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(1945)

Dearest George,

Mama has written and I have
nothing ready to send. She carries
a great deal of love. The trees
Spleewood leaf and probably leaf
came from Limestone hole to the
left of the road as one approaches
Chenax. Mama seems well and
is quite well settled here. Fann being
very hard work to manage with all
she has thing arranged and am
so glad to be with her that nothing
else matters. We have asked Ueber,
Fenne and Beria to have supper
with us - perhaps a picnic supper -

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Wednesday ^{Walter's birthday} and Thursday and arrived
 and feed food for horse has very little
 on hand. She will saddle along I guess
 with the rationing. I don't think I
 can be explained to her for her mind
 is locked against trying to understand
 it. But she won't starve and his seed
 her but heats from time to time.
 The whole country side is very lush and
 beautiful for there has been rain without
 and alcohol. I washed by the shade
 the first morning early. It looks pretty
 well and on day I want to stop to see
 Mary, etc. The mountains were beautiful
 that morning as I washed toward them.

June 16, 1945

Dear George,

So long since I've written to you. I try to think you know how distressed I am at not being able to write to you when you are so far away and have been gone so long. I know you know beyond beyond the shadow of a doubt how I love you and that despite my inability to put thoughts in paper I think of you ten thousand times to the incoherent I write. I guess I shouldn't have started writing to Maama for I quite wear myself out doing it and the last weeks I've worried about her no end. And now I have convinced myself that it wouldn't be wise for me to go to her just now. She will have to live alone for awhile, at least until I am able to live with her, and it is better that she work out a way of living for herself. Well, you wouldn't listen to too much of this. I think of you working away at the flora and keeping your eyes so well occupied that few slips by without the great alloy. You are brave and courageous in your engagement in so prolonged a stay. I wonder how you are. Are you quite free from colds? Spring came so early and then cold wet weather followed, weeks of it. For almost two weeks it has been warmer and there has been a good bit of snow. Local strawberries are not yet in the market or if so, they have come in the last day or so. The several hard frosts have affected the fruit crop here - there are no sweet cherries & about half as many straw berries as

usual and but perfect of course than last the
uncertainty of poaches, bears, apples etc. Well I cannot
find so severely rationed perhaps is in great demand
at ~~least~~ the equivalent I find the standard of (wheat and
butter) prices. But sugar is scarce and so perhaps
price for those who require sugar to eat it is increased
again. Our neighbors feel fear as March is and
expects to have some for to-morrow which means
they are more than a little late, although you
and I think of fresh peas as a 4th of July treat. In
this section people have them about June 10th and
earlier perhaps. Ours were few in much later than the
neighbors - I had thought we'd have them for last
Sunday's dinner but if we have some ~~by~~ ~~next~~ two
weeks later than that we'll be fortunate. It's true
very late they may not do well. The birds have been
a great joy all spring. For several days during the
migratory season we were visited by White-throated
sparrows. I had not seen them before. And
there were a number of hermit thrushes and another
thrush which I did not identify by and doubt. I think
it was the veery. I did not see a wood thrush. Day
before yesterday we saw a small owl in a tree close
to the house. Before dark mourning doves had
driven it away. Song sparrows have seeny these
humbers and they even as though they were trying to
compensate us for the cold and wet spring and
in particular for the blue birds. Such I mean.
And we have more - Marge had a hard time and
how fortunate she and I had pulled through. There
love them ever to the best big parties in cash. Eva

Saturday, July 14/
1945

Dear George,

I've just written to Mamma and to Wilbur
to tell them I'll be there where Wilbur is
away. And I want you to know it, too, for
I am certain it worries you to think of
Mamma being alone. I did not realize she
had loved you - It makes her nervous, perhaps,
but it's not stay too long - I have to
reach there July 26 and shall stay until
about August 15. That will mean I'll be
away three weeks which is as long as I ought
to try to live that way now. I will do
me a world of good to see Mamma and perhaps
having me in the apartment will make it
more like home to her. She has had a hard
time but she is beginning to try to do things
for herself and that is good for her. Now,
my dear big brother, I've started two letters
direct to you for the boxes of flowers I placed
X, of which I am very fond. You have done
a splendid job and yesterday when the box
of flowers came the tears streamed down
my face just as they had last week when
the pamphlets came - These flowers cause

through beautifully, and with the help of
 your ~~own~~ descriptions I made out all but
 one I think. How lovely the wax cress *Androsace*
 is. The package of flowers is the best preserved I've
 ever had and the long tubes between us
 seem an interesting note. I keep the
 flowers of *Androsace* by my bed and judge
 it lovely. I wish I had been so long,
 botanically speaking, late very late of your
 life than usual times. Well, this must be
 only a note. I didn't see you I was pleased
 to know that you had felt much as I did
 when the present died. I felt quite desolate
 and without support. Perhaps your furlough
 will be set for the time I shall be in
 Corsica. But at any rate you need not
 worry about me. I cannot drive the car but
 I can do everything else. If we should be
 at home to girls, I'm not just that would be.
 I think I'd better not write near now
 but after I've mailed this I'll be full of things
 I want to write. We're leaving our first
 heels to-night. Beans are late. They will be
 ready about the time I leave. Much
 love and kindest regards - yours -
 E. V.

I shall be having Laura a lot to do after that I
 think she deserves a "vacation" from the great power.

growing things

West Caspachie NY
Aug. 12th 1945

My dear George;

I am sitting at Melvindale so I can answer the telephone if it rings as it has done several times today. This is Pa's birthday - he would be 71 years - We are having some very hot weather but it is not so very hot in the house. Wilbur + his family + a young fellow went to the Camp near Lake George last Wednesday. Wilbur came down today reaching us here just after we had dinner at 12:30 - I was busy at work and prepared a dinner for Wilbur. We had a special treat with lamb chops which are not for sale very often - in fact it is hard to get any meat some days.

Was very glad to get your little yesterday. I'm sure you are happy to know the Japs have given in - maybe that may mean you will soon get time to come home. Was I keep busy all the time - we have planned so much to accomplish that takes most all the time. We have the pleasure to feed the chickens + gather the eggs. We listen a good deal to the radio. Wilbur will return to his camp about 5 o'clock - he will probably have to come home next Sunday as he must continue his maintenance work. He seems to be in great demand for there have been 5 or more men wanted to see him since Wednesday. Jennie has a fine veg.

garden - Eva has done a little in it. This coming week we may go to Albany & Catskill. I think maybe we will not complete all we have been planning. If we can get the best Peaches we want to do some canning. Wilbur has gone to Duke's garage to have his car fixed - I just had a phone call from Wilbur - he is wanted at Station in New Baltimore but I cannot locate him yet - he is not at garage now. There has been an accident & they want Wilbur. The cars are so numerous past here they make a lot of noise. Just now Wilbur has come in & now he is on way to New Baltimore. Eva & I are well satisfied to be here alone. Eva does all the buying - walks up to W. Col. frequently - it is good for me for I cannot depend on walking much as my feet have pains frequently. We did walk to First Church this morning, but I did it very slow. I am very well as usual but I rest often for I seem to get tired so often. Grace has been to Chicago & now has responsibility at home as Kate is not able to do very much. Eva feels she must go back before long as there is much waiting for her. Sent you a package yesterday - hope you receive it. Much love, Mother.

So glad you will tryd Ben Roaltes. He is
a "nice" boy -

August 22, 1943 -

Dear George,

You are with me as often as
I go about the country, like we both love -
The air even now is somewhat hazy
August morning suits me. The morning
early I walked to Clunias, across under
the hill up past the Grange Dairy Farm
and home past the Colliers. Another
morning ^{early} I walked to the Cemetery -
Riverside - and back. It was the first
I had been there since Pa's death when
the nature seemed friendly and warm.
On the way back I helped myself to a
very good summer apple and wished
you were along to share it. It was a
little green but gave me no ill effect!
The Cemetery isn't kept up as well as
formerly, I suppose, but it didn't look
too unkept. Last week Tuesday I
walked to Ratus's place to call on her.
She is in bed part of the time with heart
trouble. I had not seen her for years. She
asked about you and was interested.

What I could tell her. She's very
alert mentally. Charles Wierants is
very grumpy but Ratis sticks by him.
Edith Doyle had Ratis with her ^{with her} ^{large} ^{eyes}
Now she has her sister Emma ^{with her} ^{large}
Broken Leg, I think. I must stop this to
tell. When I first came home I had
several severe measles reactions and
Edith came one time. I wrote her and
had a piece of Wilbur's birthday cake
and that evening they took ^{me} ^{for} ^a
ride - So I've seen more of Edith than
I have since Grandpa died in '32 -
A while ago Pauline Bernice drove Mauna
and me to see Mabel. She is about as
usual - Her boy Kenneth - next to the
youngest - is in Europe - Germany I think.
We drove past Grandpa's place and stopped
at the Spear Cemetery - It is grown
nearly shoulder high & goldenrod and
other weeds. Just now getting someone
to mow, & is not possible. This morning
I walked down the road to gather
Queen Anne's lace and clover for

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& during noon and during later
congregations. Mrs. White hailed us and
gave me a bouquet, garden flowers
and a generous bit of her grand
philosophy. She is a most interesting
pleasant type and a dear warm-hearted
soul. She has been very kind to Maama
but Maama isn't really able to understand
her broken speech well. As she gathered
flowers she said - "Your father was a
friend of flowers, you know." It was a
charming tribute on his birthday or
on any day, and I felt richly blessed.
I think I felt warmer to him as I visited
with Maama than I have elsewhere. She
was very fond of him and he of her and
always he made it a point to call on
her as often as possible. I am very happy
to be with Maama - She is well, not too
happy but making the best of a
difficult situation. It may be largely
of her own making, its true, but, if so,
she didn't mean to have it so. Sometimes
I think she might be better off outside of

Jesse's home for Jessie pays not
the slightest attention to her. On the
other hand this is a nice little apartment
and the home is well ventilated, making
it cool in summer & warm in winter.
Mamma has started to keep house at a
very difficult time. She has nothing on
hand and with the restrictions of
rationing it is impossible to buy in a
supply. And of course, she isn't a very
efficient planner. She tries very hard
and I must have helped her somewhat
but I despair of making her understand
the principles of rationing. It is beyond
her. You will find her quite care free at
times but for the most part she is quite
henry. Since Wilbur & Jesse left she
has been interested in looking after the
chickens and it is wonderful to see the good
effect of responsibility upon her. I don't
blame Jesse. She must have been sorely
tried. I am following Pa's method of being
as accurate as possible and that can do no
harm. I'll write again soon. We listen
to the radio every five minutes for the
good news that the war is over. Hooray
and hugs and kisses - Pa

September 5, 1943

Dearest George,

Well we were on the train Monday remembered that she had not sent you a birthday card and I promised to send one from us both - Oh for that promise! I trust there will not be too late in reaching you. I reached home safely - traveled as far as Detroit as the Empire State and from there took an air-conditional coach, not, of course, a comfortable coach such as the E. S. has but nevertheless a cool one. Home very hot weather. I reached G. R. at 4/45 a.m. and was home at 8/30 - looked her from G. R. It was not expecting me until here so I planned to leave and she met me at 8/15. Since I've been home I seem to have done better but sleep and talk. I've started to do some of the jobs that need to be done

N. sends greetings: too. She looks fine after longest from me.

here and now I get back to a normal
account of exercise and work. I'd not
have time to sleep or take so much! It
was very good to be over to be with Mother
for as far as Buffalo. She has written
"Judith is a jewel and is not afraid of me."
Vera Mamma was so afraid the baby would
cry at sight of her. (Have thought each morning
that this might be the day you turned
corner home. It will be so good to see you
and to know you are all here in this
country. I know you are very busy with your
flower printing. Saw Mrs. Vandenberg and
she was all questions about George. I also went
to see Anna Spoor who is 76 and Jennie
Whitlock. The latter is particularly alone and
wishes to look after herself. Mrs. Spoor seemed
as clear mentally as the last time I saw her,
years and years and years ago. The nurse
Pa so and I felt waxes to Pa in his room
this I did elsewhere unless it was at Klaid's.
My love to thousands and 42 birthday
wishes to the best & big brother in care. Love

Everyone including Mr. Pantares and greeting to you.

