction brought
it down to \$33.50. I bought
also a pair of brown shoes
for \$7.50 and a pair of gray
flannel knickerbockers for \$6. I
didn't have much money so
I left things and paid a
small deposit. Yesterday
I succeeded in getting the
remainder (\$200) of my yearly
salary so I got the clothes
in the afternoon. I'm fixed
alright for money now

mosquitos which seem to
crawl right thru the screen.
I killed ten in my room
last night and even then could
get to sleep only by covering
my head with the sheet.

Well, there you have some
account of what has
happened there last few
days. I hope for something of
that nature from you now.
Tell Eva I received her letter
and will answer it soon.

Love to all,

P.S. Sorry I forgot to ^{Grace} mail my package
Thursday - But suppose you want real bird ^{Tricks} 9.

Cassackie No. 4.

July 14, 1951

Dear George-

At last I am settled down to write to you tho' it is most nine P.M. I have been on the go - that is very busy even since we returned; could not wash yesterday as neither your laundry nor the arrived till noon, so I made 27 glasses of Cur out Jelly and ^{hot} Bann other things - I've spent the best part of the day picking currents & berries. Last night we went to Grange and as there was no other numbers for the literary period, so I was urged to give an account of our trip, which we did. So, rather flat & I added what he left out - all seemed to enjoy it. This A.M. we had the "Banner Wash" of the steam boiler & got during I was able to get things by noon tho' I left the good things to do to - tomorrow is about put them in the machine.

I had an appointment for Saturday at Dr. Bennett's this afternoon at 3:00 there was very little time to rest after dinner. Eva had office & take Besic as she has so much work to do but we might as well have left her home, she would not even join the room. I had the misfortune to take a big filling soon after we got home Sunday - it probably was good fortune if did not happen while I was away. The tooth was gone & had to be pulled, so far as I had quite an ordeal - it was so brittle I broke several times & he had to probe about six times for the piece. I did not have any pain, managed just a little. The cause might have been after a little rest, I examined & found teeth young over since - it both about an hour to examine the tooth. There is no stiffness in my face & only a little soreness in the gum - a good job, I was able to make an appointment for you for Aug. 18th at 4 - if you are not satisfied better write & change date at once. He takes vacation some time all the middle of Sept.

Our trip all this was wonderful, I wish you could have been with us - the only misfortune we had was to lose Pa's best fountain pen. We were suffering with heat & trafficking left Malone 8:30 Sat. & drove 39 miles to Paul Smiths where we staid at a tourist house right in the middle part, evidently a place frequented by hunters in the season - had a good bed, nice room, lights & water. After we got in had a party of 10 came in & in the morning for game but they were P. D. Carver & wife from Maine Co. The ride down was

thro' a deep forest & we almost despair-
ed of finding a place to sleep. We
came thro' Saranac Lake, & had
breakfast at Lake Placid. Reached
Saratoga by 3 - Had dinner at Warrenburg
at 1. We stopped a while to rest & drink
hard water at Sa. stop & was home
by 5.30 - Will tell you details when I see
you. Please read as much of this
letter as will interest Miss. I say for I
haven't time to re-visit to Rev. Will
send her just a short note.

We want to assure you we had a good
time in Cambridge & thank you for
all you did to make our stay so
pleasant. Now at home we are en-
joying & appreciating all the things
you spent so much time & money
on. Eva says she especially likes
the kitchen screen. Things have gone
so that we'd say, finding everything.
Eva has named the pup, Fittie - she has been
killing little chicks & is in danger of learning
the earth in consequence. Love. Mother.

M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Dear George:
Just a word
about the flowers. There had
plenty of them while we were
gone and I never saw things
grow ^{so} you wouldn't believe your
eyes if you saw the flowers.
Some insect is eating the
buds but I started them this
morning and that may stop
it. When I walked over the
place Sunday night it didn't

seem possible there could be
such a change in eight or ten
days. There are quite a good many
epineas in flower. We certainly
enjoyed every minute of our trip.
Will have to go in bany again
even the second cutting is most
ready. Eva sleeps on the porch
she is preparing to go to bed now.
Love
Fatten

July 24, 1931.

Dear Teacher,

I have just come from lunch and will get this to you now before anything else comes up. A fraternity brother whom I have never known very well came in on Wednesday to ask me to lunch with him this noon. The man whom he is succeeding in Newfoundland this fall is in my class this summer and wanted to meet me unofficially.

Cambridge to hear a piano and
violin recital in the Fogg
Museum. It was very hot and
extremely muggy so that we were
fairly uncomfortable all of the
time. The weather is that way
most of the time and to put on
fresh clothes is only to have
them wilt into shapeless shrouds
in no time. You will notice
the sport shirt in the laundry
impregnated with green paint
from the back of one of Miss
Hoyes' chairs. After that
catastrophe I put a sheet
over the chair but now I see

In the afore-mentioned branch
had us together this noon. The
third party is a man named Hogg
who was educated in England -
in fact he was born there - and
who is to be the head of the
physics and chemistry depart-
ments at Exeter next year. I
didn't find out what he wants of
me, however, - the conversation
was mostly about England rather
than about America.

Yesterday afternoon the Mexicos
called for me and I went run for
dinner. They we came back to

that has green paint on it. I
guess I'll have to abandon that
chair though it one of the
most comfortable in the house.

I had a letter from Miss Hayes
saying she had a nice trip and
arrived there tired, but other-
wise well. Later news to me
Campbell in the house in the
morning said that she was sick
all the first night because
she ate steamed clams when
she felt so tired and hot. But
she seemed to feel better when
she woke. She said it was quite

cool up then and yesterday I
mailed her a couple of warmer
dresses which ^{she asked} Mrs. Campbell
to send her.

Billy and I get along alright
except I find him rather
laing so keep him at a
distance most of the time. He
always shows up at meal time
and has come in every night
except one.

The boy upstairs came
back Wednesday. I haven't seen
much of him. He sticks to his
room reading most of the time.

by pitching hay, etc.

I have done a little studying this week, but only a little.

This abominable weather makes me so sleepy, and whatever else I do I insist on getting some reading outside of mathematics done this summer.

I hope you have a nice day and trip on Sunday. I don't know yet what I shall be doing that day. When I left the Tweedys last week we spoke somewhat indefinitely of my going up there this week-end. At any rate to

I have been getting my breakfast since Mrs. Hayes left - orange juice, toast & coffee, but ^{usually} I always seem to get up too late to get the dishes washed before class time - however I did get them done this morning. Now so I get up so late either - usually by 7:30.

But the more time I have the longer I linger over the paper.

I hope the threatened infection in Eva's hand has disappeared - I don't think she should give it extra chances for inflammation

me it seemed indefinite. But I
haven't heard a word from them
so far this week. Consequently
I don't know whether they
considered it as definite nothing
more needed to be said, or as
indefinite that if they planned
otherwise nothing more needed to
be said. But I think I shall
leave the burden of proof with
them. I still have no word
from Morris. Donald wrote
that the pain in his left side
comes from a vesical inflammation
and that it is gradually passing
away with treatment. I enclose
some snaps he sent which I'd like
to send back when you write. Love to all
George.

Cossackie Ky
July 30/31

Dear George-

How the time flies - 2 weeks more and you will be coming home. I wonder if you suffered this week with the heat - I am so glad you have as cool a place as you have, it must be a comfort to be able to leave your doors all open. Tuesday was the worst this summer and it was almost impossible to sleep that night - Grandpa slept on porch + I slept in quarters. We left Eva at the Penitentiary on Sunday to stay till some time next week. We wanted to go up in the A. T. + have dinner there but could not do so. In the evening went away with Birch Sat. P. M. + did not return till Mon. A. M. - We had Jesse + B. here Sat night + took them night to Camp after dinner Sunday. Grandpa overdid his work + on Sun. A. M. we had the Dr. come out to see him. He left heavy pills + warned him not to do anything but it is no use - he keeps on the go most of the time. Pa + I feel as if he is just holding on by the skin of his teeth - He has felt the heat very much + looks quite ragged.

