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February 24, 1903.

Dear Mother & Father,

Before I write again February will have flown away again. These two months seem to have gone rather quickly. The winter term is supposed to be the hardest one of the three but I can't see that it has been so very bad. The term does just four weeks from ~~tomorrow~~ this morning. Which reminds me that before that I must get my income tax report made out. I have put it off

reading. Jack & I had the least
in for dinner after which we took
a walk out to the beach. It was the
first I had seen the damage of the
storm. And as I expected it had
been somewhat exaggerated. A
good deal of the beach had changed
its shape, ^{and} in spots where the road
wasn't very good anyway it had
been torn up. Stone walls along the
shore had been rather badly damaged
and acres of land had been covered
with several inches of sand mixing
many lawns. In one spot where
there were many laurel bushes on a
sand bluff the sea had washed
out the sand below their patches
making it necessary to move them

from day to day for two weeks
and now have only two weeks left.
And I must write to Albany & find
out if I have to pay a state tax. The
federal tax will be quite a lot, some-
thing over \$50 this year - if I had
been here a year it would be over
\$90. If I must add a state tax to that
it'll have a big bill. But apparently
we must be kind to the voters &
the caucus, the suits of our represent-
atives & senators.

I hope you had a pleasant holiday this
week. I debated Tuesday evening whether
I should get up early on Wednesday or
not & finally decided the day would
be less ruined if I got up to breakfast
at nine. So I had the morning for

further back. Over the whole the
storm itself must have been more
spectacular than the damage it
did.

That evening I had ⁱⁿ for dinner the
fellow whom you met at the Rajes
who made you think of Harry Daley.
He stayed all evening. He is an
amazingly clear person and ideas
flow from his brain faster than
mucus from a good comedian. He
is certainly one of the smartest men
here, if not the smartest, and is
fundamentally as solid as a rock.

Jack & I shall go to Boston
tomorrow. We hope to hear Myra
Hess, the English pianist, in the
afternoon. She is undoubtedly the
finest woman pianist now alive -

I haven't heard her since I was
in Rochester. The big dance comes
off tomorrow night. Some of my
advisers of course won't be going
and I shall have them in after
the movies to make them feel
they aren't completely out of it.

On Tuesday evening I heard
Maurice Hindus, the writer on
Russia, give a lecture on that
subject. It was without any doubt
the finest lecture I have ever heard.
He spoke far over an hour to
an audience containing many
who are not in sympathy with
Russia, ~~he~~ himself being a
sympathizer, and there was not

a moment during which you
couldn't have heard a pin fall
anywhere in the hall. He seemed
almost to have hyperalised the
audience. If you can get any
of his books at the Librarian, I
woud you would find in them as
fair an opinion on Russia as
you could get hold of.

No more for now. I hope to
hear from you tomorrow that
all is well.

Love to all,

George.

3/3/33.

Dear Mother & Father,

This is one of the few days in the century when the date can be written with the same figure repeated four times. But that seems to be its only outstanding characteristic. Otherwise it is just like the two preceding days which have been very drab & dull. This is the third day that the heavens have been dropping rain & wet snow - not in any great quantities but just enough to make one uncomfortable out of doors. - The today channels paths or walks anywhere here

Look as a good hair dryer than usual to reach Exeter. It was half-past eight before we had finished supper and then I had to scurry about - prepare refreshments for those of my boys who hadn't gone to the dance.

Sunday was a cold wet day & I spent most of it in front of the fire. I did go out in the evening to a vestal in the chapel.

After waiting all term for a good game of bridge I received on Wednesday afternoon two invitations within fifteen minutes. I would rather have not played that day but was under obligation to accept both bids, so, barring time out for supper, I was at the bridge table from 3:30 until eleven. During

and the muscles in the backs of my knees are becoming overdeveloped trying to create enough friction for walking.

Nothing of any great moment has transpired with the time I last wrote. Jack & I went to Boston last Saturday morning. We heard Myra Hess in the afternoon as we had planned and I've been trying to discover why in all the years I lived in Cambridge I never went over to Boston to hear her. She is certainly the finest musician's pianist I have ever heard. ~~When~~ we came out of the hall it was snowing & we started directly for Exeter. It was quite an exciting ride for the road was like grease, the wet ~~road~~ snow frozen to the windshield, making the wiper quite ineffective. It

the afternoon I was playing with
three of the old guard here who
were unable to get a fourth from
their own number. It was of course
the better part of discretion to accept
the invitation. In the evening I was at
the Cercues playing against George
Major and worried him a lot by
winning five out of six rubbers.

I shall not go to Boston tomorrow
and shall rather enjoy the change. Mr
Hogg has heard from his wife. She
writes that the voyage was much less
unpleasant than she had expected -
she was sick for only one day during a
rather bad storm. She said that a
large number of the people on the boat
were returning to England because

then they would be eligible for the
sale. I wondered when we saw her
off where all the fairly dressed
people, who got on the boat, could be
going.

I hope you are both taking life easily
and are getting plenty of fun. How glad
you would go to see Mr. Dumont. From
what you write it appears to be quite
an undertaking to install a new lawyer
in Castrolie. Let us hope it will be
worth the doing.

With love to all,

George.

Albany, N.Y.,

Mar 3/33

Dear George -

First I must explain why I am in Albany. Yesterday Mrs. Hissard came to Cal. and asked me to come up here for a week so she could stay down there and get her house ready for Johnny to live in. It seemed out of the question at first, but she insisted it was important & necessary and, of course, Auntie could not be left alone. So I agreed to come this A.M. & stay till Tues. night & then again for next Friday & Sat. Pa. agreed, of course, & promised me he would go to Jessie's for dinner every day. Perhaps he will come here for Sunday. Auntie has just returned from a ride & some errands & is lying down. She says I must not work except to get meals & I will not at.

except anything else - that will
be quite enough besides waiting
on Auntie. I will have a good
chance to find out just how much
waiting she must have. She
does not seem as well as a few weeks
ago and looks awful, but is as op-
timistic and cheerful as ever.

We had quite a snow last Sat-
urday but here in Albany there was
much more, plenty to be seen yet.
We had very high winds for 2 da.
and some drifts. Monday night
we had to go to Orange by way of
the Landing as our road was too
drifted. Today we came up to
Delmar to attend a Grange Junction
and meet the State Ladies Tree-stone.
Pa took a vacation day, so Wilbur
had a job for one day. He does
not seem to make any headway
at getting work & if he has any plans,
he does not tell them. He has laid
up his big car & using a smaller
old one that he has fixed over.

Hearold's plans are slowly but surely making headway. He expected to take Mr. Scully to Chest. to-day to look at the rooms & plan the alterations. I hope he went for he has disappointed me several times, and it is time to get some thing started. I believe he is to sign a note for H. which will give him a good start.

I wonder if you have heard from E. Catel's. Imagine our surprise after an interval of 12 da. between her letters to receive one yesterday from Holland, Mich. She was so nervous, she decided to go to Grand Rapids to see Dr. Currier on Feb. 22. If I had her letter here I'd enclose it. She saw him Sunday - Sat. & Tues. & I don't know any more now what he said or did, but she wrote she expected to return to Baltimore early next week.

She went to G. R. on bus which took
till Thurs. afternoon. She staid at
Y. W. that night & Miss Boyd came
for her Friday afternoon. The latter
did not know about it till Eva
called her up from G. R. This
may mean no Easter vacation for
her as Dr. Johnson thinks she is home
now. I don't know but it al-
most looks to me that she will
have to change her program. It is
all too deep for me and I feel so
helpless. Problems seem to come
very thick and fast sometimes. I
thought you ought to know this but
I don't think she meant for us to
tell you or anyone. We can only
hope for the best and maybe all
will be well as it has often before.
To-day is very cloudy with numerous
snow squalls but every day brings spring
weather. H. that is D. Fred's article
very clever - the melrose clip is from
Auntie - probably you have seen it before.
Hope you are well & happy.
Love - Mother.

March 10, 1933.

Dear Mother and Father,

I was glad to get your letter on Monday and to know word of Eva. I have heard nothing from her for a month. I had written her to take a rest if she felt she must for she had written that she was very tired. I'm sure she has done the very best thing she could do in going to see Dr. Carrier. Certainly, if anyone can help her, he can. As for what she ought to do or will be after she is helped I haven't the slightest idea. If she could only be brought to take studying a

all that has been said against lecturing, there is in it an idea that must be dealt with before we can get going again.

I didn't go to Boston last week and shall not go tomorrow. I have got tired of going to Boston. It costs more money and time than it is worth and I am weary there for so short a time I don't get to see anyone. I have tried twice to see Lane but have failed. I saw in the paper the other day that he had been granted his Ph.D. in January.

Next week is examination week. I shall have to give exam papers. What with making them, photographing them, and collecting them that will be a full week's work. But the next week will be a bit easier, so with that in view I shall pull them alright.

We have been having dreadfully high winds for two days, as strong as I can remember

little less seriously she would get more done probably. I suppose her going to Michigan will keep her from coming home at spring vacation time. But I wish she would, ^{come home} so that I could have a good talk with her. She was feeling so bad last New Year's time that I couldn't press her to talk about her work. Well, as you say, we shall see what we shall see.

I wonder how the bank holiday caught you. I was caught with only five dollars and have managed to part with only four of them so I am still good for another week. I can't even give checks in any great amount for I have put my money in the savings department. But I reckon the banks will open next week alright. This crisis will undoubtedly purge the banking system of many faults but I certainly doubt that it will cure the depression. Despite

for so long a time. Evidently March
has arrived. And this building was thrown
together so fast that most of the doors
and windows are loose and hang as badly
as in an old house. It is a shame to have
built so poorly - think if the wood was seasoned
and has shrunk a great deal.

Next Tuesday is town meeting, one of the
big events of the year, and I plan to go if
possible. It seems to be important enough
to postpone faculty meeting, though I
can't see why.

This is all for now. Hope you are all
keeping well. Love to all,

George.

that he does not try to get work.
Perhaps when Spring gets here,
Something will turn up. One
thing is sure, things have been
happening in Washington very
rapidly the last few days and
it is well the people here taken
all the vicissitudes with such
good nature. Auntie was
rather perturbed on Friday when
she had 3 checks returned on
N. J. banks - one of them her
Serrim check. But I think they
will be o.k. before long. She
was inclined to be very gloomy
over the situation when the N.Y.
Banks closed next day and I had
to try to reason with her and did
succeed in satisfying her that
everything will be o.k. - She felt
fairly good while I was there
and went out every day - twice
to walk + visit + for three rides

Pa came up ²Sunday to dinner & then took us over the bridge for quite a ride on the other side. Harold came down Saturday night & phoned to dinner Monday. Pa heard yesterday that H. & Mr. Scully had been down Wed. to look at the rooms & see about alterations. Perhaps matters will have to go slow until the taunting situation is cleared up as Mr. Scully is to sign a note for H. at some bank, to get him started.

Had a long letter yesterday from E. - perhaps she has written to you. She plans to leave Holland on Sunday for Baltimore - I hope the doctor has helped her and that she will be better. But I think a change in her living conditions will be the best help.

Mr. Lane has not been in conscience
thus far by the banks closing for
we had a few dollars in ready
cash and have been extremely
careful about spending it -
buying only absolute neces-
sities to help out our meals with
what we have in the house. We
can exist on very little outlay
for a while if they only try.
If I have calculated right you
will be home in about 2 weeks
won't you? I guess Eva will not
be able to come unless she is
not much better. I'm so sorry,
but must submit, I suppose.
It seems that we are kept in a
continual quandary by some
problem or other, but every thing
has always worked out to Will's gain.
I have partially succeeded in per-
suading Auntie to come to Cal. to live
and we are trying to find her a suita-
ble place. It would reduce that awful
expense & I ought to see her often as she's
getting so forgetful. - Love - Mother

March 17, 1933.

Dear Mother + Father

Just time to write you before my
5:30 class. I have been so wrecked
this week that I was able to get
only six hours sleep the last two
nights and have been trying to make
amends up this afternoon. It seems
as if I have done little this week
except make up homework. I gave
my last at twelve today getting it
photographed about five minutes
before I handed it out.
This week has been rather slow

he is somewhere in the Orient. Oh, I didn't have time to find out one of I could have.

We had dinner in the Cook-House, the Village Blackburn's House, and then to the meeting at the school of Education. It was in charge of Prof. Beasley and was a conference on gamebirds, George giving the paper which was almost an hour long followed by an equally long discussion. We left about quarter of eleven and were home by quarter of one twelve.

On Tuesday I attended the same meeting but description of that must wait until I see you. We close a week from today and I hope to come home sometime within a day

less than usual. Yesterday I took George Major down to Cambridge with Jack's car. He spoke there last evening. He got down there about three thirty. While he was in a committee meeting I ran over to the chemical laboratory & succeeded in finding Lou with whom I had a short visit. He was working away exactly as ever. Before I left him while I was sitting in the car waiting for George I was hoping, quite wildly, that Mrs. Tweedy might come along, and strange coincidently, she was the first person to pass. She was in a great hurry so I didn't see her for more than a moment. When I asked after Harold she said he was over the water. - this time the Pacific -

or two after that. I haven't had
any time for thinking of definite
plans. Donald & and his family have
asked me to Danbury if I can come.

I feel the vacation is very short
but there are several matters regarding
this summer that I would like to
touch on with Donald as I shall
probably have to plan to come back
here by way of Danbury stopping
there a night or two.

I had a long and interesting
letter from Eva, about the only
specific information I have ever
been able to get out of her. Apparently
the doctor gave her a good looking
over and peped her up in mind at

least. Apparently he doesn't think
the living conditions are to blame, for
he advised her not to live alone. She
will not be able to come home for
vacation but I think that is probably
wisest for her.

Well this must be all for now. I
shall mail my laundry tomorrow.
Do not return it.

The banks are open again and I
shall be able to get some money
tomorrow. Detailed plans later.

Love to all,

Gray.

Cassackie Tex.

Mar 17/33

Dear George-

I have just a few minutes
in which to scribble a few lines.
Pa and I have been tearing off
paper in the kitchen preparing
to hang it papered next week.
White & was as Aunties he painted
the ceiling & woodwork. Yesterday
he took Mrs. Hester back & then
we went to Mont. Kards and
bought linoleum & wall paper
and I came back with him
last night. Pa wanted to
have everything ready so you
can help him put down the
floor covering someday while
you are home - Wilbur will have
to help too. Pa has just told you
to be ready by 4.45 - go to Athens
with him - now after 4 - at 6.30
there is a supper & chapel &
we expect to be there so that's some
program; oh yes and a Comm. the

meeting later in the evening. I
found plenty to do here as Pa
had to spend his lecture on
the painting, so I have put in
a full day. Did not work very
hard to Aunties but also did
not rest very good nights.

She is about the same. Mrs.
Kessins is getting many, I
think and Auntie has cut her
to \$10. I think she'd quit but
she needs the money for Johnny.
Harold's affairs are booming
and good luck knows I
hope the venture will be a suc-
cess. He informed us yesterday
he had bought a car - I mean
imagine the reaction on us -
Well, such is life! Of course we
knew he had to have one but -
Well enough. He has ordered his
furniture announcements and

hired a Stenographer. The rooms
will be ready soon and next
comes the furnishing.

I wonder if you have heard
from Eva - Pa had a card that
she reached B. O.K. I
hope she will be better. The
Krole that Dr. Lemmon does
not want her to live alone
but advised staying with
Ruth for the present.

Our bank opened yesterday
so we are set over more.
National affairs have been
looming and the promise
that "Lull" will soon be avail-
able is certainly inspiring &
encouraging (to the brewers).
Pa is getting ready and I
will have to do the same. I

Read a letter from Dorothy
Schlichting and heard that
Emma is no better & in fact
worse, which may be due to
the tedious trip.

We had quite a snow in
Albany on Wed. but yesterday
& to day have been like Spring.

Soon all work indoors & out
will be booming here - Can't
say I appreciate the prospect
but such is life.

Will look for a letter from
you to-morrow. Next week is
back with you know. Just

When do you expect to get home?
Sat. next (25) is Panama at Chisax
So I want to know so as to plan
my movements. Pa has to go but
I could be spared.