October 7, 1945

Dearest George,

I can hardly wait to see you and you must plan to stay with us just as long as you can. I know you will want to get us to see whether some book you need a good one! you could get it here. At least I'd try to see that you were free to do whatever you pleased. Now if you want me to have some of your clothes pressed and shirts made ready to wear I can see to that. Your shirts were just washed and put away rough dry. Your suits were cleaned but not pressed. Had I been among your very clothes 30 minutes I'd have no idea what I had, I am certain, so perhaps you have said. But if you know of any thing definite that you want done in advance

send me an air mail letter from
Seattle and I'll do whatever you ask.
I am very glad you have to arrive in
a uniform for I have not seen you
in one! When your letter came
Wednesday noon I was watching a
warbler I didn't know and watching
nets which turned out odd sizes.
The warbler flew on without being
harmed by me. I was so happy to
know you were coming soon and
so glad, too, for all sisters with such
a jump ahead. I was having three
people in for Laura's birthday, one of
whom she knew about, so I had
a supper to prepare and that was
an outlet. If you'd rather I didn't
unfasten your clothes at all say so.
The wrens will be impregnated with
both fresh ones. I suppose and
will need curing. Laura is almost

as excited as I am and so we
just beam at each other! The
weather has been cold and wet - We
had an early frost - September 29 -
This is the fourth ^{November} season with an
early frost - I had a harder frost
four weeks later so at least we
didn't need to feel the first frost
was so unnecessary - that is the
way I feel when one comes early and
two or more weeks of warm weather
follow. Had a letter from Mauna
on Friday. She is very happy that
you are coming and seemed
much less cheerful than for several
weeks. The doctor said her blood pressure
had gone down and that pleased her. I
know. I do wish he wouldn't keep her
so well informed. But perhaps that is
the better way to do. Now if there
is anything you want especially to
eat let me know and I'll fumble

did have it - on hand. I am so eager
to hear about your collecting and so
proud of what you have done. But
most of all I want to love you close
and to hear your voice. I expect even
today is trying awake nights looking
forward to seeing you. But I haven't
lain awake. I sleep so much since
I came from home - Even 7 a.m.
seems early. I used to get up at
5 o'clock but I seem to have outgrown
that - I shall take this box to
the box so it will go out at 6 a.m.
Telephone number is 4644. Laura
sends good wishes and here are
my love and hugs and kisses and
warm welcomes in waiting for thousands
fold -
Eva

I trust your trip across the country will
be pleasant. Write at every thing for
the, Eva. Eva

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

October 23, 1945

Dearest George,

It's a week since your letter came and each day I'm pleased to write. I have been hoping you were getting some sunshine and am so glad you can be with Donald and Betty. Give them my best wishes, please. Here is Mrs. Dunning, wood pecker at the well. Haven't seen Mrs. Dunning at the well but found her several times in the neighbor's elm. There within the last few days a hermit Wren has stopped in its multicolored vegetation twice at dusk and this morning while we were eating breakfast. Whether it comes of an acid chloride is here, there and everywhere. I am sending a board with soil attached for Wren's amusement and, I hope, the amusement of some Crossbill downy wood pecker and nutcracker. There is an elm in full sight of the window over the sink and perhaps you'll have time to hang the board well out of reach of dogs. You'll have to keep Wren above seas. The food is not difficult to plan and to carry out whatever is

Merles
hasn't tried
frozen foods.
You might
show her
how to -

planned. But she takes assistance in good
spirit and jokes about how forgetful she is.
One can buy frozen vegetables and, I suppose, some
frozen fruits at Cap's market downtown. Cap
delivers and I tried to get Merles to buy meat
from him that way. She may have forgotten
about doing it by now. I'll send her some
red totinos ~~see~~ can she is very short. I'll
think of you and burn a candle for
you. Going home to a different place will be hard.
It was for me. I'll send you word at home
about some of your things - what has been
sprayed recently etc. etc. If you have anything
you want me to take care of, send it here. I
was disappointed, of course, when you left. I
but I was so glad you were going to have a good
boat with the Juncos before you faced the
problems of civilian life that I couldn't be
too sorry for me. And if you do burn up
in the sunshine of Texas you can blame me
for ~~that~~ I may have prayed it upon you!!
Mama will probably tell you I am still very
nervous and that you must not plan to be here
long. Don't pay any attention to her. Or appear
to listen and then forget it. And don't forget
that I love you dearly and long to help you in
whatever way I can - kama sends good wishes
here and both so relieved you are in this country.
Not that you are really any safer here! Love
the dream and fold - Eva

November 4, 1945

Dearest George,

You sounded so well and strong and heart-warming and ^{near} yesterday that I feel I could touch you - To-morrow morning I'll mail a couple of new sweaters to you. I am sorry you found Mrs. and Mrs. Dwyer not too well. Of course, they were & feel very strange and lonely down there. When I see you I shall ask you more about them - I wonder about Mrs. David's sister, too. While I think of it I shall suggest that you stop in the Coesack P.O. to say hello to Jay. When I saw him this summer I could see that his feet upset at work

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having seen Harrod (who was in
town less than 24 hours). and Jay
enquired for you (asked all the
other Cassia chie falls & letters to
read will be looking forward to
seeing you - I know you can see
everybody and I'd not suggest
another soul. Jay is so green and
unresponsive that factoring to him is
a real ordeal for me. But nevertheless,
I am sure he appreciates the gesture.
I have seen Mr. Welles the other day.
She said he looked much better and
was quite excited about the prospect of
a retreat in Florida. He tried so
to relax and quite slumped toward
the end of the school year so that
many of ^{us} felt he might just give
up the fight at the slightest provocation.
I don't know whether you plan to
look over your things but I'd like
you a bit about them. That is
about the thing which were in

Your trunk when I left home ~~from~~
 in Palo April 9 1944. Perhaps your
 trunk was repacked after that. I
 don't know and neither didn't seem
 to remember. Your pair of woolen
 Kaubets were washed and treated
 with Carvox (the powdered kind,
 soluble in water) which is supposed
 to mothproof them until they are
 washed again. Pa's striped woolen
 suit robe and the apron, which
 Maama made for you and which you
 never had with you, I think, were
 sprayed with Carvox - which is supposed
 to mothproof woolens for a year - if
 you have occasion to use Carvox
 you will need the sprayer which
 Maama has. I used it this summer
 and she will know where it is. There
 is no Carvox on hand, I think. The
 top-coat which you will look at perhaps,
 was sprayed this summer. Your
 towels were in the trunk and I

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trust they are in good shape. I feel
that perhaps they might not be stored in
a cool place but I didn't know what
to do with them since you thought I
ought not to try to pack them to
send out here. I feel they would come
to less harm in the trunk than they
would elsewhere - You will find
Pa's rag doll, Rose, in that trunk.

She is yours and although I was
tempted to pack her with my dolls
bed and the one doll I saved, I did
not. If you ~~fairly~~ want me to
take care of her I'll do so. I could not
bear to see her clothes so dusty so I
washed them! Well - It is time to
close this and I must stop. I am
more or less like the brook once I get
started. I am thinking of you and
trying to feel that all the adjustments
you must make won't be too hard -
A great deal of love as always -

Eva

Nov 30/45

Dearest George,

I miss you so much! I
went to the Scalpel Club meeting
and enjoyed Matt's talk. I was
the only outsider present, I think.
It was very first sight of the interior
of the new science building (went
in 1941) since you left I have
thought over the proposed trip to
Cleveland and, much as I like to
see Harold, I think it is more than
I can do now. I am more than
I can do at all without getting very
tired. So I trust you haven't had
time to write to Harold again and
so he will not be disappointed. Three
necessitous days of conference

What a joy to hear from Matt.

Reactively means a lot of juggling
with insulin and diet and that
alone is a problem. Is this your the
month I had used thought of that phase
before you left. Danny Wood feeder
is here at the trail outside the study
window now. I trust where you sit
there next week he will come. And
also with that. Heiner says there
are quite black gray squirrels. So
perhaps there are black squirrels!!
It was so good to have you here and
I look forward eagerly to having you
here again next week. Lots of love
and several hugs if you don't mind.

Eva

Friday Morning.

December 18

1945

Dearest George,

Ever since you left I have
meant to write to tell you how
much you and your visit meant to me.
You left us such a beautiful
day that I could hardly bear
and going with you. Not that I'd
not want to be with you on an
unpleasant day! Thank you
ten thousand times for all
the joy you gave me and for
sharing with me your treasures
from Alta. And thank you
for the that great financial
boost. Hey, what a boost!!
I am very sorry your trip home
was so eventful and I trust

I recalled that I have a little paper
bound manual for identifying ferns
by their stipes. It was put out by a
man at Cornell. I shall write and
try to procure a copy for you. Mrs.
Thompson saw her some years ago.
Would you like a writer binding pocket
manual? You may not have some free
with it this winter for wherever you
are there will be trees and shrubs in
winter.

and 1890 State or Sharp Temp.

You didn't have to struggle with
bad roads, too. I am sending a
little box to you. It contains a little
present for each of you. You can
pick the three for W. S. and B. under
their tree or give them to Jennie or
do with them whatever seems best.
I must tell you that when I went
walking yesterday and Sunday I
wore three fine white wool socks. They
woolen socks are thin and don't be
darned after nearly every wearing so
I felt very careful wearing a
pair that would stand several wearings.
And such cozy ones - a little large
perhaps, but very snugly! I
shall be thinking of you ^{dearly} especially
throughout the preparation for Christmas.
And always I hold you close and
Love you dearly.

E. M.



Dec. 21, 1945

Dear George,

I have nothing in the way of an address for Harold & Mary either in Cleveland or Brookline. Would you address the enclosed card? Perhaps they will get it Christmas day. My heart is very full of love for you this Christmas time.

and I long to be with
you. Thank you ten
thousand times for the
sweet strawberry blossom
and fruit card. Did it
fruity? And ~~thank~~ thank you for
a Christmas present. My
dear boy - Yours just given
me several! Bless you and
Helen you !! love as ever
and always
and a merry Christmas -

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Eva

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

July 10, 1946

Dearest George -

I started a letter to you this morning and then decided to wait in case there was one from you in the noon mail. And there was! I hardly know where to begin for there is so much I long to say to you. I am very proud of you and happy that you have a place at Union College. I am in hopes it will be a really satisfying place. You will be in a beautiful country to do your botanizing and I shall one day be coming east to have you introduce me botanically to ^{my native} the country. Union College ought to be a good school. It must be better than ever in 1946-47. I am certain of that. I am in hopes this letter will reach you as soon as the one I sent yesterday. (You see?)

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

Am using up the air mail stamps
 you gave me (last fall). After I had
 mailed the letters to you yesterday a
 week or two days to have Kerber here
 seemed such a long time. I talked
 with Laura this morning and we decided
 that since I was now anticipating her
 visit with such great pleasure that
 surely two weeks would not seem too
 long. Mr. Scott set indefinite time,
 except that he has discovered my
 inability to let other folks breathe for
 themselves and so feared too long a
 time with Kerber, who so dotes on
 being waited on, would be upsetting.
 But much as I'd love to look forward
 to doing for Kerber for a month I cannot
 do that now. And the ~~part of~~ part of
 possible I hope you can keep to your
 plan of arriving early in August.
 There is a very, very slight possibility.

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

I might be called on at the last minute!

that I might get something at the College (this is only a wife and don't let us bother) for there will be a big enrollment and I think they'll need more than three people in biology. I am sending to Hopkins for my transcript just in case Mr. Hubbers considers me. He told Laura he'd like to see it but that the men in the department ^{here} didn't think I'd do in account of my health. Mr. Simpson wants the botany but he might need help and I'd not mind helping him do anything. However, I might not get even a scrap of botany, and College opens officially Sept. 11 and work begins about Sept. 3 or 4 (Mr. Hubbers believes getting all the cans out of his leathers) so for both my sake and Laura's I'd rather have them here the earlier part of August. That is not the cost of the month. Oh, dear, I cannot

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

Make it clear when I try to hurry.

If Marge cannot have her the latter part of August perhaps you could stop there a day or so on your way here.

I wish I could accept your place as it came in your letter and I hate so to upset you. Yes, the verse I liked best for the stone (since it is for more than Rachel) is "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The other verse - "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" would do very well for a grave for several graves but I think the first verse is somewhat more suitable. If the stone were for Rachel alone it would be more appropriate. Now I must mail this in the hope it will reach you as soon as the one sent yesterday. I have written Volney to Mother for I knew she would send the letter to you and bring in the manuscript. So much love,
Eva

Dear George,

29 Jan. 1943

Thank you so much for your long letter telling me about your trip and thank you also, for the very substantial check. I try to make it go as far as possible. Since I wrote to Mother this morning I've done quite a washing and am feeling for a while. I am recovering from a cold, the worst I've had in several months and I want to get some of the good sunshine. You know the box of records has a padlock on it so I haven't opened it. I can't tell you I have ^{been} the hanging and I think it looks very well. I used a shade cloth and small pots as

you suggested. I am sorry I didn't
have it up when you were here.

