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Friday Nov

Dear George,

Mother is writing and his father
will be. I am very sorry about your
trouble with your teeth. I've not had one
out since before I went to college so you
see how this has always been a major
operation to me. It's too bad you didn't
have your electric pad. How do you
have to send it to you? Let's hope you
won't need it for toothache again but
I'm ought to have it with you.

Thank you for the checks. I'll send
the account soon. I was glad to have
the home money for I had used this
months. We get more meals than ever.
Deep did send I've been getting berries
more fruit juices, mostly fresh orange juice.
Edith thought her deal was too starchy.
Mother takes the juice through a strainer
without any difficulty. There have
been several extra expenses for which
I have used my own money but his

Check List
from his uncle
and part of
October.

See that you are given a full account.
 It's too bad I didn't clean the last closets
 last Christmas ^{that} time. ~~It~~ might have
 made the work easier for Mrs. Peely
 and would have illuminated the
 notes earlier.

Edith pretends she doesn't want to
 stay in Mrs. Peely's way but I think
 Edith might like her. Of course Edith
 thinks I should stay home, says I should
 always get work ~~but~~ keeping home for
 some one or in an institution after Maama
 was gone!! She says there is a home near
 Sunny Green that she'd like to buy
 and that she could keep two ferrets. If
 Charles goes she assumes the other ferret
 would be Peter. But Edith may be
 merely talking. She would come here,
 I think, but I don't suppose Wilbur
 & Jennie would love her in the house.
~~Maama~~ She would put a bed in the
 front room & not use the up stairs
 room. We use the new board walk
 & have the milk delivered at the back
 door, and Edith comes to the back door.

But I am sure Walter will bring shoveling and I can hear Edith yelling at Walter to shovel. She says she won't know about the house for a month. She feels as I do that Maama knows too much stuff to be put in Pine Rest. ~~and~~ I know Edith wouldn't be as sure as Pine Rest but, since she certainly knows how to handle Mother and Walter next to well to her, it would be a splendid arrangement. I don't know whether or not there would be a way of keeping Mother's name on the waiting list in case we needed to send her ^{to Pine Rest} ~~there~~ ^{to find out} later. I doubt Edith would get around to letting Mother right now. The bother is sometimes by letting me my duty but for the most part she is a great ray of sunshine. As you thought it isn't possible to do much studying. When I am free in the evening I am too tired. The days go so quickly. I can hardly realize I've been here four weeks. It seems like ten days.

Mother
Goes to bed
between 7
and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday I called on Madec. It
is the first call I have made for when
Edith (later Mother) or I like to be
free to walk. But I rode down there
with Edith and Mother and they
stopped by for me later. Edith and
Mother thought they had never met.
Edith is a little older and left
Cossach when she was only eleven.
Mother asked about you and sent
you first notes. She was wrong and
I had as the picture and knitted while
she worked. and our long face!
I've written to the N.A.A.S. for information
about hotels. I think, too, I should plan
to to their meetings. ~~They~~

The really big news is that it is
raining - has rained off and on
since last evening. I feel ten years
younger. The drought with the
devastating forest fires seemed unbearable.
Mother seems well. We go along
with ~~out~~ trouble except on Sunday
morning. I've given her some of the
phenacetin that the doctor let me have

Splendidly bright and sunny ^{a.m.} and
that quiet her somewhat. The seal
water seem to help her mouth and
she uses it without a fuss. Of course
every moment she may fuss. She
had one bad spitting spell in the night
and then I started using the seal
water. She thinks it is sugar and
sometimes says I made it too sweet. I
use it warm and let her Edith send
to use it. For the present Edith's name
is may be. I came to get the car this
morning. Walter Townsend was going to
go out with her. I was wearing
saddle or pads - all clean & shining.
An enormous disreputable red black
coat and a ^{parrot's} straw hat - all under
the pouring rain.

have and good wishes & I trust
by now your mouth is comfortable
Eva.

My dear George, I hope you are
feeling much better. I hope
the teeth pulled. Sorry you had
little sleep and more two teeth.
We had lots of rain all day.
I wonder if you were at Seaman Park
and Kenwick port.
I have been very glad by
having rides with Edith
we enjoy it so good. Eva does
not to care to read in the cars.
I have been very good and every
forenoon till some I am so well.
I wish some time you may come
to see us. Wilber's house here
most every day. Let me know
if you are feeling better.
Much love to you from
Mother. Hope you will be
very well. Mother

? [1st Nov 1947]

Saturday Nov

Dear George,

Your letter came this morning & Mother is relieved to know you really are better.

I saw Mrs. Deep in West Covsachie yesterday morning. She is coming back December first or third. I think it better for the two of us not to be here for long and as she doesn't know I am not certain whether it would be more convenient for me to leave Dec. 1st or Dec. 3rd. She wanted to be with her folks for the Thanksgiving holiday. Her suggestion was that she come back for December and January next, unless I wanted to come back February first, she would stay until July first. I think she said this