Love - Mother.

Circle, N. H.
April 4th, 1953.

Dear Mother & Father,

Arrived here at six this evening
in a snow & rain storm. I had
left Dodgeport at quarter past
eleven, in the rain, and it rained
all the way up.

I met Wounded as planned. His
mother was not with him. He
had got tickets for another
train to which we went immediately
after a delicious Italian lunch.

a valley with quite a large
lake set around by one man. I envy
him and should like to buy it
of him. He would probably sell
it for a few thousand. How
about it? !! And then in the
evening the inevitable movies.

Mr. Ruddy, sr., is an inveterate
movie fan, and Monday night
cannot pass without going to
them. I had rather do almost
anything else, but I always go
to please him. And so back
to Exeter.

I found a letter here from
Harold on Official Stationery

After the play we had some tea &
then caught the six o'clock train,
reaching Danbury just before
eight. We had dinner while we
listened to the Boston Symphony
over the radio. Sunday was a poor
day. We got up late, read the
papers, listened to the symphony
concert in the afternoon, took a
short walk, and in the evening
called on Donald's sister and cousin.
On Monday we spent the morning
up at Balls Pond. In the after-
noon the sun came out and we
took a long walk to the top of
Maces Mountain - where I had
never been, and then down into

Thanking me for my 'invaluable
help'. I hope ^{all} started off well
and that his clients have already
worn the red paint off the
reception room floor.

I had a grand few days at
Lance & wish they might have
been far ~~longer~~ - I'll make it up
to you in June. Now for
some sleep & then at it again
tomorrow morning. Love to all

Geary

Coyshackie WY

April 6/33

Dear George

Glad to get your letter to-day - too bad you had a stormy day to travel back. We have had more or less of rain & cloudiness ever since you left, however yesterday was clear and we got the washing done & nearly all ironed. I sent your suit case to-day - hope the books will be o.k. Sorry I forgot to put paper around them but I did wrap them up in the underwear.

Harold took Miss Emmell to Albans yesterday morning and has not returned yet. - He said he may not be back till Friday. I'm glad he wrote to you - he

seemed very much pleased at what you all had done and on the general appearance of the office. I went down with you on Monday night to see it & I call it quite "classy." Pa & Mabel worked there all Sat. afternoon - there was no telephone meeting. Harold did not get down till about 7 that night - had various delays. He had some callers, mostly curiosity seekers, I guess, but this did leave him a little to attend to.

There has been no chance this week for me to go to Albany. I dread to go anyway and so just don't care much as long as the Master permits me to wear my old clothes. Haven't heard a word from Ma this week. Last night Pa went to Albany

to the last (for him) of the five
insurance meetings + supper
at 4. W. He took a car load
of men. I did not plan to
go I knew I'd be too tired after
the washing + it was not
necessary for me to go. Marg-
aretta staid all night and pa
took her home this morning.

I was glad to see you looking
so good and hope you will
not get so nervous again. We
were glad to have you home
but I was sorry I did
not see more of you + that
you were in such demand for
jobs - however you helped out
as no stranger could have done.

We are going to a supper
in the chapel at 6 and it is
most time to get ready. - I

appreciated your fellows at
your going to the movies - I
never did really care for them
except an occasional es-
pecially good one, so it is
no hardship not to be able to
go. Ball's Pond must
seem rather dead & lousy
now - quite a contrast to the
summer time.

Well, I must quit & get
dressed. So long till next
time. Lovingly,
Mother.

April 14, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

I'm wondering if you are still above the water level. We are almost beneath it. It has rained here nearly every day since the vacation. And night before last it snowed & snowed & snowed. We had twentyfour inches of quite wet snow in half as many hours - the heaviest snow storm I can remember. It did considerable damage to the trees about here breaking off many large branches - the buds had burst on some of them and thus more

started so well & on time. I dreamt
about it last night and it looked
very well indeed, but it was a different
office in a different place.

What do you hear from Eva? I have
heard nothing in a long time.

I hope you have a happy Easter.
Love to all,

George.

know than usual stuck to the banks.
It has rained ever since it stopped
gunning and we are in one grand
stuck.

Nothing of great moment has happened
since I came back. I went down
to Boston last Saturday afternoon
with one of the most teachers and his
wife (the Furkhauers, curious name).
We had dinner in Boston & then, for
want of any stage show at all in
Boston, we went over to the movies
in Cambridge. Last Sunday evening
there was a good concert in the
chapel given by about fifteen of the
Boston Symphony players.

I'm glad Harold & his office got

Some
Snow Mkt.

Cossackie W.V.

Apr. 14/33

Dear George -

Time flies like the
mischiefs: where? I know not
We are keeping true to our
one job following another in
rapid succession. We have
Harold well started and next
comes Auntie: I had Margu-
retta yesterday, in the old. The
cleaned Grandpa's room and
to-day par I got the rug fitted
and down - to. Tomorrow we'll get
the furniture put back. Will
probably not get much more
real house cleaning done till
next month as there seems to be
so much to claim our time + at-
tention the coming days. Yester-
day afternoon we took Margu-
retta down to the new St. house
and got her started at cleaning
it and to day she's there all day.

Pa brought her here to dinner and before 5 we will go down to see what progress has been made & take her home. Perhaps she will not go again, at any rate not till next Thursday.

Harold seems to be quite im-
pacted now - he has had several
clients (ring, streaked & speckled)
whether there is any money in
them or not remains to be seen.
Humphreys has given him a case
& paid him some in advance with
those 4 other wire chairs.

Monday he started out to store
those papers going to Catskill,
to the Mt. & back by way of Dun-
ham, Greenville, Westerlo & so
to Albany that night; he did not
get home till Wed. noon. He has
gone to Albany again to-day. Mr.
Oliver's man, Shaube is leaving and
H. would like to step in there -
maybe he can work it - we'll see.

Tuesday Jan² I went to Albany
to do some shopping and then
to Auntie's to supper. We took
got hats - I also bought dress
goods & some odds & ends -
Pa bought a plow at M. W. & Co.
I thought Auntie looked aw-
ful again - She had walked
that day home from the hospi-
tal - Harold took her there. Dick
was to take her home but did not
show up. Next morning Ho. dis-
covered the car (Auntie's) was not
in garage. He went to see Dick
who said he left it on Woodlawn
Ave. It develops that he has been
in the habit of using it night-
time unbeknown to Auntie - he gave
her a fake set of keys and kept
the right ones. Luckily he was caught
before matters got worse - we all
think he was planning to run off
that day with the car.

I hope to go up on Thursday & stay
till Friday night - there are
some things I must attend to
for her. Bathu is to move her
down some time the last week.
I wonder what will be next after
we get her settled; The new woman
seems to be o.k. So far - a vast im-
provement over Mrs H. in many
ways - The latter had become very
careless & neglectful & Johnnie
was a daily pest. I hope this one
will last as long as needed.

Had a letter from E. yester-
day. She seems to be keeping very
well by resting much & using
the medicine. She says she can-
not catch up, but hopes to do much
after Hatch & Dr. J. leave some
time in June. She wants to come for
a week in June. Dr. J. has said
nothing so it is still problema-
tical what she will do next year.
Pa is discouraged about the work

around here³ he seems to get so little time to do anything and in fact, does not feel like working hard, even when he has time. He depended on Milbur helping him but when the fine days came, but he seems to be very busy otherwise. Pa has been told by outsiders that W. is to build a garage in the lot up street and sure enough he seems to be getting ready to build something. He has said nothing about it to us & we say nothing in return. They were here Sunday & supper.

Anna Berlin was here this morn. She was all excited because Tony had gone to Washington with his case this morning to be granted freed. I wonder how they could afford it, but probably Joe paid the bill. Only about 1/2 of class went.

The boy is to be commended
for getting thus far toward his
graduation as he has been so
handicapped all his school
life.

I am enclosing a pro-
gram of Cantata we all three
attended last night in our Church.
The room was well filled - so
many strangers - some from
Albany & even Kingsbr - Musicians
& soloists. The affair was very
good & the director (Mr. Doak's brother)
deserves much credit. He has been
Soloist in a big Albany Church &
next month takes a similar position
in a N. Y. Church.

Now a little letter to Emma who is
fast growing worse - Her Sister wrote
me all about it - the trip to Canada
has hastened her death - She cannot
live much longer - Remember me to
Your Mother. Fondly wishes for a fine Easter.
Love Mother

Monday afternoon.
[April 17, 1935]

Dear Mother,

Glad to get your letter this morning, -
for some reason or other I didn't get
it on Saturday. I did forget to mail
my laundry on Saturday, or rather it
wasn't until yesterday that I realized
that it was four weeks since the last
time I had sent it. I mailed it this
morning. I'm afraid it may arrive too
late for you to do this week, - I hope
I can probably get along until you work
again, for if I must I can buy what I
need - it would only be a thing or two.
The sun hasn't shined yet since the
storm, but it has not been cold - we

have had quite a fog at times. The
snow is nearly all gone already.

Wish you wouldn't have too many
strings to your bow. Auntie was
lucky to catch her Chaffers just as
he did.

Love to us,

George

Catsack's Wf.

April 21/33

Dear George -

I've just written to you
and now a few lines to you. This
has been a very full week and I
guess next will be the same. When
we get another settled may be there
will be a lot of. Monday night at
9 P.M. No. + I started for Albany.
So I could have a full day Tues.
to help Annie. I emptied trunks
& boxes - discarded & repacked
and after dinner packed books
and pictures. I wrote about 10
down 3 times but the mental strain
tired me so I had little left
Tues day when we washed. I am
not going up again but Mrs. Howard
is to go Tues + do the packing & also
help settle down here. Harold
will go up Wed. morning & bring
Annie here in her car. So she will
not be around during the morning.

I'll keep her here till Friday if possible. I'll have Maupette & Thos. to do the work here as I'll have to go to the other house when the furniture arrives that day. I had M. there yesterday to finish up the cleaning - Beese was here all day on her vacation - we took them both home at 5.30. H. has gone to Albany today & he gone till Sat. night. - for see we keep up the reputation of coming & going right along. Wed night there was a chicken supper at Orange Luce - Pa helped and Jo & I went to eat. To. night we had supper at 6 at church for 35¢ - Fannie is making that and I am partly responsible for the following program.

So you understand the "inflation" Pa is really worried, I think because he cannot understand it; I have

given up trying until someone can
explain it in a same way and a
simple way. Pa heard Turkey
talk Monday night at 10.30 on
the reorganization program for
the D. S. - He thought it was
fine. He and wrote to tell him so. But
away back in Pa's head I fear is
the thought of a possibility of his
losing his pension but he will
not admit he is worried. He's
very tired all the time but guesses
it is just spring fever affecting
both of us - we're going to take
phosphites to brace us up.
Auntie's latest is an offer of \$1000
to us to go to Europe this sum-
mer. she says she wants to see
us enjoy some of her money before
she dies. It seems like a big joke
but anyway it is out of the question
for us for this summer - too sea-
son & too much to consider and

arrange for.

I sent your wash case this AM.
find I left out 4 pairs of socks -
do you need them or shall I keep
till next time? Enclosed last
week's papers - please send to
Eva when she's with them.

Dilbert is pegging away at his
new project but has said nothing
yet to us about it.

Guess this is all now - it is
most dinner time & I must
go busy. The rain has hit us
and we have had 3 beautiful
Spring days - the trees bushes &
grass are wonderful already.

Lovingly
Mother.

April 21, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father

Well, I guess spring has come at last. It is actually hot here today. The snow is all gone again, except for heaps here and there which were, this time last week, five or six feet high. My boys are afflicted with spring fever and I dread its ultimate attack on me.

Days come & go here with nothing of special note taking place. From now on one will have to rely on Boston for his excitement. Jack & I went down

just doesn't sound like the real thing when played automatically. I wish you could have seen the little girl's excitement over the piano - I don't know whether it was musical interest or just amusement but it was profound.

I shall be going to Docton again tomorrow with the Funkhausers. We shall go down after lunch and have dinner there, going to see the Abbey Players of Dublin in the evening.

On Monday evening I am going with Jack to Portsmouth. He is going to lecture at a church club meeting on the war. You know he was in it from start to finish. He

lect Saturday. He had planned to go to a show but on the way there I stopped in a music store for a few minutes and before we left a couple of hours later Jack had bought a piano. His purchase wasn't quite so sudden as it sounds, however, for he had been in correspondence with the company for some time. I think he bought a very fine piano. It is a Steinway upright with Duo-Art player attachment. It was originally priced at \$2500 but he got it for \$600. It was delivered this morning and he and I have spent most of the afternoon watching the tuner adjust it. It certainly is a beautiful & complicated piece of mechanism. But for all that it

gave the same lecture here last year
and had a big ovation.

I am not surprised that Mother is
planning to build - I only hope you
will have sense enough to keep out
of his affairs - that sort of venture is
too precarious to stake a life's saving
upon. I hope you won't wash too
hard at getting arctic mail. Don't
take the care of the place as seriously -
if you work enough for a garden & a house
let the rest go.

I telephoned Miss Hays last Saturday.
She was as talkative as ever but a little
ruffled by some company she had in
the room. She wanted to know if I were going
to spend the summer with her - she said she
had got to depend upon it.
All for now, have to sit,
George.

April 28, 1933.

Dear Mother + Father,

I hope you haven't definitely refused
uncle's offer to go to Europe this summer.
One doesn't often get a chance to have
his expenses paid for such a trip. I
don't see why you think you couldn't
do it this summer as well as any
other summer. I know there's the
route to think of but I have that all
fixed up. I am not at all sure that I
will ~~go~~ to Europe myself this summer,
in fact, I have rather given up the
idea, and if you will only say you'll

currency is like ritual before a
false god, but as long as we are
going on worshipping money we
shall have to have it. Inflation
can't be as bad for people with jobs
as deflation was for people without
them.

I was in Boston & Cambridge last
Saturday. I stopped in to see Miss
Hage for a few minutes. Her sister's
family has inherited a small fortune,
between fifty and a hundred thousand
dollars, so the prospective brain on her
own money is vanished. She is feeling
quite elated over it. In the evening
I and a couple of friends went to a
play by the Abbey Players of Dublin.
It was a great disappointment - she

go, I'd be very glad to take over the
route for as long as you'll stay in
Europe. Now don't make any protests -
just go ahead getting birth certificates,
passports, reservations etc.

I suppose you're so busy this week you
haven't time to think of Europe or any-
thing else except money.

As for the inflation all I know is
that it won't do any good to worry
about it. It could be serious, and
may turn out to be so, - we might all
have our incomes virtually cut in
half over night - but I don't think the
world will stop running, not even our
little world. I must say I think
all this monkey business with the

present company is quite incapable
of performing convincingly a tragedy
as this play was. On Monday evening
I went with Jack to Parliament to
hear him speak on the war. The
meeting was very small and he
was so bored that it was hardly a
success. On the way home we drove
out along the ocean for several
miles - to clear his thoughts as he
said.

I shall go down to Boston with Jack
you tomorrow afternoon but will
return for dinner. I shall have my
boys in for the first time this Sun-
day evening. I have been away
every other Saturday evening.

Hope you aren't too tired out after
your fast week. Take things easy.
Love to all

George.

Catsackie Wv.,
April 28/33

Dear George,

Just a few lines while I am resting - have just written a short letter to Eva. Auntie is here + at present lying down but talking most of the time just the same. Harold went up Thursday night + brought Auntie home here to dinner Wednesday. She was very tired + has been resting ever since. She did more than she ought to as Mrs Keiser did not get up there till most noon + was expected early that morning. Harold went again Thursday A.M. + Mrs Keiser was just leaning to help some one else more altho' she had promised to stay + come here + fix up the house to-day. It put us in a bad fix. Luckily I had Margarette

Yesterday so I was free from all
housework here. I was down at
the house from 2:30 to 4:30 a
making the truck - then Harold ^{came}
for me & I came home for a
bite & back at 5:30 just after
the furniture arrived - I took
2 hours to unload - had I had
my way, part of it would have
remained in Albany. Pa & H.
got the beds up & we got home
about 8. Today Mary ^{with}
is down there helping Jane to
bring order out of chaos. I'll
go down this afternoon & try
to get Auntie's 2 rooms to rights
completely, so she can go there
to night. We have wads of
work here indoors & out & pa
says he must get busy. We
see little of Wilbur as his building
is now being erected by Will Hallenbach

and H. is there all the time. Pa
bought a big water tank at Mr.
Ward's & it arrived yesterday -
if it gets full, the plants will
have enough to drink, I guess.
We had several very warm
days but the last three have
been cold & windy though clear
most of the time.

