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Dear Elizabeth,

January 1, 1937.

A week ago to-day when I opened my Christmas packages I found the beautiful handkerchiefs. Mother told me about them and I think it was very good and generous of you to share your gift with me. I do enjoy using fine handkerchiefs and I shall treasure these most especially. I am very much pleased with the socks. I had not seen the kind with elastic at the cuff. You and George ought not to have given me three pairs. You

may think of me stepping along very comfortably
for a long time. Lamsa sent me one pair of socks
like the two pair from you so I shall have three pair
altogether, which will be convenient when they begin to
wear out. Last evening I opened the two
hurry packages and you almost have heard
me exclaim over the cheese. I have often stood and
admired that very cheese and hoped sometimes I'd
give it and buy one. I have found a dish for
the bulbs and shall start them to night. I've
never before had such a grand Christmas package
and I thank you and George with all my heart.

My cold is still more or less of a nuisance.
I stayed in the house two days at home and
that helped to clear up the worst of it. Yesterday was

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A most unpleasant day to travel. However, I had to be out in the rain for only a few seconds at a time. I left home on the 8:13 A.M. train and reached here at 7:20 P.M. I spent about five hours in New York. I had lunch and went up to the Planetarium. I had never before been on a sub-way all by myself and I was quite excited. The director of the Los Angeles Planetarium gave the talk and I did not think he explained matters as well as the man who talked when George took new fever.

Unless I am very glad I went for I was as thrilled
as the first time when the Harry Leavens appeared and
I think I understand some parts a little better. I had time
to wander about before and after the lecture.

I came to the Laboratory this noon and
have started to work with the microscope. Now it is time
to go to dinner. There is a girl from St. Louis living at
the Kirkwoods and I promised to meet her at the Captains.
She is a very interesting person but I think it is long
time I exhibited a trace of hospitality. She came to work
in the Social Security Office here about a month ago.

I know you had a good rest at home. I hope
you were able to finish the dress. I will be glad to
have a dress up dress that washes. I shall be thinking of
you in Cleveland to-night and in Buffalo to-morrow.

Many thanks and much love, Eva

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Dear George,

When I reached the Kirkwoods last night I found your good letter and the Diers prints. I did not know that he did that sort of work. I am very glad to have those you sent and shall think of you each time I look at them.

I have written to Elizabeth about the Christmas box from you both. With presents to

carry, to wear, to eat and to look at and smell I shall be receiving your thanks - you thought waves very often. Thank you for the gifts and for the love and thoughtfulness behind them.

Mother and Father were greatly pleased with their presents. I think you did a splendid job of shopping and you took quite a burden from my shoulders. I tried some to shop but my eyes were too bad at that time to make it anything but a query. You must let me know my share in the cost of the presents. We had lots of fun talking about Father's proposed trip to Shanghai and how useful the traveling cases would be.

Mrs. Hells was coming to visit for a few days so Mother would not have time to

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Miss me very hard.

I hope your interview may have meant more than it seemed. I do hope you won't have to worry all spring about next year. When you sent out letters to colleges, did you send them to the President of the college or to the head of the department?

I am ^{now} running along. I shall be thinking of you this week-end and hope you won't be too tired from handling to start your work with Burkheim on Sunday.

Much love, Eva

P.S. I forgot to mention the paper dolls which
you and Elizabeth sent Anne. She played with
them nearly all day on Christmas and we had a
much less hectic day on that account. I was quite
charmed with the dolls. I had never seen that
sort.

E. M.

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March 21, 1937

Dear George,

I was very glad to have your letter and I shall be overjoyed to see you and Elizabeth. If you wish to stay here Mrs. Kirkwood has the room next to mine. She may have guests the night of April the first. I'd love to have you here and I think you would be fairly comfortable. There is a bath room on this floor and two out but Florence and me to use it.

Helen is now a few "fiddle-doggies" and, if she were not
out most of the time that I am home, I might be using
strange language. However, she would not annoy you
for a short time. If, perchance, you should be here the
night of April the first and Mrs. K.'s guests do come, you
could stay at an apartment house across the street. It
is quite about ^{by what you want} there.

I am not quite certain what you mean in your
letter but I shall do ^{as} what you ^{requested} and ^{trust} that
there is no serious difficulty for you. I shall probably
spend much of my time at home for the next ^{ten}
days, unless, of course, the stubborn telespaces germinate. I
see no reason to think they do that after ^{my} ~~two~~ two years of
failure to annoy that about. You can reach me at

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home by calling University 6 913 - (Phone Karkwood).
and at school by calling University 0 100 and asking
for the biology department. It is a little difficult to find
the ^{the letter} way for I work in another building.

I have sent out thirty five letters and have had
fourteen replies. Seven persons have put my ^{letter and} summary
on file for reference in case of a possible vacancy. The other
seven either returned the summary or indicated lack of
interest. I feel encouraged by your experience. I
am trusting very hard that you will find a splendid

fortune. I am not despondent about my future for
I shall do whatever I can to help myself and trust
that Providence will do the rest. I am the best-taken-
care-of person I have had the good fortune to know. Many
times this year, when I have felt "oppressed" for
one reason or another, a word, a gift or a good deed
has come to lighten the immediate future.

You must not blame yourself for the typewriter
affair. Darius did a really good job - perhaps not as good as
you might have done, but I had not a worry that the machine
would not reach here safely. ~~However~~ This ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~
Portable will be a great asset to me this spring for I
shall be able to work at home or at school without
leaving to bother other people ~~and~~ ^{or to} work at all hours of

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night when the library was under repair. With
 the money I saved by living with Eleanor a few
 days and your gift I felt I could be extravagant
 enough to make leaving a little simpler. Years from
 now when you are a fine professor somewhere I
 shall be enjoying still the good gift which you and
 Elizabeth very generously passed on to me in your
 first year. I am sending Anne McEwen a little box
 of food. She will not know it is the fruit of her generosity
 but it may warm her heart and add a little to what
 must be very plain living. Perhaps she will have unexpected

Company, such as Mother and Father were one + one,
and will be able to have a little feast with them.

Heenan and his mother have gone on a trip to
South Carolina. I have a key to the house and
look after the plant and the mail. These little duties could
well have been done by someone else. I think Heenan
wanted me to feel free to go there to relax. I spent two
hours there ~~morning~~ ^{late} yesterday afternoon enjoying the
view and reclining in a comfortable chair.

Much love to you and Elizabeth and the best
of good fortune in any interviews you may have before
I see you. I suppose I shall be able to keep my feet on the
ground and appear sane until you come. If, however, it
is best for you to change your plans, I shall want you to do that. ^{Love} _{Ever}

600 Sumner Road
Baltimore, Md.
January 20, 1937.

Dear George,

Don't try to write
a long letter now but I do
want you to know how good I
was to have your letter, ^{last week} and
letters from you and Elizabeth
this week. I had a little
funny weep over the cheque.
You might not to have done
that for there are many ways
in which you and Elizabeth
could use that money. It is

very good of you to want me
to have it. I shall put it aside
now and make special use of
it as the need arises.

I am grateful for this
sheet of qualifications etc.
which you sent me. I shall
make use for my self with it as
a pattern. I am very stupid
about planning such a thing.
I shall be able to do the
typing. You do not have the
extra time to do that. If, perhaps,
my eyes should give me a pain I
may have to let you keep her +
otherwise, I can do it. I do thank
you for wanting to help me.

It is so glad to have the names of colleges if you
have time to look them up when you do yours. Do
they a special directory? I guess the Librarian here can help me.

I am beginning to feel as well as I did
at Hamburg my husband has recently had to
reduce the amount of insulin. I am losing weight
very slowly since the doctor and my diet and, perhaps,
that is the secret of the improvement in my general
feeling of well being. I was getting much too stout for
a diabetic. My eyes are behaving very well.

I had dinner at Sleanari's to night and
afterward we attended an illustrated lecture by
a Professor Pillsbury who takes moving pictures of
plants growing. It was a fascinating evening
for me.

Dr. Johnson returned yesterday. He has been
ill ^{with jaundice} ever since he left and is unable to lecture now.
I haven't seen him. I am working as industriously as
I am able in my research and hope I shall be able
to make Dr. Johnson understand what I am doing.

Much love and a heart full of gratitude to
you and Elizabeth. I do hope you escape being ill in
this very hot and muggy weather. -
Sra

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February 16, 1937

Dear George,

Your good letter reached me last night and I was never more in need of ~~that~~ sort of a blessing. I think we have been on each other's consciences. I have intended to write at least a note for several weeks. Perhaps I will that long. It seems months. I have been as busy as jammer. I have to give in once in awhile to a capture of the disease but for the most part I live as normal a life as I ever did. I often think of the good night I spent in the hospital last fall. I knew so little then that it seemed I must be on the verge of an entirely new kind of existence.

I heard from Mother in her

last letter that you could not stay a t.

Rochester. I had hoped they would be soon for you.
However, I congratulate you on your success
there and shall be as sensible as you are about
the ~~lack of~~ disappointment for next year. It is no
more than we expected.

You will be sorry to know Dr. Johnson
died last night. I have felt for over two weeks
that the end was near. I saw him at the hospital
two weeks ago Sunday. I don't know the
cause of his death but I think it must have
been cancer which caused a stoppage of the bile
duct. There was an operation a while ago. I
fear he did not make the arrangements ^{about my work} with
Dr. Conch that he ought to have made but I cannot
let myself worry too much. Now that this ^{is a} definite
turn in affairs I shall be able to write to Dr. Conch.
He and Dr. Johnson had a misunderstanding, I think,
but I am certain Dr. Conch will do what he can
for me. Don't let this worry you for I am not
worrying. Dr. Johnson represented the authority
necessary to get me a degree for I doubt that the
zoologists would have turned me down with him
behind me. I don't know what may be their attitude
now but whatever it is, I have nothing to

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as possible and keep my nerve. I think the
matter of Dr. Johnson's successor was decided
two weeks ago. So far the ^{decision} matter has not been
made public.

This isn't much of a letter. I shall
not try to write more now. I want to
read this before class. Dr. William Weston
of Harvard is giving a ^{six weeks'} course of on the lower
fungi. I had a similar course with Dr.
Conch. I am attending the lectures now
partly because it seems good policy and
partly because Dr. Weston is not hard to
listen to and I am saving myself the
trudgery of review later on. Fortunately
I am invited to have dinner at Eleanor's
to-night. That will be less trying than a
session with Rex and Dave. Usually I am
very grateful for their company.

Much love to Eben and to you.

Eva

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February 23, 1937.

Dear George,

Your good letter came on Thursday
and helped to keep up my spirits. I was quite
upset over Dr. Johnson's death partly because I
could foresee what would follow the official
weeping and wailing. Despite our temperamental
quarrels I had a certain affection for
him mingled with respect for him as a botanist
of the old school and it is hard for me to have

stared by now and see his shortcomings dragged
into the light. Dr. Emington, the professor of plant
physiology, has been made acting head of the department
since June and all the animosity of the twenty four
years he was associated with Dr. Johnson is being
aired now. I could forgive him more easily if he
had not been a perfect measmer only a few days ago.
My conference with him will probably not be much
pleasant than those he has had with the boys but
he may have spilled enough of his bad feelings to be
able to treat me decently. He has said that none
will be allowed to take a degree this year and I feel that
if he persists in that attitude, it'll be a fool to oppose
him too strenuously for he could easily do what he

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has longed for years to do - that is, see one of Dr. Johnson's students finish his orals. However, I shall assume when I talk to him that he will not oppose me and will let Dr. Couch decide whether or not my research is acceptable. There is a record at the office here that I passed the Comprehension examination and a note in Dr. Johnson's handwriting that the examination was of unusual excellence or something of that sort. I am writing you all this because I know you are interested and to prepare you for what may come. I have

weathered the worst of the nervous upset. It is
too bad that just when Dr. Johnson decided to see
that I was given a degree that he should die and
leave me to back up against the zoologists and
Dr. Huntington. Some of Dr. Johnson's assurance
may have been based on the same assumptions
on which mine was based - that is, that, since I
was Dr. Johnson's last student, the examining
committee would probably not flunk me. I feel
that, even though I knew that to be the case, I
could enroll myself with the knowledge that I
had worked hard and earned a degree as surely as
any one of a hundred others who were plodders.