The big wash is over for this week + I sent the laundry calls this A. M. Tuesday finished packing the bed room + today we will try to get the furniture back. We thought of getting a new floor covering but decided not to do so now. So the out door work has accumulated while pa was busy in the bed room + now he must begin to hoe, weed, etc. The garden is

still beautiful but in places shows need of at-
tention. Had a nice shower last night
to-day the mud is north-quite com-
fortable here at the desk but hot in the yard. The boys
are still singing for more hot weather.
Had a card from Hall and Synops yesterday
from Grand Bank - nice place to think of us.
Auntie is getting tired of the camp and
thinks she ought to get her car & take a trip.
She spoke of you taking her, but I did
not encourage that as you said you did not
want to do it. Besides I know you have
quite a job here in the flowers when you re-
turn. Pa does not want to use many
more of his vacation days as he will need
some of them next winter, but I think he
would be willing to chauffeur for Auntie a
few days if you would take care of the
route. He hesitates about asking for this
and we both feel you must not consent if
it in any way inconveniences you. Do find
out just what date you go to Danbury. The
first week you are home (17-20) will be Cairo Fair
and Pa will not go away that week. Then on the
22nd Grace & Kate are to stop here on their way
home from Ocean Park, probably just overnight.
The 24th it will be wash day, so we could not get
away before the 25th or 26th. Auntie wants to go
to the beach somewhere but I did not encourage
her at all and did not even mention the possibility
of her taking her. I really think she might get
sick at camp but can't make her think so. She
hasn't proved here but can't yet stand much ex-
ertion - The calf arrived on Monday - where did you
keep last weekend? Lovingly Mother.

22 Shepard St.

Cambridge St. Mass.

July 31, 1931.

Dear Mother & Father

It was nice to get your letter
this morning and find that you
had all survived this past week.
It was quite terrible here, but
I should have found it much
worse at 1734 Cambridge St.
Monday night I didn't realize it
was so hot and stayed upstairs

Soed you I would rather not,
especially three in a seat. So if
you and father will do it I
shall refuse. I would much
rather stay in Cassville. It would
be nice, of course, for Eva to
get away, but I feel you need
it more than she does. As far
the time. I don't see why you
couldn't go right after the 24th
or 25th. I used spoke of my coming
"the first full week of September"
which I suppose means the week
beginning Labor Day. So why don't
you plan to stay until then?

but didn't get a good sleep since
then I have been sleeping down
stairs although last night was
fairly cool.

I am amused at the timorous
way you approach me on the
subject of my taking the route
for a while after I get back.
Of course I would be very glad
to do it and in fact had it in
mind that you and father must
get away again before school
opens. I had a letter from Auntie
this afternoon suggesting that
Eva and I go somewhere with
her in her new car. But as I

The Mexicans are starting for
Arizona on the 18th, the Tuesday
after summer school closes. They
have asked me to ride along as
far as Albany and I told them
I should like to if they would
stay over in Cox's cabin. They say
they can stay over only that night.
Would that be convenient for you?
If it would, ^{not} I think I shall plan
to come home that way. The
extra time here will allow me to
end up more leisurely.

Morris called me up yesterday and
asked me in to hunt with him

this man. He is hoping that he
will not have to reach Hawaii.
If he doesn't I shall go down
~~to~~ the Cape with him tomorrow
morning, coming back Sunday
night.

Last Sunday I drove up the
north shore with the Mexes. We
reached Beverly, just north of Salem,
at noon time and stopped there
to have a swim before the tide
went out, and to eat the very
good lunch which they had
brought along. Then we drove
on to Gloucester and I took
them out to see Mother Ann.

ruled the evening.

The Kellages have come back from the West and I must call on them and also on Mrs. Pray whom I haven't seen for several months.

Tuesday evening Richard and I attended the opening of the new geographical building, the chief attraction being three educational films on "Cotton", "Cane Sugar" and "Earthquakes". Last night I was at another concert in the Fogg museum.

And that seems to be all that has happened lately. I

To sometime in the heavy traffic we came back inland by the Newburyport turnpike.

Monday evening I called the Graustein's on the phone and asked if they wanted a caller. They said "yes", "come right along". When I got there I found they had two others and the four of them were playing bridge. But they seemed to be glad I came nevertheless and Mrs. Graustein insisted I take her place. I had hoped for a visit with them but bridge practically

hope you will take life easily
these days and please plan
to get away for as long a time
as you can.

Love to all.

George.

22 Shepard St.
Cambridge 38, Mass
August 7, 1931.

Dear Mother,

Your hurry reply to my last letter was appreciated but I am afraid nothing can be done about the dental appointment but to postpone it. I think if I insisted the Nexles would leave on Monday but they would much rather leave on Tuesday

by his father and mother. He and I went swimming in the afternoon. It was the first time I had been in the ocean south of Boston (or rather Plymouth) and I hadn't realized that the water gets so very warm. It was much warmer than the Hudson used to be at its warmest. That evening we all went to a play at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, about ten miles away. It was a play most of us had seen last winter but it was worth seeing again.

so I am not insisting. I shall try to get another appointment with Dr. Bennett, but one appointment more or less with him is immaterial for I know so much to be done that there wouldn't be time for him ~~even~~ to make even much of a dent in the work. I expect I shall have to go regularly to the dental school most of next year.

I had a fine time down at the Cape last week-end. Morris and I went down on the train Saturday noon and were met

Most of the cast was different
but the leading lady, Grace
George, was the same, and
she is so charming and such
a fine actress one would be
glad to see her at any time.
Until about four on Sunday
we stayed at the house, quite
a number of people coming in
to call. Then we and their wife
and her husband drove out to
Eastham, on the forearm of
the cape, to see ~~some~~^{some} friends
of theirs. The house we went

So was right by the Nauset
Beach coast guard station. It
was there that the storm
last winter washed away
quite a bit of the sand
bank above the beach. It
exposed a large embryonic
coal-bed - really a peat
bed I suppose. The layer is
about eight feet thick. At
the top of it one can still
distinguish the trunks of
the trees but at the bottom
the material is so old and
has such a weight on it that

vegetables from it - that includes
of course, four vegetables in the
salad. We got back from East-
ham in time for some supper
before I had to leave for the
train which left Yarmouth at
about nine o'clock. I met some
one I knew on it so the ride
of two hours seemed shorter.

On Wednesday Morris came
over to have dinner with me
in an outside eating garden
near here where I have been
having most of my dinners.
Afterwards we went in to
Barton to see a movie on

any trace of the vegetation is
lost. It is so dense at the
bottom that pieces of it are
almost as heavy as stone.
Mr. Hastings was especially
interested in it as a garden
loam - it would be fine for
that. You know that on the
cape all the land is ocean sand
so that something like that is
necessary for a good garden. They
have a fairly large but rather
neglected flower garden, but have
a very nice vegetable garden.
For Sunday dinner we had seen

Russia's five year plan. Unfortunately it was not very good.

Yesterday afternoon I drove thearkers down to Ouseet Bay near Buzzards Bay - about fifty-five miles from Boston. They had some errands down there and we went in swimming. It is a very pretty bay, with islands so placed that it looks like an inland lake. The water was very warm but not very clear, but we had a good swim. I got back here about half-past eleven, and

found out this morning, by
the paper, that we had
avoided one of the hottest days
of the summer - it was up to
97 again for a couple of hours
yesterday.

On Sunday afternoon I go
with Mr Hogg and some friends
of his up to Beverly where his
wife and child are staying.
And on Tuesday evening I go to
Boston to hear with Marie
a friend of his play in Braabline
with the orchestra. Well, it

morning. But it was so brief
it didn't say whether she had
had a good time. I hope so.

I trust you have fixed up
the arrangements with auntie.
I haven't answered her letter
yet for I wanted you to
get the plans across before I
brooked a refusal.