It doesn't look too well with one of the
dining room chairs beneath it but
I say she will get a ^{small} low book case
before too long. These flower pots since
I took them from my bedroom on these
shelves and put the books from the
Parliament in my bedroom - so long as
there is heat on they will be all right down
there. I am in hopes your stay in
Washington will be satisfactory in all
respects and that spring there this
year will be at its best. From the stand-
point of your health a few minutes there
ought to be better for you than a few
minutes in Berlin. Good-bye of botany
is your interest, it is a better place
all around in many respects. At
least, for the kind of botany which
you are doing. Do take a good

look for me at the Cherry Blossoms
and at all the other beautiful things
You will see. I am sorry ~~that~~
when I lived so near Washington for
so long I didn't break away and
go there often. Of course I was always
tied down by lack of means and
much to be done - at least the
latter was true so long as I worked
for D. S. J. Yes, that Revision
with A. S. Johnston in it was
probably his. His name was
Duncan Stone Johnson. I have
written to Herbert about the haul
in this neighborhood. I haven't
seen it to-day and ^{nearly} all the
birds have returned this afternoon.
I haven't seen Titmouse yet.
Of his breed we have but one,

I think. I was pleased to have
greetings from Dr. Walker and to
hear about Charles and Helen whom
I always think of in affectionate
terms. Do they have a child?
When you write again let me
if you think of it, what kind of
a person Agnes Chase is and
whether or not you meet Maxon,
the fern man. He used to be
quite a bear. I understood when I
was in Baltimore. I know you are
busy and I shouldn't expect to hear from
you often but do send a postal once
in awhile. Many, many thanks
for the letter and the money and
may God bless you.

Eva

January 29, 1946

Am starting in on dental appointments
So say a prayer for me! hoka haka.

Dear George,

[5 Feb. 1946]

There is a tag tied on the box
with the following written upon it -

Lt. Comdr. R. L. Bartlett USNR

3018 upshur St.

San Diego 6, Calif.

On another tag fastened to the box
there is the following -

B/L 995-AT-46

R. L. Bartlett Lt. Comdr.

(153064)

I paid no attention to these tags for
your name and this address were
on the front of the box as large black
lettering as follows. ^(over) In fact I had
not looked at them until yesterday.
When the ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~breathless~~ ^{breathless} said there
was a large and smaller box I thought this

From Soc., N.S. D.,
Seattle, Wn.

To George B. Van Schoock
27 W 25th St.
Holland,
Mich.

In earlier careers of the
same side was printed in
black letters -

Care of
G. B. VAN SCHAACK

The box is $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 25\frac{1}{2}'' \times 19\frac{1}{2}''$ (largest)
has a hinged top and padlock -

Enclose two keys which you left
with me. There are several others
all of which fit your metal suitcases
and the padlock of that wooden box in
which your clothes are stored. Word
if you have things which you

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and cannot leave well known
things you will need but
may need (Or, ^{things you will need but} wheels you cannot
store elsewhere easily) send them to
me. You could send them by freight
which is less expensive than parcel
post or express. It took about 2 1/2
weeks when I sent things the last
two times I was at home. You
have three empty metal suitcases
and considerable space in that
box of yours here. There is ample
storage space over the garage and
it is always dry up there.

Thank you so much for all the
trouble of sending these books. And
thank you for letting us have Fisher's
Worm Cures which I am very, very
happy to have. The boxes were so
beautifully done up that I hated to
open them. If I do not send the
postage now I shall do so soon. I may
not get down to get a money order

to-day.

Now I know you are frightfully
 busy and harassed with all the
 details of disposing of our belongings
 and keeping up your end of life at
 the same time, so I hate to bring up
 this matter. But don't you think
 it ~~is~~ ^{would be} ~~wiser~~ ^{not} to leave anything in
 that room of Wilbur's if we can avoid
 it? He has been very patient and
 I wish we could clear out the rest of
 the things. With your things gone
 and Mary's things there is nothing
 except that rocking chair of great
 grand mother's (the larger of the
 four rockers) the ^{own} chair which Grandpa
 or Pa used to use at the table
 (Wilbur has the other one) and
 three small rockers and the
 little rocking chair which we had
 when we were little. I guess it was
 mine but I am not certain. There
 are also a few dishes and some
 odd fellows perhaps - I think you said

the tea wagon had been disposed of.
It was there last summer but
don't say anything about it if it
is gone ~~and~~ nor about anything
else that may have disappeared.

If the rest of Grandmother's soap plates
are there you might put them on the
top shelf in Mauna's cupboard where
she has her extra dishes. You may remember
I brought 3 with me and I might some
times be able to use more. ^{By the way} perhaps
you could have the arm chair and one
of the ^{small} rockers crated and sent by freight
to me? I could pay for the crating and
the freight. You might have them sent
collect. I need a small chair in my room -
that old rocker I have is the one that belongs
in L's room but it was the only small
chair we had to put in my room here.
Mauna said I could have the arm
chair if you didn't want it and
for the present I guess you haven't any
use for it. Perhaps it has been
put to some use - If so of course. I

don't want it. As for great grandmother's
 chair that will seem to give away but
 I'd like to have it saved. Could it you
 put it in storage? It could be put in
 good shape some day and would make
 a pretty chair. It is good to have it
 but I don't want everything. I know
 no one wants either of the small
 rockers. The white one used to be in my
 room at home and the green one
 one in the room I slept in at grandpa's.
 So I have an affection for both. Need
 each is comfortable for me, at least. The
 dark (black I think) somewhat heavier
 rocker is mine. Auntie gave it to me.
 It came from the (Hull) shop. It isn't
 very comfortable and it hasn't any
 real sentimental value for me.
 My Maize doesn't have a chair of her
 own for Judy I'd like Taddy to have
 that small rocker, but I expect Maize
 has one at home. That will do Carge,
 but that it could be put in the
 guest room temporarily I should

think. I could write to Margie and
 find out whether she wants it for
 study. It isn't a fine old chair like
 that one Maureen has in her living
 room and perhaps it isn't worth
 bothering with. I've it here I suppose
 I'd drink it very well and hope someone
 or child would come to sit in it - Not
 one of my own, however !!! Well, if
 you think you could have the arm
 chair and one of the two small
 rockers - (whichever seems a better
 shape - either would have to be painted
 and have a cushion for the seat +
 perhaps for the back reader) do so.
 If you ~~don't~~ haven't time to bother
 all right. I know Wellbur would never
 get at it. The arm chair I would
 probably fix up to use in the sun room
 or I might use it at the desk in the
 basement. Well my dear, this is
 complicated for me and heaven
 knows how you'll make sense out of it

what I have written. If you cannot,
just forget it all. Could you perhaps
rent a victrola for a few days? But
I suppose you just haven't time to
play the records.

I read in the *American*, the *Hopkedge*
paper, that Mr. Thompson is teaching
there temporarily since he wants to go
on with his researchs on dry lakes.
So I guess Van Geer is well established
in his place. I know Mr. T. must
need the money for I feel certain they
had been very short & when they heard Verda
had been working out.

I am greatly interested in your
proposed botanical work and I hope
for you to find great satisfaction in
it. I don't suppose it offers much of a
living, at least for the present. I
know very little about that side of
botany - that is taxonomic and
collecting aspects. Could you write

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on a post card

the name + publisher of the book
book and of the book in grasses.

It like to get the book and perhaps
I could get the book in grasses soon then.

Thank you for telling me about
Agnes Chase. Dr. Johnson spoke of her
always with such esteem.

How do write a few lines to Mother
Mend. much love -

Eva

I was interested in your account
of the variegated growth. I presume
it was partly on account of the heat.
Eleanor wrote that hers grew but didn't
blossom and as yours which I started
has three or only two young heads.
You are a dear to bother with the
fall, copy growth.

Am enclosing money as per for \$1.90
for postage on books -

Wednesday 3 p.m.

Dear George,

{ 6 Feb. 1948

I was tired yesterday when I wrote to
you and wrote in a hasty, I know.
It would not be possible for you to
bother with that furniture now I know.
The place where it is stored is cold and
you have to search else to do. Besides, I
don't suppose I will get all that trouble
and expense. I forgot to

mention that the box which is here
has ~~an~~ a black metal strip about
 $\frac{3}{4}$ an inch wide fastened about it
one way and rope handles - These
two items might help to identify it to
the owner. If it is sent as personal
effects it will have to be prepaid but
I think travelled goods could be collected.

Now about Maria's healing pad
which is here. You will use it of
course. It is sent to her. She gave it
to me (no need to tell her that) for

There is the finest *Chalcid* eating
suet. I think he is the smallest I've
ever seen. He seems almost as small
as a bumblebee but, of course, he isn't that
small.

I have just finished reading
Soviet America called them by
Victor Wolfgang von Hagen - published
1945 by Alfred A Knopf, New York
It takes up the exploration of the mountains
La Condamine, Humboldt, Darwin
and Spruce and is well worth
reading.

She said she would never use it
for fear of upsetting Miss Van Dyke's Dykes
fate of being buried & death in bed.
The fact was that I'd been told by
her to let me have it. That was just
after Father died when we went over a few
things. Later that spring your cousin
your things and I have kept it so
far as I am able among pieces of
herd or cold, although I presume a bear
paw could take heat!!! her
Wanda asked me if I had any recollection
ever having seen her and I told her I
had it. She said, "well I just understood,
I'd never use it, of course. But of what
kind, of course, she should have it. Yours
doesn't heat up very warm - the fact hardly
warm enough to be efficacious as I remember
it. I tried both last winter when I was laid
up with that law leg. This is a good
day, wind and sun squalls - so for the
temperature is not quite down to 20° so I don't
too cold. I am about to go on a cent to it.
Murch, much love, ^{to you and Miss Wanda} and do please me
Eva

My sister's response to heat so I don't use it's just for that as I
thought I might.



2906 Calanthe alberta - Kl. Schwegler
Pice ridge - Luzerne - Switzerland

March 5, 1946

Dear George,

The records came this
noon and I have just
unpacked them and have
played the Beethoven Quartet
4. I am quite beside myself
with joy and anticipation of
you to come and gratitude to
you. I do thank you and bless
you for sending us all these
treasures of yours. Had Prudence
the first snowdrop peeped out of
the snow under the willow tree.
To-day is our first really spring-
like day. And bless you for the
etchings of cards and the message on
them - Much, much love, Eva

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Thursday 3/20 p.m.

29 May 1942

Dearest George,

It was so good to have your letter nearly a week ago. I have thought each day I'd get something off to you. Writing is still very hard for me and this past week has been some what upsetting. Laura's cousin Margaret's husband has been lying at death's door. The doctor said this morning, it would be only a few hours now.