Thank you for your offer of Adex tickets.

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I shall not need them for I have a supply left from last year. I have not taken them lately because I am trying to lose weight and have had to cut down the amount of fat intake. However, I think I'll take them instead of other fats and oils for I have just had another cold. I have been standing it carefully since Saturday night. I went out in the sun yesterday and shall go to school to-day. I shall ride down with Eleanor and take the street car home. Mrs. Kirkwood gave me meals on Sunday. I had planned to spend

the day at the hospital for an all day sugar curve and had not made provision for meals on Sunday.

I cannot let you type the summaries for me. It is enough that you are making a list of papers. I shall have a printer taken this week. I think it will have one made at a department store and let Rex make copies of that. He offered to do it and I think that will be a satisfactory and inexpensive solution of that awful problem. I have some of the summaries typed.

You must not worry about what comes next with me. I shall do what I can to solve the problem and the rest will have to work itself out.

P.S. I forget each time that
I write to you of the news of
Miss Gilson. She has a temporary
place in a Teachers College in
Buffalo and is living at 264
Summer St. She was admonished
to remember that pedagogy and

not content was important in teaching
poetry. I heard the things in
Luna. I have had only a note
on a valentine from Gibby herself.

Eva

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When I wrote a week or so ago I forgot to tell you that I attended a dinner for a special lecturer, Dr MacDougal, a plant physiologist of high standing. I sat at his right and learned more than I had at his very poor lecture in the afternoon. He knows the contents of the American Doctor's Odyssey (Dr. Hume?) and told us tales of him as well as of Dr. Welch, Dr. Cushing and others whose names we revere. Dr. MacDougal is the man who measures the growth of trees by applying

an instrument to the layer of growing tissue beneath
the bark and cutting the tree into its own story with
feet and ink. You may have read of the dendrograph or the
dendrometer. Dr. MacDougal is one of the botanists
whom I have longed most to see and hear. He is just
recently and is retired from active service. He organized
the Desert Laboratory at Tucson, Arizona and Dr.
Linnyston was one of his assistants in that work years ago.
I think Dr. MacDougal was considerably upset for he called
on Dr. Johnson at the hospital just before he gave his lecture.

I have told your tale of Mrs. Baker to two or three
boys who were planning to hear him and have been
annoyed to have the warning come back to me several
times. "Be sure to get a front seat when you go to hear
Baker." I meant to go to Basile at him but could not on
account of my cold. Rove to Elizabeth and to you, E. W.

606 Somerset Road
Baltimore, Maryland

March 11, 1937

Dear George, The card and 7
letters reached me Friday. I
am more grateful to you than I
can express. I have started to
write the letters. I did a few
summaries and found it a
great job - partly because I made
many mistakes. I could have the
summary mimeographed
here but I'd feel better to have
had you look it over and hence,
I am sending you one and
shall let you have it mimeographed.
You may think some corrections are
necessary. Perhaps the address of
Hope College need not be repeated
each time. Are periods necessary
at the end of each item? You

did not see them in 7ms and I could
not find good authority for doing so. The
copy I am sending is one of the
first I did and one which I had to
discard because it was such a mess. I
have a new all glass telion which keeps
the rest out of the picture. Get whatever
is possible in the way of paper and
be sure to let me know the cost of
the work and materials as well as the
postage. I cannot repay you for
the labor and patience you expend
but I can make good the actual
outlay of cash.

I forgot a bad cold all last week.
I am still bothered with ^{phlegm} that goes in
my throat and the neuritis in my
shoulder. However, there are not
serious effects of the remedy used I
am about to be up and about
my business. I spent yesterday at
the hospital. It was a long day for

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Monday 5 P.M.

Dear George,

Your very encouraging
letter and the package of
Summaries came days ago -
nearly a week ago. I fear I
have thought of you very often
and didn't write because I
wanted to send you a letter instead
of a vaguely-appearing note. Please
forgive me. Next time I'll put
a note in the first mail and
not let you wait in vain. I
am very grateful for all the
trouble you took to have the
Summaries done and
sorry you had to "blow up" the
theorosophers or his representatives.

At about the same time I was
 "blown up" a photographer's ^{assistant} who let
 three whole days lapse before notifying
 me that the negatives didn't turn
 out well. I have mailed twenty-
 four letters and shall send out ten
 more to-morrow. When I mailed the
 first five I feel very hopeful and
 poked them into the mail box with
 a good heart and high spirits.

This business of trying to get a
 degree isn't progressing very well
 and we must not be too greatly
 disappointed if I never get one. I
 have heard from Dr. Conch, who is
 willing to help me, but how or when
 I don't know. I had hoped to
 get Dr. Weston, the visiting professor
 interested. He has been too busy to
 give me more than a few moments. He
 is a very forceful and inspiring

Lectures and I have enjoyed listening
to him. I imagined he would be
be more helpful to me than he has been.
However, that disappointment is only
another lesson. I think Dr. Weston is
too greatly interested in getting one of
his students a place here than to
give time to other matters. There is
nothing putting two young men in
Dr. Plummer's place.

I shall go ahead and do what I
can. Perhaps I must get a paper
written by fall and take oral
examinations then. Please don't
worry. If Dr. Conch has time to
help me it is so down then. I have
enough money for that. If I want
a little extra I think I can get it from
home. I do thank you for your offer and
I shall not stand back then except

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I used Annie McKees' gift for toward
a new typewriter. I thought Father and I
had the large one securely fastened in
the box. When it reached here it was
damaged greatly. I couldn't bear to
tell Father for he worked hard and
succeeded well in packing it in the box.
I had several repair men look it over and
finally decided it was best to turn it
in and get a fortune as. With student
discount, a cash discount and the
two old machines I was able to get them
for Father for \$30. So far it has been
a great asset and I begin to feel I
wasn't too extravagant. Dr. Livingston's
secretary will do the final copy of
my dissertation if I can get one
written this spring and summer.
Dr. L. said he wanted to keep me
that much with the money end.
It ~~was~~ ^{has been} customary for Dr. Johnson's

Students to have to pay for
 the typing and the cost of that
 plus the costs of plates and binding
 runs into money. It was a
 nice gesture for Dr. Summerson to
 offer to let Miss Bond do this and
 it makes me feel that his heart is
 in the right place. We had a
 very packing session but on the
 whole he was fairly decent and
 I don't think he will do anything to
 hinder me. However, his views
 regarding about nests and I
 shall have to satisfy Dr. Conch
 on that score.

Here I am recurring and
 on. I shall stop with thanking
 you and Elizabeth for the good
 gift with out which I'd not

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Have felt I could get a typewriter. I
hope you will feel I made good use of
the money. With the trouble I have
with lack of feeling (mostly
imaginary, I am certain) ~~I~~ in
my finger tips I find using
the typewriter much less wearing
than writing by hand.

We are having a heavy wet
snow. The little hepaticas which I
saw in Room a week ago must
wonder what is happening.

I am well and cool free. The
doctor at S. H. H. laughs at my
belief in the efficacy of balms and in
preventing colds. I am taking it
now with great faith.

Much love and care to you
and Shubell and many thanks
for the cards and remembrance. Please

Let me pay for the micrographing.

Ever

P.S. Spring vacation comes next week - March 22-27.
I shall stay here.

Please excuse the collection of blots and
crossed out words. I'll try not to be this messy again.

E.

I have yellow narcissus in bloom for Easter.

Thursday Morning

[26 March 1937]

Dear George,

I start this letter with fear and trembling for I don't want to hurt your feelings. I am greatly pleased that you and Elisabeth thought of taking me to see Dr. Couch and I am selfish enough to insist that I cannot go. It would be a trip to enjoy ^{to} and remember with pleasure if the weather were fine and the distance not too great for this is the time of year to go south. I dislike to spoil your plans but the truth of the matter is that I'd be jumping from the frying pan into the fire if I were to try to see Dr. Couch now. Had I thought it wise to see him I'd have gone this week.

The reasoning back of this statement may be hard for you to follow since you do not know the ins and outs of the whole situation. When I see you I shall attempt to explain and until then you must accept my judgment. If you don't understand when I try to explain I shall not be surprised.

If possible I think you and Elisabeth ought to go some distance south of here. It is too bad Summerville, S.C. is much too far away. Eleanor is there now and her account of the cypress swamps is enough to make one sacrifice fame and fortune to see them at this time of year.

Mrs. Kirkwood's guests are not coming and you will be welcome here as long as you are able to stay. She thinks she cannot manage to give you breakfast, which is silly, I think. However, that is that. We can go out to eat it.

I shall stay home here until six o'clock on Tuesday. If you will be able to reach Baltimore in time to eat dinner with me (University 6913) telephone from nearby unless you expect to reach here before six.

If I do not hear from you before then I shall go out to eat and be back here by shortly after seven. If you come while I am out you will find some one here. If you do not eat before you reach Baltimore ~~xxxxxxx~~ you might stop at either of the two ^{be} places the righthand side of on Charles Street above North Avenue, which will be on your way here and in a district where you can easily park: The Campus

Inn at Charles and 25th or *The Blue Goose Inn in the fourth block above North Avenue. The latter closes at 7:30 P.M.*

I am busy writing the first draft of the review of ^{earlier} the literature or the history of the work on *Puccinia podophylli*.

I hope to have it ready to hand to Dr. Livingston on Saturday. Then I can start the main body of the paper. It seems wise for me to get something written and then make the drawings to go with the text. I have enough sketches to guide me and I can fit the text to the drawings later, if need be. Meanwhile I shall have to make some cytological preparations and keep track of what is going on in the field. It would be the perversity of nature or fortune or whatnot for the teliospores to germinate now when I have given them up and have decided to pull a bluff without them. I don't think there is much chance that I can finish a paper this ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{spring} and prepare for orals but I think it is ^{best} for me to put what I have on paper and let Dr. Livingston play with the sentence structure. That will please him and may help me. When I am ready for the final shot I shall see Dr. Couch unless he thinks that unnecessary until I have something to publish. He is very busy

*9:17 in evening to come here
just to tidy up a bit. He
takes you some where to eat.*

and not greatly interested in what I have. Because of the good work I did for him when he gave courses here he is willing to "give me a break" but he is ⁱⁿ no mood to be bothered. A short interview with him or even a long one at this stage would be a mistake. When I talked to Dr. Weston I felt I was making a great blunder and so it turned out to be. I did it because Eleanor and others gave me no peace and thought I was wasting a golden opportunity. What I have passes my own conscience only because I have spent long hours making certain that ^{of what} I am not mistaken. I have ~~something~~ Had I a long series of good slides I might be able to convince someone else within a short time. My slides are poor and few in number and I must have something besides them to present. This is not modesty; it is good sense and, though I was sorely tempted to throw discretion to the winds and accept your good offer, I know I'd be throwing away my last chance.