Well, this seems to be all, -
it is after six and I must get
dressed up and go out to dinner.
Don't work too hard these
last days. I hope grandpa is
feeling better. Love to all,
George.

doesn't sound as if I lacked
much social intercourse, does it?

Miss Hays was to have come
back this afternoon, but last
night I found a letter awaiting
me saying she is staying
another week. She hasn't been
feeling very well and the
doctor said he thought another
week there would do her good.

I'm not ungrateful, but I
feel rather relieved for I
had expected a rather better
week coming.

I received Eva's card this

August 13, 1931.

Dear Mother,

Tomorrow may not offer much time for writing as I'll get this letter off now - moreover you asked two questions in your last letter that I should have answered yesterday. I shall not need any of my laundry before leaving so I hope you haven't been disturbed about sending it. With regard to the insurance inquiry I claimed the loss of three shirts.

relieved to have no papers to correct - papers every evening is too much drudgery of that kind.

Tuesday evening Morris invited me in to dinner. It had been a cloudy day but had cleared up about five o'clock so we planned to go out to Brookline to hear a friend of his play there with orchestra in an open air concert. The concert ~~wasn't to~~ ^{was} start until 8:20 so having quite a lot of time between dinner and 8:20 we went into a movie theatre. It got to be 8:15 and he thought we had better go. So out we went and took a taxi. We got out to the field only to find the concert postponed!! So

total value \$5.85. About two weeks ago I received a check for \$7.80 which is the value of four shirts. I took it back and after several days they told me they ^{had} record that I had claimed the loss of four shirts. So I suppose that's what it's all about. Before they finally get it settled I shall probably have received the extra \$1.95 which I ought to have kept if they can't keep records any better than that.

Today saw the last lectures in the summer school and my exam comes tomorrow. After the papers are corrected for that I shall be through and I shall be

Back we came and spent the evening
in a another movie theatre seeing
one of the best pictures I have
ever seen, at least from the stand-
point of acting - the story was
rather common and melodramatic.
But that is the first I have seen
two movie shows in one evening.

I had a card from Miss Hayes this
morning saying she is feeling much
better and that she won't return
until late Sunday evening. She
is driving home with some
friends. Richard has been gone
since Saturday so I have been
all alone this week.

I dread packing up again but
I shall have to. Our plans are
still as before - to leave here Tuesday

morning. I reckon we should be
in Caracas by five o'clock or
thereabouts. I believe I have
had my forwarding address go
into effect tomorrow so you
may receive some mail for
me before Sunday, but don't
forward it.

I have not yet seen either the
Sander's or the Kellogg's but
hope I may see at one place
or the other tonight. It is
practically the last chance I
may have. Tomorrow night I am
going to the Mexiles for dinner.
Thanks you for returning the
photos - you could, however, have

kept them until I came home. I
was looking over some old letters
this week myself and found the
photos enclosed which Eva had
asked me last fall to return.
Sorry to be so remiss about it. I
hope Eva is feeling better again.

This is probably my last
communication before leaving. Don't
spend too much energy preparing
for an arrival.

Love to all

George.

Cossackie Wf
Sept 24/31

Dear George -

Both your letters were received to-day. I immediately started a hunt for your keys but that was not successful. However it occurred to me I had seen a duplicate trunk key of yours in my desk and I found it there in the little drawer; it has no doubt been there since you went to Syracuse. Probably the other key was one belonging to your old suit case but I really am not sure. Perhaps when I clean up stairs I'll find the other key & if so will send at once. I did find ten holes in bronze pockets, most of them to be banded. Did you leave your nail clip on turn?

Yanked one behind the clock
but perhaps it is Harold's. If it
is yours, I'll send Cater.

Eva wrote to the "Artistic etc"
in Albany & gave him directions.
It was very good of you to take all
that trouble & I hope in the end
it will prove to pay. E. got
the watch to-day. Auntie
is about the same. Pa is
going now to the Baker & Mrs. H.
is going to ride to the streets with
him.

I missed you dreadfully yes-
terday - you have always been
so helpful & I wanted you many
times. Sent your trunk case this
A.M. - also the box of books.

Eva is about ready - her trunk
will be expressed next week - they
plan to start at 7 A.M. - much cooler to-
day & clear. Love Mother.

Stoughton 24
Cambridge 38, Mass.
September 29, 1931.

Dear Mäcker and Fäcker,

Six days in this place and
no order yet - but tomorrow
classes start and we can then
hope that order will ~~then~~ ^{gradually} be
achieved.

To begin at the beginning I
called on Miss Hayes she

marked play! Friday morning
I moved my things from Miss
Hager's in a car very kindly
loaned me by a woman who
works at the fraternity house.

It was offered to me and I
think the woman took quite
a chance knowing nothing of
my ability to drive. That
afternoon we had an advisees'
meeting. Saturday and Sunday
were taken with meeting my
advisees and arranging their
schedules, and that was her

night I arrived. She loaned
me bedding which I returned
last night. For some reason
or other my package hadn't
reached her yet. Thursday
morning was taken with a
proctores' meeting, etc., and
the afternoon with getting
my boxes and lunch moved
over here. I had to wait a
couple of hours for the truck-
man. That evening Morris and
I had dinner together in
Boston and I relaxed after-
wards by going to a very

Sunday I nursed a bad cold
which seemed to have attacked
a good many this last week
end. I forced it into my head
and now have only a running
nose left and that must
go its course. I went for a
walk in the afternoon and
met Prof. Huntington who
worked with me for about
three quarters of an hour
unburdening himself about
some new ideas on teaching
which he would like to get
going here. Today has been

spent in meeting Lutes
and fixing their schedules.
Tonight I have dinner with
Morris again and we see
two of Gilbert & Sullivan's
operas 'Pinafore' and 'Trial
by Jury' - neither of which I
have ever seen.

And in-between-times I
have unpacked and tried to
bring some order about me.
I found they had removed
half of the furniture from
my rooms and had left

my big suitcase. I can't imagine where my key case can be. I have been presented with a new key to replace one of them but I shall have to buy the other two.

I found a new expense awaiting me. There is no public telephone in Stoughton Hall and since I really can't get along without being reachable by telephone I have had to have one put in. It costs \$3.25 per month for fifty calls and 3¢ each for additional calls. Of course

large squares unpainted in the middle of the floors. Quick action got the furniture back and I had them paint the floors over - I didn't want two big rugs on my hands. I haven't yet had time to get any rugs but hope to do something about it tomorrow. The key came Saturday morning just as I was giving up hope. I had forgotten about these extra keys. The other one belongs to

this is not all extra for I
always had quite a number of
nickel calls anyhow. My number
is Porter 6085-W - if you
want to call me you need only
call the number for I'll be the
only one to answer it.

I am sorry my time with
you had to be so cut up but
it seemed to come that way.
Perhaps I can make it up some-
what by saving our visit Francis.
Thank you both for all you did
for me and for all you put up
with from me. I wish I could
have done more for you. Please
take it easy and let some things
slide. I hope to hear from you soon and

Don't tell Eva about the fire yet.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Oct 1/21

Dear Geo.

I wonder if you will pardon
pencil - I am so tired but must tell
you some word to-morrow. Was glad
to get your letter to-day - you have had
some time - so have we. The stone
business has been disposed of in a very
un-expected way - it burned to the
ground 2 A.M. Saturday, while W.
was in Baltimore - also ruined well
house and paint shop. We did not
know of it till next morning and we
were glad of it - for it would have ruined
our sleep & we could not have helped.
Jessie & the boys got home at 10 Sunday
night. W. has been busy all week trying
to get data for a settlement with man-
age Co. companies. He had it best to en-

gave an Adjutant and to-morrow the
various representatives meet - what
the outcome will be, remains to be seen.
Auntie gains but has not been as well
to-day. I tried to be too small yesterday &
sat up too long. Dr. Van came to-day
& was amicable because Dr. W. Wade
told her to sit up.