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Monday June he & I said it would
need to be July first because, was I
to teach second semester, I ~~would~~^{would}
need a few days between the time
school was out and the time I came
here. He seemed perfectly willing to
agree upon July first. and since
I am the person who has been
in consequence by her leaving time
of now, she insisted that it be left
up to her to decide between Dec. 1st
and February 1st whether or not I
wanted to come back. I shall try of
course to get a position as near here
as is possible for I should like to
feel I could get to Trenton in a very
short time and perhaps relatively
often. As you say Mrs. Deep considers
her arrangement temporary, and
should Edith decide to take another
somewhere this winter or spring I
don't think Mrs. Deep would need

at all. If Sara should die I think Edith would try to get that little house near Beeny Green's. Then she could take Walter and Katie. He could leave Walter with Katie while she went over to look after Mrs. Green. But so long as Sara lives and Edith feels she may have to go down there at any moment I do not think she will let her see down. I told Mrs. Deep that now, inasmuch as Walter was much better than I had supposed, I could not let her be put in Pine Rest and that, if we could not arrange to have her taken care of, I'd do it myself as long as she needed that kind of care. ~~responsible to the care of my brother~~ ~~soon~~. Mrs. Deep and, of course, she couldn't agree to stay permanently and I said I understood that quite well. He said she might want

to stay on through the summer or
 after a considerable time off the
 wages & salaries. I said that could be
 better case of Cates - that, if I were
 teaching, a month or two weeks in the
 summer would be the time I could
 be here, probably longer than that. If
 I am not able to secure a teaching
 position I may go to school several
 semesters even though I may not be
 able to teach next fall. However, I
 have not applied anywhere and I'd
 far rather get a place to teach botany
 and get the experience I need.

I have heard nothing from Edith. I
 love her down to earth in old thro.
 Jackson who lives in Edith's upstairs
 yesterday after noon.

We are having a heavy rain, so
 heavy that I have asked Wilbur to
 take me to the grocery store, a
 real excursion on my part since
 I usually walk for the sake of the

exercise.

Whether seeds live and heat
wishes with mine -

Ever.

letter

Dear George. -

William is not ready to go to his
tent & get news. The rain is coming
down in torrents and the wind is very
strong. I doubt we go for an hour or
more.

Oh, you have lost a good friend in
Elizabeth's death. I am sorry I never
met her. I remember her strongly
by her personality. It was sad I
knew she was dear to you. What a
blessed way to go. It is better that
she will not have to endure another
hard winter. In a sense you can
never lose her.

Well, I hear William is the best.
Nice warm time & good weather.

Eva

[5 Nov. 1947]

Wednesday.

Dear George,

Mama and I have just come in from a walk. It's cloudy but there have been only a few spatters of rain. We sat on a roll of snow fence for awhile to rest. Edith was called to Weehawken Court night by Sara's illness. Rachel Clementz telephoned to me to tell me that Mr. Green had already left the car keys here and had told me the tale. Rachel said the doctor (Sara's doctor) had asked that Edith come. Today isn't very efficient.

Edith has talked considerably of taking a house near Seery Green's and keeping two persons, she said ~~there~~ could be one and that if Ralie, Lord Charles or was persuaded to send Charles to a home, Ralie's

would be the other. But, of course,
it may be all talk. To begin with the
house she wants is rented and the
tenant cannot find another place to
live. Edith is the major and Mauna
and if she weren't in such demand
she might really do it. Mauna.
Of course it ~~is~~ ^{would be} a permanent
arrangement but, considering how
much Mauna realizes, it seems to me
worry to put her in a place such as
Cuddeville. I don't suppose Edith has
sent you a bill. I gave her your address &
asked her to do so. I don't think it is
necessary to keep Mauna out so long
but I think Edith does her errands
on these trips so she won't change feel-
ings. Mauna loves riding with her
and enjoys it more than the sled when
we took her this summer. I've been
with Mauna only once. Edith has used
Mauna's car only twice. I think that she
had planned to use it from now on.
I realize that putting Mauna in
Cuddeville when there is an opening

is simpler than any other arrangement
 but I don't think it is right. You and
 William have seen Mamma at her
 worst ^{plein} when she is excited and up set.
 We have whole days with no trouble at
 all. It is futile to try to take Mamma
 calling where there are several people
 and calling her know ahead of time
 that she is going any where is a near take.
 Of course, Mrs. Deep can't leave Mamma in
 the car as Edith does for Edith has a
 way about her. She breezes off and
 breezes back whereas Mrs. Deep is
 huddled just about the whole business.
 I don't think Edith will make any
 journey to me because she feels I
 should stay home. I told her that
 you didn't approve of that kind, of course,
 that will not see with her. Should Sara
 die, as she well may, Edith would
 be more free and I feel it would be
 well for you to write to her soon.

Just remind her that you wish she
were able to take Mamma. I seem never
to get the account put in shape to send
through I have it all on paper - all in
one little book. Will try to send it
in my next letter.

Mamma has worried & worried over
your letter. She got that much out of
your letter. I tried to let her you were
all right but she still has your letter
in her mind. So if you haven't
written just send a postcard to say you
are busy. I do hope you are all right.
Have much love & wishes from us
both -
Eve.

Edith address in N.Y. is
45 - 46th Street
Weehawken, N.Y.
7 Sara Newberry

I copied this from a letter I mailed to
Sara for Edith yesterday for I wanted
to send Sara a card. She is a nice
person - a little like Mamma Bonnus.