Thank you very dear, for all you are doing to help Mamma. You are the only one who could have persuaded her to go to Maine. I

suggested I'd last summer as something she might do this summer if some one could take her there but she

will be better if in the long run I
 am always & sure. I just don't know.
 About everything else I want you to
 be happy and I do believe you will
 be led to do the right thing. I don't
 know ^{with} whom you talked at Cornell
 but these are good men there. Did you
 meet a Dr. Petrie, a paleobotanist, I
 think? My. Thompson studied with
 Dr. Eames. When I thought you
 might be there this summer I almost
 wrote you to try to take some
 ornithology. I suppose Dr. Allen doesn't
 teach. He is retired now, I think, I am
 so glad you met Liberty Hyde Bailey.
 Dr. Conch told me something of him
 and I have always wanted to meet him.
 I am praying that you will find a
 good place in Walter's lab's and

that you ^{will} also find suitable living arrangements. The housing problem is terrible to put it mildly. Sometimes when Laura complains about this and that I feel like writing, "For goodness sake, Ma, be glad you have a place to put your head." I am looking forward to seeing you later in the summer. Perhaps I'll be able to persuade Laura to take a little trip. I doubt it. She has two grand nephews near Richmond ~~and~~ whom she hasn't seen and it is nearly a year since she visited George in Washington. He was here for a day or so two years ago. Did he

warrant about not sending me money. Hold you I didn't want you to do so when you were not earning and you were never that generous when you were here and ~~at the~~ before that. I

Don't know what the doctor charges and
 I don't worry about it. If he doesn't
 cure me or show me how to cure
 myself let us hope he'll at least
 make me come to love with. If a
 psychiatrist can't cure he ought to
 kill for us we ought to have to
 go through all that for nothing!!!
 If I need money his let you know and
 thank you ten thousand times for
 being the kind of a brother we can
 depend upon. The money you have
 loaned me brings me great joy. Think
 of that as a contribution to my happiness
 and recovery. So far heura has
 been able to take me to Kalamangoo
 and I may have to go in the bus
 some times from Kundu in for show will

comes from New York June 19 or
 about then. I think Cummings went
 to the 19th. I don't know what she
 plans to do about summer school.
 When she thought Maama was to be
 here from mid-July on ^{Maama} the second
 grade eager to teach. I think she
 thought it would be easier for us both.
 Maama looks hands somewhat nervous
 and I am more nervous with baby
 than around. It may be the doctor
 will think it wiser for me to go home
 for awhile but I could hardly stay
 from August 1st until mid-September.
 And if you could take Maama to see
 Judy for just a day, even, it would
 solve that problem. By the way, do
 you know why George doesn't write to
 Maama? It's just because she
 doesn't write to her father so often and

has just dropped the responsibility of
 writing to Mamma or is she
 Cross over something? she writes so
 faithfully for so long and really very
 nice letters. Of course, if Mamma is
 to come here (which I very much hope
 she can do) it would be better if you
 could bring her. I don't think she is
 quite comfortable to travel on the train.
 And, of course, I want to see you. But
 let you plan it all as best you can.
 Now about Father's story. I don't
 know just what you have to mind
 It seems to me "They that wait
 upon the Lord shall renew their
 strength." ^{Isaiah 40:31} precisely
 describes the rest of a life
 Father lived and certainly, is the
 key to Mamma's peace of mind and
 small things that peace may seem

at times. I have a partial list of
~~Psalm~~ ^{Psalm} verses which seem to me to
 describe the kind of spiritual life Father
 had. That verse reads the best. "The
 Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"
 is another. There are several "trust"
 verses. O, Lord of Hosts, blessed is
 the man that trusts in thee. Psalm 84:12
 O, hard was God, in thee do I put my
 trust. Psalm 71:7. Did I forget
 the best as best I can and send to
 you so you'll have when you
 reach Crosslake, May 18th. I
 have aired your summer clothes
 and packed them in the smaller of
 your metal suitcases. If you don't
 need that Mama might use it to
 pack some of her things. She will need
 to take a warm dress and her warm
 bathrobe if she is to have Mama in June.

Saw a three-toed woodpecker about
 ten days ago. It must have
 been migrating. Haven't been able
 to go to the woods much for going
 away alone is still so hard. Write
 it every thing for me, too. Please.

See you this out for the postman
 and is for I want you to have it
 Saturday. So much need to hear
 from you.
 Eva

The physician went in regard to his
 add this - The doctor says he will be
 able to keep us and that he thinks
 it's he able to do botany again.
 At present that kind of concentration is
 beyond me and indeed almost
 any kind seems to be. But I am
 much better than a year ago and you
 must keep up your hopes with regard
 to my ultimate complete recovery.
 The trillium ^{in the yard} (*T. grandiflorum*) is
 in full bloom and the bellworts
 also. All the birds are here except
 the gold finches. They do not go far
 south. I saw one in the country
 a week or more ago but ~~was~~ have
 been ^{none} in our yard. The catbird



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

J. George B. Van Schaack
505 Dahlen Street
Tacoma Park
D.C.

Friday morning.

I forgot to tell you in the letter
that Bartlett's box was sent
some time ago. I should have
let you know at the time. Mother
has written of her plans for the
summer. We are getting
radishes, celeris, cucinis +
rhubarb from the garden and
the peas grow somewhat grandly by
it is so well. All the asparagus
roots which I put in a year ago
have sent up shoots, some of them
got ones and other very splendidly.

Nelson is still alive. Two of the
three children away from home are
here and the third will come
for he has just received a new horse.
Lots of love. Best wish is I hope true
in Ireland. E. v. a.

March 21, 1946

Dearest George,

This day slip by accident I thought
I think of you too often and time,
I seem never to get a letter written.
Writing to Clara seems to be all
I can do in that line. Spring is
almost gone here - the papers say
the fruit trees are three weeks
ahead of schedule. It must be too bad
if the trees blossom early and are
injured by frost later as they were
last year. The Hemlocks had not
a bit of fruit last summer. The
fruit when arrived on March
2nd just a year after the arrival
of the first one in 1945. The time
to the hour and the tree were
the same! I am not certain of
the branch! And the next
day the very sparrow came and

has seen ever since. He comes to
the feeding station several times a
day. The chair comes and I
don't see from the bottom grey lead.
I don't see the bees either in my
bedroom. It will not interfere with
the furniture as has been long-remembered
one does. For the present I have the
arm chair at the desk in the basement
where I do my garden calculations.
I am enjoying the records. The music
brings me more rest and peace than
I can attain to otherwise and I am
content to enjoy it. It is too bad not to
be able to understand it but I am so
happy to have it to enjoy that I must
be too upset over my (grievances). Thank
you so much for telling me and your
records. Matt called here a
week ago. He had been banding, so to
speak, over four weeks at this time
had hoped to get back to practice this
week. He had an emergency

Appendectomy and was put in a room with a patient upon
whom he had operated only a few hours earlier. An inspection of
up in Matt's wound and he did not get on very well. He
said the Dr. Scott gave him to lead but we had just found
a place to practice and Matt promised to see him this week.
On Monday I received a few photographs of Judy. So very
fond eyes she seems an exceptionally attractive and sweet-
looking baby.

The second Camellia plant has been
blooming for about a month, has had about 15-18

~~the~~ blossoms in all but not all of them have fully opened.

I sent a few of the fallen buds and some ^{pieces of} twigs with
leaves to East Manning to find out what all this is
plant if possible. I his plant has some red blossoms,
very beautiful. I cut some the other day and put them

in a clear glass bowl for Cousin Alice's gift. Her husband
seems to be in his last illness. At least he is very weak
and the doctor doesn't give much hope.

Spring with you will be a series of surprises for you have not lived
so far south before now. I guess you have been through
part of the truth in spring time. Take a second look at every thing
for me, please. I am glad you had a pleasant time with
Muth. I remember meeting her husband in Richmond
just after the baby was born, I think. I see I started
to use this paper wrong side to - Pardon me. I should have
been more careful. Send me the name of the Leeches book in
a post card when you have time, will you please. A great deal of love,
Eva

Thursday night
[17 May 1946]

Dearest George,

I am enclosing some Bible verses
(or parts of verses) which I have come
across. I don't know whether any of them
will appeal to you but I wanted to get them
off to you before this so you would have time
to look at them while you were at Lonsdale.
I meant to ~~send~~^{write} a message to you and put
it with the verses in Mother's letter but I
was just too sleepy this afternoon to think
straight. I had such a good time at the
Thompsons but I didn't sleep much the first
night and not too much the second so I just
had to sleep a bit to-day. Hanna went away
at 4/30 this afternoon and I thought I'd sleep
just a little while but I slept until 8/15
to-night. Then I had to take a loaf of Communion
bread over to Crown Margarets. I wanted them
to have it for breakfast. And now I am
a chatty as this letter writing. It's like the
letter to 16th street where it will be collected

Early in the morning and I hope you'll
have it by Saturday night. We had a good
rain last night and this morning. Everything
was very dry. The heavy frosts over the week-end
played havoc with the fruit. The Thompson
grape are done for, I think. At least Mrs.
Thompson thinks so. Of course I know ^{very little}
about such things really. I covered our little
strawberry patch and most of the blossoms seem
to show promising fruit. I ^{have} discovered that
I did not send you dark blue sleeveless sweaters,
I have a yellow & red shirt of yours which has
rust stains on it. It's try to remove those and
send it along with the sweaters to whatever address
you say. Just let me know by post card for
you probably haven't time to write a letter.
Yesterday afternoon I lay out under an apple
tree and watched the bluebirds and Titmouse
to the song sparrow and bobo links. I did so
wish you were there to breathe in the peace of
it all. Much, much love.

Eva

The Thompsons asked about you and were
so appreciative of the call we made on them
last fall.

WHEN IT'S COLD
Think of
RAY SMITH
YOUR FUEL OIL MAN
Phone 7703

*They that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength.*

Isaiah 40:31

*The Lord is my shepherd; I
shall not want. Psalm 23:1*

*O Lord my God, in thee do
I put my trust;*

Psalm 7:7

*The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

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Psalm 27:1

WHEN IT'S COLD
Think of
RAY SMITH
YOUR FUEL OIL MAN
Phone 7703

The memory of the righteous
is blessed: Proverbs 10:7

(This is its revised version.
King James version reads.
"The memory of the just is blessed.")

The steps of a good man
are ordered by the Lord:
Psalm 37:23

Mid West Super Heat Fuel Oil

WHEN IT'S COLD
Think of
RAY SMITH
YOUR FUEL OIL MAN
Phone 7703

Blessed is the man that
trusteth in him.
Psalm 34:8

O hard of hearts, blessed
is the man that trusteth in
thee. Psalm 84:12

In thee, O hard, do I
put my trust; Psalm 31:1

Mid West Super Heat Fuel Oil

July 9, 1946

Dear George,

I hope this will not be too upsetting. It's too bad I have to write this. Dr. Scott does not think I can stand an extended visit. I haven't heard one word from Winters with respect to her plans but I presume she is planning to come. Had I had any idea that she was to have the change at Ocean Park I'd not have been so free of my duties about sending her here ^{for a long visit} until I found out how I was getting along. The worst, that is for several weeks, I have been worse and here and I are about worn out. But this being worse is probably part of getting better. When I find out Dr. Scott that Charles was coming and that you and Winters were coming he felt that seeing

for any length of time

Members of my family would never be
 as unstable. But I told him how Cordy
 wishes to and how much I wanted to
 do something for her. I suppose I made
 a mistake when I wrote her ^{that} the doctor thought
 it would be good for her to see her but that he
 set ~~at~~ a limit of three or four weeks. Three
 weeks was what he really said. Now he says
 that is not of the question and when I see how
 we have lived lately which I have worried over
 this I can think he is right. I should have
 written to you earlier but I persisted in
 hoping I'd make great progress and that
 I'd not have to ask you to change your plans.
 Do you suppose you could arrange for
 the nurse to be here about a week or is it
 too far to come for that length of time? I
 couldn't tell from the letter Miss West
 whether or not she really wanted
 her to visit her. She ^{wrote} "If your
 trip to Madagascar is at the right time

we'd be glad to have you visit us". I don't
know what she meant by right time
but I presume she meant a time when
she didn't have other company or when she
could Harold had in his place. I am
not certain of the quotation. You may have
seen the letter. I am sending this
to West Crossachia and I trust ^{it} will
reach you soon. I long so to see you and
Mauna and the other boys. How long
I stay week I don't mean exactly 7 days -
two days ~~as~~ a week! I don't know how you
can handle this but couldn't Mauna please
stay in Ocean Park Lodge or be in West
Crossachia for a time if someone stayed with
her tonight? I think it would be far easier
for me to visit Mauna at home as I did
last summer but she worries about
being alone with me and rightly so. Had
I could very well pay car fare home now
I'd like to have you and Mauna here in the
summer time. Laura and I have made
so many plans about what we'd try to

As when Klara came allthough, ^{perhaps} you
 must get in a certain amount of work
 every day. That is very essential from
 the stand point of getting better and also from
 the diabetic angle. Some of my troubles is
 caused by the fluctuations in blood sugar
 level (which are aggravated by emotional
 upset) allthough my blood sugar level does
 vary with diabetes. I am hoping that
 you are having some good times both
 physically and socially. You need not
 worry about me. I shall get out well finally
 and then this matter of achieving that
 will fade into insignificance. There have
 been so many baby birds about this year.
 One day two females were busy building and
 eight young ones had a great feast of
 Chusca she seeds - We saw them only
 one evening and the nest disappeared and
 did not see the male bird at all allthough I
 was told there were some herons. I am
 sorry you were not here to see some of the
 best things I raised. It was beautiful to.