I was very tired last week end
& planned to rest over Sunday
but we had cow palsy. Jennie
Milk came over Sunday
morning & staid till next
morning. However, I did
not exert much as I had
simple dinner planned.
We went for a ride in after-
noon - I would have preferred
to go to bed - guess I'll be ready

to rest out this week end.
Auntie has her new teeth but
so far cannot chew much.
It has been a big job for all
of us to get her moved here,
but when all is settled, I think
it will prove a better arrange-
ment than having her so far
away.

H. has just come in and
Auntie is asleep as last. I
must get dinner now - the
2 women are to come here
to eat when pa comes back
from P.D. - More later.

Love
Mother.

P.S. An Fuls. Bessie brought Filzie home
she dog was at the school - Dog & girl were all
tired & Bessie excited - they must have run
all the way -

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May 5/33

Dear George -

Another busy week has
rolled around. Having beautiful
weather now - Mid. was raining so
the raining has been delayed.
Lawsonia look fine - daffodils,
tulips and iris make a pretty
show. To-day is the first pa
has had a day man - Vette Lora
is working around the bushes
& shrubs. Shir-Crow came every
day to help fix up gutters on the
garage & hen house & Wilbur
came next evening to help
pa set up the new water tank.
To-night Shir & I were coming
to help move the hen house.
Wilbur's new garage is up and
nearing completion - it stands
back on the concrete foundation - if
it will be ok. if he makes it pay.

By hook & by crook we have
Auntie settled in 61 New St. -
It was more work for us than
any one anticipated because
Mrs. Hiscord did not keep her
promise to help us and because
the new woman Jane was not
able to do but very little owing
to a badly infected toe. After
Dr. Van made several visits
he ordered her to the hospital
where Hiscord took her on
Tuesday. Auntie wanted to
come here, but we insisted
on getting her temporary help
and was fortunate in securing
a very capable woman in ^{Taunt}
Meth she could stay all the time
but she prefers nursing at \$15
per week and Auntie does not
want to pay the present charge
of \$1.50 per day indefinitely. We
are waiting replies from two

prospective permanent helpers.
As Jane may lose her foot &
be unable to work for some
time if ever again, her place
must be filled. Auntie
was quite worn out at first
from the change & confusion
but has recuperated & seems
in excellent physical shape
& good spirits. Her car is
up here as we do not know yet
who will drive it - H. took
her for a ride Sunday. I
insisted on a telephone so I
can keep track of affairs &
conditions without any one
running there every day.
Dr. Paul Hansen went to the
Albany hospital Thursday for
removal of tonsils & operation
for sinus - he looks awful.
He went to Albany yesterday.

→ said he'd return to - night.
Business is slow here and
waiting for clients is rather
tedious.

I will mail the papers to
you after this & you can
send to Eva. We are wonder-
ing if she has plans for next year.
Only a card from her this week.
Francis Swankous has lost her
job to be replaced by someone
not married. Anna's school
will have a young married man
instead of Mrs. W. C. C. Will
Eldred's girl who was getting ³ 400
near N. Y. has lost her job & is looking
for a position around here. Pa
says it is probable the R.D. Carriers
will lose their main tenance.

I think Auntie's flu in a European
trip is not all off, but we cannot
see that it should be necessary ^{to} ^{take}
A new order prevents you from substituting.
But you say we must take some action
to be rected again Love, Mother.

May 8, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Sorry to have disappointed you on Saturday by not writing. I went out to the beach Friday afternoon for my second sun bath of the year. There was a stiff breeze blowing off shore but a hot sun made the sand and the air just above it very warm. I feared I had stayed exposed too long but apparently I hadn't for I didn't get a burn. When we got back just before dawn I remembered that I should have

comes all too often, it is the one great drawback of teaching.

Can you carry you had so much work to do getting Auntie moved. Wasn't it possible with all the unemployment about to get somebody to do something? I hope you are planning on a good rest this summer, or at least a good outing. The European trip would be the most of a rest but it would be a grand vacation and I think you should take it while it's available. You know you could go by way of Montreal and thus shorten the open sea voyage by nearly a thousand miles, so that if you had to be sea sick it would be for only four or five days at

written you, but then it was too late. Jack, two others and I spent Saturday in Boston. The four of us stayed at the union store all afternoon picking out rolls for Jack's pieces. After dinner we saw the play 'of Thee I Sing' which is a satire on American politics. I saw it last year but enjoyed it again, especially watching the reaction on the two Englishmen who were with me.

Most of yesterday, except for some time at the beach, was consumed with correcting papers. I got thru three and a half sets all told, and still have two more sets. This grading business is a real job which

the most. Why not come to the point
& go ahead with your plans while there
is time? You could either engage
to go the whole trip with a travel
agency or go to England alone &
get in touch there and in other countries
with a travel agency for tours of those
countries. I should think a couple of
weeks in England, a week in Holland
and another two weeks in France would
be just about right for you. I'm
sure Doreed would be very glad to
map out a rough sketch of what you
ought not to miss and could easily
do in that time.

I have had two letters from Eva
recently. She seems to be happy and

he feeling quite well. She said nothing about plans for next year. I haven't the slightest idea what she may have in mind.

Spring is here too and every thing out doors is lovely. I went out with the Funkhauser last week looking for wild flowers. We found some trailing arbutus which is fairly plentiful about here but which I had never seen growing before. I was shocked to see my friends pull it up by the roots. Another day I went out alone and found some real holly - all very small plants however according to the books on trees & shrubs it has not been reported from New Hampshire although it is

found to some extent on Cape Cat.
Several of us are tentatively planning
to visit Mt. Washington next Sunday.
He started for up there Saturday
afternoon so that we could get
an early start the next morning. I
may try to get Sam to go along.
He has climbed the mountain several
times and would be a great help.

All for now. Clear approaches again.
Love to all
George.

May 12, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Having written you earlier in the week, and having had a chance to spend the afternoon out in the country, I failed to write you this afternoon. But I have remembered, just before dinner, that ~~Sunday~~ is Mother's Day and I want you to know that I remember you on that day as I do on any other. Personally, I think it has been so explained ~~commercially~~ commercially, that I would prefer

Tuesday night about half past nine.
It had been a steady grind of exams
& grading for a week. Now a week or
two of quiet before the final thrust
at the end, when what has not been
learned by the student, is crammed
down his throat, whenever possible.

I'm sure too many people are trying
to learn, or are being made to learn,
too many things best left alone
by them.

There is no news at all to write
you. So all for now. Did send this
special & pray you will get it tomorrow.
Love to all,

George.

not to take special notice of it. So I
send you no material gift, but rather my
love & gratitude as I would on any
other day, which is both a Mother's and a
Father's Day. I hope Sunday will be, as
all days, a happy one for you.

Our plans for this week-end have not
changed and if the promise of fair weather
keeps until tomorrow noon four of us will
start for Mt Washington at that time.
I was up on a high ridge this after-
noon from which I could see the White
Mts. There was quite a haze, however,
and I fear it may develop into cloudiness
for Sunday. I hope not.

It was with a sigh of relief that
I tabulated my last grade on

Cassackie N.Y.
May 13/33

Dear George -

Sorry I did not get this letter off to you yesterday, every day seems to be so full, it is always just so this time of year. Today is cloudy & muggy. Margareta has just gone home - I try to keep busy with her as that is the way to get the most out of her, but I sometimes despair at the details she neglects. Harold went to Albany yesterday at 5 - to a formal dinner at 7 - he returns to-night with a friend for over Sunday.

Tuesday we all went to Albany after dinner. Auntie went to the dentist & did a lot of shopping. I insisted on her woman going to be with her so far & I could go off alone and shop.

We both bought hats & coats. We
wont all over for my coat but
finally bought it in Philbunp for
\$78. cheaper ones were no good.
That is all we bought & then went
up to Y.W.C.A. at 5 - we rested
an hour before the others came.
Mr had supper before com-
ing home - Auntie footed bill.

I'm sorry this woman can't
stay always - she is quite calcu-
lated for the job. The new
one comes Tuesday from
Glen Rock, N. J. where she has
kept house for a minister.
I hope she will be ok. Really
Auntie is better than she has
been since she was first
taken ill - I thought she'd be sick
after going to Albany but she
was real sprey next day.

Pa has been greatly annoyed
for several days because the
oil heater in cellar refused
to burn. He got a new wick
& cleaned it all out & lost
considerable time & temper.
Last night Milbu came &
lumbered with it but could
not make it work - he said
he'd come again but he
was not feeling very good on
account of a bad cold.
We miss the ever present
hot water. All still using
the wood stove - oil & lard
is out doors waiting to be painted.
We have the little room clean &
squared - it must have a new
rug but we could not get it
just now. I think we will

soon move up stairs maybe
next week & then here room
can be cleaned as soon as
pa has time to tend to the floors
Asparagus season is on and
you know what that means.
I'm so sorry for pa he does
get so tired and it seems he
cannot stop. He says I
must tell you Europe is off
for this year - it might be the
means of losing his job for one
thing - at this time. Also every
thing here would have to go by
the boards - land chicks etc.
Ma got a load of chicks Monday
& that means so much running
Had 2 letters from E. this week. She
has had 2 talks w/ Dr. J. about
her job - guessing she cares if she's
well & finishes up this year's work.
Just wrote to Rev. - Now I must finish
up what Mary did. told.
Dore - Mother.

Cape Cod, N.Y.

May 19/33

Dear George-

Clock just struck & and I am reminded I have just 1 hr. to write to you & try before papers go. Still not. Margaretta, I am too tired to write much. We are house cleaning to-day - moving up stairs for the summer. Will not be able to send you laundry till to-morrow as the ironing is not finished. Harold left after dinner for Freetown - He goes to N.Y. Sunday he will not get home till Tues. Guess it is a combination of business & pleasure. He had a refuse sale in Newellton on Tues - wish he could have plenty of such jobs.

This has been rather a hectic week. Auntie was taken ill very suddenly

on Thursday. She was very well Sat-
urday & Sunday. She took a long
ride with H. & was here to call. The
trouble is a clot in knee - due to
heart trouble. The pain was very
severe & the knee badly swollen.
She has been in bed ever since and
has two women here - the old one
who does nursing also & the new one
who arrived Tuesday. Dr Van &
has been attending her but to-day
he went to hospital for sinus op-
eration. She seems to be improving
and Dr. thinks the trouble will pass
off & she will get around again.

The new lady is very aristocratic in
appearance - I can't imagine her
travelling and I really wonder if she will
stay tho' she has no real home any
where else. Pa is pushed to death with
the asparagus - He must cut it every
day and the market is poor - low
prices & so many peddlars about.
He had a man $3\frac{1}{2}$ da. this week but
does not feel he can afford it. We

see very little of Wilbur - he is working on his building - it must be most completed. I wonder where & how he gets money to live or pay for the work & how he will buy tools etc. He says nothing to us.

Jesse Powell is in very bad shape. He was in the hospital but is home now. He has cancer of the lung and is looking for an operation. I feel sorry for Eliza & all of them.

Our tulips are at their best now but there are crocus many as a year ago - must have winter killed. Pa has just set out a clump of evergreens in spots where the flowers were along the road. He would be happier if he had nothing to do but make the place look nice but the other work seems to be drudgery. The

oil heater for the water has
been just a nuisance of late -
it got out of order some way &
Myron & Wilbur Lane spent
considerable time trying to
get it adjusted again but it
is not just right yet. It goes
out for no apparent reason so
we are never sure of hot water.

Well I must stop & try to get a
few lines written to Eva.

Hope you enjoyed your
trip last week end & did not
get too tired.

Your special received Publi-
cary night - Thanks for the lov-
ing message.

Looney,
Mother.

May 22, 1933.

Dear Mother + Father

Apparently I shall have to give up Friday afternoon or letter writing time. Last Friday afternoon was beautiful + Jack wanted me to go with him to Parliament, promising to be back early. But it was nearly class-time when we got back. The ride was well-worth the time. The apple orchards were in full bloom - there are many around here + one could see fields of white in every direction. I can't remember seeing whole orchards in

and got as uncomfortably warm as it had been cold before.

We were up at seven the next morning, the sun shining brightly. After a wash in the river nearby we had breakfast at the hut and then started up the mountain. We did not take any of the trails for all of them still had a lot of snow in places - there were many people there skiing. We went up the carriage road which made the distance a little over eight miles, - the vertical climb is about 4300 feet. Only about a half mile of the road was still under snow, but much of it was so badly washed out that walking on it was as tedious as an ordinary trail. For half the distance

blow since I was living in Coxsackie.

Our trip to Mount Washington runs off as planned. We started on Saturday under most unpromising weather & forecasts of weather, but with the assurance of one of the party that Sunday would be fair. We reached the foot of the mountain shortly after six and secured a room with four beds in the Appalachian Mountain Club Hut. It was very cold and damp and we put on all our available clothes before going off in the woods to cook our supper. We had brought along about four pounds of meat half of which we cooked for supper heating the steak on a farbed stick. By the time supper was over the wind had changed, it began to clear

we were sheltered from the wind but
were in the full sun which was quite
hot. For the last few miles we were
exposed to the wind which was
blowing it from sixty to seventy
miles an hour sometimes across the
mountain & sometimes up. We
stopped about three miles from the
summit, built a fire & cooked
the rest of the meat. The sun
cleared away all the clouds and the
whole country for miles was in
full view - we could see a mountain
at York on the coast though we could
not see the ocean. The birds were
just hushing so that everything
was reddish brown in color, the
general effect of the terrain being that

of a huge relief map. We reached
the top by one-thirty. It was quite
cold there, being nearly down to
freezing. We spent nearly an hour
there, resting, eating again & talking
to the men at the observatory. We
came down in slightly less than
three hours, and were back in Escher
aboutly after nine o'clock. It's a great
climb but not one to be done very
often unless you get used to it - it
took me four days to get the kinks out
of my muscles.

On east Wednesday a number of the
faculty here went down to Audam for
the afternoon, the faculty there
receiving us at sea in the Dues. They
certainly have a much finer layout

summer. I have also given up the
idea of going. I shall be at the
Harvard summer school again. I
shall not be registered there but
shall be living in one of the dormitories
with Jack and working in the library.

I am sorry that you feel you
must exert yourself so much on
the plane. If you don't get rid of
some of the asparagus I shall be
tempted to pour kerosene on it
when I get home.

All for now. In four weeks this
year's attempts at explaining the
mysteries of mathematics will be
over. Please keep well & don't work
so hard. Love to all,
George. (Oll)

than we have. Of course their development
has been completed and everything is
ship shape as it is difficult really to
compare the two places at present.

On Saturday Jack & I made a ~~hurry~~
hurried trip to Boston to meet a man
who was staying here Saturday night.
He all got up at six yesterday morning
and drove him down to Boston, about
fifty-five miles from here. We were
back again before eleven-thirty. So
you see I don't want for getting about
the country in a car - in fact I'm
not very anxious to see a car for
quite a while.
~~I am~~ sorry you have had to
give up the European trip this

P.S. Please send me a driver's
license renewal blank post-back,
I must send the renewal applications
this week

Also I should like to have you send
my insurance policy of the Mutual
Life Ins. Co. of New York with in a
week or two. There is some change
to be made in it.

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Catsackie, N.Y.

May 25 / 33

Dear George-

His time for bed but I want to send you the license blank and will enclose a short letter. I meant to write earlier but we've had company all evening.

We were greatly relieved to get your letter yesterday. You surely have some auto trip - a ride will be no treat to you at home this summer. Had a long letter from E. - guess she means to get home around July. She says she is very well now. After this week she will have no regular classes.