Perhaps Eva has not written so her
Zu address 232 East University, Berkeley.
Guess she has a nice place - private
family with colored maid - \$6 for room
and \$1 per week for breakfast. She
had a shock to hear she must pay \$336
for tuition & fees.

We had word five this AM in Leelin but it
grew warmer so I sat on porchⁱⁿ afternoon &
P. were here and N. came to supper.
Pa & Dave going to the Mt's Saturday. I washed
Monday but do not like the idea of doing it
every week. - I may go to Albany Thursday on busi-
ness for Auntie so will reach Tuesday. Must
ditch now. Lovingly, Mother.

Staughton 24
Cambridge 38, Mass.
October 7, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

Sorry to have kept you so long waiting for a letter. There are still many things about starting yet to get over and in addition Donald has been here since last Thursday evening.

What times you do have! It is of course too bad to lose money on the store, but I think Providence has done well to step in and end that source of trouble. I'm glad the business is out of the

many people to see that he
isn't leaving until tomorrow.
His chief purpose was to find
an apartment for this winter.
He looked around on Beacon Hill
Saturday morning and took me
over Sunday morning to look at
one he had found. It is very
pleasant but rather badly
furnished. However it was so
much cheaper than he had expected
to find that he took it for
six months, beginning Nov. 1. I
am somewhat fearful about
how his wife will like it but
she left the choice in his hands
so we should worry.

He also wanted to have a

way - perhaps now you can relax
a little.

I was very much vexed to find that
Eoa must pay full tuition. I can't
see any sense in such a non-
sensical rule. She said she didn't
understand it and couldn't give
me any explanation. So I have
written to Prof. Havens of the
English Department there, whom
I know, to see if I can find
out what it's all about. Don't
say anything to her about my
writing, however, for it would
probably worry her. I'm glad she
has a nice room and that her
face work will be outdoors.

Donald ^{to stay} came for only two or
three days but there were so

party of friends hear his sonata.
So Saturday night we took it over
to a 'cellist friend of his -
Arthur Hadley. They played it
thru a couple of times, but
Mr. Hadley, not having played
for several years because of an
operation, felt he couldn't do
it this week. However, the
future will probably see it
done. Saturday and Monday
afternoons we went walking
and yesterday afternoon we
spent at the Boston Museum.

Friday afternoon he went
in to Boston with me looking
for curtain material and some
rugs. We picked out a light

ecru net for the curtains. It is a perfectly plain mesh the squares about this size: \square . It was only 29¢ a yard, much cheaper than I had feared, the whole coming to only \$5. We searched thru several very departments finding many nice but too expensive things. However, we found some very cheap Italian rugs that will do as a starter. We bought two of size 27" x 54" and one about 40" by 65". They are of Persian design with red background and colored figures - there is rather too much white in them but that will darken

I shall be running in on you
- this week-end.

You will note that I have changed
my address to 24 - I have made
that the study and am using it
for the address.

I hope this finds you well and
with not too many worries.
Donald sends you all his kindest
regards.

Love to all,
George.

with dirt. The three cost less
than \$18. He also found some
very old genuine Orientals in
small square sizes one of
which I bought for \$2.75 for
my table. I tell you, it gives
quite an air to the room.
I hope that when everything is
finally fixed here you will be
able to come and see the rooms -
certainly before they are taken up
in June.

Monday is a holiday breakfast and
I am hoping that Francis and his
wife are driving home. I have
tried to get hold of them but
still without success. So if I can

Capsackie, W. Va.

Oct. 8/31

Dear George-

I am too tired to write much but want to acknowledge receipt of your letter to-day. Hope you got the card I sent from Albany, Monday. I did not get home till about 7 - had to wait all afternoon to see the man at Halsey, Thiers for Auntie. - Wasted Tues. and have been tired ever since. I am going to get M. to wash Wed. + trim what she can that day finishing up later. But she is going to visit F. at Lynn + I'll wait till she returns. Annie + wife were in Cox. last week-end + went on to Watertown as that is why you could not get them. God had you could not come this week-end but may be they will come again - perhaps they will bring Margaretta back - I think she goes with them next week on their way.

Back from Waltham.

Amelia is still in bed but hopeful & cheerful. Her Least is up some to-day probably because she has been sitting up in bed quite a good deal. I go in to see her often now as she seems to want me & have been writing letters for her.

Yes, I think it was Providence that disposed of the business - what a relief when it is all settled - Wilbur has advertised his car for sale & is using the Whifflet. The insurance is not settled yet - but the Conference is over. It took all day Friday. I have made out some bills but most of the accounts will be turned over for collection to a Catchell firm.

I thank you for your note to visit your new abode - how I should love to do so - perhaps some way may open before you - dismount it - Now I am going to bed - Pa is out to night. The same system is out & he has to carry water now every day - Very dry - flowers dropping up but I picked 2 Impatiens to day.

Covington, N.H.

Stoughton 24
Cambridge 38, Mass.
Oct. 8, 1931.

Dear Martha and Jack,

I believe today is your anniversary, is it not? I meant to send you greetings in my last letter but it slipped my mind until I had posted it. I hope it was pleasant and that you will see many more pleasant ones.

Things have quieted down somewhat. Donald left this noon and now for some work. I haven't heard from Francis yet. I don't seem to be able to get him by

can send it on Saturday so I
shall get it as soon as
possible. If not, I can borrow
from Prof Granstein but would
rather not unless necessary.

I don't believe I told you
that I was elevated to teaching
sophomore math instead of fresh-
man math. It adds a little
prestige but a lot of work for
I must make up a whole new set
of lectures and become acquainted
with a whole new set of problems -
and also it takes longer to correct
these papers than the freshman
papers. "Fame is not unmix'd!"

Well, it's time for bed. Hope
the well ones are "weller" and the
not so well, better. Love to all,

George

phone so I mailed a letter
early last evening which should
have reached him not later than
this afternoon. I asked him to
call me this evening but no call
has come. Still I hope for
tomorrow.

I had a bill from the telephone
company today for a deposit
of \$15 to be held until termination
of service. This was all unexpected
and unpleasant for. I haven't
enough to pay it now but if
I don't I shall be shut off and
put to the expense of being re-
connected. So I wonder if you
can loan me that amount
until Nov. 1. I can manage
everything else until then. If you

P.D. I had letters today from
both Eva and Dr. Ravenel. He
had seen her and had got an
explanation. It seems she is
taking full time work regard-
less of what the catalog says.
Well that's all right and in
fact better than expected if
she doesn't overwork.

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Catskill N.Y.

Oct. 16/31

Dear George-

We are still alive & kicking but it seems so hard to get time to write even a few lines. Auntie is very much improved - still in bed but may sit up an hour a day. Dr. Jay was here yesterday & said she is a marvel & he thinks now she will get well enough to go back to Albany. She sits up in bed most of the time & reads - eats very good & sleeps well.

We went to Catskill Tues. & had a dental appointment. When we got home Fritzie was gone but pa found her next day down town. It never rains here but it pours. The cow was also sick from eating too many beet greens and we had to have Dr. Parker come up.

Wed. was Harvest Home - Pa & I
went up from 2.30 to 7.30 -
very small turn out & made
only \$95.

We are planning to go to see
Anna at Ballin to morning
afternoon & return Sunday.
May stop to call on Au - Duncans.
Had a letter from him this week.
Last Sunday Jennie Miller was
here for the day & when she left
at 5 - W & family came to supper.
One morning I had a bond sales
man (Mayor Hatch's brother) to see
Auntie - I had to carry the message
to her & back again.

Mr. & Mrs. H. is getting tired
here but I think she'll stay
as long as Auntie is here - I'm
afraid she won't go to Albany.

Melvin's business is not settled
yet - We do not know why
they are so slow to settle the
insurance. He has given

the accounts to collect to a
Catehill firm. He sold the
Whipper for \$75 + an old
Hudson Car but hasn't
all the money yet.