I must stop. I have a map at school which I shall enclose with this. If I cannot find it I'll make a rough sketch. I live in the third house ^{on the right} from the corner of University Parkway and Somerset Road.

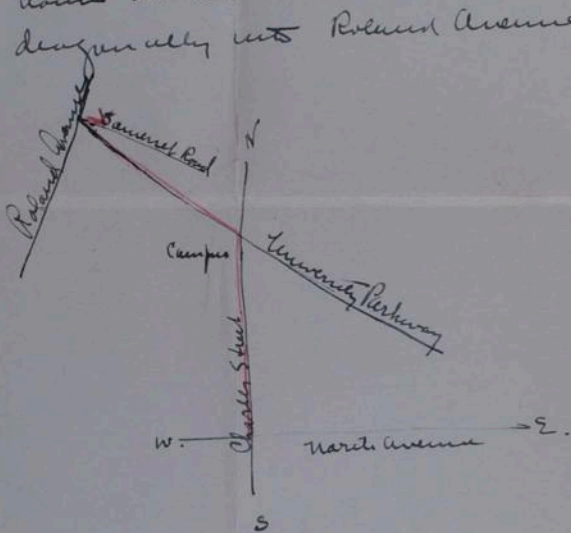
The house is red brick - the second house is light stone.

Please give my best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy or to "Donald and Betty" as I think of them. Have as good a time as possible and relax. I am sorry I do not have Elisabeth's address for I don't like to think she is planning on a trip she will not take. Do not fear that you will take time I need. I cannot wait to see you, ^{and} do not try to work all the time. I accomplish much more by taking fairly long periods of leisure.

Much love,

Perhaps we can go to Washington sometime.

However if you come into the city you will
 be able to find North Avenue and Charles Street.
 Turn North (right turn on North Avenue) on Charles
 about 1/4 mile. ~~Where~~ ^{Charles} crosses University Parkway.
 (Campus on left) - Turn left, keeping to right of
 car tracks for nearly a mile. Here Roland Avenue
~~crosses~~ runs into U.P. - Car tracks meet. Apartment
 house on each corner. General Road runs
 diagonally into Roland Avenue



Roads from
 Philadelphia come
 in this direction.
 ←
 I cannot find
 any maps and
 have to read this
 letter & see

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April 22, 1937

Dear George,

I was glad to hear of an special delivery letter. I think you ought not to wear yourself out writing about this difficult matter unless doing so will help you. On the other hand, I think it must be a relief to you to know that I know. Keeping up a pretense is very wearing. I am sorry I cannot help you for I'd gladly try. You may not be pleased at this suggestion and yet I must make it. You are

in a state where you need to pass out the whole story to
an unprejudiced person, and there are people in the
medical profession who could at least ease your mind.
I am not living the sort of a life you want to live,
but I do have problems and difficulties which I
am certain I'd find overwhelming at times, if I
had not known Dr. Currier in Grand Rapids. I suppose
going to ^{him} might have seemed the best thing in the world
to do had I not realized that I must learn to live
with what Nature had given me. Dr. Currier didn't stop
the spells and the nervous times I have, although
they have diminished in frequency with the years,
but he helped me to put them in their place.
I rebelled strenuously against & going ^{back to} ~~them~~ ^{after}

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Each of my first few letters lent I want and I can be thankful
 for it now. He is a psychiatrist and a fine person, as
 well. I am certain there are many ~~poor~~ psychiatrists,
 just as there are poor dentists and druggists, but there
 are good ones. Then see no new stigma attached to
 consulting one, than might be attached to consulting a
 good dentist and I urge you to find one. I shall
 pray that you will find a good one; and, that no matter
 how distasteful bearing your unremitted self may
 seem, that you may have the fortitude to go on with it.

It will not interfere with your teaching for you
will find you can walk into a psychiatrist's office
with your head in the air, have a short talk with
him and go out to ^{the tasks of} your every day life.
You may be frightened but no more than you are now
and, whether you believe it or not, you will find an
infinite relief in talking to someone who neither likes
nor dislikes you and with whom your confidence
will be everlastingly safe. The man asks you questions
which seem simple and he will certainly put you on
your defensive. You may lie to him dangerously and
graciously - I don't. But in the end of me will be glad to

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tell the truth. The man ^{at first} ~~will not understand~~ what you think
 is your point ^{at first} and you may have to persist in
 discussing a certain aspect of your life which he seems to
 pass over as unimportant. Ask him about things that
 have puzzled you and, if possible, he may give you
 helpful suggestions. — As I write this I long that
 you will not call this meddling and feel my ^{suggestions} aside. I
 have known fine people who have swallowed hard and
 have sought help of this sort. Dr. Kutz, the cytologist in
 the biology department here, is a splendid fellow (not a

good teacher!) and, although he works beyond his strength at research, he has a wife and four children to take his thoughts and interest and he is interested as well in music and literature. I often marvel at his variety of interests and his apparent joy in living. He was a farm boy and once or twice we have talked about country matters. I have always respected him for the wisdom he showed in getting help of the kind he needed. It must have been harder for one of the rising young scientists of the Carnegie Foundation to admit that he was in a mess and needed help than for a poor Texas college senior, such as I was. Eleanor was in an accident which shattered her nerves and, after being in bed for awhile, she was driven to find help on

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give up trying to live in the world in which fate
had placed her. To you her life may seem quite
simple and easily arranged but I know she has
problems, many of which I cannot appreciate because
I am not tuned to her kind of a world. Her
voluntary was her appreciation of finer things. Since
I've known her better, I understand how well she
lives in a hum-drum world - at least a world hum-
drum compared with the world she might live in if
she were not tied down to her mother and a meager

income - one far below that to which she was accustomed for years.

"How about a new paragraph?" said the lady who was writing a dissertation. That ^{she} is not making the rendering, ^{with that} I had hoped she would make but she is doing her "darndest." Dr. Emington has been something to put in a book and I shall save some of the pink sheets to show you. He means well, I think, and I shall look in his well-meaning. We'll hope that I was born under a lucky star in respect to "orals". It seems quite unlikely that I'll be able to take them this spring but I shall surely be able to do so early in the fall. I have heard nothing more about a position. I

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plan to send out some letters. I may be
frankly optimistic or stoutly neglectful but I cannot
worry ^{now} about next fall now. I have made an
honest effort and the next thing to do is to catch
up with the Ph. D. ^{degree} which seems ever just out of
reach. Then I'd be ready to take a position when
one turns up.

I am enchanted with Donald Cullen Peattie's
An Almanac for Moderns. Do you know it?

Much Love and good courage to you,
E. A.

April 12, 1937

Dear George,

I have worked with
all my heart + that you had
talked to me when you were
here. The trouble you are
having is not a surprise
for I had suspected from
your letters (I cannot explain
how) that all was not well
with you and Elizabeth and
the mystery about your
vacation convinced me even
before I saw you. I think
you know how genuinely fond
I am of Elizabeth and how

I took her into my heart even
before I saw her. You will
never doubt my love for you
and you must not feel that
I want to hinder. My
heart aches for you and for
Elizabeth and I want the
best for you. If you
can write to me about
the matter I shall be
glad and I promise you not
to feel hindered with your
trouble. I am concerned
that you seemed utterly
worn out when you were
here. Please take care of
yourself.

I am busy with *Passerina jacobaeifolia*. Dr. Livingston has been very amusing, if somewhat exasperating. He will not be heartless and he has been more amiable than I had reason to expect after my first talk with him. He has recommended me for full membership in Sigma Xi which was a nice gesture. I hated to be left on the list of associate members but I could hardly ask to be graduated. Dr. J. always considered membership in Sigma Xi less of an honor than in Phi Beta Kappa and Dr. L. feels the same way. I feel certain Dr. J. would have given me the lesser honor had he lived.

Dr. Whitcomb thinks I am getting along very well. He doubted the amount of lumber used I get rid of excess sugar. Dr. Harrop's joke pleases me of having seen you and I am very glad you took the trouble to go.

I have heard nothing since from Elmer nor have I had any encouragement from the others. I am not worrying. I shall do what I can to help myself and regard that I shall not think for the present.

Much love and the assurance that I care tremendously. E. W.

[29 Apr 1929]

Dear George,

I am very glad to
have your letter. I left
Gleaners a few minutes
ago and took long steps
homeward in the hope
of finding word from you.

I am glad you feel as I
do about the position business.
(which is very poor, isn't it?).

Please try to think something
will turn up even when your
good sense tells you the
contrary.

Gleaners and Paul

Letters from both Elizabeth² and
you and was pleased with them.
I am glad we had that morning
there. She is a fine person and
I wonder she has time for dull
letters. That is a lie! I don't
wonder, for I am always enchanted
with her third floor haven and
absorbed in our chatter or our
silences. And often I climb three
steps after a good meal and
am too full to wander.

It was stupid of me not
to send you Dr. Currier's address.

Dr. Fred P. Currier
Medical Arts Building
Grand Rapids
Michigan.

I do not remember the street

but that does not matter, I am certain. I shall inquire here about a psychiatrist. I know a woman doctor at Hopkins Hospital who knows one of the best psychiatrists here and I think I may be able to learn of someone to whom you could go. However, I have great confidence in Dr. Currier's judgment and, if he wishes to recommend someone, I should choose that one.

It seems that "the jig is up" so far as my degree is concerned for this time. Dr. Livingston has felt so for some long, I think, though we didn't really admit it to

such other matter to report. I think
 he fears that to present a
 poor dissertation and a student
 unprepared for oral examination is
 to great a risk to take. Furthermore,
 the dissertation must hardly be
 finished in time and I cannot
 push myself any harder, much
 as I'd like to do so. I shall go
 on working at a scriber top
 speed for no one knows what
 way turn up and I shall
 want to be prepared to take a
 position. I shall enquire
 at the office in the morning
 about the ^{best} examination date for
 May, which is the 25th. I think,
 and also about the earliest
 in the fall. Dr. Cunningham

Says there would be no
use in petitioning for
an examination later than
the officially set date of May
and, if that were, he thinks
it would be unwise for
him to appear to be pushing
me through. I doubt that
he will go back on me now
and I shall have to hope
he will be spared to earth
and to good health until
the first of November. Were
I to find a position I could
arrange to return here for
the examination. I had

Rochester is beginning to
show tendencies of spring which
will cheer you. I shall
take both you and Elizabeth
with me in a punt when I
take my class to Loch Raven
on Saturday. Perhaps you, too,
will be able to go a-maying.

Much love and
the best of courage to you.

I va.

Wednesday Evening.

Thursday A.M. - It seemed desirable
for me to write to Dr. Currier asking
him to write you. That may be better
matters. I wrote him simply that

planned to spend part of this
summer completing the
work necessary in order
to have a paper published and
I shall do that and try to
study for examinations, also.