We had a nice surprise Sunday - Uncle Frank came up on an excursion to Albany but didn't get down here till 4 o'clock. We met him at bus & took him to see Auntie first. Then we brought him home for supper & after going to see Mr. & Family just a few minutes we

all drove to Ashens so he could
take the 8 o'clock ferry for the
N.Y. Central train. He looks good
and seemed to enjoy his visit -
says he'll come again this sum-
mer.

Jennie Miller surprised
us for dinner that day but left
just as Uncle Frank says. It
was a busier day than we had
planned for, so I had to rest
out next day. I have not been do-
ing any thing this week but hope
to be able to rest well. Pa has
been very busy too - spraying, making
the garden etc. He has stopped cut-
ting 2 rows of asparagus & can
hardly get rid of the rest. Had a
man $\frac{1}{2}$ day yesterday & to-day.

Harold got back from his trip
at noon Monday, so he did not
see Uncle Frank.

I was down to Auntie's this afternoon
to straighten up her stove room & do
some clearing up of odds & ends she
was fussing with the day she was
taken ill. The nurse left Tues night

and next day Auntie got dressed &
gets around again but has probably
been further than the porch. The
New woman is not satisfied & wishes
is Auntie with her, so here must be
another change the sooner, the
better.

Eva wrote she had passed her
French - I'm so glad she has that
off her mind. We are also glad
you have decided not to cross
the ocean this year - Conditions
in Germany do not seem very
inviting for strangers to go there.
I'm glad, too, you are not going
to teach at summer school -
You need a rest from that after
such a busy year. Wish you
were to be home more but I know
you want to make hay while the
"sun" shines.

Pa has gone up to bed so I guess
I'll say "so long" till next time.
Love, Morkie.

Do Miss Hought
back yet?

May 31, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

We have had two dark rainy days, - regular Memorial Day weather it seems - I thought of you yesterday & wondered where you were having the convention this year and if you were having a fine day. We had a holiday, of course, and I took the day off until four thirty, working steadily from then until bedtime. In the morning I went out in the country with the boys, in the rain, to get a couple of

The last lap is upon us - these few days have been a relief with a Saturday, Sunday, a holiday and a Wednesday afternoon off. From now on we shall be in the thick of it until the end on June 17th. I had planned to go down to Bost. for over Saturday night but Saturday was such a bad day, that having no way to go except by train, I stayed here the whole week-end. I shall probably make that trip this Saturday. Mrs. Hoff came home a week ago tomorrow, having had a very quick & plain crossing. I had a Weta from Danard

Marassin flower plants for a friend of theirs in New Jersey who was here & wanted to take a few plants back. I have never seen the marassin flower growing before, and have only seen a few plants this year, but I have seen & heard of people with great numbers of them as they can't be very rare. Someone told me yesterday where to find both white & yellow lady-stoppers and I hope to go there before the season is over. The ones we found yesterday were growing in about six or eight inches of rotted pine needles.

adjusted soon. It does seem that
with all the unemployment one could
get a satisfactory woman at small
expense.

No more of any interest just now.
Hope you are keeping well & not
trying to do too much. Cut out
the side two rows of asparagus -
except for a little piece that
I may have some straight from
the field when I get home.

Love to all,

Grays.

Catsgetkie Wf

June 2/33

Dear George-

Time flies so fast when one is kept busy, that Sunday's here almost before I realize it. I meant to write directly after breakfast but when dishes were done, J. Bomys was here and also Cooper to fix the telephone. Incidents happen so rapidly in the "Van Schaack Inc." that I do not think the "new" national administration has anything on us. The housekeeper at 61 has departed for Falls in N. J. Thursday morning - she has a tale too long to relate here. Mrs. Fitchell of Chinax is the latest in cure house and I fear about 2 w also will fix her up. I have another one in mind and the one in hospital is getting along & may be out soon. Auntie Edna gets along and is

and is now for some new stimuli.
So no knowing what next is coming.
We are all torn up here again this
time the sitting room which has been
furnished & I hope by to-morrow
will be ready to fix up again. Yes-
terday was hard day and so we
are generally in a mess.

The R.D. meeting Tuesday was
held in Catskill at the American
Legion room on Green St. As it
was a stormy day, it was fortunate
we had planned an indoor pic-
nic. It was an ideal place as
we had the whole building which
is very pleasant and comfortable
with all equipment for getting meals
& eating. A log fire in the fireplace
made it cheerful and warm.
There were 10 Carrels and with
the families & friends 34 in all.
We took Mrs Roberts with us. Pa
was again elected delegate and

of course, he needed no coaxing.
Personally I would not be spend
the cost for me in some other
way. Harold went to Henry
& Nell's to dinner and to Auntie's
to supper after taking her for a
ride - it cleared about 3 o'clock.
Wednesday he went to Albany, re-
turning for supper yesterday. His
Auntie he has gone to Durham's vicinity
to get information on an auto acci-
dent. He expected to take Jessie
who I believe is to perfect herself
in driving the Chev. Coupe pre-
paratory to driving Auntie - I
had nothing whatever to do with
either suggesting this or arranging
for it.

Pa saw in paper yesterday that
Mr. Stuyler had an auto ac-
cident in Catskill May 30 -
both cars were smashed - no
other particulars

I am truly sorry for Mr. & Mrs.
Raymond Zwedy - I heartily
sympathize with them but
I'm sure the least said is
the soonest mended; there must be some
cause or reason that they &
Harold know.

I do hope Eva can arrange
to be home before you go back to
Cambridge, I am looking
forward eagerly to the home com-
ing of you both. The garden is
beautiful again - tulips are fine
but so many other flowers are out
& the poppies just ready to burst
open. Asparagus has slowed up and
strawberries just starting - we've
had them once from our own patch
another few days they'll be plentiful;
Pa continues rushing from one thing to
another & is so nervous he is restless most
every night now. He will have to let up soon
or the Lord will force him to. - Now it is
11.30 - I must write a few lines to Eva.
Sincerely,
Theodore

June 9, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

We are in the midst of the annual hot spell of June. Our proximity to the sea doesn't seem to moderate the temperature enough to make it comfortable. But it may be worse where you are so I have no complaint. However, it's quite a job to keep these young things at work for more than a few minutes at a time. But there's only one week left of it and well hope it turns cool.

I spent last week end in Cambridge as I wrote I might. I stayed with Miss Hayes, who, mercifully for me, had other calls Saturday evening, and who had to go away early Sunday morning. She still found time however to pump me full of whatever it is she pumps people full of. Her sister's whole family had been in an auto accident two weeks before with her sister quite seriously injured. She had been in the hospital two weeks and was still unable to move herself in bed.

I spent Saturday evening at the Saunders. I had hoped to see Sam but they told me at the Featherich.

Thence that he had left Cambridge a week before for good. On Sunday morning I went down to see Prof. Morse and was there until after dinner. I met some of my friends of last year at dinner, and called on a couple of them afterwards. Then I walked up to see Mrs. Gray whom I haven't seen since 1931. I found her home but asleep and her son would not call her. So after waiting for over half an hour more on her forming a conversation with him I came away. I then had just time enough to catch my train back. Yesterday I took my first deliberate cut of the year, going down to Boston

early with the Hays to meet a friend
from Newfoundland. It was a terribly
hot day and we rode with the top
down in the beating sun. All of
us were pretty well melted when
we got back.

I don't know yet when I shall be
able to get away from here. Probably
not before the 21st or 22nd. I
think I shall go straight to
Danbury for a few days. That
will save me the time & money of
making a special trip after I get
home, and make sure that I
am home while Eva is there.

I am sending no laundry this
week for the hot weather has

used of my supply so, I haven't
enough to last me until I
could get it back. I have sent it
all off to the woman who does
my shirts.

Well, that seems to cover the
ground up to the present. The future
holds five or six more excursions which
must be prepared & given the first
days of next week. As for now.

Love to all

George.

P.S. Could you send me my
N.Y. Mutual Insurance Policy?

G.

Catsackie Wp

June 9/33

Dear George - It has been up & down
to get a chance to write to you
all day. What a dreadful hot
spell we are having - I hope it
will soon let up & cool off. I am
due up street in about an hour
and a half to be cashier at Shaw-
Terry festival + cafeteria supper.
I try to consent to help out by
an easy job like that but I sel-
dom agree to do kitchen work.
A thunder shower is threatening
+ if it comes, may be it will be
cooler. Margretta has been here
2 days finishing up the cleaning -
I will not have her or Glen after
this. Pa had a man 4 afternoons
this week, but he says that must be
Some different rules & regulations
next year - he cannot continue this

shrimous business. This afternoon
he is planting a second lot of
corn & I hear him filling it the
horse. He says to be out in
the hammock where Ammie is
now - She has lived under the
Maples on First Lane for 2 days.
The tale of the last horsekeeper
is tragic & she was very incompe-
tent & half crazy & Ammie al-
most collapsed the last day
which ended just one week.
Harold brought her here Wed-
nesday afternoon & she was
almost a wreck but has recup-
erated considerably. We have
another woman hired but she
cannot come till middle of
next week. She seems completely
has done similar work & also
run a boarding house. Her sister
is an aunt of Pauline's by mar-
riage - She is highly recommended

by Mrs Grace Zumptkins. If she
is as competent as I think, it
will be a big relief to us all.
She can drive a car and
they can run to their hearts
content.

Harold has been to Albany
twice this week - yesterday at-
tended the Alumni luncheon
at Law School.

We have Bergies to burn but
no one picks them to sell. Fan-
nie came yesterday & picked
16 baskets (for help) for the
Festival to - night. Mrs Berlin
has just taken 2 baskets home
& Milton & Jessie are picking
now.

I am looking forward
to your home coming - What

day will it be?

Now I must stop &
get dressed - I dread to
be dressed up when it is
so hot.

Hope all is o.k. & a
letter will come from
you to-morrow.

Sincerely
Mother

had another attack this time in her left
ankle which swelled & was painful the early
part of this week. But she insisted on being
up part of the time & dressed & would not
have the doctor. I treated it the same
as her leg had been caud for and perhaps
the Dr. could not do any more than that.
She phoned this AM. She is much better. I'm
glad she is home for I feared she might
be ill in bed here! This has been a very
cold week and we had fire in furnace three
days for we could not make a fire any
other way. It was too bad she could not be
out doors as she was last week. I have
not been sleeping well all Spring & lately
got so I did not sleep till noon morning.
Pa got me medicine from Dr. & I've had
three good nights. Garden is beautiful
with new blossoms continually opening.
The birds finished up the cherries so we
did not have one sweet one - now they are
after the others & the berries. Shaw berries are
plentiful but Pa hates to spend the time to
pick them, so many are given away to those
who will pick for themselves. - This noon
a friend of Eva's (Edith Middelgen) from Y. J.
called to see Eva - her mother & brother were with her.
Mother Jessie & B just drove in, so I'll stop here -
no more news anyway. Hope all is O.K.
& we'll see you soon. Love, Mother

Phillips Exeter Alumni Attend Student Rally

College Baseball Game With Andover Scheduled for Today

Special to the Herald Tribune

EXETER, N. H., June 9.—The annual Phillips Exeter alumni convention opened tonight when the guests attended the rally of the entire student body previous to the annual Exeter-Andover baseball game tomorrow.

Following the rally, at which several of the alumni spoke, the Dramatic Association presented Holworthy Hall's one-act play "The Valiant." Members of the cast included Henry Esberg, New York; Byron Bennett, New York; R. C. Clark, Derby, Conn.; W. G. Coe, Woodbury, Conn.; Gordon Kay, Newtonville, Mass., and Daniel Keyes, Concord, Mass. After the play Dr. Lewis Perry, principal, received the alumni at the Exeter Inn.

The program tomorrow includes the general meeting of the Alumni Association in the morning, at which the new officers will be elected. In the afternoon the alumni will be guests at the fifty-fourth Exeter-Andover baseball game. In the evening various classes will hold reunion dinners. The alumni are expected to attend the service in the Phillips Church on Sunday morning.

June 20, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Sorry to have kept you waiting for a letter but these are busy days.

However, things have slackened up today - college board exams are on and I have now only to give help as it is asked for, and there is surprisingly little asked for.

The hot spell mercifully broke last Wednesday so we were able to finish up comfortably. It is warm again

with the Stagg. That evening they
and I were over to the Rogers for
dinner. He didn't get home until
nearly midnight after which I had
a long conference with the senior
on my plan who had failed his
diploma. Consequently I was very
sleepy on Sunday, and it being a
rainy day, I spent most of it in
doors taking it easy.

I am leaving here on Thursday
morning for Danbury. David
will meet me in Bridgeport. I shall
probably stay there until sometime
on Tuesday or Wednesday possibly
coming home thru New York.

All for now. I hope you are

now but not unaccountably so. A week
ago Sunday I was taken down to
the beach and was in the water for
the first this year. There was a
stiff sea breeze so that the water ^{was}
uncomfortable, which it hardly ever
is along this part of the coast.

Exber was in a great furor of
excitement Saturday morning. Someone
received a telegram saying that
Roosevelt had just died. The news
spread almost instantly and everyone
had heard it in no time. It was
sharply contradicted, however, the
explanation being that the coast
"arrived" had been mistaken for "died".
I went down to Boston Saturday

planning on some sort of a good
vacation for yourself.

Love to all,

George.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

June 23/33

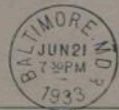
Dear George.

I have just written a long letter to Eva but will be brief with this one as my time is short before mail closes. Friday always seems to creep on us unawares whether it is in Exeter or Coxsackie. I am glad you are out of the harness anyway and hope you will have a very pleasant trip. Please remember us kindly to the friends there.

I was rather peppy the first of the week but have speeded up some tho' I am not yet over ambitious. I feel relieved that there is a cause - but woman running the New St.

hunch and I do hope this "reign" will
last a long time. This the first week
in a long time I have been able to shake
off the load of responsibility. My car
has had plenty of exercise and I think
for once Auntie must get her fill of
riding with a housekeeper who is also
a chauffeur.

Did I tell you Jerry & I will spend last
week - H. has tonight getting the estate
which is evidently more than we imagined.
Work on State reformatory is started and
will soon be in full swing. Melvin Kelly
took up his "De Luxe" garage about July.
B. Gammans is to be his partner, his
haying is in progress at Chesham so is re-
sided of the work also $\frac{1}{2}$ the crop by H. Kelly
"mum". Cool this week dry & windy - a nice
shower Wed. night with terrible humidity and
leaving. Berries almost gone also De Pauze
have privatisation to Cambridge University
next from Jones - quite an achievement for him.
There is an old saying "All good things come to
those that wait" So I am waiting with patience
Long long looked for Louise Comings. Daisie de
Luz looked more - how did Linda & Melv. Mother



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs Myra B. Van Schaack
Caprache
New York

Tuesday night.
Another heat wave!
I am working hard
but can't make the
progress I had planned.
I don't see how I can
leave before July 12th or 13th
unless I should like
to heat hair for the
12th and see Ethel
before that. - Send a
Christian Intelligence
Bulletin - any number
will do - I destroyed
those which you sent and
I saw someone who wants
one - Don't melt!
Love, Eva.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr George Van Schoek
Coxsack
N. Y.

The Alumni Association of the Coxsackie High School will give an informal dance for the 1933 graduates at Haas Hall on Wednesday, June 28, 1933.

Annual business meeting at Haas Hall at nine o'clock, dues fifty cents.	Dancing at nine-thirty. Dancing and refreshments fifty cents.
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Please come and bring your friends.

Margaret Varden,
Secretary

Cossackie W.V.
July 10/33

Dear George -

Sorry I did not get a line off to you on Saturday, but in the usual rush, I neglected to do so. Everything runs along here as usual. We had a nice shower Saturday night just after La Matrona the plants. So they had a double dose. But it was only a drop compared to what we need and it is just as dry as ever.

Harold got started for points south at 2 Saturday afternoon; he planned to stop overnight at Leonia. Probably his little. He & Co. are busy packing & moving or maybe shopping. He said he wanted to get back

By Wednesday night but I doubt
if I will be ready to start so
soon.