Look at. I guess I felt the way Father used
 to feel about very fine vegetables he received.
 I gave quite a lot of it away because the
 conversation + flattery it aroused was almost
 quite funny! It ~~was~~ "called" "requirements" from the
 reddish wings of the onion trans. ~~and~~ the heart
 made a salad superb. I had received this kind
 before but never with such success although
 I'd seen it in been running vegetables here we
 had such good killing weather. The peas were
 magnificent to look at but the pods were
 not well filled. We're having a spell of
 muggy dry weather. Have been doing a
 little house cleaning. Laura found a good
 woman to help this morning and we hope
 we can get her several mornings. She doesn't
 want to wash the kitchen but I shall need
 doing that if we cannot find a man to do it.
 You must need this - So much love. If
 you are ~~now~~ ^{on your way} ~~travelling~~ ^{travelling} ~~now~~ again think in
 few specimens with date as to date stratum +
 send me an envelope for me if you have time.
 If you are still with Donald & Betty do give
 them my good wishes. Love to the best
 big brother in this world or the next! Love

July 11, 1946

Dear George,

It's surprising, isn't it, what a correspondent I can be? I am enclosing a letter from Marge to Mother which came via letter from Mother today. You may return it to me or to Mother as you think best. Mother sent it without comment but she does want such things returned. From Marge's letter it appears that we not see her and Judy were going to stop in Medford on your way out. Further news, it would be convenient for Marge to have Mother in August last year I remember. Mamma (her aunt) left before the last week of August and Mother reached Marge's on August 30. So it would be Marge would be willing to have Mother the latter part of the last week of August. If you write to her suggesting that, I think it would be better if you don't make my illness (guess word for it!!) The reason for wanting a change for Marge is not at all in sympathy with the way it has been handled. However, as you think best. I doubt very much that it be offered a place at the College, partly because of the feeling the men have about my long illness and partly because the very things I need least best are Mr. Thompson's

However, I suppose Marge is entitled to know how her friend behaves with.

not subjects. He likes them partly because they are less work than the advanced courses in biology. However, if Dr. Scott thinks it wise for me to try this and if I feel I could do it if the offer comes, I'll take it. But so far all I have to base my case on is the fact that Laura asked Mr. Hultberg whether the biology vacancy was filled and he said "not yet!" and said that I might have a transcript of my record at Hopkins sent. However, he also said the men in the department didn't want me and that from Dr. Vergeer means just that. If I were not wanting his fall (and, honestly, I don't think I am nearly well enough to do it) there is no reason why Mother could not stay here until you picked her up about Labor Day here as you suggested. In the past few days my whole attitude has changed. I look forward eagerly to having her. And the part of me that longed so greatly to do for her hasn't changed but I feel I can have her here and still keep up the business of getting well. And Laura is quite willing that she should be here if it doesn't worry me. I have a plan of work which I follow and since Mother is so easily impressed by whatever a doctor says, I shall present the plan as part of his treatment and shall follow it while she huddles her thoughts of me. If she is here just a time it will be easier to find her clothes in order and to give her some treats without too much hurry. And as you know she is very uncritical about meals etc. We think we have a

woman who will come to clean a half-day a week after the first of August. If she really pans out that would be a big help. She was here two half days this week and is the only good help we have ever had. Of course we've had almost some since I lived with Hans.

So I am in hope the big problem I set you will not be too big. If you have anything to do with the length of Mother's stay at Marge's make it a week or less. Last year she was invited for a week or ten days and she invited us ten days and seven nights, I think! If I should be working in early September Mother would have to leave that last week of August but I think the possibility very small. I speak with disure and that added to my natural shyness would make time & prepare essential.

It seems to me Mother is much less Confused in her letters than she was all spring. Thank you so much for letting us how she seemed when you saw her. I think being as near home as she next day will not be too hard on you. I feel as though a great burden had been lifted from me. Knowing you will be her enough to send her joyfully sustains me. I am enclosing the Bible verses. I came upon them just the day before your letter came. If you much prefer "the steps of a good man" — choose that verse. I suppose my preference for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" is partly based upon the fact that I wrote Father a letter the day the verse spoke to me. That was in 1938, I think

And I mean just it in the sampler at
my request. Its too back of heaven's profit
more by its meaning. I can hardly
wait to see you. You must stay here with us
as long as you can. If it were necessary
perhaps you could take Rosie home in late August
and she could go by train to see Marge later.
I don't know what restrictions are placed on the
fall and time to visit! Much love,

Eva

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Lord, shall renew their
strength. Isaiah 40:31

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Psalms 23:1

O Lord my God, in thee
do I put my trust:

~~Psalms 119~~

Psalms 7:1

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put my trust, Psalm 31:1

Blessed is the man that
trusteth in thee.
Psalm 34:8

O Lord of hosts, blessed is
the man that trusteth
in thee. Psalm 84:12

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The hand is the strength of
my life; of whom shall
I be afraid?
Psalms 27:1

The memory of the righteous
is blessed.
Proverbs 10:17

(King James version reads
The memory of the just
is blessed).

The steps of a good man
are ordered by the Lord;
Psalms 37:23

Monday, July 15
[1946]

Dearest George,

Your letter which came Saturday
about 2/30 p.m. brought me immeasurable
re-assurance and comfort. Just hard
to thank you for making changes seems to
scupper I don't know. After all, part of
my upset was probably due to the heat
which was terrific. I think I was suffering
from loss of chloride. You know I am a
"hard drinker" and I perspire freely and
last week I was in the sun more than was
necessary. On Friday I started to take
sodium chloride tablets and I have felt
more level-headed since then, though I
must admit the heat has abated some-
what. To have a and to see, I was
decided quite all right for theches to make
a visit of ten days or two weeks. Since
some time last week I have looked forward
eagerly to having her here. ~~and~~ I think
sure I don't know what her visit
could do me. However, when I see Mr.

Scott & -morrow, I'd just the case to him and
whatever he says goes. If he thinks it unwise
for bushes to come at all I'd send you a
special delivery, air mail letter, Monday evening,
if arriving here the week of August 11-17
instead of the week of August 4-10 send you
letter, do so by all means. Even though I were
to have something to do in early September
I could prepare for it were thought to leave here
early in the last week of August, that is in
time for you to reach Casachie before the labor
day rush of driving. I shall talk to Dr.
Scott about the advisability of my trying to
leave. I don't feel I could do it though in
some respects to start here, even in a field not
my own, might be a harder thing to start elsewhere.
And just how to go about getting a place
anywhere is a problem. For the moment I
shall not think of it. Thank you for your
generous offer to give me a trip east when I am
able to go. I have just twice lately, using ^{in part} money
you sent me for ~~travels~~ so I may take you up
again! Bless you! When you can I shall
have to find a room for you, so let us know in
time. As you know we have just the two bedrooms
and the dining part is not a convertible one. It
will be so good to see you and your kind place
to stay more than just overnight. It's long time

Since I saw you in December. My best
wishes to David and Betty.

Wend Love and Mary, Mary Anne,

Eve

Elecampane
sprang from
Helen of
Troy's tears

Horehound
a bitter
Juice; a
singular
remedy against
the cough.

ESR

H.C.



POST CARD

9/11/48

MEMORANDUM
 CORRESPONDENCE
 Howard Grange,

(FOR ADDRESS ONLY)

My love and warmest birthday
 greetings. I wrote Gordon a hurried letter
 which will explain about Kalamazoo College,
 etc. I was greatly disappointed to have missed
 you on Sunday. Your letter which I received
 yesterday almost made up for not hearing your
 voice. I trust your turning parties are
 really enjoyable and that you will be
 happy at home. My heart will be close to yours
 and I'll always send you courage and love,
 Edna

P.C. 621





Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Dept. of Math. & Sci.
Union College
Schuylkill
New York



Tuesday -
How will let you hear or I
think of you. Been wearing the
lovely sheer wool scarf, which you
gave me, with my exp'd present
It's a lovely thing. We're in the
middle of mid-semester so I have
papers & notes to do. Have had
good success, regular department
hours as always. E va

Wednesday
Dear George, 11/20/66

The sweet anonymous card
came to cheer me and to
bring you close. Thank you
so much. I am so proud to
see your picture in the Scientific
Monthly and the account of
your contributions. Thank you
so much for writing me
ahead of time. A month
from today (just weeks,
really) I shall be on the

very lame. He sleep on the
couch in Mother's living room or
with her. I found the couch
very comfortable when I was
home the summer of '45. The
teaching is terrifically hard and
Miss DeFord a devil to cope
with but I go on now too. I
guess it was meant to be -
that is that I belonged here.
I do enjoy the students and
some of them at least enjoy
me. I am sure. hats of love
and bless you for all the
courage you ^{show} ~~show~~ me. E. V.



Your cups + gowns are in Holland. Do you
want them? I shall be sending my sons suit
home & could mail 'em. Thursday p.m.
12/3/66

Dearest George,

Thanks you for your good letter.
I trust the Shantung journey yesterday
was not too hard on you. Now
go ahead and do as you planned
at Christmas time. It is very
sweet of you to offer to stay home where
was you had planned to do in
order to make a couple for see
but you need not do that. There
now can find Maama is but I shall
be content to be with her. Two weeks
is such a little time. And please
thank Helen for wanting me to
visit her with you. I'd not be
content to leave Maama for any one,
you know, and just being able to
do for her for a bit will see & see.

I have my ticket and reservations on
 a Pullman both ways - I leave here
 5/01 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 and return,
 leaving Albany 3/35 p.m. Jan. 1. That
 will get me in to Kalamazoo early the
 morning of the 2nd & I will teach all
 day, 9 - 4/30, that day but I think a
 night on a sleeper will not be more than
 being in town a few hours earlier. There is
 only one lecture, the rest is lab 10/30-12/30
 and 1/30-~~4/30~~ 4/30. I can plan all that before
 I leave. I'll reach Albany 5/50 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 18 and shall take the first
 train on here to Corcoran. There is a train
 at 6/05^{a.m.} but I doubt the train reaches
 Corcoran. I am cutting the last
 morning of classes - am teaching
 an extra hour for the next two Wednesdays
 to do it. The class is small and I
 feel certain not more than 2 or 3 would
 stay for a class Wednesday morning.
 I shall probably not sleep at all
 before I leave. It takes all this

Strength I have to teach. I don't
 worry ^{much} about Mrs. Debold. After
 all, I don't really have to please her
 but I remind her with every thing,
 I need to work with. Behind her back
 I call her Peggy - she'd for Ossified!
 I am aware of the fact that a
 woman who has had a free hand
 since 1932 might be quite set in
 her ways but I don't think she has a
 right to have taken me, knowing I
 was one of Dr. Fent's patients, and
 then make it so hard for me to get on.
 But I am so wrapped up in my
 work that I honestly don't have
 much time to "boil". Laura came
 to see Dr. Fent to day at his request.
 Poor man, he is puzzled. He is
 responsible for having gotten me into
 this and he hardly knows what to
 do - But I am really ^{damn} grateful
 well considering my part!!!

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And I am very fond of the students.
They bring out the best in me and
occasionally I am able to appreciate.

If I don't get Christmas shopping
done I shall, that is all. It is more
important to bend every effort to
go home. Thank you for offering to
help me. Money goes very fast but I
think I'll have enough. If not I'll
ask you to help me. The Doctor charges
me \$4.00 for a lay down and now I've
even so that is remarkable. I haven't
seen him in some time but I plan to
see him before I leave. For awhile I
saw him once a week. Then he was sick for a time.

Do you think we could have
Walter & Joanne eat Christmas dinner
with us? They have had Maize so
many times. I haven't been at home
at Christmas time since 1937 and
if it wouldn't be too much for you,
I'd like to entertain them. And Berene
& Roland Fox, if they are there I'd like

Mamma wrote they were going to Florida. 'Seems me but I seem to go on and on. You and I could share the expense - surely we could find a nice big chicken somewhere. If you think we could ^{do it} send me a post card and I'll write to Jennie to ask them, or you can ask them if you wish - Mamma would just sit back and let us do as we pleased -

Mamma and I had supper & -gills & -ryas. I must be down town. We had quite a snow in Holland yesterday but less here. The red wheels are still heavy, ~~but~~ slippery and mean. This campus is hilly and I've all but broken my back several times to-day. I rode back yesterday afternoon with Josephine, a woman who teaches grade school here. He folks and

to live next to Laura across the lake.
So Joe & Emma Josephine by and on
for nearly 22 years. We eat supper
to-gether about once a week.

Now I must do the last two of
sixty note books and then go home.
Am trying to find a better place to
live but expect I'd just have to
put up with this for this year. After
all, it isn't too bad. Have a small
desk in my "office" now and the
promise of a file later. Also a yellow
lock on the door and an opaque
glass. I felt now or then like a
gold fish with a plain glass in
the door. President Thompson has a
full glass door by request & but I
do want some privacy.

Lots of love and just thoughts -
he'll see each other in about
two weeks. Tell Maama not to worry
about what I can eat.