Haven't been able yet to put
you music in with wash
as the latter fills the case,
do you want me to send
the music also? Per-
haps you'll dine over
next week end with Francis.
Margaretta is here today
to clean - she is going over
with them Sunday and said
that she thought Francis
would drive her back next
week end. You left the
in bag with your shoe black.
- shall I send it or have
you some more?

I have had another attack
of neuralgia in the left
side of my face & head -
think I took cold yesterday
going out doors without a
wrap after being well sealed
in the house. We had fire
in furnace all week & at
times it has been unbearable.
I must to bed early last night,
took 2 aspirins & a hot water
bottle - not so bad to-day only
occasionally. Did you get over
your cold? I hope so.

Now I must go down stairs
take the butter out of churn.
Hop. to hear from you tomorrow.
Iva seems to be getting on o.k.

Truly
Yours
Mother

If you haven't voted
vote for Murray Gales.
Father

Col. Jackson N.Y.

Oct 23/31

Dear George

What beautiful weather
we are having out, it is so dry,
pa is getting tired carrying
water every day. They have gone
down to the Cemetery to turn
up the roads. I hope you got
your laundry to-day. The case
was so full I fear the shirt
may have been wrinkled more
than usual. I did not have
help this week but Mrs H. did
a lot of the ironing, no shirts. I
tried to get Mrs Berlin but she
could not come. No washing
next week & the next M. will come
Wed. to help wash - I hope this
plan will prove satisfactory. I
suppose you may as well send
your wash Saturdays & then I'll
be sure to get it in time. Mon. or
Tues. I'll send it back Thurs^{or Fri}.

Haven't heard a word yet from E.
this week - suppose she is very busy
and I hope not ill. The insurance
business is not settled yet &
I fear it may be cut considerably
there must be some reason for the
long delay. Wilbur collects a
little and has worked some on
cars - he seems to keep busy. As
soon as the insurance is settled
the work of cleaning up must be
gin - it is some mess. Peck
the apples about picked but they
are a poor lot. The leaves ought
to be raked up but there are many
more to fall. Oh, we had a lovely
trip last week end - never saw such
beautiful fall foliage it was
surely the ideal time for a ride.
We left at 2.30 & reached there
4.30. Found Anna about as
usual but more less worried be-
cause her flat is empty. While

at breakfast Sunday Amy
phoned for us all to go over there
to Hoochick Falls to dinner. It was
a fine day & a fine ride and
a great treat to Anna as she gets
out so little. We reached there
1.30 & staid 2 hours reaching
Ballston again at 3.30. We came
right home & got here 7.30. We
stopped in Saratoga for a jug of
Harmon Water for has been enjoying
it all week. Harold did not
get here till 3 on Sunday as he had
gone to the game at West Point Sat.
with a party of fellows & returned ^{with}
them to Albany. Then on Sunday
he had dinner with Milburn & J.

Annice has improved considerably.
ably & leaves the doctor to let her go
to Albany. She has been out here
in the sitting room several times
for an hour & to-day the Dr. said
she can lie on the porch cot to-
morrow if it is a nice day.

He says she may soon be able to
ride but will have to be carried up
stairs. I have my doubts that
she will get as well as in the Spring
but she thinks so & plans about
doing this & that & going here & there.
We run a good fire all the time
She uses the electric heater too
just time - I really do not know
how we would keep her warm
here in zero weather.

Grandpa has not acted well
all week - he could just walk carting
in vegetables but he will not lie down
in daytime. He thinks it is indigestion
but it is really his heart.
Well it is after four & soon will
be getting dark - how short the days
are now! Pa wants to see O. Titus
to-night so I must get supper earlier.
Hope to get a letter from you & Co. to mor-
row. I suppose soon D. J. will
be in Boston for good; then you'll
have another place to run to. I wish
I could hear you were taking care of
your health but I have great fears. Love
Mother

RAIL LINE TO ABOLISH
DANBURY DIVISION

Danbury, Conn., Oct. 15—(AP)—The Danbury division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad will be abolished in the future, it was announced by the Danbury News tonight on official authority. In place of a large operating force here there will be substituted "an operating authority."

Lines included in the Danbury Division are the former Central New England Railroad, once operated from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and extending eastward to Hartford, and lines extending to Pittsfield, Mass., on the north, South Norwalk on the south, and branches to Litchfield and Ridgefield, as well as the lines between Boxford and New Haven and Hawleyville and Bridgeport.

Staughton 24

October 23, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

It rather looks now as if I were not to get home this week-end either. I have heard nothing from Francis and have not tried to get him, for I thought it was best, since they know I might go with them, for them to call me. I'm sorry not to get home but at best it would be a grand rush with loss of sleep and little rest unless they could go on Friday afternoon.

I am expecting my Exeter man down tomorrow afternoon for

This week has been a rather hard
one with sickness all day Monday and
Tuesday but now I shall have
very nice until a week from Monday.

Tuesday evening I attended the
first of the Theatre Guild plays

'As You Like It' - an impressive
country. And on Wednesday
evening the first meeting of the
week that took place. And of course
I have the usual engagements
throughout.

I seem to have a hard time getting
my curtains. The material was
ordered three weeks ago but has
not arrived yet. That the year
will be over before they are
made and put up.

I had a short note from
Eun this week telling of her

his second return. He came last
Sunday for the first and after
wards I drove up to Malabar with
him to make a car. I went up
then the hills and saw the foliage
there as its best and its best
is something better than I
have ever seen before. He has
asked me to drive back with him
tomorrow afternoon but I think
he made a mistake in so doing
for I had heard him tell someone
that he was invited to stay in
Boston tomorrow night to hear
the symphony concert. Is it
his habit to know how things stand.
Either way will suit me though
for I shall have plenty to do
without leaving town.

Projected visit to the Skalskis, and
of her Sunday field trips.

You certainly do have the lions
share of trouble. I hope the cow
recovered but wish it might die
and turn into its value in gold.

I trust your neuralgia, which
has disappeared again - you must
be more careful. I'm glad Auntie
is getting along and that you
don't write anything unkind
about grandpa.

Now for a short note to Con
and then dinner. My love to
all,

George

P.S. Let the music go for the present -
I have no piano and little hopes
of having one. Keep the shoe-blacking.

G.

Stoughton 24

Cambridge 38, Mass.

Oct. ~~27~~³⁰, 1931

Dear Mother and Father,

I didn't start this letter yesterday as you might think by the date - I only forgot that Nov. 1 is Sunday and not Monday. That will be a happy day for me for this business of living on quite so narrow a margin as this month is borrowing. Still I shan't be very rich next month, for I see many bills looming I

to \$25 but wanted to wait until
I had to visit one. Gladly when I
shall get the money right away
though I don't know, but I don't
worry unless I know within
two weeks.

My certain material finally
came yesterday and I put it
to Mrs. Tracy today. So before
that in a couple of weeks I shall
feel more thoroughly settled.
Betty and her sister arrived a
week ago Tuesday and as now
will I cannot do it from where
they expect to stay until after
Thanksgiving.

forgot to pay my September installment
of insurance so must pay double
this month - I say must, only
because I'm trying to get ahead
a year or two - actually I am now
paid up about three months
ahead.

I had, as I told you, given up
hopes of a picnic. But now I cannot
wonder like to have the one in
this apartment moved out during
this stay, so that he may have
his own, and he is going to try to
get Mrs. Shields to let me have it
if I will move it and re-arrange
it. That would probably amount

I didn't go to Exeter last week
but expect to next week. Mr. Hagg
came in breathless Saturday after-
noon wanting to know if I would
go to the football game with him
before the lesson. I didn't much
care about it but he wanted
to go so badly I said I'd go
along. It was already quarter
of three and the game had
started at two. I didn't know
exactly whether I was going as
guest or accomplice, but I
knew I wasn't going to pay
very much to get in. When we
reached the field we found that

all the tickets were three dollars,
at which I backed out. But he
insisted on putting down six
dollars for it as I had to let him.
I hope he got six dollars worth out
of little more than half of a game.
He comes again tomorrow. I
can't go up with him this week
end because I am to hear

Rachmaninoff on Sunday - I haven't
heard him since I was in
Sydney.