Friday afternoon we went to
Albany taking Auntie & Mrs. Car-
man with us. It was very hot
and Auntie had not felt as
well as usual for a couple of
days, but she insisted on going
to see the dentist & doctor. She
also went to bank but I would
not let her do any shopping.
I took her to the Y. M. C. A. while
we did our shopping. Pa bought
some things at Mr. Mann's Ricks
but not a suit. I got a few odds
& ends and ordered a pair of
shoes like I got in Boston last year.
I will have to go in a couple of
weeks again to get them. We
all had supper at J. W. &
then went to the doctor's as he
was not in in afternoon. It

has my first glimpse of the
heart specialist and I was
favorably impressed as to his
intelligence & manner, but
don't see he did not tell Auntie
the whole truth. He said she
was doing fine - to keep on in
same manner & she would
live a long, long time. He
gave her no medicine at all.
She has been failing we all think
the last week & her trip did not
help. She did no walking at
all, but her leg is painful and
swollen again, yet she came
here to call yesterday when
she ought to have been to bed.
The maid said she sees a big
change in her since she came.
While she was in Detroit I
went to see Dr. Dodge - one of

My arch supports is
cracking, so he is to make
a new one.

Pa is ready to go, so I'll
stop. Was glad to get
your card but at first
a little shocked at "St
Peterburg" till Pa explained.
Hope you are really re-
sated & will enjoy the
summer here if such
a thing is possible when
working so hard.

Love

Walter.

Capsackie, W.V.;

July 24/31

[Envelope 1932]

Dear George.

I'm sorry I did not get a letter off to you before this but perhaps Eva's was sufficient for Jim since she gave you all the news that was worth reporting. In fact, I was on the shelf for several days and do not feel the least bit "peppy" yet, tho' I have been quite busy all morning. I was in bed Friday and Saturday and part of Sunday. Guess I was rather tired out and perhaps imbibed a bit too much cold food and rich foods of late. I was very dizzy and

Thoughts perhaps my blood pressure
was down again so Pa called
Dr. Van. He said the pressure
was 148 and the dizziness was
due to stomach trouble. We
have been going thro' a worse
hot spell for most a week -
had two good heavy showers
that revived the garden some &
added to our water supply.
But we still need very much a
good steady rain.

We all staid home yesterday
afternoon & tried to keep as cool
as possible, half dressed - it
was just bearable in front lawn -
the porch gets so hot from the
barred roof when there is no breeze.
Mr. Kurivick is very ill again - he
has been in Albany Hospital

and on Saturday they brought him home to die. There was a tragedy at the beach here on Saturday night when a young man was drowned - Auntie was down there & right in all the excitement. She has been here often lately but only for a little while each time. For various reasons we have taken a dislike to - Mrs. Carmen & Auntie has not brought her in as she used to do. I broke the news to Auntie about going to Maine & the first thing she said was to ask to go with us. It hurt me to have to refuse to take her but I am relieved that she knows now about it and has not resented my much my refusal to take her. She seems fairly well now tho' the old symptoms are still present - and

they have scoured the country by the
mills driving out once or twice
every day - really too much for
Lee, I think, but don't interfere.
Melhu & Bernard are about
ready to open up - expected to do
so to-day but could not yet as
the electricity is not yet looked
up.

Pa and I plan to start for
Utica Thursday after dinner -
will probably return Saturday
night tho' may stay till next
day some where -

Hope you are not working too
hard and wish you the best
of success in your present un-
dertaking. - Must stop now.

Regards to Mr Hoff -

Lovingly,
Mother

July 27, 1933.

Dear Mother + Father

You remember that I promised you that you wouldn't hear from me when I was writing this thesis. Well, I scarcely meant that but I was too busy + tired the past two days to get anything off to you. I did remember yesterday afternoon that you would be going to Utica

The sky continues to be very decent weather for work. We have had quite a bit of rain within the last few days so that things are looking now as much greener.

I'm glad you are off on this in a little faint and hope you will enjoy it.

I called Miss Hayes up slightly more than a week ago. She was leaving the next morning for Albany to go to a camp with some friends on Lake George. Can you imagine her sleeping in a tent?

Today and meant to write you a note but it stopped my mind again. So I'm just saying hello this way hoping it will reach you somehow.

I have the thesis practically written, such as it is, and shall spend this evening polishing it and then start typing it tomorrow. It is over ninety pages of script and since I type with rather slowly it will take me at least three days to do it. I reckon it will condense to between 40 and 45 typewritten pages.

She said she might drive down
to Concordia, but I rather doubt
that she will. She is to be there a
month.

Allyan now. Best wishes &
love.

George.

Middleborough K-21

August 2, 1933.

Dear Mother + Father,

Apparently you have decided not to write me a letter until I write you one for I have had nothing from you this week except the card from Uetien. Did you get the letter I sent to you in charge of the convention? I'm glad you had a good time there and hope you weren't too warm out by the heat.

Three sides of us was the most magnificent I have ever seen. Unfortunately it had not rained in Cambridge so that it wasn't much cooler here - and it has continued to be fairly hot here, but a rather dry heat which is easier to bear.

I got the thesis finished on time & handed it in yesterday morning. It was just fifty-one pages long. I have been relaxing more or less since then, although I have done some studying today.

I called Morris on the phone

The heat was pretty awful here last week-end. Some of us rode up to Exeter in Mr. Hagg's car Sunday afternoon in a most blistering sun. The air was so hot that it was better riding than standing still. Before we started home a tremendous thunder storm came up. We waited until it passed on and then rode down with it just in front of us. It rained very little on the way home but had rained quite a lot just before we went through so that we in the scramble seat were glad to have our overcoat! The lightning, or

yesterday for the first time this
summer. He came over last
evening for dinner & then we
went in town to a movie. I
am going down to the Cape
with him on Friday afternoon,
not returning until sometime
on Monday.

The next week - and you will
be on your way to Maine, won't
you? Do you still plan to go
through Exeter? If you do I shall
plan to be there to meet you
Sunday morning or afternoon, -
I reckon it would be too much
to plan to reach Exeter by

Saturday evening.

On the next Tuesday (the 15th)
Dowdell is driving his mother up
to Beth, Maine. They are coming
through Cambridge and I
am going on with them. Dowdell
& I shall stay in Mt. Cocum
two nights and he will drive
back to Danbury on Thursday,
dropping me off at Exeter. Then I
must pack up and get my goods
in shape for moving. Then I
shall come to Ocean Park for
two or three days, after which
I shall start for home via Danbury

where I shall stay until you
get back to Cascahie.

Well, its now quarter - past five
and time for my second bath today - a
vain effort to feel cool. Just be
cool.

Love to all.

George.

Caspachie, Tex.

Aug. 4/33

Dear George -

I felt conscience struck
en yesterday when your letter came
because I had not written to
you. Every day I thought of it but
the time slipped by and no let-
ter written. Just after sending you
the card last Friday, I began to
feel ill but got ready & went to the
banquet - I could not eat and had
only a pot of hot tea. I don't know
whether it was the extreme heat which
was almost unbearable, or the change
of water but I was ill all night and
staid in bed next day till 5 when
we came home reaching here at 10
So it was not a very pleasant trip for
me but pa paba big kick out of it -
there was a big crowd, yill & plimston
I did not regain my self till Tues.
and because of the extreme hot
weather have accomplished little.

So we all went to Wilbur's
supper as it was his birthday.
He has been doing business since
July 25 with Bernard Jennings
as partner - they have been very busy.
Bessie came Wednesday AM.
for her vacation. She has been
good tho' busy as usual, and
Harold took her home after break-
fast this AM. We had another
to supper last night - she leads
rather a monotonous life & I
felt I cannot bother next week.
She seems to be fairly well, but I
am not satisfied with her
housekeeper. She keeps the
house clean, but is out so
much - every afternoon when they
don't go for a ride & every night too.
She has no interest in the home
nor in Auntie's appearance. But
for the present, we can do nothing.

Had a fine change in weather
last night and the day is very
cool & breezy. With a nice rain
fell in the night & everything
looks refreshed.

In regard to Pa's shirt, the size
must be 15^{1/2} (sure) - We
are planning to go to Albany
this afternoon - Auntie wanted
to go, but I had to say "no" as it
is too much of a proposition when
we have so much to do ourselves.
Did I tell you Kate & Grace had
planned to go to Ocean Park
before ~~we~~ they knew my plans
they will be there from the 20th for
2 weeks. - We have rooms at the
Chauncy. I was sorry Ira could
not go with us, but perhaps it is
nicer for her to see the doctor, when
there can be no rain regrets.

She has not rested much but
it seems she must keep on
the move all the time. But
She says she's had a good time
& seems to be glad to do just what
she wants to - "The front hall up stairs
is her lab". She expects to leave
next Thursday by bus for Mich.
I will have a busy Friday getting
this place in shape to have people
come here - she is so rest & I
can't leave an upset house.

Glad to hear the paper is com-
pleted & congratulate you on the job.
You must feel relieved. - We have
not yet planned our route but
will try to get to Detroit by noon or earlier
on Sunday the 13th. - Tell us just
where to meet you if not at the Dome.
Hope you will stay with us at D. D.
more than 2 or 3 days - a week at least
if possible. - Now I must get busy -
It's most 11th I have much to do be-
fore noon. Love,
Lounigley, North
We reach Wednesday

August 9, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father

Very glad to find your
letter waiting Monday morn
when I arrived from Morris.
It was too bad you had such an
unhappy ending to your trip to
Utica - if the heat was anything
there as it was here I don't wonder
you were ill.

I shall be looking for you in

cold that one doesn't want to
go in and not so warm that
one feels enveloped afterward.
Morris isn't much of a heart hound
so our trips were not long in
duration - I should have liked to
stay there longer.

I suppose things are humming
around home just now. I hope
Eva has nice weather to travel
in and that she won't find such
a long ride in a bus too tiring.
I should dread it myself.

All for now. Love to all,

George.

P.S. Bring laundry to Exeter with them mail.

Exeter for dinner on Sunday unless
I hear from you that you will
not be there until later. You
will find me at the dairy -
Sarah Merrill.

I had a very pleasant week-end
down on the Cape. We went by train
to Middleboro and then by car to
West Harwich, reaching there about
six o'clock. The weather was perfect
all the time, a very hot sun but
the air quite cool, and really
cold at night. I was in the ocean
twice - the water there is just the
right temperature for me, not so

Capeackie, N.Y.,
Sept. 23/33

Dear George-

Sorry I did not get a letter off to you yesterday for I know you will expect something this time. But as we went to Albany after dinner, I did not have a chance to sit down all morning. H. did not go with us all but went to Aunties to mow lawn(?) & staid there to supper - Mate at Y.W.C.A. I managed to get a suitable grey hat & left my black one to be re-blocked. Also took my winter coat & left it at a Tailors in Clinton Ave to be fixed over; found it would not pay to have new fur as it is so expensive but think it will be all right for this year & maybe two years. It will be thoroughly cleaned lining fur & and collar & cuffs made smaller so as to cut off the edges that are quite worn. Also got

the curtain material for our
4 windows & Eva cut them out
last night. We found remnants
in boxes for couch cover & one
position for doorway between the
front room & sitting room - Can
manage without the other if we
have that room shut up this winter.
Will fit the green over over for
H's room - they will keep out some
of the cold from the back rooms.
Pa looked at the oil stores in
Mont. Trade for office but
did not purchase of any.
H. went off this A.M. for
the camp up near Plattsburg
where Oliver has is staying - he
will not be back till Sunday
night or some time Monday -
"purely a business trip." John B.
has just arrived but I haven't
time to visit. Marysville is
here. Clean & Pa is Leeching

at odds & ends. She has planned a trip for to-morrow, taking Mr's family & starting before noon taking a chicken lunch. Wish we might have gone while you were home. The girls for very much and then I guess it will seem awfully - but of course, we soon get accustomed to it as you do to the change. Glad you arrived safely & your plan worked out O.K. By this time you have the wash - I will send the other things next week. We measured the curtains (Eradia) and find they will be just about 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ if I put a runner in top hem so as to make small ruffle over the rod. If you find there is anything else I can do for you let me know. Must stop now & get to work. Please excuse this paper. Will use better next time.
Done - Mother

Haller 7
Cambridge 38, Mass.
September 26, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

I reckon you are beginning to wonder when you are to have a letter from me. These first days here have been very busy ones for me - I have had little time to myself since Thursday afternoon when some Eckle boys came in followed, on later days, by admirers and residents of Hall's. I put up

This evening, is the 'Nazi Swast
victim', Rolf Kaltenbach. You
must have read of him in the
papers two or three weeks ago. He
is the boy who was beheaded down
by the Nazis in Berlin. He is a
most enthusiastic youngster and
entertained me for nearly two
hours, mostly with an account
of his fine days in Russia
this summer. He saw so much
in that short time and described
it so well that I began feel as
if I had had a two or three
months' tour of Russia.

I had Sunday free until five
o'clock. I didn't get up until noon

a notice Thursday night asking all
of the latter to call on me at their
earliest convenience and to date
twenty five of the thirty-one have
responded. Some of them have
stayed but a short time but others
have wanted to talk and have
stayed in here a half or two
hours. And there have been some
very interesting ones. On the whole
they are a very good group. Among
them is a grandson of President
Roosevelt who was here a long
time Sunday evening. He is a
great big boy but one of the
few who is not a swast. Another
who was here for a long time

and after dinner I went out back
of Belmont and had a two hours
walk in the woods there. I have
seen Marris twice - he had me
over to dinner last night, after
which we went to the movies.

My room is assuming a
semblance of comfort. I have
all my things unpacked but
have many of the little things
left to sort + put away. I
have my bureau in the lavatory
closet. I have put up books, bars,
etc. in the latter and thus
converted it into a very small
but very efficient dressing
room. The shallow closet in the

main room will give me plenty
of extra storage space. The latter
must have curtains made for
it. I bought the material (cash)
today. I shall send it to you
soon with directions for cutting
& sewing. I think it will be
fairly simple to do if you
use auntie's sewing machine.

I saw Prof. Morse this morning
and made preliminary arrangements.
Classes begin tomorrow. It is
not certain yet what I shall
have to teach. It is barely possible
that I shall have some junior
or senior lectures. Mr. Hagg came
down this morning & stayed for
lunch. They have been having a

I trust you won't be called upon to write. I think the directions at the top for replies are explicit enough. They ought to be with a lawyer in the family.

Well, it is after midnight & I must get to bed. I suppose Eva & Harold are in Baltimore tonight. Love to all,

George.

P.S. I enclose a clipping which explains our funding the eggs.

9.

rather anxious time with Margaret. She had her tonsils out about two weeks ago and was getting along fine until last Wednesday when she had a friend in and played with her ~~has~~ strenuously. A hemorrhage started in her throat about five o'clock & didn't stop bleeding until seven-thirty. She all but died and is, of course, still in considerable danger.

The office seems, for some stupid reason, to have destroyed the old card I had filed with them. Consequently I shall have to ask you to sign another one.

Cassackie Wf;

Oct 5/33

Dear George-

It is after five and we
just are home we start for Lee-
hold to the R.D. Gaugue. Time
flies so fast and there seems to be
so much to do that the fall is slip-
ping away and no house cleaning
started yet. This a.m. J. Bonner ^{was}
here on home & he just left when
Jessie came and W. came to din-
ner later. It has been a dark
day and is beginning to rain. The
three previous days have been beau-
tiful and so I took a ride twice
out in the country. Pa is pick-
ing apples but has not yet sold
the crop. There is little sale for the
apples or pears as only A No. 1's are
in demand. Harold went to
Albany yesterday morning and
will probably be home to-night.
Have not seen Ammie since
Sunday night when we stopped

in for a few minutes after church.
She went to Albany Tuesday & did
not get home till after nine, so
I guess she can stand most
anything after that.