Don't worry about where I'd sleep.
I'd rather sleep on the down-park in
with Maama. I sleep very well
nowadays -

Does Maama still use rice and
can she get it? I bought some
the other day thinking Council
Margaret would want it but she
didn't. It has been hard to get.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*Dr. George B. Van Schoate
Department of Mathematics
Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.*

Sunday -

Have just found out
vacations dates are
changed. Will reach
Albany ~~Monday~~ ^{Sunday} Dec. 21 -
perhaps in early morning
train and will ~~not~~ ^{probably}
have to leave before Sunday
afternoon Jan 5 - ~~will~~
try to get new arrangements
but the 20th is difficult
I shall not set up if I
can get a fullness -
lots of love as always
Eva.
Do as you think best
about Christmas dinner.

John's wants to over, ~~perhaps~~



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Department of Mathematics
Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.

Tuesday night
I have finally secured
a reservation going east.
Have a berth from Detroit
to Albany. Will reach
Albany at 7:55 a. m.

Saturday, December 21st

This far I must admit was
very mild. I could not
help wondering you were
in hazard to take me to
Dorchester where we walked
along the beach about a
year ago - lots of love,

Eva



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS ADDRESS

Dr. George B Van Schoele
Department of Mathematics
Union College
Schenectady
New York

Sunday.

If you haven't asked W.
& S. to eat Christmas
dinner with us could
you write them a note
now. I haven't phoned
them. Reached Albany
about 8 a.m. Sunday on
the Humberbrook. Will
take the 9 a.m. or thereabout
bus to Corvickie or if the
train is quite late the
9:55 train. It has a
few snows and has
had quite cold weather
since Thursday night
am going now to gather
greens for a fruit door
& pray - home, Eva

Sunday Evening
Dec 31/46

Dearest George,

Isn't it a wonderful fall? If this reaches you before Jan. 2 remember I'd be sending you all sorts of good wishes on Jan. 1. And if I get up to watch the old year out my mind will take me back to the time we did it together. They could have been too bad. It reached the final stage by now. Wilbur and I are here cold but Arthur has not developed as far. She has seemed quite better the past couple of days - more as she was the summer of '45 when I was here. Had my little stew last night and wished you were here to enjoy it with us. Have love

black to-day and I was under
 necessity to go wedding right after
 breakfast. I miss you so much
 and am so very happy to have
 had you here for awhile. We
 had to clear away the greens but
 still have the tree. Much love
 and best wishes and thanks
 for all you did for my comfort &
 joy this holiday season. I trust the
 work goes well this week - Eva

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Dr. George B. Van Sickle
505 Dallas Street
Tacoma Post
Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 3 p. m.

We have been glad to have
your cards. I am so sorry to
hear about the little washer
girl. How distressed the parents
must be. We didn't get much
snow on Sunday but blew
and a sheet ice - not on the
ice, however. It was 40 ~~below~~

at 8 a. m. - and by 15⁰ above
noon. It was 40 ^{Monday morning,}

I think. Members 9 are invited
to eat out W. & J. & narrow.

My card is still yesterday we said
it hasn't been very bad. I haven't

tried to go anywhere except to
church since 9 in Capt. Hunt &

the store. Am in very bad
luck to get a copy for paper. Did

walk to H. & J. & see their
copy of our Christmas. Much
love from Mother & me - E. W.



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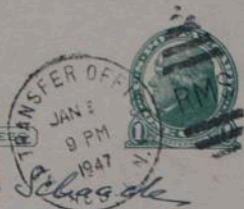


THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Sledright
Department of Mathematics
Union College
Schenectady, New York

Monday - 2 p.m.
Reached the house about
8 a.m. & had a cup of coffee
with the Rogers. The train
was about 1 1/2 hrs. late. Had
a good night. Called the folks to
wake up very hard early, since the
friend didn't mind, and was
in bed long & /s. Paris called
me at 7. Reached school
about 9/30 and have been
very ever since. All the
materials I ordered have come
so that will make the next
few weeks easier. It was so
good to see you yesterday. No
hope you haven't had a time
with the car. So much love
and caring, many thanks.
Had Lichon, scrubbed clean for lunch -
Eva

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



D. George B. Van Sledright
Department of Mathematics
Columbia College
Schuylady
New York

4/20 p.m. -
Sunday.

Pound the bags in the
large bag. First of all it
and fall in the back pocket.
I am sorry I didn't do that
sooner. However we kept it
then have secured the train.

Thank you so much for
coming home last night.

Work on could be enjoying
the ferry land from the
river bank instead of having
to shovel.

Love -
Eva

1/15/47

Wednesday

Dearest George,

Your card came yesterday noon
and I was relieved beyond all measure.
My cold was so bad that I indulged in
a hearty "weep", thinking my face
couldn't look worse. Mrs. Deep will surely
stay for awhile and she will be good to
Nether and goodness knows she is capable,
and honest and good. I think Trina
will be quite pleased to have her about.
If Nether knows nothing of the financial
arrangements and will have that
part of it in your hands she will accept
Mrs. Deep, I think. Some one to take her
drawing plans will make a great appeal.
And be sure to tell Mrs. Deep that Nether
can be handled now far easier than
formerly. Of course she will find that
bad as true. I shouldn't blame her if

She wears a hat apprehensive. Disturb
to write to her within a few days.

They could have been on and on. This is
nearly my third bout with it. Yesterday
I could scarcely speak but it is better to-day.

The factory came yesterday morning
just as I was ready for class. I opened it
at noon. Bless you. The Hawaiian

Journal is most comprehensive. I like the
Audubon and has keys which make it
valuable. I'll be very happy to keep it

as an extra present from you. Long
ago I gave up collecting. The mittens
are seeing good use. I decided first to

wear them and not save them as I
do often do with my things. The cards

you send are very good ones and I leave
them on my desk. With this ample desk
I have room for a few thingy bender work

things. Have a line from Catherine's circle
showing many sheet impressions. I
think Ella Moore found it. Mauna

Gave it to me three years ago when I
was at home. Goodness knows I
need a paper weight and that makes a
very good one. I do hope persuading
Maama will not be too difficult. Don't
argue with her if you can avoid it. She
thinks your judgment is very good
and she knows we all worry about
her. I felt yesterday even as though
a great burden had rolled from me.
It's a strange world isn't it. Who would
have thought I'd be able to feel that
Mrs. Delf had taken a burden from me.
You needn't worry that I'll feel
ingracious toward her. I do not feel
so. You see & believe that. I have
made a lot of nice to her and I am
especially sorry for that one. The
jewels are wonderful. I used them
right away. Thank you so much.
Love in great measure as always,
Eva

but he thinks I can go on. He
advised me to keep on with the
brunns. I had a blood test for a
brunns level taken this week &
I didn't have an excess. There
enormous red cells are sodium chloride
to keep in its eliminating brunns.
Well is finally better b. kept.
So much love, George

Thursday.

Dear George, 1/16/67

Did I write you that one of
my students heard Kate
Smith tell about Lieutenant
Van Schraale who collected
plants on A.H.H.? I had

Excused Ruzhewski from
class that day - Jan 7 - because
he was sick with a cold. He
came in very much excited
Wednesday noon to let me
know.

Are you sure you wouldn't
rather I returned the Audubon
Dove & got you a Hawaiian?
I can find as well as you.

Saw Dr. Scott to-day. He
is much upset over the
difficulties I am having here
(he hears Mrs. D. is sick, too)

1/18/47
Saturday 2 p.m.

Dear George,

When I reached home last night the watch was here. Thanks you do much. I took it to Beerofunk's this morning and he said I could have it next Saturday. He didn't have any bracelets except rather heavy ones which didn't look as well as the new brown leather one. So for the present I'll use that. It's a very pretty watch and I shall enjoy using it.

I bought a doll for the little Wacker just this morning. Could you send me her name that I may put it on his card and also the Walker's address? I thought another doll would not be amiss. This is about 6 1/2. I think you said.

Everett Welmer's father died Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. Everett was here for his Christmas holiday or during it and left knowing his father would not recover. His death was due to acute Bright's disease with heart complications. The funeral was held yesterday at Jones the Chapel (Hope Chapel). Everett, his wife and the two children were there, Laura

1 card. Mr. Welles was 72.

I shall try to come near now. Am going
to make a business of resting from now until
to-morrow evening when I will return for
2'd like to throw off this coat. Had to have very
hair done this morning. The cold suit so bad
but I caught all ways & long. Am burning candles
to keep you and Maria. Do hope it will be
too hard for you to reach her understand that
it will be pleasant to have Mrs. Depp. I can't
begin to tell you how glad I am she is coming.
Maria is a glad, too. We really had quite a
season of thistles given her & night. You
must be sure to tell Mrs. Depp that if there is
anything she needs to make life easier [a
clock in the kitchen or new pillow case (when
we can get them) a new broom etc.] she can
have it - lots of love used once again
a beautiful of thistles -
Eve

Maria wants me to thank you for the Christmas
card & message. We thought the Quaker
theses cards was a very nice one -
E.





I could never forget
to remember
YOU!

I am wearing the watch and
like it so much. Thank you
for letting me use it. Love, Eva



Wednesday night.

Harold & George,

It has just occurred to me that in your last letter you asked me whether or not I objected to paying attorney fees given to you. Of course not. I don't know why I didn't set down and write that immediately. It seems to me the only thing to do. If Harold objects I don't know what we can do.

I don't think Weber will. These past two weeks have been quite hectic and I am beginning to find out that at Kalamazoo College what the student learns doesn't matter. Perhaps it doesn't anywhere. Well, at any rate, I'll have to give higher notes on his Cornell key students. I have a class in beginning botany - 26 students all

new in the occupies but one
kind not all ^{fruit} fruitfulness.
The organization asked me to give
a beginning course. Some
of the other science teachers
had time. But with no
microscopes ^{for my class} all have to
change the course from the way
I gave it first semester. But
it will be free & leisure in the
spring. It is very difficult.
So very long. Very eager to
hear about the intention to
give st. home trip. Eva

Holland SE,
May 1903
Wheat & Wyckoff
Holliston, Mass.

that the money will cover
but for I don't think Welton
& James could take care of
us properly. It's too big
a burden to put on Jessie
and Mother requires the
care of a backward child.
Have cherry blossoms here
on my desk. Bought the
buds in about six weeks ago
when we selected buds.
So much love. Ever



4/20/47

Dear George,

This is to tell you I
am glad you have the
splendid opportunity
in St. Louis. You'll be

Happy this, I feel certain.

I am glad you enjoyed
the cookies. They weren't
home made but as near so, &
as I have ever tasted.
Send the box for me, will you
please?

All other work and Mrs.

They will be with Mrs. P.
but ~~she~~ will stay and

Thursday Night

3/14/47

Dear George,

I was glad to have your letter. January 7 is the date I have for Kate Smith's talk. It was the first ^{day of the} lecture in botany after Christmas holiday for I worked Mr. Pumphorski a happy new year and then sent him home to his room for he was quite sick with a cold.

Since Mrs. Kepp is with Maama I'll not try to go home. I can hardly afford it and I am just too tired. I am sorry not to have written this sooner.

I moved last Saturday. I looked at the room in the fall & meant to take it but had a mis-
understanding about when I was to telephone about it. It is just across from the campus, only two houses from the corner. The steps to the house probably require as much

time as the walking of a block. But
at any rate I can go home at noon for
a little rest sometimes. And there is
a shower bath. The room itself is filled
with an enormous bed but the closet
is ample and there are some shelves in
the little bathroom. It cost \$8 per week.
It is worth the extra money for the
lady doesn't pop into my room when I
am trying to rest and there is hot water.
And of course a bathroom to me really is a
great luxury. I haven't gotten used to
the shower yet. It's never used except
that one summer when I lived in the
dormitory at Hopkins. But I shall soon
get used to it. My new telephone
number is 2-5959. During the day
you can reach me by calling 3-1551.
I shall probably stay over Friday night
now for I am doing my lab work
alone - have lost all but one assistant
who could come for lab but keeps at other
times. So much lab takes a lot out of me.
Still the assistants I had were no good.
But now I have 16 or 18 hours of lab

per week whereas I had 10 before.
I give two sets of lectures, two each.
There for the new course have to be
different in fact from last semester
for I am teaching with the use of
the microscope only one day instead of two
days so I have had to cut out some of the
work and am adding Neuro-
plant physiology and gross structure etc.
I have about 46 in the second semester
course and 27 in the new course.
The small labs in the former are fine.
Have profs to assist in a class
and very few much more I can
do with that number than with ^{twenty} ~~forty~~ old.
Well I am doing notebooks. Good night
and so much love. I am so glad
you found persons to continue with your
Alaskan plants. You have done and
are doing such fine work. Have
you so much for the letters - I had
one last week, too. Much, much
love - Eva
Better send word to the house. I go

home now to rest a bit at noon -
that is unless I have something that
must be done here.