P.S. If Maama were being taken care of by Edith I'd try to get a place not too far off. Or if Mrs. Deep would stay in here I'd do the same. It's much more probable that I'd get a place to teach in the east than near G. R. & If Maama were in Cutterville I'd just have to do something else in order to see her often. But if we can't arrange to ~~have~~ have her taken care of as long as she realizes as much as she does, then then we'd better just plan on my doing it. I'd have no peace of mind with her in Cutterville. I had no idea she secured as much as she does or I'd never have gone near Cutterville. As long as she is as well as she is now I can leave her for an hour or two and that is long enough to go to the store and to take a walk. So as soon as the weather isn't fit for reducing it wouldn't be necessary to ~~have~~ have

Edith too often. If Mrs. Deep is
coming back, when does she want to
come? ^{Alm. Dec. 1 or 3 or later? Or earlier?} I came on Oct. 3 - so she has
and she left at 8/30 that morning.
So she has 2 or 3 days of October's
pay coming to her. If you want to
give her some more of her vacation with
pay (or without - I don't know what
arrangement you made with her)
you can count that part of my time
here and deduct it from my wages.
I'd have given her the time this summer
had I understood how things were.
She was here ten days after she left but
I've heard nothing more from her.
I presume she has been tied down
rather closely. I hope I've done enough to
make her work a little simpler. Wilbur +
Jennie are going away for four days
this week-end and I want to clean
Mrs. Deep's rooms then because Maama
will want upon being up this with me
and I try to keep her out of Jennie's way.
I'd clean Maama's rooms but she's

My dear George, I hope you
are feeling much better. We
are having rain now but it
may be better this afternoon.
I have been thinking of you
all the time and I hope some
time we can be with us.
I think Edith is coming for
me this afternoon for a nice
long ride if there is no rain then.
I wish I could be with you
and I hope you will soon be very
well. I do not know when or
where Mrs Bell must be -
I think she does not want to
come here. Eva is still here
and she is busy so much and she
goes out very often. Now I must
quit - My dear I love you so
much and I hope all is well.
Love from Mother.

leave the living room, bathroom
 + kitchen for Mrs. Deep. He has seen
 the closets + drawers cleaned out +
 if I can do it I'd do the kitchen cleaning.
 I like to spend as much time as I
 can with Maama. Mrs. Deep says there
 is so little work so she won't mind
 doing some of the cleaning. I don't know
 how she could do her room for
 Maama doesn't respect anyone's right to
 that, as you know. I'd rather stay
 until I'd ~~be~~ ^{persuaded} Edith to do something
 but there is no assurance I could do
 that. For she says very plainly this is
 my place. My getting back into teaching
 doesn't cut any ice with her.

Well this is a long P.S. Before I go to
 the meetings I hope I'll know whether I am
 looking for a job for next semester, for
 next year or not at all. But I realize
 things can't be settled so easily. Nice
 trade love. Saw a great blue heron
 the other day + the next day a kinglet -
 the one so large and the other so tiny. E. O. G.
 (over)

I gave you message about the
bank statement to Weeber -

Do you want me to write to Mrs. Peep
as do you all her know?

{5 Nov. 1947}
Wednesday night.

Dear George,

It occurred to me after I had
written a letter to you that I have to
leave here Wednesday or Friday
in order to arrive in Q. R. on
Thursday or Saturday, the only
day Lanna could meet me.
So if Mrs. Deep were to return
Wednesday morning, Dec. 3,
I could leave that night.

Do you remember the name &
location of the store in Albany
where mother used to buy her
shoes? She wears bedroom
slippers but if it has been one
day she'd had her ones. I have
no definite plan to get to Albany

but it is possible I may. The
slippers she has are very comfortable
& that is where she bought them. I
am sure.

I suppose I ought to return by
way of Medina but I don't know
that I shall do so. In that case I'd
go by day on the Empire State or
by night on the Trans N. & W. took
this past summer, I suppose. I
have a return ticket but suppose I
could have it re-routed so long as
I return to Q. R. We have had one
letter from Harold. If you have occasion
write to him you might suggest that
mail is a big event in Mother's life
and a postal kiss & then would be
a great blessing. The message
doesn't matter much -
love as always,

Eva

Sunday
[10 Nov. 1947]

Dear George,

Mother has written to you
and to Harold and his put a
note with each letter.

It's cold 6-day. was about
30° at 6/30. We didn't go to
church for 9 days! it was
better for Leslie but to her the
notice of the necessary meeting
on Wednesday. It's like her
to it but we'll have more peace
between now and then if she
has not heard ^{about} it ahead of time.

William, James, Berno, Arthur
and Bernie started for Philadelphia
about 8/30. They were released
Tuesday night. I am not sure
Arthur and Berno were going
clear to Philadelphia but at

They're going to
Walter's place?

heard they went off on the bus. They
have been here since Friday morning.

We have some lovely *Chrysanthemum*
from Mrs. Weston. She has given us
flowers a number of times.

I took Kerbi for a little walk this
morning after dinner but just as we
started out the sun went under and
it was too cold to stay out long.

The rain stopped about 4 p. m. yesterday.
Its foretells we had had a downpour.
I hope we will have some before the general
freezes.

Evilias seems very well. I've
stopped giving her cooked celery and
cooked cabbage which may have
caused the gas she was having. Mrs.
Welp had been giving her some but
Edith advised her not to let her
have them. I've increased the
quantity of fresh juice and milk
and decreased very greatly the
amount of starch. Mrs. Deep is
inclined to give a great deal of

Cereal, bread, macaroni, rice etc.
Herbert is too inclined to take
so much of that sort of thing. He
drinks very little plain water so the
quantity of other liquids should be
increased. By giving her weak
coffee or tea ^{with a cracker or its equivalent} ~~about 10 a.m.~~ ^{and}
about 3/30 p.m. or a little later we
are able to get through the day without
so much begging for medicines.
At first I gave her milk or something
else but she did not have her sit at the
table. Now I sit down with her and
drink something, too. Then she
washes the dishes and thinks she has
had a meal, I suppose. At any
rate it creates for more peaceful
living between 10 a.m. and noon
and between 3/30 and 5/30 p.m.
Many older people read food offices
than three times a day and some
younger people do. I don't suppose
Mrs. Deep will be able to follow all
my suggestions ^{but} ~~for~~ the way

mostly
milk

have as always a
Eva

Trust the corn experts were
interesting company.