I do not want you to
write to me. You are too tired
and must save your strength
for what must be done in
connection with your teaching
and the possible securing of
a position. I do believe that
I care and that I want you
to find relief from the
weariness of going around
in mental circles. I hope

You were upset over your marriage.
If you want to do so, you may
write also. I don't know

whether you intended to write him

anything ^{definitely about} the situation. Such

information might help him
to send you to the best person

but I doubt that you need

to take the time and make

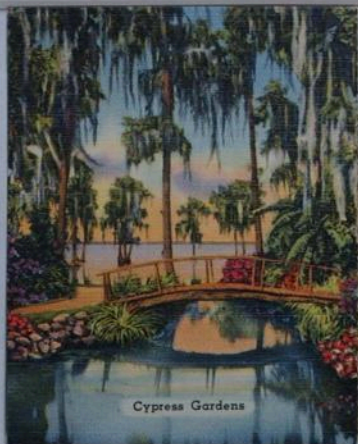
the effort to do that for

writing of that sort is very

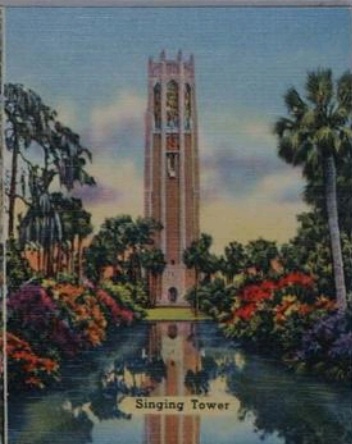
difficult.

Once more, much love,

Eva



Cypress Gardens



Singing Tower

Tuesday Noon

Dear George,

[4 May 1937]

I have had a letter
from Dr. Currier and I
suppose you have also.
When I noticed that Dr.
Garvey is connected with
the University I thought
you might not care to go to
him. The departments are
probably as widely separated
as ^{they are} here and ^{perhaps} you need have
no worries about that. However,
I have gotten in touch with
Dr. Esther Richards of the

J. H. H. and she has
recommended Dr. Eric
Plank of the Strong Memorial
Hospital. Dr. Richards is a
splendid person and when she
said, "He is a good man" I
feel reassured. Of course, she
meant good from the standpoint
of his profession. I did not
see Dr. Richards but I
was glad to hear her voice,
even over the telephone. I
have known her by sight for
some years and had never
been near enough to actually
hear her speak.

This is a hurried note. Please
be certain, it is full of love and
good wishes from your
sister Elizabeth
E. W.

{21 May 1927}

Dear George,

I am tremendously
pleased that you have
been given the position at
Rochester for another year.
It will give you time to
look about more and
will also make a better
showing on your record, for
apparently it is more to
stay there than one year in
a place.

You may feel as
certain as you ever have
that I shall do all that I
can to help you and to

make circumstances seem
less harsh & kinder most fathers.
How deeply I care you know
and you must not doubt it.
If I seem to blunder you must
forgive me, for I am not
at all certain what to do. For
the present Mother and Father
need not know, I suppose. I
shall try to go home in some
day class work is over here.
That will be about June 2nd,
I think. Before then I hope we
shall know the best course to
take for I think much
depends on not ^{pretending} ~~appearing~~ that
there is no difficulty and then
learning to admit there is.

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I am sure that you feel as you
do for 2 Last Leaflet you and
Elizabeth would be very happy
together. If, however, you
cannot go on together, I suppose
it is better that you should separate
before you and Elizabeth are
completely worn out. My heart
aches for each of you and if I
could I'd comfort you both. You
must not think I have worried.
A strange peace comes over me in
times of greatest stress and I have
been able to hear the heartbeats
over you and Father with less
worry than a broken slave string
keeps me at times. I am
well. The eye trouble comes and
goes. I shall eventually become

occasionally to visit and then
my room will be more stable. I
went to Havel and Marge at a
time when I was bothered ^{with} and
I am sorry I went into the
difficulty for I do not want you
to have that worry.

I seem to have forgotten to
about a new #. Please forgive me
for my carelessness and love me
despite it.

Since I shall go home soon
I shall not have to come for the
Hickmoods do not leave until
June 5th. If possible, I must
spend some weeks here this summer.
However, Mother and Father need
me and I shall go the very minute
I am through here and know I
need be. Mother writes very

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experimentally. I fear Fisher's
trouble is serious and may be of
a stubborn nature. However, I don't
know a thing about it and I shall
not look too far ahead. We must
trust with all our ^{hearts} ~~strengths~~ that
Nirvana will be given strength to do
what she must and until we are able to
help her. She insisted that I must
not come home before I have.

I shall be glad to hear from
you but do not think you must
write. I shall not be over anxious
for you know how difficult it is
to write when one is unwell
out. You are in my thoughts and
my prayers and I am confident
that you will be cured soon. Now
I must run along and enjoy all
the good smells and beauties of
spring. I think I have

enjoyed plants as I have this
spring. Even the birds and
and sheep would please me more
than humanity.

Now do love and the
best of message.

Even

Thursday P.M.

I am sending a letter to
Edwards. I do not know
her St. Louis address so am
I can see she is there.

E

(25 May 1939)

Dear George,

Your letter greeted
me as I came home to night.

I am glad you had the
trip on Sunday. Trilliums
are lovely plants growing well
now & unsatisfactory to pick.

I always hope people who are
inclined to pick them will
become discouraged at
finding them wild within
a short time. The second
ones about ^{six miles from} Holland are

Suppose you want Mother to
think you were here nearly a
week. I believe you would like
her from New York. Whatever
you do, don't think for a moment
about what may happen at
home. If you feel that your
separation may be only
temporary I think you would
be justified in not making any
~~statement~~ statement at home. You need
not fear that my knowledge
of your difficulties will be
disclosed. Then if need be
you can tell Mother and Father
later and let them think
that I knew it no sooner
than they. I shall be able

home soon. I wrote to
her to-night saying that
I, too, was disappointed but
that in these times ^{one} ~~one~~
could hardly blame ^{her} ~~her~~
for wanting to work for
a few weeks. I said nothing
about your plan for I
did not know what you
intended to do. How long do
you plan to be at home?

I think that matters may work
out very well if we don't
say too much at first. I
shall do my best to explain
the spring vacation affair. I

covered with ^{white} Trillium. I
remember seeing a few
red ones near Cephal but I
cannot recall having seen
them near home. I have not
seen ^{them} ~~one~~ in the spring
since I cared to look for
them.

You must not worry
about the reaction at home.
I had a letter from Vertes
in which she expressed
her disappointment at not
being able to look forward
to having you and Elizabeth

to appear to take it calmly
and that many keep them
to do likewise.

I am fast fully asleep.
I don't know why for his head
plenty of sleep. The head wants
less now at last. It feels
good to get into summer
clothes.

I went to S. H. H. Sunday.
Dr. Whittell thinks I know
very well how to take care
of myself and I shall not
need to report to a doctor very
often. Elisha Dr. Harnup on

Argument but I think
the letter will be best left out
alone. I know ^{that} last June,
when I went home and
found Mother upset over my
approaching marriage she
looked at the whole situation
in another light when I seemed to
take it for granted that you
were doing what seemed wise
and best. Let these last
weeks of your work be as
free from concern for the future
as you can make them. Living in
the present is less worrying than
trying to live in the past or future.
Don't wear the love,
I am

P.S. If you write to me
again I would have been
sure to put any private
communication on a
separate sheet.

Σ.

Thursday Morning.

I have read your letter
again. You still feel that
Mother and Father must be
made to feel that a temporary
separation is desirable. I
shall do all I can to make them
think it a reasonable action on
the part of Elizabeth and of you.

I am not very clear and
perhaps not very convincing in

Dr. Whittier will write to
the doctor who will look after
me when I know definitely
where I shall be next year.

At present I have no prospects.
I have heard nothing from
Shuman since you were here.

I am not worrying and
you need not worry about
what I shall do.

Much love and the
best of courage to you.

Eva

Wednesday P.M.
May 26, 1937

[2 June 1937]

Dear Elizabeth and George -

You will be glad to know that I passed my oral examination yesterday afternoon. After I wrote you that Dr. Livingston had told me I must not try to finish this year a number of events occurred which made it seem imperative that we should go ahead. In the end I had to give in to Mr. Livingston's notion that the cytological part of my research, which is the important part, must be left out of the thesis. That nearly broke my heart for I had set my heart on making an impression with what I thought was a good series of figures

of nuclear behavior in *Neurospora* rust. I really didn't have the cytological part well written but I wanted to justify my long years here ~~but~~ ^{by} an apparently impressive thesis. I wondered yesterday whether any but the chairman had even looked at the dissertation.

I didn't let you know about this last great effort for the outcome was too uncertain and I hated to have you worry needlessly. I had to work very hard and at times it seemed that I could not possibly ^{fulfill} the necessary requirements. Dr. Livingston winked at the rules and let the dissertation be handed while a third copy ^{was} sent to Dr. Couch for his approval.

I haven't been able to review very thoroughly. In fact I reviewed so meagerly that I felt I was flying

in the face of Providence & dare to appear
 before the examining committee, ~~with~~
~~about~~ no preparation. My eyes behaved
 badly and that was a blessing for I
 took ^{more} time ^{than usual} to eat and sleep and often
 spent hours doing nothing^{at} all. I considered
 having someone to read to me but I
 was really in no state to concentrate and
 I feared it would be wasted effort on the
 part of reader and listener as well.

Eleanor has been busy with problems
 at home but she has made time to
 see me and to encourage me. She
 was waiting outside the door when I
 emerged, dripping and warm, at three-
 fifteen yesterday afternoon. We went
 home to gether and ^{Mr. Munster} had a very
 good dinner and a warm welcome for
 us. Two very interesting lessons of
 Irish extraction were then and we

had a very heavy. I don't suppose I said
anything the least bit coherent for
I am only beginning to come out of the
fog this morning.

Last night I telephoned to
Mother. Cyril I heard of Father's illness I
didn't dare tell her what I was trying to do
for fear she would not send for me if she
needed me. I shall go home Saturday or
Sunday ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~morning~~, ~~possibly~~, Friday. I must
move from here to the University and
leave things in good order there in case I
do not return within two or three weeks as
I hope to do. Dr. Huntington has taken the
responsibility of a note for one hundred
dollars which I had to sign so, of course, he
wants me to round out the paper and
get it ready for publication. If possible
that must be done this summer for I

might hear from one of those January
 letters. On Monday the Secretary of the
 Teachers' College told me that he had
 received a letter offering me the place
 I have held for two years. I don't know
 whether or not I have hope for a ^{re-organization}
 of fifteen students of Mr. Johnson's successor
 offers a good course in the undergraduate
 college. Dr. Johnson's course was too
 difficult for undergraduates and I
 have had several students who would have
 preferred a four hour course ^{during} the week.
 However, I had been assured twice that
 there was no hope of the position in the
 Teachers' College being given to me and
 but hope that the ^{course} would be given at all so I
 shall take this news as a good omen.
 Perhaps I shall be able to find another
 paid time position in Baltimore. I have

a better chance of getting something done
than formerly for the citizens of Baltimore
are a bit inclined to overestimate the
importance of the ^{holder of a} Ph. D. from Hopkins.

I seem to go on and on. I'll tell
you the main thing was. The examining
Committee was composed of Dr. Huntington
(who asked me questions on Dr. Johnson's Courses
as well as the ones) Dr. Jennings, the
head of the Department of Zoology, a marine
zoologist, a geneticist, two ~~physiologists~~
(Heaven knows why two of 'em), a famous
physiologist from a near town & a geologist.
I didn't know ~~either~~ either of the physiologists
or the physiologist but ~~was~~ ~~and~~ ~~imagined~~
them to be chemists or physicists. I was
frightfully nervous and lived scarcely through
the ordeal when I was asked to make diagrams
on the board. However, I must confess there
was a fair spirit of cooperation and sympathy

in the atmosphere and I did not feel that I was up against a brick wall. It was very hot and we all napped considerably, although I think I needed it most. Every time I sat down I feared I'd be unable to detach myself from the chair when next I tried to arise for I stuck at all points of contact. I couldn't continue to stand for I was wearing real shoes for the first time in days. My feet have been sore and I have been running about in & most ridiculous contraptions of straps. They are called "Cassio sandals". I didn't quite dare wear them to the examination for they do not harmonize with my staid appearance. A really snappy person might have dared to wear them.