Morris came over to lunch
Monday and afterwards took me
in to see a German film version
of Dostoevsky's "The Brothers

The audience was constantly
consulted.

I sent my basket on Wednesday.

I carried out father's and grandfather's
records, but missed I had had
more desire or knowledge to
do by with the rest of the letters
& packed up all the country
Officers for the names were
free so many names to me.

Jim had your weekly visit here
to struggle with the laundry alone
from across the. You seemed to be
worried about the ship's last
time. As a matter of fact they

"Karamayas". In credit to my
Spencer on me, but most of the
certain spoke clearly enough so
that I could get what they said.
Last night I saw the most
astounding comedy that I ever
saw on the subject to see again. It
was done with such finesse and
the repertoire was so unexpected
and original that I can't believe
anyone could surpass it night away.
The only letter on the evening
now that I went alone and
didn't therefore know anyone to
laugh with intimately - of course

have never looked so well - I seemed
to detect your hand in the ironing
of the collar - since the collar
is about all of a shirt that
shows it seems to me itot
is the part that should be
done carefully - but Margaretta
doesn't always take much
care with them.

We have had some rain here
this week. I hope you have had
enough so that you don't have
to carry water any more.

I'm glad Auntie's getting on and
that things are less depressing
than they were. Hope grandpa
is feeling better. Love to all
George.

Albany, Ill.
Nov. 2/31

Dear George -

Here I am in Albany
again - came up with H. this AM.
It is now after 12 and he will be
here soon for dinner. I have been
working ever since we arrived
at 9. My main object was to hurry
for books and clean out the closets
closets & air all the clothes. I have
framed & done and also gone his
room a good cleaning - now
I have all curtains gone - coats
out on the line. The flat is not
upset or dirty, as H. cleaned last
week, but there was a heap of books
to wash. The mail is out & I can
take a good rest this afternoon.
H. has a holiday to - morrow - we
may go down to - night, if not to -
morrow morning. He may want
to stay to study, if so, I think I go to
the new theater near the P.K. & see
Rosa's Midgets; P & A saw to a Con.

I am sorry I did not get a letter
off to you last week but it seemed
as if I was chasing time every day
& night came all too soon. Pa, too,
was really busy as grandpa was
ill and he had everything out
doors to attend to. Grandpa
felt so bad Monday morning
that he went to bed after breakfast
& we called Dr. Van. It was a
grip attack & he did not get
up till Sat. He has become very
weak & coughs considerably; he
really wants to stay in bed but
won't. In fact he even went out
doors yesterday but we did not
know it till he told the Dr. last
night. I can't say that Emma
is much better than several weeks
ago. She gets up & sits in a chair
a couple of hours & talks a steady
stream if any one is around to lis-
ten - the last few days grandpa's
been the victim. Then she is none

out & has an attack of gas trouble.
Dr. does not seem to dare bring
her up here - he says he fears she
may die on the way. The whole
thing is a mess & we don't know
from day to day what to do. Pa
says he is going to put up the
stove in the front room down
stairs this week for it will be im-
possible to keep her warm otherwise
when the real cold days come.
It has been remarkably weather
this fall and even with the
heater going night & day she
frequently has the electric heater
going too. She is getting better &
Mrs H. & I have to keep pacifying
her all the time.

I am enclosing this P.O. Ok.
It always seems to slip my mind
when I write. A sup you may
use it if you want to & can send
for the balance of the \$25 you need

For the second if you say so.
Last Wed. Evening we had our
R.F.D. banquet at Fulford
Hotel - there were 22 present
11 men & 11 women - it was
the most enjoyable affair we've
ever had.

Sat. night was the Hallows' Eve
Party - We did not make but
did many others but there was a
large number who did & furnished
the fun. I did not intend going
but you wanted to. Harold took
Jessie out & M. came Cates. - Went
to church twice yesterday. Last night
was a union service with Rev Clark of
Epis Church preaching - he was fine.

The fire insurance was settled last week
Mr. Loren is the Cash. There was no cash
on building or Machinery 12000 1500 but
the stock was cut from \$2500 to \$2075.

Now I must get dinner } belated.
& hope you are ok. Francis bought M. 20 faces
Spring field & have met them three bags week.
They are coming home thanks going - hope you
will come with them. Lovingly
Mother.

[Nov. 9, 1931]

Sunday Evening

Dear George:

Dont-fant away when you get this letter from me. Mam. Mother is tired and has been doing a lot of writing to night, but anyway I guess a letter from me will be all right. We have been home all day except for an hour or so after afternoon when we went driving. The dog is gone again a I guess for good this time has been gone since Thursday. So we went dog hunting and incidently drove the full length of the new road which is all completed except the grading on the sides.

We are having rather a worie some time first now grandpa is much worse and keeps his bed most of the times.

In fact hasn't been out since
Friday and then only for a short
time. He has no appetite and
seems to have lost interest in
everything. There must be a
change soon. It is nearly nine
o'clock and we are expecting
the doctor to come yet.

Auntie remains about the same
and stoutly maintains that she
is going to Albany.

For some reason or other the
Dr. does not give his consent.

I guess he thinks it too risky.
Yesterday we put a stove for
the paper for there was no
use trying to keep warm with
just the furnace.

Friday I spent my first day in
bed in fourteen years. Mother and
I were at an Aid meeting in
the chapel the night before
and we had supper before the

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meeting and I must have eaten
something that upset me com-
pletely. I was out almost all
of yesterday however and tonight
am about as good as ever.

Harold was blown yesterday but
returned last night to attend
an event in the city.

It was the annual reception
of the Albany County Bar Assoc-
to the Senior class of the Law
School. Well Ed Webb didn't
need your vote this time as
he had a majority of nearly 300
over Badger. Tofran was also
elected by 177 votes.

Right before the Dr came and has
just left. He found the ^{granite} had a
temperature of 1.02% and he says
that it looks very unfavorable
for him. What encouraging letters
Eva ~~writes~~ writes, doesn't she?
I do hope that she will make

all right. Mother had a nice
letter from Miss Boyd this week
I haven't got all the tulips set out
yet - I get so little time to work.
I wish you could see the fox
glove in the big cold frame,
they are number.

All the flowers look well, but
it is very dry and we need
a lot of frost before winter.
We have plenty of snow quite a
while yet.

We haven't received the insurance
money yet - but I guess it will
come all right. Wilbur has the
debris all cleared away. There
~~is~~ is some talk of buying the lot
for a horsehouse site, but I rather
think it is too narrow.

You needn't have sent the money
so soon. Well I have reached the
end of the sheet. So good night
Love Father



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schaack,
Stoughton 24
Cambridge 38
Mass.

Tuesday Noon

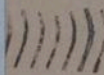
Dear George -

Not a true -
Grandpa had a better
day yesterday but
the fever came back
in the afternoon.
Dr. is here now.

G. is more drowsy
to-day but is eating
better. He will no
doubt want to get
up as soon as his
anxiety came back.

In haste

Mother



All you
please
my to
come
home
hurry
my
get
much
of
house

Cassockie, W.V.
Nov. 13/31

Dear George -

I know you want to hear how things are progressing here. Grandpa is still in bed - sleeps most of the time during the day but not much at night when he catches most of the time. He has no appetite at all but we manage to coax him to take some nourishment at meal time and occasionally a little warm milk in between. He had no fever yesterday but is quite weak & seems to have lost interest. Dr. has been here every day this week but does not seem to know what to do to help him. Sometimes we think it is his last illness, but he has pulled thro' before & may now - his heart is no more than usual.

I have not written much about this to Eva as I do not want to alarm her yet.