I was very much concerned
about the curtains and regret
so much there is some error.
I confess I did not measure
them at all but left it all to Eva
and as she did it several times,
we tho't it was all o.k. She said
if I would run a row of stitching
for the rods just 3 holes from top
they would be just right length.
It seems strange they are short
for the idea hem was taken out
last year after washing. Either
your windows are larger than
those in other dorm or else the ma-
terial shrank far more than we
thought possible. I have tho't
and tho't and tried to plan how
we can remedy it, but cannot
come to any conclusion. I will ask

Even if she thinks we can face
the hem with same material
if so, we could do it at L. H. H. H.
Or, if you want, you can have the
new curtain material I have. The
only thing is, it would be wasteful
as they are all cut out and are
too long. I have the top hem in and
the lower hem measured & are
finished. I am so sorry and
want to fix it right, but don't know
just how - maybe you will figure
it out.

We were interested at C. V. S. R. -
He saw in paper he was at Harvard
& rooming with the Pres. R's son.
We wondered if Pres. R. is descended
from Van Schaack, too. Do you know?
I found a clipping in my desk, saying
that Geo. Roosevelt (James Pres.) grandfather
was Cornelius B. R. - so evidently Teddy's
great grandmother on his father's side
was a V. S. - incidentally, our tape measure are
exactly the same. Will mail back Sat. We
go to Halcott Sat. - pa is getting ready so I
must quit. Love - Mother.

Halls
Cambridge 38, Mass.
October 6, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

I reckon it's more exciting to receive letters irregularly, especially when you're not expecting them, but as you well know they're more likely to get written on the pending end, if written regularly. So I'm returning to my previous regular time, although life has been uneventful since Monday - in fact I have done nothing except work & more work - and that is of course what I'm supposed

me 33¢ postage (14 lbs. and \$25 insured) which I thought was too much and said so. He was so mean about it I forgot about the special handling. Isn't 33¢ too much?

Tomorrow night I go to the first symphony concert. I have subscribed this year to the Saturday series in Boston which means three concerts every four weeks. With all I have to do that will probably count for the larger part of my indoor recreation this winter. However, I do think I shall also devote two hours on Friday afternoon to attending a seminar on sociology. This seminar was instituted last year by a bio-chemist to study

to do.

I had a letter from Eva yesterday. She seemed quite pleased with her new room and the general arrangement. She seems, however, to be having some difficulty in the laboratory with Hatch again. I'll be glad when he gets a degree and marries.

Margaret Hays is in no serious danger, but she is still quite sick. Mr. Hays was down on Tuesday and left a note under my door saying she has a cold now. I do hope she'll pull through; it would be a terrible blow to him if she should die - they worship each other.

I'm wondering if the laundry reached you in time. I forgot to send it special handling. The clerk charged

the coast of an Italian sociologist. It was
largely attended, those coming being
mostly professors in all sorts of subjects.
You will find it an account of it in the
October Harpers by DeVoto.

As I reckon it, Sunday is your
thirty-first anniversary. I send you
sincere congratulations & much love
on its occasion and best wishes for
many more. I enclose a small check
with which ~~you~~ ^{can} be as extravagant as possible,
considering its size, in celebration of the
anniversary.

All for now. Love to all,

George.

P.S. What about the desk phone - I haven't
heard of its installation? 9.

Cossackie, N.Y.

Oct. 20/33

Dear George-

I just remembered this is letter day, so I quit writing to get a few lines written so pa can mail this noon. - Everything going along as usual. Harvests are getting better. He went to Albany to-day, he just in 2 or 3 weeks.

Having beautiful weather right along except Tuesday when we had heavy rain most all day.

Did not go anywhere Sunday except morning service - was glad to stay home & rest. He went for a long walk - about 8 miles.

Yesterday was Harvest Home but not like it used to be. Pa did not want to spare the afternoon to go as he is eager to get the center apples picked up for which

Last page

Had a heavy frost this week
around Lee but it was no so
all about us - the flowers in
lot are all spoiled - also veg.
there are a few near the house
yet.

Must now & pa will be
Lee any minute - so I must
close.

The enclosed clipping
is from Auntie's

Sincerely,
Wm. H. H.

Send papers to Eva
when you have read
them.

Margaretta is here starting the
house cleaning. Mr Lane decided
to sleep in the "parlor" this morn-
+ to-day we will move our
belongings down. Will send
laundry either this afternoon or
to-morrow - all is not well yet.
I kept 2 old pairs of socks that
we beyond mending.

Have worked some on the cur-
tains for you but find it none
of a job to get right than one would
think. Had the misfortune to
cut the first $\frac{1}{4}$ in too short but guess
it will say that much - so had to
make the rest the same. Funny
how the measurements will not
always tally - so I measure one
over till they do. The trouble was the
first edge was uneven but I did not
notice that in time. I have 3 ready
to sew and hope to send before next
week as soon as possible. (1st page)

He expects - 17¢ per 100 lbs. He sold
all the apples on the trees at 50¢
a bbl. & received \$24.50 for them.
Bessie was here all day yesterday
as there was no school - We all
went up to supper.

Amelia is as usual. Elsie balked
again this week & insists on \$16 per wk.
But I fear there will be another
hold up for more before long.

Have not heard from E. this week
but know she is busy.

Had a letter yesterday from Uncle
Frank - He is coming up Sunday.
Harold will meet him at
Ashens & they will go to Amelia for
dinner - then we'll probably take
him for a ride in afternoon. I sup-
pose he returns same day, but I
wrote & asked him to stay over
night.

Harris
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 20, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Just a month today since I arrived
back here - and now we are in fall
really & truly - the yard is covered
with leaves and men are about
raking them up all day. They rake
them in piles on huge canvases, after-
wards tying the canvases together
and lifting the whole package into
a truck. I haven't yet had yet to
see the full coloring - perhaps I
shall Sunday afternoon - but the

the latter could be obtained for as little as \$1500 and \$2000! So Saturday went without any work accomplished for the evening was occupied with the symphony concert.

Sunday morning a friend & I went in to the Community Church to hear Kaldenborn lecture on Hitler. He had planned to give an account of his trip there this summer, but the news on Sunday morning led him to change it to an interpretation of the recent events. I enjoyed his talk very much, he is a clear thinker and puts his points clearly. The hall was packed, over 2500 people, - he seems to be well known by the

coming week must not contain so much galavanting as the first one.

The Hagg came down on Saturday & had lunch with me after which we went in to Boston to meet his wife. The three of us went to a furniture store & spent most of the afternoon buying tea sets for their hallway in Exeter. The store was having a sale of oriental rugs at prices only slightly more expensive than domestic rugs and we had a hard time selecting a pair from the dozens of beautiful ones available. It always seems when I see oriental rugs in quantity like that that the whole population of the Orient must be engaged in making rugs. We also saw an exhibit of Persian shawls, wall hangings, etc. Some of

radio. I met Miss Hays on the
car coming home - He had been
there also - he is one of her favorites.

Morris couldn't get me a ticket for
Ramus, Juliet as I was able to stay
in Monday night. But he did get
tickets last night for Gakubowitz,
the pianist. It was the latter's first
concert in Boston in six years
and my first time hearing him.
We had seats in the third row and
had a perfectly gorgeous time. He
plays just right to suit me. About
half the audience stuck in their
seats until told to go home by
having the full house lights turned
on.

All for now, - I must rush off to the
sociological seminar. Love to all,
P. S. Hope Harold's fine & cold. 9. George.

Catsachie N.Y.

Oct. 26/33

Dear George-

Another week has rapidly rolled around. I know I will have no time to-morrow to write as we plan to go to Albany after dinner - especially to get my winter coat which has been up there at tailors on Central Clinton Ave since early in Sept. We are having real winter weather quite a surprise as the heavy frost last night which froze quite thick ice outdoors here! Pa pulled the cattle belts to-day & the tops were frozen. The leaves on the apple trees are all dead. Very strong north wind all day yesterday blew a big dead limb off elm tree in back yard. To-day has been beautiful tho' cold. Harold went to Albany & I hardly think he will return till to-morrow. He has Rev. Bosch as a chest now; the latter's car was run into & badly damaged out near Greenville. Last night

H. had his third case in Judge Haas' court (garage) - this time Meier & Mueller over the road business. Mrs Mueller had no lawyer & the case was adjourned.

I think I wrote you that Uncle Hank was coming up last Sunday. Harold met him in Athens at 11.30 & they had dinner with Auntie. About three o'clock we all started for the Mts. - after a visit to Riverside Camp - going up the Clone road & back by way of East Mudham; reached Louie just at 6. The day was not very clear so the view was not at its best, but both Auntie & Uncle F. were well pleased as we passed thro places they had often heard of & never been to. Jessie had the supper started and we had quite a reunion only I dished for Eva were here too. Uncle F. wanted to catch the 8.55 train at Mudham So N & W. took him to Athens for 8.30 ferry. Auntie was here for supper Tues.

While Elsie went to a Grange supper
at Echo Grange. We had a heavy
rain all day.

This week pa & I cleared out the
store rooms & consigned a quantity
of stuff to the junk heap - probably
you & E. would have disposed of
much more.

Last night I finished basting the
curtains and to-day Jessie stitched
them for me on her machine. After
pressing & sewing on the rings I
will mail them to you. If I can
get time to-morrow or Saturday
I'll try to finish them up. Sorry
they are $\frac{1}{2}$ in too short owing to
cutting the pieces a trifle less
than I meant to. I might have
made the hem narrower, but did
not think of ^{that} till I had 3 basted.
I tried them all on my curtain pole
and thought they looked even & long.
OK.

Not much news to write. Had a letter from Eva Luce. We think there is some thing unusual about her doings tho' she has not hinted it - and wonder if she has had her counsels out. If so, I don't know why she wouldn't say so. Auntie had a letter but would not tell me what was in it. Did I tell you Elsie struck for \$10 per wk. and even now I don't think she is satisfied - Auntie is really sick of housekeeping and house keepers.

Well I must stop - the wood fire must be about out and it is time to go to bed anyway. We went to prayer meeting to night - Rev. Bosch is trying to start this year but very few were out to night - how ever he had a very good talk on the S. S. lesson - he makes a fine teacher.
Dorothy. Mother.

Halliday
Cambridge 38, Mass.
October 27, 1933.

Dear Mathew & Facker,

I suppose Eva is in North Carolina
by now. I had a letter from her
this week, ^{saying} that if she possibly could
she would go on a botanical trip
to that state, starting yesterday and
not getting back until Tuesday Botany
seems to have more excitement in
it than mathematics - at any rate
it carries one about the face of the
earth every now and then.

I have done about thirty this past week.

I hope you had a nice visit with Uncle Frank, and remembered me to him. I haven't seen him in a long time.

You said in your last letter that Elsie had hatched again. - you hadn't said anything about it before.

I wonder if when Auntie first hatched her she didn't ask for more, but that Auntie beat her down to \$5. Of course Auntie said she didn't set any price, but that seems doubtful.

Glad Harold's face is getting better - probably largely due to

I have had only my usual two sprints this week - Symphony on Saturday evening and a walk on Sunday. I had Milton Talley over for dinner on Sunday. After dinner we drove out to the Yels in his car and had a two hour walk there. We climbed the lava there first and had the whole varicolored scene spread out before us. I think by what I saw that it must have been made hatched about two weeks ago, but still it was quite a sight.

The rest of the week I have spent in my chain writing. I am rewriting an early paper of Morris with refinements and additions. The whole will come to about forty or fifty printed pages -

that eight mile walk.

The mailman has just left a letter from the Furkhammers in Exeter. They will be down tomorrow to take me out to lunch. I shall be glad to see them again - they are most pleasant people.

All for now - my life is much quieter & more regular than in previous years, and the past week has been adequately described. Off now to the sociological seminar - I haven't yet learned what it's all about, but I shall stick it out until I write a friend.

Love to all
George.

Cossachie W.V.,
Nov. 3/33

Dear George-

How it is hor. already and we are having a typical day. Leaves have been falling thick & fast and the ground is well carpeted. Sky is overcast and rain threatening. This is Elsie's day out so I expect amuse here for the afternoon. I have the wash all ready to send & will mail this noon. Harold has been quite occupied & pre occupied of late over his latest case - an auto accident - Rev Bach's car. The latter is claiming damages and it looks as if there might be a real suit. His car was damaged \$700 worth (he was not in it) and a girl & man hurt slightly - the other party was evidently all to blame.

Last night we all went to a party

cake supper in chapel. The food was all fine & appetizing but quite indigestible for me at least - I knew I ought not to go but I did & had indigestion afterward - However in better & on the job as usual. I think the main cause was because I was tired & nervous. Pat & I put up the heater stone pipe in afternoon as usual. It was a mean, trying job. We were most 3 hours fusing with it & then we were in shape to go to bed, but we didn't. Mr. Lane both agreed it is the last time - if we have the man - Somebody else can do the job next year.

Tuesday night we had our usual Halloween Party. I was on the Committee of arrangements so did not mean to rig up. But I was persuaded

to do so. I had no idea or time to fear
So I happened to think of pretending
to be a college girl. I took the liberty
of using your cap & gown as there
was no time to ask you about it; was
lucky to get just the right color face
which made the disguise complete.
No one knew me & I was selected as
prize winner. quite a coincidence
that pa was also prize winner.
He meant to be a Phillips so as to
wear that big hat & Bonnet glasses.
But he proved to be a Coimacuan
& no one knew him either. There
was a big crowd and about 50 or 60
masked. H. was in Albany.
Last Sunday R. went to Mt. Hermon
with a fellow in Albany who is a grad.
& was there at the time H. was. They
had a fine day & was treated great.
Met several of their old tea ches.

Pa & I went calling part of afternoon
and then to Auntie's to supper.

Probably you have heard from
E. that they reached Bell. Falls trip.
It was fine she saw Peggy & that
a great trip it was. Best of all she is
feeling so good - I'm glad she went.
Well there is nothing new here and
I must hasten the dinner now as
it is most noon.

Hope all is ok. Love
Worship,

Harris
Cambridge 38, Mass.
November 3, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Nearly the end of a very beautiful but rather hectic week - we have had perfectly delightful Indian summer weather for the past few days - I haven't had my sunset on since Monday - nor have I done very much work since Monday.

The curtains came on Tuesday. You and Jessie certainly did a very neat job on them and I thank you both. I regret the work you had in sewing on

had a fine time. I'm sure I have
heard nothing of her having her towels
out.

Last Saturday the Furbrauers came
down from Eschen and took me to lunch.
Both they & Mr. Hoff want me to
go up to Eschen for a week-end but
I don't see how I can go until
after Christmas. The only week-end
before then - which there will be
no symphony concert in the 18th
of November. But that is the day of
the Yale game here and practices are
supposed to stay around then &
keep things strengthened out of mind
to Mr. Hoff had lunch with me
Tuesday. Margaret is getting well.

the 52 rings - they hung very badly
from the rings as I have stripped the
rods thru the hem and now they hang
alright. I'm not sure that I was wise
in choosing the color I did - so much
neutral color on one wall rather
shocked me when I first hung them
up but I'm getting rather used to it
now. Prof. Beatty was in a few
minutes ago and said he thought
they looked very neat & simple, but
said that if he were I he would get
some small hanging of bright color
to pin to one of them. I had thought
of doing that & shall try it.

I have had two cards from Eva - one
from Beaufort & one from Baltimore.
So she went on the trip and apparently

but very slowly - her pulse is fairly normal at night but mounts way up in the daytime - I suppose she lost so much blood that her heart has to work much faster whenever she moves about at all.

Last Saturday night & Sunday I went to see Chau-ka, the Hindu dancer, whom I saw last spring with Morris. He didn't have such good seats as then & as a result the fascination was much decreased, but it was very interesting. There were several temple dances which are performed regularly to the present day.

This is how even much. I gave nine,

yesterday - I shall have to correct
the papers over the week-end. Yesterday
afternoon I spent at Prof. Huntington's
correcting his exam exams - helping
him make up grades. We were considerably
hindered by a dog who was staying
with them who became violent during
the afternoon. He barked continually
and rushed about in a large cage they
have in the basement so wildly I
thought he would break his loose.
They finally made him vomit by pouring
a salt-cellar full of salt down his
throat & putting cold water on his
head. He vomited a large mass - after
which he seemed to be alright. I suppose
he had had a bad stomach ache

and had been trying to run away
from it.