I trust you have not suffered too much with the heat. I am glad you had a picnic on Sunday and I should have

Loved to have been with you. The good
smell of earth and the odor of spring flowers
have been great blessing to me this
Spring. I had not realized what a spiritual
alley smells had been to me in former years.

Please forgive the incoherence of
this outburst. I want you to know I
have the axel behind me and I am
still too excited to be coherent. Your
interest and good wishes have helped
me more than I can tell you. I have
been wonderfully blessed in knowing that
a number of persons cared tremendously and
that has taken me over the hardest places.

kindest love,
Eva

Wednesday Morning
June 2, 1937

Tuesday 11:30 P.M.

10 June 1937

Dear George,

Last Thursday night
I found your telegram and
on Sunday night your letter
when I reached home. It is
dear of you to rejoice greatly
with me. It is well for
I am very happy over this
outcome of these weeks of struggle.
When I felt you were worried about
me I wanted to tell you that I
might get through, but the odds
were much against me and
I dreaded to disappoint you.

Your long letter
reached me Thursday and
I quite agree that the letter

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plan is to let Mother and Father think
^{into very recently}
that, I know no more than that you
and Elizabeth seemed unhappy.
We have talked of your visit and,
altho' I expected many questions,
there have been few. I don't think
they suspect the truth but I can
break it gently if you think best.

If you are coming home I shall be
^{glad to} prepare them for I dislike to have
you hear the lament of the first hard
hours or days. I do not mean that
it would be best to tell them definitely
^{that which}
what seems inevitable to you. I
think, however, I could suggest
the state of affairs and the great
need on your part of their acceptance
of a temporary separation such as
Elizabeth's position has made
seem the natural course of events.

If, however, you feel it is best for you to break the news I shall not say ^{anything} ~~more~~. Mother wonders what your thoughts of Glumbetta's venture and I could suggest that you seemed a little tired of each other and that perhaps you and she felt a few weeks apart would clear the air.

I haven't mentioned your plans for the summer. You were uncertain about them and, since you had not written of them to Mother, I felt it wiser to let her hear them from you than from me. I do not think she would scold to have you here under any circumstances for you know how precious you are to her. Being here seems to be very hard on you. I do wish you could have a complete change for a few weeks. I am certain

Betty and Donald would love to have you and would be very good to you but I am anxious lest you wear yourself out further by discussing the situation. I can only pray for the best for you.

Father seems much better to-day than on Sunday. He does very little except to go on the route. Mother has gone with him there for a few days. I shall go to-morrow for Mother wants to go out in the afternoon. I have done a little weeding in the flower beds. Everything is overgrown. The medicinal peppers, agave, yucca, daisies and ferns are beautiful. I wish you could see the garden at this time of year. I should be able to do much but I please Father to have me try.

Mother is well and in a few more optimistic state than her experienced harrows. I think she will not have a rest now. I shall write again soon. I am nearly asleep. I love you dearly and shall be very interested in you. Love

Tuesday Afternoon
June 15, 1937

Dear George,

Your letter came this morning. I found the shoes and washed out the soles which were in them. Martha will look for the belt. If she does not find it, you will have to get one. I'll send the shoes to-day, if possible.

Martha has been with Father on the route these last two days. I think she enjoys going and Auntie's feet are much less than Martha's. Mrs. Brown left Saturday. Her successor has not appeared yet.

She did not find it.

been very, very good to me and kind
beyond measure these last few days. I
think I can forgive them that argument
and discussion will not keep matters warm.
And, of course, I shall be here when you
come. I ought to go back to Ballinacorney
to work for a few weeks and I shall do so ^{soon},
if that is at all possible, ^{but} I need not
go before July the first. ^{or even later} If Timothee should
have to leave on quarters I'd stay longer
and I shall stay to keep Mother until I
am certain she is somewhat rested. I
don't know how she did all that she
must have done before I came.

You and Elizabeth are on my mind
always & constantly, but I am not worrying
out under the strain. It is not that I do not
care. I care tremendously. Though I am
nervous as always, I am worried with a
peace which I do not understand. It is
the kind of a peace I have always imagined

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You ought to write honesty Father's name
and tell me his shamefully. I don't
know what Mr. McNamee thinks but
I doubt that he would think it wise
for Father to have such a shock. Father
may suspect. He has said very truthful
perhaps I do not imagine that he watches
me closely when I speak of you and
Elizabeth. I do feel equal to the ordeal
and I shall gladly (you must not
doubt this) spare you. I do not think
one should be made to suffer beyond
reason and arise from that. I cannot
hear to hear you suffer more. Mother
and Father will need time, as I did,
to become accustomed to the shock. Perhaps
they will need more time than I, for they
are more firmly rooted in convention and
they ~~do~~ ^{do} not suspect ^{that} what I suspected
from the first of February on. They love

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of the time but I hope and trust she will
before too long. Aunt really doesn't
bother me. I seem to have become
unfamiliar to ^{the respect of} her characteristics which
used to irritate me beyond measure. Of
course, I haven't seen her much lately.
I shall not brag. She is a sad old woman
and I do feel sorry for her.

Perhaps I gave you the wrong
impression when I wrote. There have
been openings for me to tell Father and
Mother. Mother thinks Elizabeth is
doing very wrong to leave you this
summer and she cannot understand
why you haven't mentioned her going.
Then too, there is the fact that you have
never found it convenient to visit ^{with} ^{mother and father} ~~them~~
and Harold. I shall gladly tell them. I
think it will be quite awhile before

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belonged only to sleeping little children
or tired old people or, perhaps, to very good
unsuccessful people whose lives are more
bound to the limit of the universe than to
any one firm of place. Whether it is,
not a creative force and, perhaps, I should
not welcome it as I do. However, it is
carrying us through difficult days and
I shall trust it. You must trust it, also,
and not fear that you are asking too
much of me.

Father found to-day that he has
eleven days of rest leave which he
had not counted on. That makes him
feel better over the money situation.

I do think Father is better. Last
week I saw no improvement from day
to day and I almost ~~was~~ ^{was} only
expected to get back. His appetite has
improved and he isn't nearly as
nervous and tired as he was. The
last test for pus showed very little.

I had a note from Mrs. Keegan which warmed my heart.

Laura is having a great time abroad. I am very glad for she has been patient all these years while others have come and gone as they pleased. She will reach New York about August 25th and I shall try to meet her. She wants me to go home with her. I may do so but I cannot promise until I know about Father's auditors.

I must stop and pick strawberries. They are delicious and tempt me almost beyond measure. However, the good smell of earth and the fresh air are mine to enjoy. The flowers have been a great blessing. I feel almost interested with their condition early in the morning. I do enjoy getting

I do to have another test to-day.

I forgot to mention that Auntie goes home again now. That gives us a respite. To-day she plans to stay there for supper.

Uncle Frank came unexpectedly Sunday afternoon and stayed until about eight o'clock. I hope his several day visit will be delayed until Mother is rested.

I think I am improving. Taking asparagus and working at this and that are good for me after my rage of sitting and depending on whatever food I could get most easily. Of course, I didn't always have to sit as much as I did. Even when my eyes were of little use, I often sat instead of romping about as I knew I ought to do.

up and that is a ⁻⁸⁻ loop. Perhaps it is because
I am always hungry ^{in the morning} & believe diabetes
has its advantages. You will find the
flower garden a sorry sight perhaps. I
wish I had time and strength to do all
that should be done. I try to live Saturday
evening. I don't think he should strain
himself. We have planted some
runner and cutie seeds and have
been planted there and there. I don't
know that needs it at all as it should
be done but Father seems pleased.
Perhaps next year you will be able to
come home once in this spring to
enjoy the ferns, columbines, poppies
etc. Poppies in that white base of Mother's
are lovely. I feel that the bus has found
its work.

Must stop - Much, much love.

S. v.

P.S. Father's post test showed marked improvement.

Coxsack, N. Y.

June 23, 1937

Dear George,

I am thinking of you packing
and trusting that you will not try to
do too much of it at one time. You
do it well and painstakingly, I know,
and that takes strength and patience.

This is the first pleasant
day we have had for some time. The
land is soaked and farmers must
be discouraged. ^{When} I picked over our little
patch of straw berries last night my
feet sunk into soft mud at every step.
We have not had more than 8-10 germs
at any one picking.

Wilbur, Jennie and Bernice
were here Sunday noon and evening.
I was glad to see Wilbur looking better, and

Lennie, too, seemed to have a new pump on top. They had several cells to make each while they were away & picked strawberries for them.

Mother spent Sunday afternoon with Auntie who was expecting to interview a prospective housekeeper. The woman arrived at 1:30 o'clock after Mother and Auntie had returned here. Father had a good rest on the couch. He doesn't gain very rapidly and gets frightfully nervous. Auntie was here ten days, but she spent after hours at home and stayed over supper several days. Florence Sherman ^{had just} started to prepare for her and must leave to-day to take a patient in Glens Falls. We hope to find someone else because we don't want Auntie to come here again. Mother and Father are not strong enough to stand that strain now. But, of course, we don't want her here when you leave. She shows many indications of softening of the brain and I think that if she lives over this year she will have to ^{be put} in an institution.

The roses have been lovely. I keep a line just in the fence for 7 never fails

this time I plan to take to set in the yard. I think we ought to have a couple of Gibson Island chairs outside and then we might be induced to sit down outside often.

Father had breakfast with us for the first this morning. He has been very good about eating breakfast in bed.

I haven't been anywhere since I came home. After all the necessary godding I did all year I am glad to stay within the limits of six acres. I did go to church each Sunday. To-night we are going to call on Mrs. Peep in the Catholic Hospital and to-morrow night to a Glee meeting. We want Mother to go to Panama at Freetown on Saturday and shall try to arrange for Floyd Miller to take her. She has had a very hard spring and she must get out and meet people.

I guess the flowers I sent were well
before you returned from New York. When I
packed them I had a feeling that you were
not in Rochester and that I was foolish to
try to send flowers. However, I wanted you
to have them if you were there. Then the next
morning I had Dorced's letter.

I am sitting at the north window in
my little room. Berkeley's lot is a glory
with dunes, buttercups and bush-eyed
Aurans. I wish you could see ^{them} ~~seed~~
eat the field berries wheels I gather there
once in awhile. Father doesn't care
for cultivated berries this year and
times we have had field berry-leaves.

Father is ready to go so I must
stop writing. Love from all -

Sra

M. B. VAN SCHACK
COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Saturday P.M.
[29 June 1937]

Dear George,

Your letters came this morning just as I was starting on the route with Father. Mother has gone every day since a week ago Tuesday or Wednesday. I think Father will go alone on Monday.