E.

We're having our first spring rain.
I do hope it will take off the ice. The
waiting has been treacherous for
weeks, it seems to me. Forgot to
tell you Hanna came to help me
move. I had an appointment at
the doctor's for Saturday morning
and met her downtown. I returned
Monday morning. She took me to
Alleghen (nearly halfway) to get
a 6/30 bus. But I shall not do that
often. We didn't get home Saturday
until 8/30 p. m. and I was still tired
by Sunday night. Played music
for us both. Thank you so much
for letting me see the records.

MANGROVE CUCKOO
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Tuesday, May 19

Dear George,

6/24/47

Your letter came yesterday and I had to send you a word which will reach you at the college. Since school closed I have been too busy to write much. I must remember to find time to have the service and Rachel here and enjoyed having them. Rachel seems a jewel & we have done nothing in the yard for there has been rain, rain, rain. Our garden was planted the afternoon of April 19. Just under 7 feet in a row of beans, cucumber, peas & squash & Eleanor's packet of general seed. We have the most delicious lettuce, have experimented with nitrogen fertilizer. The flower garden is terribly hard to judge but I can't see any reason to struggle with it. The vegetable garden is my own planning & I don't take much work. I planted it & lived it twice before school was out. The sparrows was good - we cut it sparingly. Best



the strawberries are beginning to
ripen. Had a rose in bloom on the
24th of June. It is near here so
take a lesson.

Do hope the people they will visit you.
It will be of great interest to me really.
Discovered when I packed up my things
that I had not returned your kind note.
I am so sorry. Do for Cal to send it
to me. If you are to be in the west next
year it probably will be here another

time, anyway. Will see that you
get me in the money to buy one -
If you know what you would get it
& let me know for it. Yes - I expect to
get to see Maama some time but
his words are definite. These
are so many angles to be considered.
Would it be all right to ask Mrs. Peep
to take a holiday while I am there?
If I would not be all right, let me
know. I think I could manage
quite happily for a couple of weeks.
And would you let Mrs. Peep take

the car? I hate to bother you
about all this. Do mind Maama
better to drive for Maama & me?
I long to get to Maama ^{but} realize she
is well taken care of. I hope Mrs. Peep
will consent to stay. Try to relax and
sleep as much as you can. I have slept
long times without a sedative. Begin to
feel better and am quite well. Send
me an address which will reach you
home and coverage and termings.
to the best of my wishes. Love

to send good wishes.

Do hope that they will visit you.

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7/18/47

Wheeler George,

This is just to let
you know I am all
right. I have been
very hot for a day or
so. Had a note from
Mother and Ellen
from New Deep today.
So much love -
Ever

July 21, 1947

Dearest George,

Your special delivery came Saturday morning. Thank you for such a nice present and for all your good wishes. I shall be glad to have a little extra to spend for there are a number of books I ought to have for my teaching. However I may spend the money for something else. I need some new gloves a new handbag. I seemed to have no time to go shopping all year and since I did practically nothing but go to school and ride the bus weekends I didn't need many frills. I am sorry I didn't tell you sooner that I am not returning to Kalamazoo. I didn't tell you merely because I thought it would worry you and I had no idea you were faced with making a change in Mother's way of living.

I had hoped I might get a place where I could get to Coxsackie oftener than once or twice a year. I think the home near C and Rapids would be a very good place for Mother but if she were there I'd like to be near enough to see her at least once a month. However, although I placed her name on the waiting list Saturday morning Dr. Mulder said it would be a year, perhaps, before they would have room for her. He said the very least time would be six months and that he felt a year was a much safer guess. Dr. Scott told me about Dr. Mulder a year ago, the day I saw him after you and Mother had started for home. I was distressed about Mother and Dr. Scott said he was sure there was no better place than that sanitorium and that Dr. Mulder was an exceptionally fine superintendent. Both Laura and I ~~felt~~ were well impressed Saturday. I am sorry we didn't drive there a year ago and put Mother's name on the waiting list. The only thing that I wonder about is whether or not she is bad enough yet to be in a place like that and be content. As her trouble progresses she may get to be more docile and child-like and be less difficult to care for. However we cannot not be sure of that. And what to do in the meantime is the question. I have felt all along that not having one day a week off must be very hard for Mrs. Delp. I realize that would be very difficult to arrange. But do you suppose she would stay longer if you could get Bith to come for one day a week? I don't suppose Jessie's sister, Sabre, would do it and she isn't competent or resourceful. And I suppose if Mrs. Delp had decided she can't do it she cannot. I know I could not have stood Letchworth village if I had not had one day a week to myself.

I am sending you the name of an institution in New Jersey which Dr. Mulder suggested although he knew nothing about the chances of being admitted there soon.

I haven't explained to you why I am not going back to K. College. It is a long, involved story and one not easy to explain. Early in ^{the year} the president came to see me one evening about supper time and told me I was in a very difficult place and that he wanted me to know that what might appear to be my inability to get along was really Miss Diebold's determination to make life difficult

for anyone in the department. He reminded me that he had hired me to teach independently of her and that I must not kowtow to her. He said when I appeared last fall he felt very sorry to take me because he knew I was in for a hard time. It appears she had just been trying to get rid of him and that for years he had been trying to get someone to teach in the department, not under her but along side of her. For the sake of staying in a place two years I decided I'd stay there one more year but when I found out that were I to return, I'd have to teach under her I said I would not do that. She produced a letter, dated 1934, to prove that she was head of the department. I don't suppose I shall hear more of K. College but the president told me that last week after the board met that the board was still trying to oust him and that one of Miss Diebold's most recent charges against him was that he had had no more sense than to hire a patient of a psychiatrist as a teacher. It is just as well I didn't decide to try to stick out a year under her for she had the board prepared to tell the president that I should not be allowed to return. The registrar and acting dean, who was new this past year, and the dean of women and the president wrote letters of recommendation for me. The president is a weak person but I suppose he hates to be put out by a woman. There are two persons at the American College Bureau in Chicago who know all about the situation at Kalamazoo College. One of them is a friend of Dr. Thompson, and of the dean of women at K. College. Several persons sent by that agency were walked over by Miss Diebold. Apparently I was the first person who didn't size her up correctly at first. Of course I was influenced by Dr. Scott who thought she was all right. He turned against her completely and told both me and Dr. Thompson that he would be willing to appear before the board and testify that she had done everything in her power to break a patient of his ~~whom she had broken~~ and that she was not a fit person to be on the faculty. Of course he was never asked to do it for Dr. Thompson found the board quite against him. The members who had agreed to stand by him simply didn't show up for the meeting in June. Well, I have said more than I meant to say. I was very worn when school was over and at first I thought I might have to go back to Dr. Scott but I am allright now. I saw him last in February. He said then he wouldn't consent to my staying at K. College another year unless I could have a room and a budget of my own and evn then he felt it would be foolish to stay in a place where there was such a malicious warped personality to fight against.

Now about Mother. Do you suppose that if Mrs. Delp had a vacation of a month or more that she would come back for a few months. Perhaps you could offer her more money if you knew you didn't have to keep it up indefinitely. I do think she should have a day a week off regularly if that could be arranged. Maybe she would come one day a week and stay all night. I doubt Edith would stay all night. Unfortunately Edith and Jessa are quite incompetent. Perhaps between Edith and Mrs. Delp we could get them taken care of for a year. I'll try to get something not far from here if Mama is to be in that home. Because of Miss Diebold's malicious nature and lust for power I felt it would be foolhardy to try to get anything in a school in this general region for apparently she goes to any end to gain her point. A position in botany in a small school is hard to get. Of course I'd rather Mother were in G.R. eventually because this will be my home and I could be near her at least summertimes. But if it seems

I don't know how Mrs. D. could pay for a month or so of her - for help - I would come if Jessa were away as she is now and I would be ready to take care of them.

wiser to put her in a home in New Jersey I'll try to get a job near
wherever she is. So far I have not had even a bite. I have put an
add in Science and am registering with that Cooperative Bureau in New
York City. If I don't get a place by mid September I think I shall
go to school and take some bacteriology. I could, you know, take
care of Mother for a year. Of course I don't drive but perhaps we could pay
Jessie or Bessie to take us driving. If I felt I wasn't up against a
problem of indefinite length it might not be so hard. I realize you
and Wilbur don't think I ought to try and that were I to break down you'd be
in more trouble. But I have my diabetes under excellent control now,
better than I have ever had it except perhaps for the first few months and
I don't think anyone would need to fear that I'd have a bad reaction.
I know Mother is very wearying but she seems less so since she is not
responsible for what she does.

Well, this is all very badly arranged. I had hoped to
be able to get a job before I went home. Now that I
am rid of that pain every morning life seems more
bearable. I don't know how to proceed to be at
home for a set length of time when I see Corleeny
for a job but if you have any idea there. It would
stay, if she had a holiday of some length perhaps we
ought to try that. I forgot to tell you that Dr.
Wheeler said that they would keep Mother as long
as she lived. The bulletin explains everything,
I think. I don't know how Wheeler would get on
if she were not in a room by herself. I have washed
the # about that. By the time she is admitted
she may not need that. At first all patients are
placed in ^{private} rooms. The \$35 is less than I had anticipated.
I thought Dr. Scott said it would be \$50.00.

To much Love & Courage

Eva

Eva B. Van Schaack

27 West Twenty-Fifth Street Holland, Michigan

July 17, 1946

Dearest George,

When I saw Dr. Scott yesterday he said he felt that two weeks was as long as he would ought to stay here that he did not ^{very} feel it at all necessary to ask her to come. He seemed much encouraged and was pleased that I could look forward so eagerly to seeing her. Yesterday was a pleasant day to drive here the country had to be dry that the trip was not very agreeable enjoyable. Between here and Kalamazoo we saw drier areas than in the immediate vicinity and just around Kalamazoo there were less parched areas. We had our last rain June 23.

I had a birthday card from Mother dated July 14. I am sure she has asked me the date of my birthday.

Apparently she thought it was Sunday, the day she wrote the card. I remember very early May she wrote me that she was not at all sure when Harold's birthday was but

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that she thought it was the success day as
Judy's. So dates are hard for her to remember
now. Judy was born on Uncle's (her great
Aunt's) birthday. I bought a few peck
raspberries to make jam, ^{for Mother} and can about to
begin that now. I have a box of strawberry jam
ready for Mother. You must let Mother
bring whatever she wants cleaned or fixed. I
can do that for her and that is something
she cannot do easily for Percy. When I
am working again I may not be able to
do it. Perhaps she can make another
arrangement then. I forgot to say
earlier in this letter that Mr. Root did not
think I ought to try to teach ^{independently}
with which I don't feel familiar. Well, I feel
the same way. I might feel well suited if
I am well versed in stable. And I am not even
sure teaching is the thing I ought to do. Perhaps
I need to keep close to earth. Well, let's not
look too far ahead. There is so much to enjoy
in this present. But I do look a bit away
ahead to the time you and Mother will
come. So much love. I wish you could be
here on Friday. I shall miss you especially then.

Eva

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Thursday, August 1, 1896

Dear George,

I am burning a candle to keep you
out of all the problems which must face
you. I hope you'll be able to find
suitable housing quarters without too much
trouble. If you have time to pack some
more of those soup plates of Gnocchini's I'd
like to have three more. I have three. If
systems ever get down to my pocket book again
perhaps I'd have a soup party. If you don't
care about keeping any to use at home you
may buy them all. I don't want to be
greedy. One more would probably be all
I'd really ever need! How do wholesale
deals best about coming. Laura and
I will ~~not~~ meet Mauna at any time. ~~and~~
Be sure she won't have to change in
Jackson. I've wanted not expecting to

have to change and then had to do it
there. If I could simplify matters
for you I could meet her in Detroit
and bring her to Grace's house on the
train. I don't know how I'd get to Detroit
but there are buses and I can do a lot
when I have to. Our telephone number
is 4644 in case you need to call us.

lots of love and courage and good luck.

Eve

I look forward eagerly to seeing you.
There is a tourist place about 5 1/2 blocks
from here where we can get a room for you
so you'll be near by.



(15 May 1947)

Thursday p.m.