follow some of them. The henney
eats so much starch that she will
have it on the table, of course. And
she may rest ease to bother with
little lumps. I find don't get bread
on the table when we have song-crow
crashers or when we have potatoes.
And I find henney put juice through
a straw for descent or to keep her
busy while I am fixing the plates.
Well, I don't mean to disagree with
a ventriloquist's analogue. The fact
that concerns you is that I don't believe
even Mrs. Bee can make the henney
she has had go further and, if henney
is to have more juice, unless she
you'll have to give Mrs. Bee more henney.
She probably won't ask for it. I haven't
been giving henney cereal at bedtime
for the year to bed at seven or shortly
after & don't need it. Since she
has been awake in the night with
sneezing spells & then has given her treatment
followed by the cold water ^{mouth} ~~mouth~~
wash. (Was enough of this -

To day has been Sunday - but
we did not go to church. The
Sun has been all around and
now it is very cold. Eva & I went
for a walk but it was too cold
to go further. Wilber and Jessie
Bessie & Jessie's friend - they all
went to Philadelphia for some
place but I don't know where.
I heard a few days ago that Mrs.
Delp is coming again to live here.
I was glad to hear from you and
I hope all your legs & hands and I
hope you are well now. I hope
you feel very good and you
ought to have some light work.
I miss you so much and I hope
some time you will come to see us.
now I must write a little to
send to Harold.
Much love from loving and I
love you my dear George.
Mother

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Thursday.

Dear George -

The enclosed letter
is a sad mess but I am
sending it for I haven't
time to write something
better.

Love,

Eva

Nov - Dec 1947



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George B. Van Seldene
West Coxsackie
New York

Saturday p.m.

I mailed a package to you
yesterday. It is bound to reach
you before Christmas, I hope
, & you can enjoy the parcel as I like
paper at the end of the box. There
are some parcels to be put under
the tree. Tell Mr. White not
to worry about Christmas for I
sent cards & presents for her. It
is not a hot Christmas here -
so dreary! Am thinking of you
with love now and then, it
will not be too crowded. I
don't seem to be able to think
of all I wanted to write - But
the two little packages for Mrs. D.
are her soon. Love and best
wishes - Eva

[5 Dec. 1947]

Friday,

- 9/157-22

Dear George,

The train out of Albany is
late and now I'd write
you a word. It's been so
long as you surely know -
I am sorry & trust you have
realized that I couldn't get to
it. Mother expects you each
day and so doesn't write.

Mrs. Deep returned Wednesday
evening & every thing seems
to be going along well. W. & J.
& B. went to N. Y. Thursday
morning so there has been
less confusion than ordinary.
We had snow & sleet to-night
so I came to Albany on the
5:00 bus - Mother was alright.

I called Mrs. Deep a
few minutes ago. We had
given ^{her} two generous doses of
phenobarbital. Her face is free-
ly well and, except for
being distressed over my leaving
^{about} which she hasn't been long,
in good spirits. For her, at
least. I've been very happy to
be with her and its hard to
leave her -

Frazer is pleased so I
think I will this - lots of
love - Yes. I received both
checks. Love + Mrs. D's.
Thank you
Have as always,
Eva.

[17 Dec. 1947]

Wednesday Afternoon

Dear George,

I was very glad to have your letter last week. Don't be worried that I am overworking on Christmas. As a matter of fact I haven't done one thing yet except to buy Mother a nightgown and sweater. I sent the sweater to her for her birthday and shall send the nightie to her for Christmas. If you have not already bought something for her you may combine forces with me for I can hardly afford that much. Mrs. Belp said you had sent ~~me~~ a birthday present. The sweater cost \$6.50 and the nightie (it is a very nice brushed rayon one) \$4.95. ~~if you~~ I don't expect you are likely to buy handkerchiefs for mother. Do not for I tried very hard to accustom her to using Kleenex. She insisted on washing out her own handkerchiefs and didn't do a very good job and I felt putting up with her handkerchief problem was one of the greater irritations. So one day while she was out I took away all ~~her~~ handkerchiefs. She looked for them, of course, but she looks for things she has never had or has not had for years. I gave her a few paper ones at a time in a box by her bed and by the time I left she was quite used to that kind. Edith started giving her paper ones, too, in the car. There is an ample supply of Kleenex on the shelf above the canned goods in the hall closet.

I am going to the meetings in Chicago and shall be at the Stevens Hotel from Dec. 26-Dec. 31. Laura is going to Chicago, too, but I don't know what she plans to do. I guess she will find plenty to do for she has never, I suppose, had such an opportunity.

I enclose an account of the money I spent while I was home and my traveling expenses. The trip back was uneventful except that there was engine trouble and we were in or near Buffalo several hours. I was asleep and knew nothing about it until I awoke in Canada at 9 a .m. At Detroit the Grand Rapids passengers were taken to the Pere Marquette station to board the 12:15 streamliner. It was fun to ride on one of those new trains and we reached G.R. in three hours instead of the five, or nearly so, that the Michigan Central takes to make that trip. Laura was patiently waiting in the G.R. station.

I hope your trip home will be as pleasant as possible though I realize that is hoping for a lot since you must travel at such a rush time. I shall be thinking of you. Send me a card on Monday and I may possibly get it before Christmas. I expect Jessie will have you ~~mixxx~~ and mother eat Christmas dinner with them. I asked them to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us but in the end both Jessie and I prepared it. I wished that you were there to eat some of the pumpkin pie which I made for I thought it extremely good. I made rolls which were frightful so you didn't miss too much. Mother was more herself at that meal than she was at dinner last Christmas time and ate quite heartily. Wilbur took us for a ride afterward. I don't know why I give you this ancient history. I haven't written to you for some weeks, I know.