There isn't much I can write about matters here. I didn't realize that you were considering not coming home or I'd have written very definitely that we are expecting you. I am certain that

putting it off will not make it easier for
either you or Hortie and Patches. You
realize that they did not take my news
or your letter as philosophically as you
myself have wished. However, I think
they have done very well for meeting
them was in a state to bear a great strain.
Hortie was determined at first to go to
you. She had been worrying that you
were alone and had wished she could
go on & to keep you after Elizabeth's death.
Of course, I insisted after she had heard Tess
news that she must not go to you and
after your letter came I would not
let her write at once for anything she
myself have written would not have
helped matters. Now I don't think she

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knows what to write. Your letter to them
was not a surprise to me for I have
known the state of affairs. But knowing
that didn't help me to explain anything to
them and I feel that it is something
that cannot be written or planned nor answered.
Neville has gone to Parsons meeting at
Sewett to-day and, perhaps, she will write
to - narrow. She needed to get on & and
with other people and Lloyd Miller was
good enough to take her and promise
to bring her home to-night. I did not
mention having heard from you but I
shall tell her to - narrow.

I am not making matters clear
and you must forgive me. If you
do not feel that you are too wrought up
to come home, come by all means
as soon as you are able to do so. We
need you. Father ^{plans to} ~~go~~ to see Dr. Hasler
this coming week and we are in hopes
he will have something definite to
advise. Father seems to improve daily now.

I shall pray that the last days
packing and trying to rent the
apartment will not be too hard on you.
I do hope the weather won't be very hot. It
is hot enough to-day to bother me a little.
I am glad to be able to be lazy -
Much love and courage to you, Eva.

Crosseduo, N.Y.

August 19, 1937

Dear George,

I was glad to have your card and letter but very sorry you have had an attack of what may be acute appendicitis. You really ought to have the opinion of a good doctor in regard to that.

I mailed the book to Donald on Saturday as matter I gave it to Father to mail. He was in "state" and, if it hasn't reach Danbury, let me know for I

wonder whether or not he sent it.
All in all Merkin and Father had
little difficulty getting ready for
I was here to do odd jobs and to
straighten up afterwards. To tell an
awful truth I haven't done that
yet. This has been too good an
opportunity to do other things. Aunt
and Sue are coming to supper
to-night so I shall have to
take one deep breath and blow
the worst dust away.

I thought possibly I might
have company next week and I
am doing a few odd jobs now which
I want to do before going away.

I expect Laura a week from Monday or Tuesday to stay over one night. I don't know whether that means Laura or Laine and Miss Sherwood. I shall hope for the former for one night isn't long for a visit and I'd not like to waste time on Miss S.

Auntie and I get on very well. I have breakfast there and every other dinner. When the new housekeeper comes I may come home to breakfast for eight o'clock is too late for me to eat. Wake at six and am impatient to be on my way. Sue wanted me and I gave in later.

Mother may have written to you that we had Father's birthday celebrations at the river near the old Pine Grove ice house. We were interrupted by the worst storm of the season and reached home in the nick of time. Thank you for shopping for us.

Yesterday afternoon when I reached here at about 2:30 I found Sherman paving the air because the oil can and a ^{wheel} glass were out of his reach. What a man! I was all but dead by 5:30 when he had finished mowing the lawn and picking pears. *Hypoboloma incertum* on toast revived me.

I must run along to the blackberry patch. I'm going to give Auntie and Sue plummer for dessert. I want time to go riding this afternoon. I am wishes to Betty and Donald and much love to the best of big brothers. Eva

Catsack, N.Y.

Sept. 25, 1937

Dear George,

I was glad to hear your letter yesterday and very much pleased that you had found suitable living quarters. I know how attractive you will make them and I trust everything goes smooth in the preparing and other arrangements to be made by the landlady.

If possible you might order the silverware by mail - that is, if you are not returning to Rochester before Wednesday. I don't remember when you plan

to return this. I think you came to
a wise decision regarding the
piece to be purchased. I shall
trust your decision in respect to the
pattern that name, Argosy, seems
to be the one 2 associates with
the advertisement of the salad
forks in the Baltimore Sun several
years ago. As soon as possible let
me send my share of the money. Do
you want to let Helen and Harold
know their shares or shall I do that?
I am sorry I forgot to give you
a salad fork, but no matter. You
know I said there were three always
I had in mind.

Thank you for shipping &
purchase the vase. Had you
have money enough? If not, be

sure to let me know how much I owe you.

I did not leave on Wednesday as I had planned because I felt too miserable. Monday night I was quite sick for a little while and since then I have been improving. My mouth is healing and I no longer have nausea after eating. If anything further happens I shall leave ^{as the} ~~early~~ train Monday and shall reach Baltimore about 3:30 P.M. I shall keep your loving admonitions in mind and shall ~~send~~ send you the address of a comfortable room and the report of the doctor ^{upon} ~~length~~. You may write to me in care of The Botanical Department, The Ohio State University, Columbus, until I send you another address.

It was good to have you at home and I miss you. I shall think of you climbing the mountains. I am too late to ask you to climb a little for me but I know you will think of me and wish for me.

Yesterday afternoon we drove to Cutchogue to buy horses a hat and to get some of a long list of things and ends. To-morrow is fair I shall try to get pictures of horses and Father for I remembered being a fellow. Perhaps I can persuade them to dress up to-day.

Much love to the best of my brothers,
I've.

219 1/2 North Avenue, East

Baltimore, Md.

September 30, 1937

Dear George.

I have future a room
at the Nurses' Club for a
month. By ^{the end of} that time I shall
know whether or not this way of
living is the best for this year.
The club may close later but
not before January. I am two
blocks from the Grove and half
a block from the Club. I think the
coffee and toast in my
room in the morning although

I may go to the Oracle for that sometimes.
My room isn't very large and quite
dark but it faces south and I shall
have a better view ^{interior} ~~west~~ ^{west} ~~west~~ in the
morning than I had last year. The
heating system, supply of hot water
and other essentials are satisfactory.

I went to the hospital yesterday
and shall go again on ^{next} Monday.
William also went to the clinic this
morning for two or three days. Osler's visit
is open and I shall hope to be present there.
Your feeling better and want to
keep on the walls of the hospital for
there is still no head and I shall
have to forget my way in order to

get things for my class. Dr. Livingston was
cardinal and ~~has~~ invited me to occupy his
little room over his office which I used last spring.
By 2 am able to make slides and do experimental
work & shall find a corner with a sink etc.
in the other end of the building, I trust.

I forgot to say that the new doctor who is
to look after me didn't say much except that
apparently I'd have to be put on old insulin.
The rashes in my arm and pains in my legs
are much better and were caused by high
^{blood} sugar. Dr. Barrup, will not be at Hopkins much
longer, I have been told at the club. I didn't ask
Dr. Kramer but I'd find out later.

Last night I stayed with Mrs. Karaman
and shall be there tonight and possibly
Friday night. I have had breakfast twice with
Eleanor's friend, Daisy, who lives near the
club. She is middle-aged woman who hasn't
smoked for years but smokes a Penny at finishing
joints and what not. She has gone to
Chicago for two weeks and left me the key of
her apartment that I may use the telephone and
get breakfast there, if I choose. Eleanor returns
October 4th.

I must not write here now. This will tell
you how that I am well used for as always and
much better physically. Love and good courage to



"PERCÉ ROCK HOUSE"
PROPRIETOR, A. BISSON

PERCÉ, P.Q., 193.....

October 4, 1937

Dear George,

I forgot to bring an additional supply of writing paper with me to-night when I left the club and I found this on Gleason's desk. I am still with Mrs. Kearsley but shall soon be leaving on my little sojour at 219^{1/2}. I have moved everything from the University that I shall



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PERCÉ, P.Q., 193.....

need for the present and shall
be quite easy for tubes, I am certain.

Thus is the day Steamer sails and
her workers is quite excited. Many
people depend on Steamer for cheer
and help and a warm welcome
awaits her.

I hesitate to write this for it
will surprise you for opening
Hoplans. Keep it under your hat.
Dr. Bowman ^{unlaid} ~~received~~ a cable
from the man who had been
united to feel Dr. Johnson's



"PERCÉ ROCK HOUSE"
PROPRIETOR, A. BISSON

PERCÉ, P.Q., 193.....

place and the announcement
of the appointment has just
been made whereas it should have
been made in June. of Dr.
Swingson had not written to
Dr. Brown and then joyzed
Dr. Brown's memory we would
still be holding our breath. Dr.
Brown of Manila in the Philippines
will come in February. He is
an old student of Dr. Johnson's
and ~~was~~ a former associate



"PERCÉ ROCK HOUSE"
 PROPRIETOR, A. BISSON

PERCÉ, P.Q., 193

of Dr. S. Wright at Tucson, Arizona.
 The department of botany will
 retain its identity which pleases
 me.

You should not have sent
 me money. Please don't do it again.
 Let us know if I am in
 need. I do thank you with all
 my heart for this cheque and
 I shall find good use for it. But
 please don't send more. I promise
 not to go on want without telling you.
 I must not write more



"PERCÉ ROCK HOUSE"
 PROPRIETOR, A. BISSON

PERCÉ, P.Q., 193.....

Now. I shall write to Mother
 and Father in time for the eighth.
 Thanks you for all the trouble you
 took. I know how pleased
 they'll be. If, perchance, you don't
 get the money from the boys
 let me know and I'll pay their
 allowances. I'll send you a
 money order soon.

I do hope all is well with
 you. Much Love and Mine
 soon - E va

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

BOTANICAL GARDEN

219 1/2 North Avenue, East
Baltimore, Md.
October 18, 1937

Dear George -

You will notice that the money order
is dated several days ago. I have thought each
day that I'd write and now when I have
determined to do so I find my hands
unwillingly clumsy. I am in reality

Much better and gentle optimism ^{about the future.} I have
been fighting a cold and I think that is
responsible for this banishment. I go to the
hospital to-morrow. If I stay I shall send
you a card.

Saturday brought me eleven regular
and one special student - not a very large
group but enough to have the class held.
We'll not worry about the stipend matter we
hear of has been cut.

After ten days in this room I am
ready to call it a satisfactory abiding place.
The morning sun is a great blessing.

I think of you very often and long you
to my heart. Much love, Eva.

Send mail to Clark.

(Nov 37)

Dear George,

I had good intentions of
hanging this in Rochester to
greet you upon your return. Please
forgive me for not hanging such
it in time. I want to thank
you first of all for the cheque
which was speedily put to what I
trust was good use. I still have
half of the amount & for further
disbursements. I spent ~~xxx~~ ^{some} for
a ticket to ^{King} Richard II in which
Maurice Evans played the leading
roles. I have seen few plays and
this one seemed the first at

which I was totally unconscious of
watching in play. His voice
is pleasant and I could have
listened to it for hours. His
costumes were gorgeous. I
was fortunate in getting a
seat in the front row of the
second balcony and, although
I was well to the left, I could
see and hear perfectly. That was
my Saturday night's diversion.
The show was two acts -
one comedy and the other
from ~~Strawberry~~ ^{giving} reminiscences,
the comedy for Kinn Kulla and
the acts for Christiana Bond, Pt.
Hemmett's secretary, who has been
very good to me.

I trust you have not worried
that I had written elsewhere

of your trip to New York. I ~~do not~~ ^{have} not
written her anything about you
except that I thought you were
conspicuously settled and had not
brought a new one so far as I knew.
She seemed worried that you needed
one. I thought afterward I might need
her, but I have written ^{even} that.

I was glad to have an account
from ^{Kirk's} your visit with ^{Kirk's} and
Father, and I know they enjoyed being
with you. I was worried about
Father but it may have been
my imagination. He seemed
very nervous and not very strong.
I can't exactly describe the feeling
I had about him. I have tried not
to think too much about it for I
realize I was not in a state to see
things as they were.