Margaretta has been here the two days house cleaning - she cleaned four rooms & my room & the hall thoroughly - washed & ironed the curtains etc. - and also swept up down here & washed muds. I course I am kept busy with details for the sick ones, getting meals, supervising etc. Annie has been out doors most of the day on porch - also on Tuesday & Wednesday - yesterday was damp & dark with some rain but not enough to help the water situation. Pa keeps busy when home with chores & odds & ends that must be done - today it was beating the up & fixing ^{several} doors. Tommye now to walk about now. H comes to night & to morning goes to church to the big ball game. Don't know the time.

Stoughton 24
Cambridge 38, Mass.
November 13, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

Having heard no news from you since Wednesday I reckon grandpa is feeling better and is about again - I hope so. For your own sakes I hope you will never have to go through what grandpa and auntie are now going through, but, if you should, I know your children can care for you no better than you are caring for them.

My week-end was a high pressure one. Mr. Hays and his wife and child met

below Hampton Beach. After tea in
rather supper in the morning we
back to Kewell's. But all the time
I was waiting this person & that
person, I saw not so many people
in two days before.

I had not realized the school is so
large - there are some big lumbered
sheds. It has a large road of land
and almost numberless buildings with a
lot of new ones going up. It is quite
like a miniature town.

The holiday yesterday passed fairly
uneventfully. I had dinner first for
the first time that day. There was a
military table of 21 guns on Danbury
Common at eleven o'clock which shut
the surrounding territory. In the
afternoon I went over to Boston

me at Kewell's and we were in bed
by three o'clock. He and I went out
then to see the local football game.

It was a breakfast cold day with a
slight breeze and I was glad the game was
kept over before we got there. After
the game we inspected the gymnasium
where I met my number of the
athletic staff. Then after some time

I was taken thru the new building
we had dinner in one of the dining
halls with Mr. Rogers, the chairman
of the board of studies, and Mr. King
and I spent the evening with him
where I met several of the faculty.
On Sunday came another storm of
expectation and in the afternoon
a note along the shore from
Parliament said to some place

to try to get a pair of shoes in a sale
I had seen advertised but they didn't
have any that would fit me. So
since I must have a pair this week
I went around to the Kumm-Bach
place only to find it closed for the
day. So I must go in tomorrow
morning.

I say 'must' for I have no black
shoes and since I can't wear my
black suit until I get some I must
get at it. I'm not very fond of
the suit but I shall have to wear it
especially when occasion arises. And
such a one seems to be tomorrow -
Julia Bryant has asked me to go with
her to a tea party on Beacon Hill
tomorrow afternoon - nothing serious -
she has asked several fellows! I don't

know what is to take place or why but
if Jim was bored it will be a new
experience at something to which Julia
has asked me. She, herself, is very interesting
but she seems to know a very peculiar
bunch of people - excepting of course
those who aren't peculiar, such as the
Tweedys, Saunders, Mrs. Pray etc.

Morris called me up Tuesday before
dinner to see if I would go with
him to hear a coloratura soprano. I
hadn't seen him for some time so I
consented though I had a coloratura
soprano. I went in town and had
dinner with him and was tickled to
find he had been unable to get seats.
So instead we went to a movie - "The
Guardman" - an enjoyable comedy with

are
no depend about them. Saw to

George.

thing of Lewis's first experiments
stay at home. But I wish I could
somehow in Thomas Harris' mind
telepathically so that he would tell
me to some of the things I really
want to see but don't get around to
do seems to have a genuine fear of
me to think I don't give a rap about
anything I shouldn't complain from
has taken me to a number of fine things

Thursday afternoon we had a long
future's meeting at Prof. Kellogg's
room. The best one yet - or perhaps amongst
as to me because I had exception to
so much that was said - I'm afraid I
sometimes sound quite savage.

Good. This seems to be all for now.
I trust things are better at home, and
that, however they are, you aren't feeling

Catsackie N. Y.

Nov. 22/31

Dear George-

I was quite tickled to get the news that you expect to be with us for Thursday and I sincerely hope until Sunday. This has been a wonderful day - mamma cruff to be on the porch all day. Milbud J. came about 3.30 + Pa took me out for a ride - I do not get out much these days - in fact only twice in 2 weeks just to town a little while. Grandpa stays about the same. For some reason not yet discovered, he has some fever some time every day. He has absolutely no appetite + has to be coaxed to eat. But he does take 3 or 4 glasses of milk a day and just a little other food at meal times. He has got very thin + very weak, tho' he does sit up a little while each day for a change. While we

we out to-day Will Hallembek
came to see him and yesterday
his wife, Hattie, was here. Gemtie
is about the same tho' in some
ways not quite as well - her heart
skips yet & always will, I fear.
But she is still optimistic &
talks & plans about where she
is better & back in her own home -
we begin to fear this will never be.

My latest trouble is my feet - they
have bothered occasionally all
Fall, but last night one caved in
entirely, & I have been limping
ever since in pain. I meant to
have Dr. Shupp here today but
he has not been here yet & now
it is most 8 P.M. Something will
have to relieve me or I cannot
continue operations -

I think I told you K. was going to
N.Y. for this week and so we have
been alone. He will be home Wed.

Did I tell you Fritzie returned after
an absence of 8 da. - We advertised for
her & she appeared but we do not know
where she was.

I wish you would think of some way we could tag her collar with our name, so if she gets away again, she may be returned at once. I tried to get pa. to do it, but he is too busy otherwise with the work & illness here, to get interested:

While I think of it, I wish you would send those papers I put in your laundry case to Eva when you are thro' with them. If I had been sure you were to be home next week, I would have kept some of your clothes home.

The insurance checks have all been received, so we really got more back than we ever expected possible. Wilbur keeps busy with odd jobs of repair work, but is considering accepting a salesman ship job which has been offered him.

Eva wrote she is coming home Dec. 18th & will have 2 weeks. J. H. closes this week end but Gaucher does not & she has her work here this Friday. I hope she will get an invite for dinner Thursday.

Now I must write her a few lines. No. I have a number of letters that ought to be written but these days are so full of duties, I get little time to attend to my personal business or pleasure.

Hope you have a pleasant & safe trip home. Sorry I can not promise you better conditions here - we'll hope they will improve before you arrive.

Lovingly,
Mother.

Stoughton 24
Cambridge 38, Mass.
November 24, 1931.

Dear Mother and Father,

Just a note to tell you that I called Francis last evening and that he said he is still planning to drive to Cascoville tomorrow night. I shall come with him, thus arriving sometime after midnight for we do not leave Lyme until six o'clock. He does not know yet when he will return.

I hope the weather will continue
mild for it would be a more
pleasant trip if it did. We have
been having pleasant weather,
the thermometer reaching 77° yesterday
afternoon.

This is all until I see you. Love
As ever

George.

Stoughton 24

Cambridge 3 F. Mass.

November 29, 1931.

Dear Mother + Father,

It's not yet ten o'clock and
Francis + his wife have left here
ten minutes. We drove into
Harvard Square at just 9:30
after a very quick trip, broken
only by a few minutes stop
to buy gas, and another to tinker
with the generator. Tell Auntie

she was right - they did take
a lunch - but any more than
they took would have been too
much, for the three of us didn't
eat it all, as it was.

I'm glad I could be home
with you these three days and
hope you enjoyed them as much
as I did. I hope they will help
you to carry on in this hard fall
you are having.

Now I'm going out for something
to eat, then a hot bath and
to bed. Love to all,

George.

Stoughton 24

Cambridge 35, Mass.

December 4, 1931.

Dear Mother & Father

I was glad to get your encouraging card this morning. It will be so much brighter for all of you when grandpa is around again.

This week has gone the way of all weeks with nothing of particular interest except the arrival of Donald and Betty on Tuesday. They drove up in two cars, Donald's mother coming with them.

Though our first expedition
favourable morning looks dim
for it is raining hard now.