Well, I must take this to the p.o. in the hope that you will get it before you leave.

Much love as always and a safe journey,

Eva

I found it much better not to use Mama's money for anything but stamps and ice cream when she offered to buy it. And of course she used some for church, I suppose. She did not seem to understand afterward what had become of money she had given me for something so I avoided asking her to pay for anything except those two things.

October - food.	53.77
household.	2.77
November food.	52.53
household	2.86
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	111.93.

Extra expenses.

harvest	2.38
cleaning fluid	.69
cleaning ³ coats + backhoe	4.25
alcohol	.59
7. foot soaps	.35
bumm pads	.35
	.35
clothes, lunch boxes	.79
Scotch tape	.30
Shirts	2.50
underwear	2.49
Broom	1.20

\$ 15.89

Food & household. 111.93.

Total \$127.82

Received from G. 120.00

Balance due Eva 7.82

Exp't to Mr. D. in Sept. 10.00

Ticket & traveling
expenses. 76.24

George over Eva! \$94.06

I am sorry I used that last bit of maple sugar to make syrup for Mama. She would have been quite happy with ordinary syrup but I found the sugar when I cleaned out the closet and just didn't think. If you make pancakes for her bake small ones. He is as happy with several small ones as with larger ones. Edith said pancakes in the morning occasionally would not hurt her. No sausage for her.
Wednesday Night

Dear George,

[10 Dec. 1947]

I mailed you a letter at supper time which I hope will reach you before you leave St. Louis. I sent you a rather messy account of expenditures, etc. and if you want something better to keep, I can type one for you. I saved a copy of it. I always leave such things to the last moment, you know.

If Mama begins to fuss about Christmas tell her Eva has attended to everything for her. She worried all fall and I kept telling her I'd do it. She doesn't remember. I haven't done much but I have a list of persons to send cards to, and many of the persons to whom I send cards are the same people to whom she sends cards. So if ever I get at the card business hers will be done, too. I shall have a little bill for you for I shall have spent a little more for presents from Mother and me than I would spend myself, alone.

If the nuthatches and downy woodpeckers have about cleaned up the suet would you refill the holder, please? You turn the hook with a pliers. It takes only a few moments. The birds started to come about ten days before I left home and then I put out fresh suet. The suet of over two years ago was still not really mouldy but very dry and hard. Strange that the suet had not been pecked at all until a day or so before Thanksgiving. One morning when it was scarcely daylight I saw two downy woodpeckers and two nuthatches on the elm tree and two days later I saw them at the suet for the first time. ~~Counting~~ The time I spent watching that tree last Christmas holiday and the time this fall would make many hours and when I was finally rewarded the tears streamed down my face. It seemed so strange that the birds didn't come when they were in the vicinity for I saw both downies and hairies down past Mrs. Wheat's quite early in the fall.

There is some suet in the ice compartment of the cooler.

I am in hopes you will be comfortable at home and not have too strenuous a time looking after Mama for a few days. She sat by the window very patiently when I went out this fall and almost always seemed quite happy when I returned.

I hope I left enough of the onion soup for you to enjoy. I opened several cans this fall which I enjoyed when I gave Mama chicken soup. There are some real hickory nuts in an oatmeal box in the closet where the tin canned goods are. I bought them at Webbs this fall. If you can eat nuts you might enjoy cracking some of them, at least, eating some. I cracked them easily on the extra iron. I put a piece of fine sandpaper over the iron to protect it and hold the nuts but I am not sure what I did with the sandpaper. However, if you want to crack some, I guess you can figure out a way.

Well, this is all trivial stuff. Of course I wish I could be there to look after you both and I shall be thinking of you ever so often. Love and best wishes and much courage.

Eva





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In ordinary times Sauter
would have chosen size B.
Considering how articles
shrink nowadays he
decided upon size C.
He hopes they fit you.



Dear George,
This may not
reach you before
Christmas but I
am sending it

Recd. - Merry Christmas!

With the hope that it
will - I shall be thinking
of you especially these
days. The card, letter
& checks came from you
this morn. Thank you
so much for all and
for such a grand Christmas
present. Will try to see
you friends in Chicago.
Love, Eva

Thank you so much for the letter which was here when I came. It was all the mail we had!

The STEVENS
Chicago



C. N. HILTON, President • ROBERT P. WILLIFORD, Vice President
R. F. QUAIN, Manager

January 1, 1948

Dear George,

We are about to leave the Stevens.

It's a frightful day with respect to weather. So we are sitting out our last two hours rather than going back to the Bot Museum as we had planned. We couldn't get a taxi readily and since we'd have had to have two more within ^{three hours, I seemed} _{of missing the train.} foolish to run the risk. There is a driving rain sheet and a high wind.

I cannot write you much of what has happened. I saw many people whom I had known at Hopkins and that was very pleasant. I met quite a few other people, among them Egan Anderson. He seemed very busy and I didn't get a chance to thank him for the Carrousal. He spoke very highly of you and the work you were doing. I also saw Rodgers

A Hilton Hotel

The STEVENS Chicago



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Mr. Vangh. He is pleasanter than I remembered
 him. I saw him only once and that was
 in Richmond in '35. He introduced us to
 a Dr. Blake from Belle Mead who also spoke
 highly of you - He. Mr. Vangh and Joe Swann
 was not here. The next meeting of
 all was with Dr. Nutt now at the University of
 Pennsylvania. He is a gentleman of feelings
 a cytogeneticist. I took his course in cytology at
 Hopkins. He was the first person who spoke to
 me each morning when I first went to
 Hopkins - his office was down the hall from
 Dr. P.'s and ~~stays~~ in all my years there
 he was generous to me. At that time he was
 with the Carnegie Foundation. Well, we'd
 better get a cab now. Forgive this brief
 note. We saw the Lunts in St. Andrew's
 yesterday afternoon - ate at the Sweden
 House (Part of Sweden was closed). What food!