I have just come from the hospital and
have been told I am getting along
well. A few changes in diet etc., were
recommended. As soon as I
became thoroughly regulated once
more I shall have my eyes examined
for I think new lenses would relieve
the little eye strain I have. However,
my eyes are better than in any other
months or even two years.

I spent a very quiet Thanksgiving
day. Quietly I needed to have
spent had I been more socially-minded,
I suppose. I went to church in the
morning, heard church at its table,
spent the afternoon here at the laboratory
with a "box" and some woody plants. I
did not mind and had supper at
the table. Because I lingered
too long over supper I just missed
Deacon who called and left
a little fern for me. I had not seen

Her alone for weeks until last
night when she stopped for a
few minutes just as I was having
supper in my room. She has been
busy with Darcy and his picnicking
and with Anne and Betty Anne
who leave for Coeymans the next
Friday. Mrs. Musselman is quite
warm and the women's skinner.
Betty Anne has gone in for Faustina
in good style and keeps to home
in favor of the last or the next.

In Sunday I shall have the
fourth and last meeting with
my "Native Love group" as it is
called. It may be I shall have
one evening a week or two a
month with ^{young} school-age boys
and girls at a Community Center
later. That will pay less, 3 per
evening, but it would be

a chance to turn down anything
at all in the way of part time work
and particularly secretarial work
I might enjoy doing.

I must give a personal debt
report on December 10. I have
done nothing with my research
since I returned. The effort to
live has taken all my energies &
which I seemed to have almost
gone for a time. I ought to have
a great deal from now on if I keep
faithfully to a regular way of living.

I think of you countless times a
day and always with strong love and
enduring faith. You must not work
too hard and you must get enough
sleep. You need it more ^{than} many
persons and your attitude toward
everyday matters depends largely on
the amount of rest you have had.

I must not go on in this hazy, sententious
fashion for I have a dozen odd
jobs to do before I go to Sanderson.
For odd jobs, the type of a botanist of
the sort that I am. There are always
needs to be sown, cuttings to be planted
and experiments to be set up. I
don't get a full time position before
long but he sadly spend in this
long luxury of time to play in the
dew.

Much love and many thanks for
the despatch cheque.

E. M.

Monday + P. M.

P. S. Whenever I write I forget to
mention that one of the pictures of
the seed-fern stamps turned out
fairly well and that both of those
of the canna were good.

Walter has the best permits
which I received from my attempt.

to get a good picture of Walter and
Father. I haven't much luck with
my attempts at photography. I seem
to be unable to keep more than
one idea in mind at a time and
that is bad.

I have had supper and
am ready to write a reminiscence
of last Sunday's nature walk.
I made notes but neglected to
write them up. The recreational
center stenographer makes
mimeographed copies to be given
to members of the party and to
be kept in files in case additional
members appear and want to know
what has gone before. Next Sunday
there will be a short walk followed
by a talk and tea (or coffee!) in
someone's apartment near the park.
I have several ideas for the talk but
have not worked one out at all.
Love and many thanks,
E. M.



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BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMAN

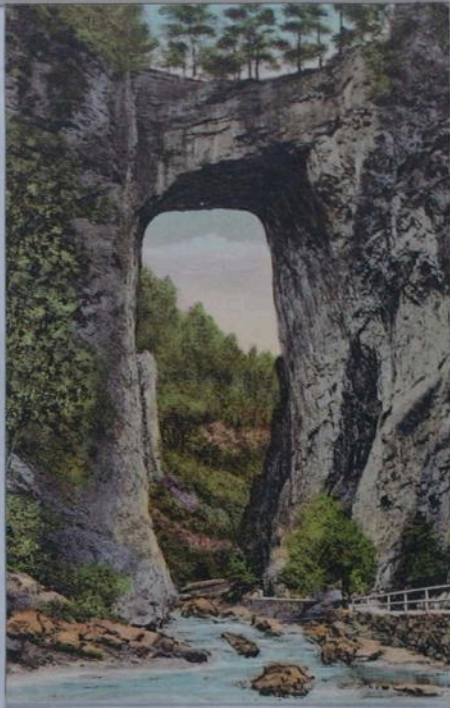


LOUGHEED & CO., MFRS. PHILA., PA.

Mr. George B. Van Schenk
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York.

Monday P. M.

Dear George, I have just read Father's
letter telling me of your illness. I
do wish I had written several days
ago when I had a "premonition" that all
was not well with you. Please do be
careful. If you aren't taking Haliver
oil, start at once. With much love
and a thousand good wishes. E. M.





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324 Canterbury Road

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Niagara—old as the Dawn, 215 feet high,
and 1000 feet wide. The bridge was
surveyed this property in 1750. The
Highway U.S. No. 11 passes right over the
bridge. The bridge is a beautiful
Rockbridge County was named after this
beautiful formation of God.

Nov. 18, 1937

Mother and Father left
about 2:15 P.M. They will
feel you love and support
a trip we had. I longed
for you again and again.
Someday we must go
to the bridge and spend
a day in the green. Much
love. Eva.

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POST CARD



Mr. George B. Van Selaacte
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
N.Y.

November 9, 1957

Your letter came on Saturday.
I had a feeling that there was one
at the club and went over to find
it. I am still at S.H.H. though I
go out nearly everyday and tend
to the little jobs that arise in
connection with my work on
Saturday morning. I don't know
when I shall become "regulated"
and be able to leave here. I can
see that I like football to leave
before the whole matter is settled.
I shall hope to be out by Friday night.
Sunday was a day to love and
the nature love walk was held.
I must Sunday is pleasant this
fall because of the sun. The group
(30+) was much too large for
my enjoyment. However, there were
a number of very interested people.
Mrs. C. and her family to 7:30
2 vol.

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POST CARD
1876



Mr. George B. Van Schaack
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York

Thursday night.

Dear George, I have been
in Drees 5 since Tuesday
morning. I expect I
shall be out soon. I
go out once or twice a
day and keep up my
letter work at Hopkins. I
have been officially notified
that the course will be
given and the first deposit
paid. I haven't learned
much thus far at the
hospital. I am being given
frequent accounts of food
and am well cared for. I
had dinner at Eleanor's Sun-
day night and call her every
night from here. Much love,
E. M.

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Mr. Gary B. Van Schaack
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York

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POST CARD
BALTIMORE
MAY 1937

BUY U. S. SAVING
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMAN



Mr. George B. Van Sledright
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York

Thursday
I was very glad to
have your letter yesterday
I spent the day at the
laboratory, the first I have
been that far from home.
Mrs. Goddard called to
invite me to dinner - an
event for 10 has not
happened for years and
I had a good meat and
delicious steak with vegetables
equally tempting. I have
been in the woods for
a little part on Tuesday
and found an exquisite
slim wood. Salutations
you and I must ~~take~~ for
now. Much love, Eva.

POST CARD

BUY U.S.
BO
ASK YOUR



LOUISBRAD & CO. HENK. PHILA., PA.

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York

Monday-
Four good letters came to keep me
as I prepared for Saturday. I am
getting along well and shall not
be in the hospital yet this week. I
did not stay overnight as I had
planned earlier. This room is next
Sally's factory and I shall take it for
another month. The fall coloring is
exceptionally gay. The yellows are
vivid and warm. Love, Eva

Sunday night.
[19 Dec. 1937]

Dear George,

I am sending this
in the hope that it will reach
you to-morrow. I shall see
you on Thursday for I plan
to leave here that morning.
Even so I cannot wait to
offer you a letter comfort and
love in great abundance to
carry with you until then. Your
^{letter} ^{has} ^{surprised} the way I feel after
being discharged from the hospital.
Reaching my home there and

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Catching up with one's work ought
to be something one could do in
the embrace of good health, and
not in the latter stages of emaciation.

First of all, please don't worry
about Christmas presents. If you
don't give any, no one will care. You
can give something to a few people
at New Year's. I am not able
nervously to go in the crowds
and try to shop this year and
I don't feel that I ought to spend
much for & depend on little
gifts from here and there to make
living away from home on just this
work possible. It seems silly
for me to spend much for those

who help me along from year to year ^{at} this time
 when my prospects ^{for publication work} are quite gloomy. I mean,
 not very promising. I am sent me
 \$5 and I intend to have fun spending
 that in the less crowded stores near here. I
 have ^{bragat} a few cards and shall write them
 to night for there are a number of persons I'd
 not want to neglect entirely at this season.
 For the ^{members of the} family and the few friends to
 whom I am accustomed to give little gifts I
 shall find some little things to express my
 love and that will be that. I have rec'd a
 box to the Christian Herald Mission and have
 had a reply, a letter typewritten all for me
 which impressed me greatly for so often
 one gets reminiscences replies from places
 of that sort, simply because there isn't
 money to pay for more personal notes &
 thanks.

I seem to wonder! If you have
 not purchased anything for Wilbur
 or Harold or their families and feel
 you must give something why don't you
 buy something for ^{each of} the boys and let me
 get something for Irene, Gene and
 Marge? Then we can put both our names
 on the packages. If you don't want to
 be bothered with even this kind (and I

don't think you ought to, ^{be} when
you are tired and have some
obligations (your parents + students)
let the matter go for now. You
can give them each a little treat
of nuts or something else they
cannot afford later. I shall
try to buy each of them a
separate gift.

Did I tell you I gave a
journal club report on Thursday?
No one will ever know the effort
it took for I was quite convinced
I couldn't go through with the
ordeal and the nearer the time
came the less able I felt to

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were either towards or away from
the event. I think I did quite
well though I don't suppose anyone
could have been impressed by my
startling discoveries concerning the
intimacies of mayapples. I have
been going about staking-less since
keeping stockings up and keeping
my calculations right (according to
my notions, not the doctor's) are
uncomfortable and I am certain
my audience came to view
my netter tumb rather than to
hear what I had to say. I failed
'em by appearing unstocking.
Even in a place as free from
prejudice as Hopkins is supposed

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to be there is a clinging to convention
beyond all expectations.

If you have nothing for Mother's
and Father's Christmas we could get
something on Friday. The important
part is that you need not wear yourself
down ~~in~~ important facts.

I must go to eat for I am all of a
jitter. Have a good time with Donald
and Betty. Give them my very best
wishes for a Merry Christmas. I have
wandered often how they were getting
on in that tremendous house and
with all the ups and downs of life ~~and~~
a lamp for after their years away from
me.

Much love and admiration that you
take care of yourself. Diabetes seems a
hazard of safety in comparison with a
cold and I feel very strong and
healthy when I think of the evil thing
a cold does to you.

S. va.

P. S. I have had a real holiday (and the
Lady of Leisure). I went to church ^{with Eleanor} and
had dinner at 100 Woodlawn Hall - 2.

Enc.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George B. Van Schoate
324 Canterbury Road
Rochester
New York.

9 P.M.

Have had supper
and talked to Eleanor
and to Mrs Bond.

Dr. Hildebrandt did
not come in to-day as
I feared he might but
will be on hand to-
morrow. No word
from Ohio. I am
feeling very well
and am ready for
a good rest. It was
splendid to be with you
to-day - Much love, Eva.

[31 Jan. 1938]

Monday night

Dear George,

This is not the
letter I have planned
for days to write to the
rest of my brothers. I
am kept busy with
my part-time job and
am very tired every night.

Please do forgive me for
not answering love and
thanks for the calendar.

to go off that way. She didn't
admit that she could not bear
to be tied down to married American
longer but I feel certain she
felt that way yesterday morning.
She lives over a saloon in the
unpleasant section near
the station. Her four plates
from here and probably more
than four times a day.