I went to the science & math-
ematics department for this
afternoon but stayed only a
short time. It was held in a
small room which was crowded
to the door - and then I ~~return~~
could see much more in
standing around trying to
make conversation when one's
only thought is to get every-
one when one must and
avoid those when one doesn't
want to see!
And this seems to be the case

Donald called me up that evening
to ask me to come down, for his
mother was going back the next
day. So I went over for a short
time. It was quite a short
find Betty so changed. She is
just a skeleton and looks and
feels like a woman of seventy. ~~But~~
But otherwise she is just like
before, her tongue and wit so
lively as ever. I went over again
yesterday afternoon to see how
they were getting on. Ray had the
living room to right and the
place beyond to look like a bank.
Donald & I have arranged to
work on Saturday morning,

of this week's sale. Not a very
lively week - but next week
will probably make up for it.

I hope to hear continued
good news from you and
hope you yourselves are
keeping well. Love to all

George

Cossackie, N. Y.,

Dec. 7/31

Dear George -

No doubt you are looking for a letter as here goes. This week is not much news to write about. Grandpa gains slowly - he is eating much better but still contends he has no teeth & no appetite. He is in bed as usual but getting up twice a day for almost an hour each time. - Auntie is about the same as when you were home. She did not dress nor come out of the front room Mon or Tues last week and not until Sat. did she sit at the table to eat. Dr. was here Friday & she tried to get him to give permission to go riding but he would not - in fact told her her heart was not in good shape when she is aroused as when in bed. She was discouraged & cross about this but is over that & again optimistic that she will soon go to Albany. I had my leg strapped again but will soon have to do something else

will be more permanent.
Harold came home to supper
Friday & left after dinner yesterday.
Wilbur left for Philadelphia at 7 A.M.
Sunday. We did not see him to day
good-bye as we were out when he
came Sat. evening. Jessie's mother
will at Yonkers last week but
she must be taken home yesterday.
The situation is rather serious but
we don't see how we can help it.
Jessie blames Pa for allowing my
Wilbur to go away but he is not to blame.
We hope it will prove a good move
at home. Only will tell Pa we
to Albany with Mr. East then to
get him a new suit & overcoat.
He has settled up all his bills, he
sleep and he'd Pa had a settlement
too, but I was not in that.

Wonder if you have heard
the latest from Eva. She is
planning to go on a botanical
trip to Jamaica the last of May
to be gone in July anyway & don't
know how much longer. This was

the news in her letter received
Saturday and it has been in
my mind ever since
& I haven't really forgot it
yet. I am enclosing a
list of things she wants for
Christmas. I love the first one of
+ will try to get it for her. H.
asked for a law book he needs
+ so he is settled for. Now I'm
will tell me what he wants I will
either get it or give him the money
to get it - maybe some help for
some rooms - if I could go shop-
ping + had the time + good feet to
run around I could get things
but I may not get anywhere
but to Catehill.

We all had a good rest yesterday
as we had no calls + every one
of us was in bed or reading all
afternoon after Handed left.
Last evening Sat I went to the

union services in N.E. church -
the room was full & Rev. Doak
preached. As the choir sang
I thought over the days when you
sang up, there & of Mrs Wright
etc. etc. The personnel of the
choir has changed the only
familiar ones being Mrs Wood,
Mrs Smith & Mrs Thorne.

We have been having a very cold
spell but to-day is sunny & a little
milder. - Had W. B. Smiths Coat Washed
all day Wed & half Thurs. & Sat. that
saves me some getting over this. I
have 3 shirts of yours here that are not
marked - I was not sure they were yours
till Dashed it but anyway the case
was too full to put any more in. Tell
me if you want them but now also
do you want all of your best Wash
sent back - probably not to get me
just what you will need when you
come. - Sorry to hear about Mrs Muelly
looking so poorly - hope Boston air will help
her perceptibly - reminds us kindly of
you - All service - Lovingly Mother.

Stoughton 24
Cambridge 3 Mass.
December 11, 1931.

Dear Mother,

This brings you my best
wishes for a happy birthday
and much love for you. I wish
I could be with you Sunday, but
it will not be many days now
before I shall be back in Cassakie
I shall probably be in Lynn

Christmas keeping or can
give to think of it. However if

I can do any specific records
for you I shall. I can't think
of a single thing I want myself
except possibly a few more
words - but words are time
thinking about it.

Our words are also about the
projected trip to Jamaica. In
shaved with her at home but
for the sake I hope she can
make it.

I spent last week and in

on Sunday. I need Francis this
week to see him I was too

busy to go up before Christmas;
but he seemed to be so dis-
appointed that I said I would
call again tomorrow and possibly
arrange for Sunday. The contact

that is so demanding of time
these days. - a release tonight,
two next week - (Wednesday &
Thursday evening) and counts
Friday afternoon and Saturday
evening. I have had no time for

Enter again with results too
long to write now - I'll relate
them when I get home.

With regard to those unmarked
sheets - they must be mine, for I
don't seem to have the right
number here. I shall need them
as you had best send them to
me right away, but I shall
not need any of next week's
leaves.

This letter would be longer had
not a student come in to see
me. It is so late now I must
stop it and yet it waited.

Love to all
George.

Cosackie W.V.
Dec. 17/31

Dear George -

Just five o'clock but I'll
try to write a letter before supper.
I'm sorry I did not write before
but it seems as if I have been
chasing time all week. I. has been
one of the busiest in Fall. You
two, have had a busy week and
perhaps have not missed the letter
so much. - We are all begging
along as usual. Grandpa seems
to be about as well as ever but of
course not very strong yet. Dr.
has here yesterday & told him he
could get dressed, but he did not
to-day, but has lain in bed most
of the day. Auntie was miserable
Sat. Sun. & then out by East High
was much better, and Dr. told me
that it looks as if she may get to
moving after all before long. To-day
she went out alone & walked out to
the road but it was cold & windy.

Wouldn't be surprised if she is
sitting in her own quiet home
soon after Christmas.

Maryetta was here yesterday
& to-day till after 1 - she comes
again Sat. to clean. Last night
Mr. Cook, B. Cooper & Mary James
took us to a meeting in Kensington
to hear Frank Schermer Miss. to
China & Dr. Paul Harrison of Arabia.
You must remember the former - he
spoke in S. D. two different times when
home on a furlough. He looks
better than 10 years ago.

Last Sat. night Pat & I attended a
large banquet (275) in Rensselaer.
By having Mrs. Henshaw here we are
able to get away occasionally now
that Grandpa feels so good & does not
need constant care. Tuesday
afternoon we went shopping to
Catchkill. I went up on Dr. Bennett's
to make an appointment for No.
& found Jan had one Dec. 28 at 3
so they gave No. at 4 same day.

Last Sat. I called up Jessie to ask
if she had heard from Wilbur &
she said he is home. It seems
he came home Tues. the 8th & I may
have gone since the morning of
the 6th. But we have not found
out why he returned so soon as he
did not expect to get back till Christ-
mas. He had planned to return
to Phil. last Tues. but Mrs. Conley
was taken very ill Sat. and was put
to bed in Jessie's dining room. At
first they thought she could not
recover, but Dr. told us she is
improving. The daughters used a
woman to take care of her but it
was very silly of them not to put up
a bed in her front room as that
middle room is small & noisy.
Haven't heard from W. since Mon-
day so don't know if he is still in
town - he certainly has a better time.
Haven't heard from Eva this week,
so do not know just when or how
she is coming home. It may not

Come this weekend - he finishes up
Wed. - Has an exam this Sat.

Rachel Manda died last Sunday
and was buried Wed. She was 92.
We called on our way to Catskill
Tues. and pa went to the funeral
as he was asked to be a bearer.

We are looking forward to
your coming home - sorry
conditions here will not be as
pleasant & congenial as in former
years, but we will all have to make
the best of it. Ah! I must forget to
thank you for the fine birthday gift.
I feel real swell with two new
bags at once - they are so nice &
very useful.

Now I must get supper - pa
is churning.

Good-bye till we see you -
a safe journey home.

Love,
Mother