Last evening I was at dinner with
a former tutor of mine in Eliot House.
After dinner Prof. Hearse asked us
up to his rooms where he played
the piano for us for our two hours -
and then dived into mathematics
for another hour or a half.

So you see I haven't had much
time for work. And tonight I
must go to Prof. Graustein's
annual bridge party -
now I must check & then off again
to the zoological seminar -
Love to all.

George.

[Nov. 8 1933]

Wednesday Night

Dear George,

I cannot wait longer to write you something, even though it be a very poor letter indeed. Your letter and the checks came to greet me before leaving for North Carolina. It was very generous of you to want me to go and to give me substantial assistance. I had borrowed \$30 from Auntie and returned \$20 of it yesterday, for the trip cost only \$10.50. Dr. Johnson estimated the cost at between \$20 and \$25. We did not have to pay for rooms for me, had five rooms at the U.S. Fisheries station, ^{at Beaufort} and at the U.S. Coast Guard Station on Smith Island, and Dr. J. and I were entertained at the Reekies the last night. I believe the three boys paid \$5 apiece at a tavern place nearby.

Sometimes I hope you and I can visit Smith Island. I was embarrassed with it. We were fortunate in having

moon and a gorgeous sunrise. I
 think I was the only one of our party to
 see the sun rise. We were far enough
 south to find palmetto trees (Sabal
 palms) on this island, though they are
 not found that far north on the mainland.
 The twisted branches of the live oaks
 fascinated me. The cypress trees, too,
 with their "breathing roots" or "knees"
 are fantastic. Don took an excellent
 picture of a tree being with Spanish
 moss. Did have a few pictures to show
 you at Christmas time. I didn't take
 many because I didn't carry my camera
 all of the time and whenever I wanted
 it most, I didn't have it. I found it
 hard enough to carry myself ~~and~~ some
 of the prints. The beach was a god send
 for it is the only type of hot surface for
 such walking and scrambling. I
 thought of you a dozen times an hour
 when I was making my way through
 thickets.

I carried the red tobacco can

and found it very useful. I did wish
such as time that I had my vasculum,
but I don't suppose I'd have taken it
had I had it in Baltimore.

The laboratory at the Fisheries Station
is quite roomy and we had plenty of
space for working Friday and Saturday
nights. The light ^{ing apparatus} was not very satisfactory
for the plants did great damage in that
section and the repairs at the station are
incomplete so far.

I have been very tired the last
few days. I suppose it is the reaction from
the trip which was a bit strenuous. I
was up until midnight or later every night
and up early every morning. I have
a journal club report a week from
to-morrow and an hour report in
Cytology Nov. 23, hence I cannot be
lazy now. I am planning to give a
general type of report in journal club

these times. I have always given something
 strictly scientific heretofore, this time
 I think (that is, if I don't lose courage)
 I'll talk about insectivorous or Carnivorous
 plants. We collected the famous
 Venus fly-trap, *Dionaea*, which is
 found in only limited areas near
 Wilmington, N. C., and that started
 me reading about insectivorous plants.
 I don't know how much or how little
 my audience ^{will} know about them beforehand.
 For my sake, I hope it will be very little.

I was a bit surprised in your
 decision to stay with Prof. Moore. However,
 if he put it that way, what else could you
 do? I feel certain that he wouldn't
 have been that frank if he hadn't been
 sincere. Perhaps you can work with
 Prof. Huntington later. If he really wants
 you he will undoubtedly give you
 another opportunity.

I must not rattle on longer now.

Many thanks for the money and more
 love than ever.

The cigarette boxes were very helpful for collecting money, etc.

Harris 7
Cambridge, Mass.
November 10, 1933.

Dear Martha & Justin,

The past week has gone rapidly but has had little excitement. We had our first snow a few days ago - it received lightly for about an hour in the morning, and then as usual turned to rain. On the whole it has been a rather dull - cloudy week.

Tonorrow will be a holiday. West Point comes here for football tomorrow and the yard will be full of cadets

arrived in New York last Saturday morning. They have not decided yet where they will live during the winter, but they have talked of having a furnace put in the Ball's Pond house and staying there.

Apparently, with the U.S. of the gold standard its about as cheap to live here as it is in France of one has to live on American money.

I had a long letter from Eva describing her trip. With the help of the U.S. government it was a cheap one - only \$, 0.50 for six days!

I'm glad you had such a good Halloween party & congratulate you on receiving the prizes. You were quite welcome to my

all morning. Contrary to the usual practice of making them march from the game hall to the train, they are to be let loose in Cambridge and Boston after the game up until midnight - I reckon there will be some mild games on. I shall be safely out of it in Symphony Hall.

Morris came over for dinner Wednesday evening. After dinner we went to a free string quartet concert in Sanders Theatre. There was a series of three this week but I could afford time only for one. Next Thursday night I am going over to have dinner with Morris and hear Norman Thomas. I spent afterwards.

Danald's wife & sister-in-law

grown. It will probably disintegrate
before I have use for it again.

All for now. Love to all,

George

Copsackie Wf.

Nov. 10/33

Dear George-

We are having quite a taste of real winter weather. Suppose you, too, had snow on Monday - I can still see patches of it left up on the hills. It has been cloudy, misty and raw ever since - Sun comes out by spells to stay but I think it is a good day to hug the fire.

This has been a quieter week than usual; we have been in every evening and out only 1 afternoon.

However I am going to-day to a meeting in 2nd Mt. Ch. & to-morrow night we plan to go to a big Grange meet at Berkleham Grange.

Auntie was here yesterday afternoon & to supper while Elsie was off -

Harold went to Albany yesterday
afternoon & tho' he expected to re-
turn last night, I have not heard
from him since. His face has
taken on a new feature now which
appears to be the same as Wilbur
has. Dr. C. calls it Acne and it is
a result of poor blood owing to
lack of exercise & improper diet
but not contagious. Dr. C. is going
to inject something with needle
to tone up the blood. In the mean-
time it is quite an annoying affair
and H. gets awful blue streaks
about it. The violet rays have been
resumed and the whole treatment
changed. But on the whole his face
is much better than a few weeks ago.

He has been walking to office more
and yesterday A.M. staid home &
chopped kindling & raked leaves.
Pa has about caught up with the out-
door work so he has more leisure
to rest & read. He really minds
having even chickens some
days; they are not in as good
shape as some fells and he
talks about having an expert
come to look at them & advise.
The Cox. Cult. & supply furnish
this advice free gratis. They are
laying some eggs but not as
much as they ought to but every body
else seems to have the same trouble.
You certainly seem to keep in the go
for one who thinks he is not among

Very kindly, we judge from your
letters that life at Harvard is more
congenial to you than at Exeter.

Now I must think about
dinner and find out if
H. is in town.

By the way, if you would like
to help me out with my efforts
for the Fair (Dec 5th) I am
giving you the opportunity. Every
one must help push if it is to be
a success. I am interested in
the fancy booth. I would be fore-
shy for you to buy anything &
then pay postage on it. Do you
want me to get something? This
is just a suggestion. Now Adeline
With Cats & Cone,
Moston.

Catsackie N.Y.,
Oct. 17/33

Dear Geo-

You see I wrote Oct. above - it seems incredible that Nov. is more than half gone. This has been a real winter - week - cloudy, windy, squally, and cold - yesterday was the only day the sun shone bright all day but it was cold - 10 above in A.M. And yet it was just the day Auntie chose to go to Albany. She was quite peevish & limp the first few days and complained so much of lack of heat in the house in spite of a big fire. She & Elsie both have poor circulation & have a job to keep comfortable & yet they ventured to Albany. I expected her here yesterday so now probably she'll come to-day if she is not "all in" again - I haven't talked to her in 2 da. She certainly worries

me when she takes such risks. July-
day was rather "leatie" anyway - both
cars were "lifelines" until Pat & I
I had fussed with them some time
Now Pa is determined to partially seal up
the main house to make it warmer.
As I had to go out Wed. afternoon we
did not wash till yesterday. First
thing a fuse blew out & it happened
to be the one on engine so we could
not get water till H. brought fuel at
10:30. Marjaretta drew from bay &
heated some to get started. Then
Volby telephoned that Auntie had just
stopped on her way to Albany - I was
most 6 & dark when Pa answered the
phone & I was lying down - they had
just returned. H. went to Albany
also & returned after we were in bed.
Lies ill. He goes to Court in Catchkill.
He moves around quite a bit but
there does not seem to be much work
in it yet, tho' he keeps going under a

big expense. At last his face shows
signs of getting all well and we
hope it will not start up again. I
have heard this week there has been
quite an epidemic of this skin trouble
(impetigo) this fall - Dr. Sipland
gave a talk on it on radio one day.
Today is very raw with South wind.
I suppose you saw some of the
falling stars. Wed. night was very
clear & I was up at about 1 or 1.30
but saw nothing unusual in sky.
We all went to Catskill Tues - Had
a date with Dr. Bunnell & H. went
to Court House; Pa had several
errands. The stores are in Christmas
array but not much buying going on.
Sunday Pa is going to P. Keppie
to a meeting of R.D. carriers. They
the National President will be there.
I guess 4 or 5 of the men are going
to P. Keppie at 11.30 Sunday night.

Rev Bosch will preach to the
Grangers who attend in a body.
The Nat. Grange is in session
now in Idaho (Boise) & Sunday
will be especially observed
by Grangers all over the country
in this way.

Pa & I have been reading "The
House of Edils" - it is interesting & gives
a fine idea of Chinese life & customs
& in the latter part, of Soudchin dur-
ing the Revolution & rise of Nationalists.
Pa has spent considerable time
carefully clearing out the new system &
preparing it for a northern coat of tar.

Yesterday he covered pipes with asphalt.
The only way he can save it is easy is to get
away from home for there seems to be
something for him to fuss with here all the
time. Then at night he is so awful tired.
The morning read gets up getting more
grumpy & bad - I must let see a doctor
for he thinks - now I must get down to
mail laundry Sat. Love, Mother

Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
November 17, 1937.

Dear Mother & Father,

A rather quiet week and also a rather fruitless one. Mostly because of the fact that I have had a mean - pain - ful infection in my lower nasal passage. I had the same thing last year during just such raw weather as we have been having these last few days - the air here is about as irritating as poisonous gas.

walk, but I got myself excused,
for I wanted to stay out of the
outside air as much as possible -
I don't think much of cold air
as a treatment for a cold.

As I wrote you, the cadets were
here last Saturday. They marched
into the yard at eleven o'clock, had
lunch at the Union, and marched
out again at half past twelve. There
having been rumors that there
would be a peaceful demonstration
in the yard while they were here
all the yard parties were ordered
out - we had to stand around
for over an hour in a bitter wind -
I dare say that contributed to

at least after one has any irritation.
I used Mitchell several days without
any success before I went to the
doctor. He told me Mitchell is absolutely
worthless. He gave me a prescription
for raw drops which contain
iodine, and which have helped quite
a lot. He also told me to gargle
with the strongest thing you could
think of - a solution of Karo corn
syrup - about a teaspoonful to
a half glass of hot water. It probably
has no direct effect upon the
bacteria but it is very soothing.

I was to have had dinner with
Marris last night and to have
heard Norman Thomas speak after-

my cold as much as anything. Of
course nothing happened, and if
it had I'm sure I can't see what
use we would have been - 1200 cadets
would have taken the situation
in hand. I need arise.

Tought I have to play bridge with
some Freshman friends - I had rather
not, but I have previously refused
three invitations and felt I couldn't
refuse continually.

The enclosed check is for the fair -
I gathered that that would comply with
the suggestion.

All for now. Love to all,
George.

Cossackie W.V.
Nov. 24/33

Dear George-

We are having sudden
weather - the last two days sunny
but today cloudy & looks like rain
or snow. Had Marguerite yesterday
to clean sitting room & she varnished
the floor. Hope to get all fixed up
by to-morrow, even to curtains
which I actually finished yesterday.
Auntie was here for her weekly visit
on Wed. She was really much happier
than I was. Last week end I had a
sick or lazy spell. After laying off
for three days & trying all kinds of
remedies, I had Dr Van on Sunday night.
He said it was liver & gave me a
calomel treatment which made me
quite miserable Monday but have
been better since. My head is not just
O.K. yet but I think it is because I

Have not been out doors in such a
long time & it is so hot in the house.
The last evening I was out was
the 13th to Orange & next afternoon to
Catskill. I want to go out for a
breath before supper but it is now
three & I haven't had my "siesta"
yet. Bessie has been laid up
with a cold but I could not go to
see her. They invited us to dinner
Sunday but we had to refuse. H. ^{third}
came with me all day & he went to
Pokepsie to an R.D. meet after 8. I
he drove down with the Catskill
Carriers. He and Dr. ^{W. G. G.} made
went to the Hamilton-Union Game
at Clinton on Saturday. It was a bad
day super & icy roads & rain &
snow thro' the game.
I hope you have recovered from
that nasal trouble - no wonder by

caught cold that day. H. took
over Saturday & has been doctoring
it all week. His face is clearing up
but there seems to be a few very slight
tom spots. His business has been
exceptionally slack lately and he
has been more or less quiet & blue.
But no use worrying yet.

I have invited Auntie & Mr. & Mrs. Jan-
-ly for Thanksgiving. Elsie signified
she was going to dinner at Medway
Church - so that's that. I hardly feel
able to do much hard work, but
will get some of the preparations out
of the way on Tues. as Wed. is work day.
Eva had her Journal Report yester-
day, so just sent a card this week.
I wish you could look be here for
Thursday, but as that is impossible
we'll all look forward to Christmas.
I think I'll put the check; it is

quite o.k. - Haven't spent it yet
but will probably get a chance
sometime before the year. I'll
have to get "pippin" than I am
yet before that time or I'll take a
back seat.

Glad to hear of Mrs. Bradley's re-
turn & hope they will get some of
fortably settled somewhere so they
can keep together.

Now I must lie down awhile.
Sent you a letter to day from
Rochester - hope nothing is wrong
at the St. Albans.

Oh! I forgot to send back your
pencil case but will do so next
time.

Love,
Mother.

Haelis 7
Cambridge, Mass.
November 27, 1933.

Dear Mother Father,

I was sorry to disappoint you
on Saturday. I spent nearly all
day Friday with Prof. Morse. He
had just decided that he wanted
to get that paper published as soon
as possible. So I had to take it
down to him & go over it with him.
He didn't like it very much and
neither did I on rereading it. He

The letter from Rochester was from Anna Halahan - the one who made you think of Ratie. She wrote to ask me if I could loan her some money. She had borrowed some from the Morris Plan and has it nearly all paid back but was worrying about the remainder. She didn't say how much it was. I wish I were wealthier so that I could really help her for she was very generous with me when I lived in Rochester. I did send her seventy-five dollars, but I couldn't do that very often. It does seem that with the book

spent all day fixing up the first fifteen pages. There are only seventy-five! Now I am in the midst of rewriting it and I can assure you it's some job. I shall probably be at it for at least ten days yet, and even then there will be a long series of minor revisions.

I wish I might be with you for Thats' giving. I am going to the Haggis. They will meet me in Hamilton Wednesday afternoon. Although I don't have to be back here until Friday morning I shall probably return Thursday night - I think I can get a ride home then.

of nieces and nephews she has
she ought to be able to borrow
from them. Her sister has been
ill for four years and has been
a great expense to her. She says
however that her sister is gradually
getting better.

My nose is practically recovered.
I used up nearly a pint of corn
syrup! Last week I discontinued
the nose drops and used a solution
of alcohol as a nasal douche.
I had never done such a thing
before and thought I would
never get the technique of
getting the solution in my nose

rather than down my throat or
down my shirt front.

Steffens gives a public lecture
in Cambridge tonight on the subject
'How Communism Works'. I had
hoped Morris might be able to
go with me but when I was
able to get hold of him he
already had an engagement
for this evening. So I shall
probably go alone - and early,
for there will undoubtedly be a
mob there.

Sorry to hear that you were
sick last week, mother. I hope
you are feeling better now, but

that you aren't making such
strenuous preparations for
Thursday that you'll be too
tired to enjoy the day. Best
wishes for a happy Thanks-
giving - Love to all.