I had dinner with Christiana
Friday night but came home
immediately afterward for
I cannot play around before I
teach.

I rejoice that you were and
that we better and trust you
last holiday kept to put
you in good news. With
much love and good wishes
and the promise of more soon.
Eva.

I found a pair of emerald slippers.

to that. She is ten years younger
than I, merry and full
of vim and vigor. I doubt that
I could live in one room (plus
kitchen and bath) with any one
and certainly not with a
young whirlwind. She seemed
lonely despite the many attentions
she has and I regretted that
I could not be a little more
and enter upon her proposed
venture. She promised to
call on me last night but did
not. I saw her to-day and
she apologized, saying she
had gone on a twenty-seven
mile tramp yesterday and
to-day. I know how she
feels and I have often longed

I hung it immediately
and stood off to admire
it. Since I came back
yesterday I have
pinned up the two Swiss
flower prints which you
sent me last year. I had
^{left} them at home. I have also
the black and white from
Lutebois Park.

Last week I had
dinner with an interesting
English girl working here
on a Rockefeller grant.
She wanted me to share
her one-room apartment with
her but I could not agree

219 1/2 East North Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland
February 13, 1938

Dear George,

It was good to have your
letter even though it brought
distressing news. I shall think
of and pray for Donald and for
all of those who love him deeply.
I trust that the anxiety and strain
did not lower your resistance
and bring a return of your
respiratory troubles. Send me
a postal soon and that will
reassure me. Don't try to
write ^{a letter} when you have too many
duties and obligations for you
and all the rest you can get.

I am trusting with all that
is within me of that nature that
you will shortly find a good
portion. And I am selfish enough
for you to want it to be of the best.
I shall not lose courage until
you meet it.

I lunched for you on Friday
afternoon. Eleanor and I
visited an "indoor out-door"
exhibit at the Academy. One of the
displays was a spring woodland
scene and ^{many} of the spring flowers
native to this region were there,
some in such intoxicatingly
lonely stages that it seemed a dream.
Forced blossoms are not always quite
natural and I had not dreamed

of many hepatics, lady-slippers, trilliums, and
a dozen or ⁵⁰⁰ more others in full glory. Besides
the flowers there were interesting ^{animals with} back-
ground. The heaver and his environ-
ment might have been picked up from Interstate
Park near Detroit with bulge and handle there
by airplane or moose. We didn't try to see the
whole show. I could have gone ^{again} yesterday with
the Linnymans but I had to tend my garden at
the Laboratory. Furthermore, I wasn't certain I
was being invited for more than the ride and I
couldn't afford another ticket. I bought Eleanor's
and mine weeks ago when the tickets were 45¢
instead of 75¢.

Tuesday evening was spent at the
Linnymans. That was my initial appearance
there and I didn't have to worry about it
beforehand for I wasn't invited until 3:30 P.M.
that day. Christena and Dr. L.'s one graduate
student (an awful stork) were there also. We all
helped get supper and "did" the home furni-
cure to attic, starting with the frog saw and
ending with the laboratory. Both Dr. & Mrs. L.
tubed almost incessantly from 5-11 P.M. I was
exhausted, hilariously so, like a child who has
been to a circus or a great city for the first time.

I gave an examination yesterday and
must look over the papers to-morrow. To-morrow
also will bring the beginning of attendance
at Dr. Brown's lectures. I must attend them,

Impressions, even though I find them uninteresting. After Dr. Weston's lectures of last spring I am spoiled for mediocrity in botanical lectures. Dr. Brown has taken Goldberg as his assistant. That may be the making of Goldberg for he has never had ^{any} ~~one~~ ^{one} generally interested in him. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Huntington were always lukewarm toward him. Dr. Brown wants someone to make good slides and Beer can do that.

Thus far I have tried not to form an opinion of Dr. Brown. I do feel that a man somewhat younger (he is fifty-three) and not primarily interested in a classification of the plant kingdom

might have been a better choice.
However, it is too early to tell
what may happen. He may be
frozen to the bone by this unpleasant
climate. He married an English-
woman of great wealth and that
is how he has ^{been} enabled to spend
most of his time on his own work.
He has had ten persons making
drawings for him. I have seen
^{some of} the drawings and am still
wide-eyed. The medical art department
at the medical school and the
Maryland Institute ^{of Art} are being searched
for successors to the ten artists left
behind in the Philippines. Dr. Brown
decided yesterday morning to
change the arrangement of the
Anatomical room to suit his taste and

Even though I told him (as he could have read on the sign on the door) that I was giving a written and practical examination in that room, he saw no reason why he couldn't have the use of the room. I was taken back at his apparent disregard of everything and everyone but his own convenience. However, I shall try not to let that incident trouble me in my mind. Had I not had the tables covered with microscopes and other paraphernalia of a practical examination, I'd have offered to move the students to another room.

I sent my English acquaintance at ^{college} the cafeteria Friday night. I had not taken them in nearly a year and was glad to find company for it is a desolate place for all the noise and clatter. I shall not eat there again unless I have to do so for the food is heavy and badly prepared. Annica and I made a tentative date to have supper at her apartment one night this week. She is stimulating and pleasant in small doses.

Now I must run along to my garden. I spent the time I had planned to spend setting up a new series on muddying the trays with plasticine yesterday and now I am obliged to work to-day. I am very happy working in the greenhouse and, were I able to find a job with a living wage at that sort of work, I'd take it. Teaching even since a week exhausts me. Much love and good courage to you -
Eva

Thursday Evening

(3 March 1935)

Dear George.

It was good
to have your letter
and I thought of
you in New York at
the meeting. I trust
you found Paul
in as good spirits
as one could well

be at this stage of the
game.

I am busy with
my plants and shall
be even busier for a
few days. Then I must
begin to work on the
long-neglected dissertation
for Dr. Livingston, which
will be patient much
longer. I doubt that

he helps me but his good
favor is something to be
cultivated and I must appear
willing to be helped.

Wintery weather came
to-day after a night of un-
seasonable weather when
a blanket seemed a burden.

Christiana is Dr. Finney's
secretary - I often refer to her
as Miss Bond for I called
her that for several years.

This isn't much of a
letter. I am tired and
must concentrate for a
time on Saturday's lesson.

I do want you to know I
think of you and hold you
close always. Don't take any
nicks with your throat at this
franklinian season. Love and
good courage to you. Eva

(16 March 1931)

Dear George -

I had started to
address when I felt
very strongly that I
must send you a
word to- say at. I
have been very busy
and not able to

find time and strength
for writing. Do send
you something often
and not wait for the
leisure to write a letter.

I do think of you and
pray for you and long
to have good news of you.

Your letter of last
week with its account

of your dream impressed
me. I could never have
dreamt a mathematical
one of that sort. Don't worry
about me. I am getting along
along well. I am slow and
fairly worn out - hence a part
time job takes all there is in
me. I'd like to work and
have never spent as many long
happy hours within a few short
weeks as I have recently.

When I need it I'll let you know.

For the present let us forget
about the needle. I don't need it
and I have great faith in boiling
water as compared with alcohol.
Then too, I may be graduated to
control by diet alone for
by leaning on a very strict diet
for the past few weeks I have

been able to reduce
the dosage of potassium
mangan from sixteen
units to eight units.

I was not able to endure
with any sort of grace the
nervous reactions potassium
mangan was giving me
and I prepared to try
a very rapid diet before
starting to take mangan
several times a day.

Were I not very active
I could not have achieved
this reduction in dosage
and I don't seriously
look forward to an
wheel-less life for
any length of time.

I must not go on
for I can hardly see.
I had supper at the
Orville with Christiana

and her sister and afterward
Christiana and I went to
see Madame Inah's exhibition
of mystic art. I felt I must
go. I had not seen Madame
Inah since the day of Dr.
Johnson's death, over a
year ago. I was struck more
than ever by her spiritual
kindship with Miss Morgan.

Much love and a deal
of courage to you.

Eva

March 16, '98

Excuse the purple paper. I go upstairs to
find other B. G. L. may take ^{united} ^{bedtime} -

Monday

[17 APRIL 17]

Dear George -

I am eagerly awaiting
your visit this week-end. If
there is anything in the law of
averages this week may bring
good weather. I do want you
to have the best for your journey.
Love well about you for me.
Have a sort of "She too" attitude.

The Y. M. has no rooms now
which can be reserved for this
week-end but there may be a
vacancy by then. The clerk can
always find a suitable (so the said)
room in the neighborhood at Y. M.
rates - \$1.25 - \$1.50 per night. The

Y.W. did that for a friend of mine
who was here for the Physiological
Meeting last week. Unless one
knows of a room in a private house
that is the best way to find ex-
ceptional and one in a respectable
house. The Y.W. is at 24 West
Franklin Street, just off Charles
Street, you see, which you know.
Franklin is about three blocks below
the Monument which you probably
remember. I'll send a map to
you at Charlottesville, I gave my
last one to a friend last week and
forgot to get another.

I shall be at the Club Saturday
evening and Sunday until I
hear from you - Telephone Vernon
0033. - Much love and a safe journey, E.W.

Friday night
April 22, 1938

George,

I am in the midst
of a number of things (my
usual harem scaram method)
and I shall stop long enough
to send you love and
good wishes as well as a
heartful of gratitude. Your
visit was of great benefit
to me as you must know.
I regret that I was utterly
worn out and not very
good company. And I
am sorry I didn't see to
it that you had more
rest.

had to go downtown to buy a
 fresh flower for my hat for I
 had hunted without success in
 the shops near here. I bought
 a coat which I think I
 shall like - a dark blue, three-
 quarter length ^{over} waist which I
 can wear either a fairly dressy
 hat or a sport hat. I enclose
 a small piece of the material
 which was taken from the
 sleeves when I had them
 shortened. With the coat
 my ^{two} ^{here} old dresses will be more
 useful and later I shall buy
 out new dress.

At the dinner Tuesday
 night I was seated next
 to Dr. Gruber. He is a
 genial person and full
 of interest about his
 garden again.

I have been through a number
 of days of an unpleasant physical
 condition - rheumatism in
 my hands. The pain and
 soreness have subsided
 to-day and I am in hopes
 this is the end. Rheumatism is
 bad enough but not as
 crippling as arthritis.

The barber was taking a
 holiday on Monday and I
 could not make an appointment
 for Tuesday and go home
 with my rear freeze intact.
 Tuesday I had a feeling
 that the moment to buy a
 coat had arrived and since
 it is practically impossible
 for me to shop in an uninspired
 mood, I gave way to it. I

I think I mis-spoke
when I named the
well-known rose-red shrubby
tree. I had peach in
mind but think I told
you guinea. It is a
double-pearl bearing
twin-fruits of small size.

Sugar cane seldom produces
fruit in cultivation, the
pollen being infertile very often.
The flower cluster is a loose
panicle similar to that of
certain ornamental grasses,
really a loose "head" or "ear".

work without being *variegatus*.
The dinner was good and
I was glad I had not
declined to go as I ^{had kept} *cross* coupled
to do earlier.

Yesterday Eleanor took
me to a breathlessly beautiful
spot where nature seemed a
few days behind Lake Raven.
The dry tooth violets and
Arbutus were still fresh. On
the way we stopped along an
open woodland where *Urtica* *frond*
violets grew in abundance.
The day was cloudy and
a gentle rain fell for a bit.
The mosses, too, were peaking.

I must not go on for your
sake and mine. Love, courage
and strength to you always.
Eva