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At 11 p. m. we attended a very beautiful
Communion service and then walked
home through the 12/20 a. m. celebration.
It was fun and for the two of us not too
risky, I guess. At least we did early.
I haven't been to a store so I can't have
my Christmas shopping. We went to the
Art Museum yesterday morning. I'd
not have missed the hours but a bit p. m.
yesterday
I wanted to do so.

I trust you aren't too worn out and
that you did have happy times.

Love as ever and always.

Eva.

A man in the elevator asked me whether I
was the wife of the Van Selas de who had studied
Mach at Harvard 20 years ago. He is a Dr. French,
a plant physiology at Stamford and, since he
was chairman of a ^{A Hilton Hotel} meeting, not just a

Very descriptive of figures. Saw he lived in the
same damn work of us. He look up his
given name in the directory -

MICH.



Post Card

Mr. George B. VanSchaack
Department of Botany
Washington University
St. Louis 5
Missouri

Wednesday

I was so very glad to have your letter & the
cards and the news. Sorry you missed
up a bag and the traps you have conquered
it. We were very fortunate in that neither of us
took cold. Do see Dr. Wehler, if possible.
Probably Saturday. I do hope Edith & Hans work
out. Am very low to me. Great expectations -
Will write a letter soon. Love and best
wishes -
Eva



Dear George,

{26 Mar. 1948}

Thanks so much
for so many presents.
The necklace and Caru-
meal came yesterday
and each in its own way
is just right. There's
written letters lately
except to send Mauna
& card or note nearly
every day. The message

means love to her, I
guess. I still have
the Valentine's cheque
which I plan to put toward
a book. One day in Tolon
March - in the title, I think
I have so much enjoyed
one day in Seattle Park by
the same author - her name
has escaped me - But the
Valentine's Card is beautiful.
A blessed Easter and
much love - Eva

Probably the most popular design motif used by the Pennsylvania Dutch was the tulip. It was used on practically all types of decorated objects, such as pottery, furniture, painted tin, hooked rugs, textiles and needlework.

Yonkraft Sdr

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in the worst possible light & always - Well, that is beside
 the fact - ^{Edith wrote} ~~She wrote~~ that you and she had come to
 this agreement at Christmas time so of course, I
 supposed you had told Weber - Shortly before I knew
 that I was to come east. Mrs. Deep wrote me that she
 thought Weber was completely in the dark so I wrote
 to him immediately. My letter came the day after
 yours telling him you and Edith had made an definite
 arrangement - I guess Weber thought I knew he the
 architect of wishful thinking. At any rate he went to
 Edith - rather belligerently, perhaps, since she & he met
 each other the wrong way - and asked her what she
 planned to do - She refused to discuss the matter with
 him, reminded him that she thought I was her
 best friend & accordingly, but finally threw in her
 lot - "What do you care about your mother anyway
 so long as you get your rest every week?" None way
 not in the exact words but that was the substance.
 Considering the day in, day out care of Maria Weber
 has had for five years since Pa died, I wonder he didn't
 throttle Edith - I feel it'd have done so. He walked
 out to the car and then, in great anger, went back &
 laid her off in very colorful terms, I can imagine.
 I haven't seen Edith - I have sent for her to come to
 see me. I doubt she will but I'll see her some how.

I think I
 had the letter
 from Holyoke
 & Mrs. D's
 letter the
 same day.

I came east to see about a place at Mrs. Holyoke
 which I have taken. With the business knocked out of
 the plan for winter, I was greatly shaken ^{over the letter from you} when I started
 but I saw no other alternatives - I had 9⁵⁰ - I reached here Friday
 evening - I ^{had} asked Mrs. Deep to take a little holiday
 of her choice, telling her that, even though I stayed as
 long as I could.

Had the
 word
 yesterday
 afternoon

wasn't sure she understood that and I feel she should know it anyway ^(Friday) - Originally, I had planned to leave here to-morrow and be at Harold's this week-end. Since I should have to prepare meticulously for the Mt. Holyoke place - (I should like to go to summer school but that probably won't be possible) I don't want to stay here too long ^{unless I can} ^{arrange the summer (pre)} about ^{Worcester} ^{Mass} and it seems he reads so that the first of September, I shall not be here. ^{to} ^{go to} Mt. Holyoke office early ^{about Sept 16} and I mean to be there at least a week in advance to help with laboratory supplies etc. I mean to try to keep house for, in a crotch in the road south of South Hadley is, that is the only solution to very good problem. A man would come east this summer & help me move the things I shall need from here but that could be done so long as Mauna is here - ^{she would have to do it before end of August.} ^{that,}

There is a separate dept. of Botany with three members only in its laboratory staff.

And I'd need some attend. to course.

William would be glad to see Edith. I should opening is kind of summer time school. I don't know - for some of Dr. Cooper's plants - but that may be all necessary. At the present she is living at the Green & feels they, and her, time, too.