George.

21 Dec. 1923

Thursday evening.

Dear George:

I suppose by this time you are back in Cambridge after what I trust was a pleasant Thanksgiving Day. The weather was perfect here in fact by far the nicest day in the whole of November. We celebrated by having Wilbur's family and Abner here to dinner. Everything seemed to go off all right and of course we had a good dinner. Bessie has had a severe cold

and still coughs a great deal. Annie has been particularly smart lately but did not seem so well to day. Somehow she doesn't seem to talk so much which is a blessing.

Wilbur and Bernard seem to have plenty of work and things seem to run smoothly. While I write papers he is preparing his report for the Pomona League at Echo on Saturday. There has been a deluge of heavy activities for the past month.

We had a ²Thanksgiving service
in our church this morning
at ten o'clock, not so very
well attended but Mr. Bock
gave a fine talk. Francis
and his wife are over this
is the first since summer.
Next week the Fair comes
off and I suppose all the
women will be busy.
While we seem to move in
a rather small circle there
seems no dearth of activities.
How very interesting the political
and monetary situation is
just now! We get the

New York Times regularly now
and I shall cut out W. Sprague
articles and if you don't see
them you may read them
when you come. I feel very
strongly that there is much
of value in the Warren
scheme of the managed
dollar. He has been a true
prophet for the past few
years and things have come
out very much as he foretold.
Anyhow I am following every
phase of the controversy with
keen interest. Just now I am
reading Uncle Peel by
Patchell

It is a wonderful portrayal
of the "debacle" between
1924 and 1930 and makes
one feel ^{glad} that they are of
the middle class. It is very
good and well worth reading.
Havent really got down to reading
yet as I am busy every
afternoon. I have been ceiling
of the wagon house to make
it warmer for the care.
Have it nearly finished but
there is always something
else to do.
Harold was down to Middletown
and Goshen on business Monday
and Tuesday. He is down to

Bergman to right. The local
news seems to be rather
scarce. I have no doubt
that Geo Lamb will be
the next Postmaster but
have no real and authentic
reason for thinking so.

The Four Mile Point people
have sent a petition to have
me deliver the mail in
that section, but I doubt its
being granted. It makes very
little difference to me either
way. Well I've filled this sheet
so I'll stop. Too bad you couldn't
be home today but Christmas is
just around the corner. Love
Father.

Haell's ?
Cambridge, Mass.
December 4, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

Glad to get your letter on
Saturday and hear that you
had a pleasant Thanksgiving.

I also had a pleasant one. M.

Hayz met me Wednesday after-
noon at Haverhill. That evening
the Hayzs had a three-table
bridge party in my honor. I

to ride back to Cambridge that night I stayed until the next morning.

The cake came on Saturday. I'm glad you didn't put it in the laundry case for I've been so busy I haven't yet opened that. Saturday night after symphony I bought a couple of bottles of ginger ale & a friend & I ate most of the cake with the ginger ale. It was delicious - and I slept perfectly!

I got to the Steffens lecture early & had a very nice seat. Steffens is a little man, and although only sixty six years old looks somewhat

felt like the prodigal son. In the middle of the evening we were served with what came very close to being a supper - chicken salad, jello, sandwiches, cake, ginger ale and coffee! The party didn't break up until nearly two o'clock.

Thursday was a beautiful warm day. Mrs. Stagg & I took a long walk before dinner. We had dinner in the dining hall - it was less exciting than that of last year for the turkey was carved in the kitchen. That afternoon Jack & I took a ride to the beach and then went to tea at the Furbushers. Not getting a chance

older. He was wearing a soft shirt
with a broad flaring collar and
a black ribbon bow-tie - he looked
very harmless. But he missed no
word and came out straight for
communism. Since he finished his
book he has become an active
communist. He is an organizer
~~for~~ the among the workers in the
gardens & vineyards of California.
When I see you I'll try to give you
some account of the talk - he
talked for two hours.

I continue to be as busy as
usual - I have had two sessions
with Morse since I wrote you

last - the second one concerning
all of yesterday afternoon - and
still the paper is only one-third
finished. I met Raymond & Helen
Tuesday at Symphony on Satur-
day night. They are both looking
very well. They have asked me
to come over next Sunday after-
noon Harold has a discussion
group Sunday afternoon, and
at the coming meeting some
socialist is to speak.

I had a note from Miss Halton
today thanking me for the
money I sent her. She has not

apparently lost title to the house
as I feared she might have.

Best luck with the fair.

I don't see the N.Y. Times &
should be glad to see Sprague's
articles if you want to keep them.

I'm too busy to keep up with
events. I only know repeal
comes tomorrow - I'm thinking
of barricading myself in my room
& having my meals sent in.

Love to all,

George.

[Envelope stamped 1923]

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

Dec. 8/32

Dear George-

You will be surprised to hear Harold has been at home and sick in bed since last Friday. He was ill two days before he came home and that is why he has been so very ill. Dr. said it was grippe: his temp was $102\frac{2}{5}$ when I took it Friday before I phoned to Dr. Van. It fluctuated for several days getting up to $103\frac{0}{5}$ - It is below normal now. He is still in bed but sat up about 2 hrs. yesterday. I think he will be alright now if he does not take more cold & is careful. He will probably not get back to Albany before the first of the week - So that's that. Of course I have been kept

pretty busy as sickness & living
means so many extra jobs. I have
not been away from the house
since we got back I felt then as if
I did not care to go again very soon
but now I feel as if I cannot
wait till spring. I did not tell
you of the disagreeable experience
we had but now that it is rather
an old story & the sting has worn
off, I can write about it. It was
Sunday night in Phil. while
looking around trying to locate
Auntie White Kee, a car collided
with us (no traffic) damaging our
radiator, bumper, fender & horn.
The other car was not hurt much
I think only 1 tire but a woman in
it was slightly bruised & cut on face.

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK
ELMSHADE
COXSACKIE, N. Y.

We all had to go to the Police Station
& the other driver was Wainman &
found to be intoxicated. We staid
at a hotel nearby & had to report
again next morning only to be im-
mediately discharged. We had the
radiolor repaired at a cost of \$5
while we waited. The rest
of the damage is still visible. He
will probably try to collect insurance
for us. The day after we got home
Pa had a telegram from Phil to
appear as a witness next day before
Grand Jury - He saw Francis was
told him not to go & I wrote a letter
Lane heard no more from them.
I have ^{an} enclosing a slip from Sears
Roebuck Catalogue - pulley & hat tree.

I want to get one for Pa & that's all. If
you'd have time to look at it when in
Cambridge & see if it is o.k. If yes, order
it sent to Milbur's address. If you can't
not spend time going there, you might
order it anyway or else buy one
somewhere else. I meant to go to
Albany this week - may go up Tuesday
but will have to spend part of the time
at Auntie's. Marcetta is coming
to-morrow ^{to Sat.} to finish up house cleaning
next week is trash week - perhaps if
you need to, we might go up some
day when you're home.

Have been having beautiful weather
it is still clear but some mild & colder.

Now I must write a few lines to Eva. Has
she told you Peg wants her to go to her home
for Christmas? - He will let her do. She thinks
best, if she can only keep well.

Hope you are o.k. & looking forward
to your home coming.
Love - Mother

We sent the
Cake to Monday home
I hope to have
them delivered
in West. Do you
want Wash
Cossackie Wf.
Dec. '83

Clock just struck 11
and I have been up just long
enough to get dressed. I tried not
to get dressed at the fair and
managed to pull thro' in pretty
good shape except for an attack
of indigestion this A.M. at 5. So I
staid in bed and now feel pretty
good. I will take it easy to-day as
M. is coming tomorrow & can get
order out of Chas. Hill, for I have
done little housework all week.
We have been quite upset over the
week's illness & thin death of Mr. Hill.
He was buried yesterday from the
M. E. Church, about 35 friends at-
tending the funeral. We went over to
Auntie's to dinner at noon so I would

not get too tired getting a meal & so
I could go to funeral before going
to the chapel. We feel so sorry
for Mrs Telf and poor Deane
may have to give up his program for
the present. Pa has been quite
broken up over it and cried like a
baby - he will miss seeing him on
the route and having an occasional
chat.

We had a good attendance at
the fair both days and everything
worked smoothly. I do not know
the exact net receipts but it will be
over \$200. Bessie was here yes-
terday & had supper with us. We
Harold went to Albany after the
funeral. He has a case in court to-
day for an accident to C. Sampson's
car by a bus - guess Burns is going
to try it for him. In Jan. he has

a suit between Uryu & Mrs. Kelley
As Warren represents the latter, the
affair may be settled out of court.
We have had a variety of weather this
week. Monday it rained, I went to
Catchell with H. & did some shopping.
While he was at the court house -
we were back before noon. Tues. was
fair, Wed. cloudy with some rain -
Thurs. day beautiful & today cloudy &
dark again. I think I'll try to
go to Albany Tues. It seems to be the
only day I can go next week as it is
wash week, Grange week & Anniversary
week. But I'll not go if H. is not
going up.

To-day is Auntie's day here, so
I'll probably sit & mend & visit all
afternoon. She has been quite upset
again this week with another leakage
in sewer and the whole place had

to be dug up again for the second time
this Fall! That is what causes the
penitentiary smell all thro' the house.
We hope now the trouble is over. The
Heating problem is also settled as
Langston went there & cleaned out all
the radiators - now they obtain the heat.
Wonder what the next thing will be!
Elsie is a good cook & a neat & competent
housekeeper but she must be boss &
it is surprising how Annie lets her be.
Had 7 letters this week from Eva. We
fear she is working too hard - I wish
she would let up some as she cannot
overdo without serious results as the
fact has proved. You, too, are attempting
too much, I fear, better hold up some.
Now I must get to work. Glad you had
a nice Thanksgiving & hope old John
Barleycorn's caplin will not make for
any trouble - I see Harvard is going to be very
strict with the drinking students. Love, Mother

Harris, T.
Cambridge, Mass.
December 11, 1933.

Dear Mother,

This is addressed to you because it is my birthday card to you. I wish you a very happy birthday with many more in the future.

Spend the enclosed check for something you want. I should probably have taken a lot of time spending it for something you didn't want.

recital. There were few young people there but quite a number of poor, desecpit women. The section around there is a working-class settlement made up of all sorts of people. Many of them have had no work for four years! After the rental Harold heard his discussion here at which a Cambridge lawyer spoke on socialism. He quoted some facts from a Massachusetts governmental survey of unemployment that staggered even me with my radical sentiments. He talked so well & so convincingly that there were few objections.

The enclosed photo was taken a few weeks ago by one of the boys in my cubby. It was taken at night with only my desk lamp as a light, - a three seconds exposure.

I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Deep's death. That poor family has certainly had its share of trouble. I hope Mr. Deep was able to leave his farm remembered to his family.

As I wrote you on Sunday I was going to the Tradesys. I reached there about four thirty and found them in the living-room of the settlement house listening to a piano & vocal

to have lunch with young
Kaelbaum & myself. Kaelbaum is
going to write an article ^{on Russett} for the
new magazine that Morris' company
is putting out in January. Morris
is coming over again tomorrow
evening to go with me to the
Harvard Dramatic club play. It
will my first attendance at any
of their plays, and the first play
I have been to this fall.

I'm glad the fair went off as
well, but I wish you hadn't
worked so hard at it. I hope
you are over the effects of it.

It just seems as if I have more
to say but it's nearly midnight
& I'm so tired I must stop &
go to bed.

Much love & good wishes to you.

George.

P.S. Yes, send my laundry as
usual this week.

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Cassackie, W.V.,
Dec. 13/33

Dear George-

I was in Albany all day yesterday so did not get your letter till night Jessie & I went up with Harold. I am so sorry of your new problem and wish I could help you. It is probably the same trouble we have encountered before now, only probably yours has got to a more stage. God had you did not see the doctor before he might have helped. I will be anxious to hear from you what he said & prescribed. I do hope you will get a permanent cure. If you are us letter when you get home, you'll have to try Lard & Sulphur which is as sure a cure as anything, only so disagreeable as to go thro'. The receipt book says Benzine will cure in 2 hr. - then take a good bath, but one would have to be very careful of heat or fire when using it - multi indolis. is a bad time to meddle with that stuff. Be persistent with germicidal soap - I know it helps as we proved this fall when pa had some itching on legs & we treated it.

was a beginning of the pest. I will do the
best I can with your clothes. Probably
the best thing for the room would be a
Zoumaldahy de candle but that does
not seem advisable in your case - I hope
the doctor will tell you what to do. Per-
haps spraying with lavender or some speci-
cal insect poison that would be harmless
to clothing & books & furniture. I was
quite upset at first & before explaining
the letter to papa H. I said you were in aw-
ful trouble - they thought you were arrested
or something similar & started imagi-
nized my taking the midnight train to
Boston. - I wish I could write some-
thing that would be of practical use to
you and can only trust the doctor will
do that - maybe you'll have to go to the
infirmary. However don't get discouraged.
It will be all over in time & only a memory
but we all sympathize with you. Let
me hear what the doctor advises. If I
can do anything let me know.

Loveingly,
Mother

P.S. Pat brought your
letter in this noon &
I eagerly perused it.
Will write again in
answer perhaps
to-morrow. I was
surprised you did
not tell me what the
doctor said.

Thank you so much
for the check - I'll
consider well before
I spend it. I am feeling
fine even after a
strenuous day of

Shopping yesterday.
When are you coming
home. We will
be here Thursday.

Love again

Mother -

I'm glad to get
that picture - it
is so good.

Cassachie W.
Dec. 16/33

Dear George-

Meant to write to you
so you would get a letter today,
but time runs on so that there
are not enough hours in a day
for all I want to do. We have
been having a severe cold spell
with quite a snow storm Wed. Which
luckily did not blow in drifts. Yes-
Friday was the worst we have known
here in many a year - severely
cold and strong South wind. My
fingers were like ice unless I stood
on the heater. The water pipe froze
under the bath room but I
crawled under & thawed it out. To-
day is quite a contrast - sunshine
and very mild like spring - it
sounds good to hear the water

at the Tweedys - I wonder if they
are living in that way from choice
or are they out of money. it is quite
a change for them who lived so
nate.

Nothing new to write about. Our
Cactus plant is full of blossoms some
of them out in full. Work has been
progressing on the state building &
you'll see quite a change over
there - we have driven in several
times to see the work going out.

Margaretta is here to-day and
has the cleaning most done - she
is ironing now. I must get busy
at dinner as it is most noon. Hope
you can arrange to get home
in good season.

Love
Mother

Halls 7
Cambridge, Mass.
December 20, 1933.

Dear Mother & Father,

I'm sure you are wondering what has become of me. Prof. Morse has kept me hot at it for the past week - I was down there Monday, yesterday & today. But at noon today he suddenly decided to give up hope of finishing the paper before Christmas, so

going to a framer's to get
a picture framed.

I'm sorry you worried so
about my fleas. I was practically
rid of them within a few hours
after I saw the doctor. A mixture
of tincture of larkspur and
olive oil kills them almost
instantly. I had to apply it
three times in two days to
get the last ones but the
first application killed 99%
of them. They washed off by
the soap despite the fact
I had picked off dozens. They

I am to have a brief breathing
spell before leaving here. College
doesn't close until Friday
afternoon. So I shall ^{be} leaving
for home on Saturday morning
at 9:25. I shall reach Albany
at 3:20. If there is no one
there to meet me I shall
come down on the next train.

Despite the lapse of time
since I wrote you little of
anything has happened. Mr. Hogg
was down yesterday and had
lunch with me. After lunch
we went over to Boston to
do a little shopping, chiefly

are almost impossible to see
on one's skin, they cling so
closely. I am having my bed
clothes and all my suits
cleaned so I reckon they
won't ruin. The doctor said
one didn't need to fumigate
the room - apparently they
die of hunger.

I have done no Christmas
shopping yet, although I
did get my cards off this
afternoon. It seems a crime
to spend money for Christmas
presents when so many people
are starving.
All for crew. Love to all, George