My dear George,

Here is one of these
"disturbing" photographs
for you. I meant to
send you one sooner.
Thank you for telling

We atone & welcome. & had a
Card from Mrs. Neely yesterday
telling me the news. Glad
your letter came to-day &
reassures me. Send her a card
telling me the news. Please,
Send a postal card too. I have
harming the polyphy -
So much love -
Eva

July 12, 1947

Alfred & George,

I was very happy to hear
from you on Thursday and I
truly thank to receive your real
letter. I will surely send
something to Brooklyn, Ill.

Just now we are having ideal
summer weather. It's so pleasant
that I don't get much done.
Haven't been very well for

Several weeks but found out this
trouble was too much green food
which upset their adhesions in my
lower intestines. With so many
vegetables to eat it seems a shame
to live on the kind of food I have
all year but it is the only thing to
do. I expect I made too radical
a change in my diet when I was
very tired just at the end of school.
I haven't done anything about
any thing - For about three
weeks - long & green - I had
pain every morning and was

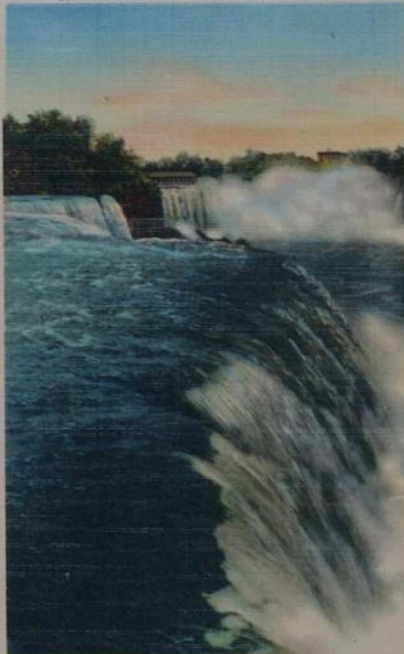
fagged out the rest of the day.
Have been unpacking my things
which were just set on the basement
floor at first. I have worked in
the yard some but not too much.
For the first time in years I seem
determined to get up in the morning.
I miss all the fuss of getting up
shortly after sunrise as I have
been accustomed to do of late
years but still I am content to
sleep until eight o'clock. I
do so enjoy the sunrise. Have
spent long hours with it lately.
Thank you so much for calling.



we are it. Have a very lovely
white rose and bud in the
bottle. I've wished all day you
and Pa could see it. You'd feel
I do when it's - that it is too
beautiful to be real. When I found
that herb (it is nearly under one of
the arbutus trees) this spring I felt
I was wasting my time for it
seemed nearly dead. It has ^{had} eight
buds. Much love and more
of a letter soon.

Eva

Do enjoy every minute for
yourself and for me too.



BRINK OF THE AMERICAN FALLS, Niagara Falls.
The American Falls are, properly speaking, two distinct
falls, the lower being known as Lower Falls, which divides
Luna Island from Goat Island and behind which is the
celebrated Cave of the Winds. The water here given by nature
from the east side of the Falls at the base of the precipice,
above which is Prospect Park. The American Falls are
147 feet in height and the distance from the



POST CARD

Saturday
We were not far from
the foot of the falls
yesterday - down on the
rocks below these. The
spray felt wonderful
good. Thank you so much
for fixing the car so we
could take it home as
always.
Eva

MADE IN U.S.A.

Dr. George B. Van Schoede
102 Baestun Road
Schenectady
New York
U.S.A.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS

29 July 1947
? Thursday

Dear George,

Your letter has just come.
I do hope by now you are
quite all right. It's a good
thing you have had all
these tests. Bertie was

pleased with the card. She
doesn't get ^{under} head how that I
am home. Edith took her
riding Tuesday & is coming
again to-day. So far she
prefers to use her car for she
takes Sarah and kids. They
will be going to see Jerry
October 15. Mr. Deep left.

Hearty love & regards here
Friday You tell ^(with checks) ~~me~~ ^{Carrie}
& greet me that day. Thank
you so much. It's winter
business when I have
those times. I want to get
this off now to let you
know I am thinking of
you - have a always. Love



Bohemian Chatterer

This brings you best
wishes and good
courage for the
journey and love
always - Eva

August 28 [1957]
Thank you for the letter.

Singing Out a Birthday Wish!



{13 sept 1947}



Consider yourself

a party to

This little Birthday Song.

"Be happy on your special day,

Be happy all year long!"

Love always.

Eva



Brown Pelican

Thursday - Sept. 25

1947
Dearest George,

Thank you for the good
letter. Am so glad you
have found a pleasant
place to live. I measured
7 x 8 feet in the
dining room to try to
remember the size of that
room. I plan to get

home early this morning
of the third week. Mrs.
Deep feels she must leave
on the first. In that case
I'll leave here Tuesday
instead of Thursday. She
wrote that Edith probably
wouldn't have her operation
very early in the month
and ^{may} be unable to be
in a hurry to leave. ☺

Saw Mrs. Olmsted in the street yesterday +
she inquired for you & send you 3 post cards.
MRS. M. B. JAN SCHAACK WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Saturday
14 Oct 1947

Dearest George -

By this time I trust you are much better. It is too bad to have had your scheduled work interrupted but it may be a good thing to have had a good check-up. Do let me know what the results of these tests were.

I haven't really worried about you but I have been concerned for no matter how efficiently one is cared for in a hospital one can have very low morale. Perhaps just knowing that you couldn't do anything much for a few days gave you the chance to rest.

Now about the various matters you mentioned in your two letters. William looked at the check book in

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WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

There were only four checks

the safe but there is no record of a check
 to Jones in that book. Jones says the
 last check was given to her in August.
 William took it to her at Lake George.
 You know Maama did not pay in
 advance. She moved in on ~~Aug~~ May
 12 and paid the first time on
 June 12. I guess she didn't understand
 that rent is usually paid in advance.
 So really she has always been a month
 behind. You will have to as you think
 best but I should think it would be
 a good idea to pay in advance. I knew
 about this all along but had not thought
 of it fully until Jones said the
 other night that you had sent her a
 check in August which really
 paid only until the 12th of that month
 though she thought you thought it

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAAK

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

Edith has not said she loved her Maama but I just hope she will finally. I guess she thinks I should say.

Just until the 12 of September. I am sure I don't know why neither, James nor Wellburn ever told you. Wellburn talked to me about it two year ago -

By Mrs. Deep will come back I suppose the thing to do is to let her come. I am in hopes she will stay long enough so that Edith ^{will have} ~~will~~ take Maama for I am more and more convinced that Custerville is not the place for her. I believe she would find away in a few months there. I heard she has nothing to live for but I hate to put her in a place which might make her very miserable. ^{perhaps} ~~perhaps~~ far more than I thought, although in many ~~ways~~ ^{ways} matters she is not me what responsible. I'd rather just stay all year but then what! They hope is that of Mrs. Deep comes back

MRS. M. B. VAN SCHAACK

WEST COXSACKIE, NEW YORK

The well just Mauna comes to do for
 than at first ^{we}
 1 ^{we} ~~will be~~ willing to stay if she has
 a long holiday in the summer time.
 Perhaps I can get something to do not
 too far from here. I do think, however,
 we'd stand a far better chance of keeping
 Mrs. Deep if she had some view of B.
 Edith would take Mauna there or
 come here and stay with her a
 half day a week, I am sure. If she
 could take Mauna there for the afternoon
 I early evening she could bring her
 home & put her to bed and Mrs. Deep
 could be gone from 1 p.m. until bed-time.
 And as far as evenings are concerned
 I don't see why Mrs. Deep couldn't go to
 Brandy and go calling once in a while.
 Mauna goes to bed about 7 p.m. now
 & sleeps right through until 10 or 11
 at least. It's the day in day out

Alarms that wear me to a frazzle. Of course I know caring for Maama is easier for her than for Mrs. Deep because Maama doesn't oppose what I want to do. She still goes into Jennie's dressing room & looks into the hall but Mrs. Deep had her hand on the bolts either of Jennie's doors. We've been using Maama's back door ^{during the dry weather} but I don't suppose Mrs. N. will do that unless Wellens gets ^{a well} fixed. He said the other day he would try to put gravel in and flange down. The Wellens comes to the back door now - I'd try to get a heavy wooden bar to set out there for storming, windy weather but, of course, when the snow flies the man will have to use the front ^{porch} ~~doorway~~.

Edith has taken Maama riding twice & will take her to-day. Sarah is with Edith so I mustn't on using her own car ^{now}. Maama was radiant when she

Came home after a 3 hr. trip Thursday.
She even hummed all the time she
was doing the ^{supper} dishes. Edith came
put lips into a star, I guess.

I must read this now. Did send a
bill in the next letter. Did remember
to ask you for the \$10. Mrs. Deep has been
having the money ^{which} sent, too for regular
expenses, extra gas, vegetables etc. so I
guess she will have to have more for
~~household~~ expenses. Food is pretty filthy
high. I just cannot eat bread & jam
as Mrs. D. says she does so I am spending
what I need to spend. Mama uses about
a quart of milk a day so I get none week.
I don't know how Mrs. Deep got along on
a quart a day for the kids to drink it.
Too. I've been sending her money
ever since March but I didn't realize
she was using it for necessities. Of
course there aren't any real needs for
Mama so sending it for necessities was
all ^{Mrs. D.} she could do. Love and best wishes

[19 Oct. 1997]

Monday

Dear George,

This is the clearest perfect day. Each day since I came has been wonderfully beautiful and unregrettable. Went to West Ceresia to get a piece of cloth for ^{line} the sheet. The sheet just broke and let the sheet ^{fall} on the cement. Jim & Wilbur & Florence went away Sunday morning. Berna said yesterday they had gone to the Thousand Islands. Wilbur told us how to reach them through the state police

but didn't say where they were
going, except in the Adirondacks.
Bessie ate dinner with us yesterday
noon. I trust you are quite

well again. Elett took Maime
riding this time to & wells.

Since they were out for about three
hours and Maime came home ten
years younger. We walked to

church yesterday & Elett brought
us home. I haven't known how

long she would be out & look ten
less & we had three good walks.

Send us a post card - Address. I to
Maime. It doesn't matter what you
say. She gets so little heart that
that I am here. Love as
always - Eve

Sunday - Eva and I Walked up to the Church and we had some one to lead - we came again. Wilber and Jessie went yesterday to go to the mountains. No one is here with Eva & me - Mrs. Lee has not given us a letter - but one of her girls is sick.

Eva and Anna Moore have just gone out to have a good walk. Eva & I do walk some days. Eva works in the house and seems to like to help to fix things.

I hope some day you may come here if only for one or 2 days.

Hope you are well and can have pleasures in day or night. When you have time send me a few leaves.

Dear George - Love from Mother and Best Wishes to you.

I am glad my George writes to me some times.
I love you my dear George. - Mother -

{23 Oct 1947}

Tuesday a.m.

Dear George,

You might type out your
name & address & send it
to Marra. She copied the
address on the ^{enveloped} envelope from something
you had written starting
George's address.

Everything goes along as
usual. Ethel is busy with
Ralph's nephew Charlie who has
been a dentist down & now
Sammy Green has had a
hem & all that. But Ethel
shows up to take M. Marra
^{two or three times a week}
riding. So far she has
used her car. The sand
she had to pasture on

Suppose you will have
quite a late season for getting
back around St. Louis.

We're having some of the
same kind of weather, warm
and fair every day. There
is a lot of smoke in the air
from forest fires. There has
been a large one near Ellenville
and several in the Rumpo
Mts near Harriman.

Am writing this in the post
office. Came down to look
for bananas to send Maria
letters. She writes to you &
Harriet this morning.

So send all love + strength &
congratulations for your work.

Mama'd before she could take
Mama out in it. Mother
comes ~~out~~ back each time
ten years younger, enjoys the
ride & her. Everything so Edith
says. Couldn't walk the side
of the road expecting to get in
the ditch as she does with Mrs.
Deep. Edith follows her along, I
suppose. Maria thinks Edith
is wonderful - calls her that
fab woman. I don't know
whether she really knows who she
is. Haven't seen Mrs. Deep
since the second Sunday I
was here. Am glad you have
been enjoying life with the
botanical garden staff and

My dear George, I hope you
are very well and I know
you are doing what you want
to do. I have just sent a letter
to Harold on Mill St. 132.
and Medina in Ohio. I wish
you and Harold could be near
to each other. Mrs Doyle
is very good to take me in various
places. She is very kind to me.
Eva likes to go out working.
Today is very nice so we may
walk out after noon. I hope
you are very well and may be
some time you may see me.
Now I must stop and do some
work in the house. I hope some
time you can come to see us all.
Much love to you from Mother.