Very much regard to Edith - William says if you and I are fit to let Edith come for Mauna, he has no objection. He feels, as he has felt all along, that she cannot be depended upon. He wants that he should be kept informed and that when he asks her a question about his notes she would answer it candidly. I think he is quite right. Edith knows I am in town but she has not come near me nor has she written me that her plan outlined in her letter had fallen through. Charles Williams died this winter; perhaps you know that. His means Ratic's job to leave her place when she chooses. Edith has always declared she would not take Charles on. I know nothing about Sara - I have sent her several cards but, of course, have heard nothing -

Shortly before I left (I believe) I talked to Dr. Seward. He had written me that a small hospital at Plummer,

about 35 miles from Walland, in which he has an interest [a professional interest I assume since he has been one of the doctors there ever since I've known him] - now take patients such as Mother. (That's ^{with} ^{bad} ^{sciences}) He said that Mother could be admitted and I'd be free to teach. This was just before Christmas but ^{they} I supposed then. Deep would be here and I hoped Edith would take Maera finally so I wrote Dr. Scott we had no immediate need and that I thought Maera was still too much heavy to be put into even a small place - Georgia. I feel toward Dr. Scott as I do toward Grand and I'd be far more content with Maera than than at Pine Bluff. I don't know what the rates are here, before I left Walland last Thursday morning, I wrote to him to find out. I don't think Maera should be in a place yet where she would be too & or too so see a big room. Well, I wonder - Dr. Scott assured me less than a month ago that, if Edith became unable to care for Maera that he would see to it that she was admitted at Bel Vista or whatever the name of the place is. I don't like to think of being 1000 miles, or nearly that, from Mother but I have great confidence in Dr. Scott - Wellman doesn't favor my thing short of a place that is founded upon rock - declaring we all four may be dead within a year, that small places fold up every year, etc, etc. But he told me again ~~that~~ last report that he made only one condition - he must be ^{fully} informed I am writing to Dr. Muller to find out where Maera is now on the waiting list there. Having supposed for nearly three months that the question of Maera's care was settled and ^{nothing is that} in all the worry of trying to find a place, I have to get my wheels adjusted, so to speak.

When she becomes completely forgotten in Pine Bluff, key in it is, must be all right.

Notes. It is now 11/25 - Mabel and I have just come
 in from a walk. It has rained and ^{feels} much and ^{feels}
 as though it might snow any moment - The very first
 day Mrs. Deep was gone - that is Sunday - Mamma proposed a
 walk and ^{we} did our usual street of last fall. I was surprised
 since she is said to have spent much of the time this month
 lying down. She gets up during the night and has been
 taking more food ^{during the night} than she should have. Mrs. Deep makes
 a very generous supply of coffee cake in the kitchen and Mamma
 takes a ^{small} ^{quantity} of ^{them} ^{during the night} from the kitchen several
 times she has eaten quite a lot - heavy & plain cake - so
 the story goes. It is too bad she can't be given ^{breakfast & lunch}
 But with her ^{weight} ^{loss} ^{and} ^{any} ^{one} ^{else} ^{that} ^{would} ^{be}
 possible. I gave ^{Mamma} ^{her} ^{breakfast} at 6/30 this morning and
 a light one at that, except that she always has a ^{large} ^{quantity}
 of ^{fruit} ^{and} ^{nuts}. At 9/30 she had two cups of weak tea and a ^{large}
 slice of toast. I was alarmed when I saw how she had
 gained weight - Mrs. D. has been worried & has written
 me about it for some time. Apparently she no longer observes
 the diet for gall bladder trouble for she seems to make quite a
 lot of cake, muffins etc. I ^{think} ^{sure} Mamma couldn't have
 infant diabetes because she takes legends so reluctantly.
 Nevertheless she seems to extract some sugar - I gather this may
 give the state of her tenderness. I should not induce her to
 give me a urine specimen last fall. However, starting with
 suffer last night, I put her on the low starch, high legend
 diet Edith advised last fall. Instead of four pieces of
 coffee cake for her night lunch & for breakfast she
 gets one piece cut into four - six paper thin slices and
 she seems very content. During the day I give her weak
 tea or coffee (usually tea) or bouillon with a
 half slice of toast or one cracker and sometimes ^{more} ^{of} ^{all};

I never
 used to
 eat this
 kind of
 thing 2
 years ago.

I think
 Mamma
 weighs
 less & is
 more thin
 she did
 early Nov.
 Perhaps
 20 lbs. I
 fear that
 new center
 dress will
 fit her. Her
 clothes are
 skin tight.

She doesn't seem to want news. However, yesterday when we had ice cream and cookies to celebrate the good news in the letter from Holyoke, Professor Maera had a tendency to eat generously. He was excited but didn't know, guess, that it was all about. I just knew I was pleased over something & so she patted me and crowned me all evening - early evening. She goes to bed between 7 and 7/30. She was even very friendly toward Terrie yesterday afternoon. We sat in Terrie's front room for our little celebrations. - Well, back to Maera's state of health - At least she doesn't have a real physical hunger. I think she expresses her resentment toward Mrs. Deep in eating and as well her boredom. It's a long night. Mrs. D. had her busy bedtime but she still awakened at day break or earlier. The nurses Mrs. Deep and Cooks forward to being taken for a ride when Mrs. D. returns. Mrs. D. takes the best & excellent care of her - that Mrs. D. doesn't become as much as I do about diet and everything against her. We'll just have to hope that her firmness & hard work will come from letting her have so much to eat. Even when Maera has taken a lot of food poor Mrs. Deep still tries to give her this bread, by I thought Dr. McQuinn could give Maera any sort of sedative that would keep her in bed in the morning. It'd call been but almost anything taken in early evening wears off by morning.

Well you are busy and I have a number of letters I can't get off my back. I've done no writing all winter - Dr. Kawington has been dead I don't know how long - and I haven't written to Mrs. K. or to Christiana. I have been enjoying your cat news and noon soup!! Lots of

I dare not read this book over again. I might add these
marginal notes. Mrs. Deep told me plain as day a Saturday
before she left that she would be glad to leave it any time.
She said if I did decide to take it over before ^{the} June or you
made other arrangements it was all right with her. She
has another job which she can start as soon as she is
free.

The country was very beautiful on 9 rods in the town
from Springfield to Albany late Friday. The weather ^{in places}
was here so warm & rich in color. The air here is
full of blue bird song, song of parrot birds and the call of the
red-wings. Mrs. Deep took us to Colchester Saturday and
the Palmbees & Berksdines were at their best - We stopped
to call on George, widow Atkins & at "Mabel's". They
both asked about you. You probably do not know Mrs. George
well. I had not seen her for nearly three years.

E.

Saturday, Apr.
[24 Apr. 1948]

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your letter of congratulation. It is a great relief ^{to me} to have secured the place in a department of Botany and in a good college.

This letter must be our friend to ^{the} ~~the~~ problem of nerves. Ever since I have been here I have been detracting in my mind what is best & best. I think the time has come when Kunkle should be given 24 hr. a day care. Mrs. Kunkle feels reluctant to undertake anything more than she now does and feels Kunkle has failed in a unit. The doctor has been here twice. ~~She~~ came a week ago at my request for Kunkle's appetite had been very abnormal and she had gained a great deal of weight. Dr. McTear said her heart & blood pressure were all right but he said this excessive weight was dangerous & she must not gain more weight, lose some. I have had her on a very low diet for two weeks. I tried the week before because - and apparently this is her real, physical hunger for she gets along quite happily on less than that and in your hands I am an unusually low diet. For nearly three months she has been getting up at night and eating ^{during the day} and eats every time she is left alone. ~~Because~~

food can be hidden but there is no way to shut the
Bitch off. Mr. Peep has done her utmost, I
believe - I asked the doctor if ^{she} could be "kept
under" anti sedatives - I had tried various
Constructions of phenobarbital without being
able to keep her in bed later than 4-5 a.m.
I have slept here on the Couch and have
kept an eye on her, but because I felt Dr.
Dr. Dr. made prescribed ^{an} sleeping
tablet to be used with phenobarbital but
even strong dosages don't keep her in bed after
4/30 a.m. ~~and~~ yet but do make her
incapable of handling herself - that is her knees
find trouble under her & she falls, ^{in trying to} get on ^{of bed}.

I saw Edith on Wednesday, and I don't
think there is the slightest chance that she
could be persuaded to take Venale. And if
she could be persuaded, I don't feel it would
be a wise choice - She had made no move
to get her horse ready & I doubt she would
be ready by early September. For ~~the~~ ^{the} time
the deal line should be before that - I doubt
Edith would tie her very down as we need to be
tied down well under now -

Walter told me he would agree to any
plan you and I can agree upon so long as
he is kept informed. I decided the 16 is

Send any money sent to Misses Van Schaack.

not here now. Mrs. Deep told me this morning she felt she could not take the responsibility longer -

According to a letter I had from Dr. ^(in response to one I sent him) ~~Wendell~~ this week it will be a few weeks before Wendell can be admitted there (Plus Rent near 9. R.).

Of course I prefer Dr. Scott's place, ^{at least for a start} - I don't know what the fees are but I ^{am} ~~can~~ ^{writing} ~~them~~ ^{to determine that +} ^{when he arrived to see,} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fees~~ ^{the} ~~fees~~ ^{fees} he he would take Wendell upon short notice if Edith failed us. Said he had three Henrys about a week ago. I could take Wendell there on the train. I am sure - then I could return here & clear out the apartment & store whatever I ^{might} ~~use~~ ^{use} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fall~~ ^{fall}. If I am free ^{later} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~spring~~ ^{spring} I can and this summer I can make more adequate preparation for fall - have worked probably done the last week since my things from Holland with the adjustment ^{with respect to} ~~Wendell~~ ^{as per I could I must make it} ~~made~~ ^{made} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~mind~~ ^{mind} ~~would~~ ^{would} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~least~~ ^{least}

By way of preamble.

Let you have to stand being so far from
her - Since she doesn't really know me
I think it would not matter to her if I did
not see her often - And of course, having to
go away awhile - I have the utmost
confidence in Dr. Scott. - Let me know
→ at the earliest & possible moment whether or
not you consent to a change ~~over~~ ^{over}
of ~~it~~ ^{it} since Mrs. Peep ^{feels she can't} ~~won't~~ stay on I
don't see what else we can do - The
sooner the change is made, the better
for us all, and especially for Weston -
I was lucky she has wandered from the house
(not while I was alone with her for she seems to
trust me absolutely but she may change at any
moment) and that is dangerous. [I have
just now tried to slip her from between -
Mrs. D. is up stairs & Maria ^{held through} ~~got~~ a glass full of
milk ~~down~~ before I could get to the kitchen.]
Well this is as incoherent as can be - I hate to
~~think~~ think of this way but when Mrs. D. said
this morning she felt she couldn't stay I
was almost relieved for I knew then we'd have
to do something now - the course I can stay
a little while but I can't sacrifice too much ~~for~~
when it means West & Weston - She felt me & made
me as Eva but once I am out of the house don't
miss me - Lots of love & courage - Eva

Monday a. m.
Dear George - [27 APR. 1948]

Mrs. Reep seems to have
changed her mind and will
stay longer. I don't think it
will be necessary for her to
sleep downstairs since we have
discontinued giving Mauna
the sleeping capsules which
seemed to make her unsteady on
her legs - With "proper dosage" of
phenobarbital she sleeps and
does not wander around at
night. Now that she is
accustomed to a ^{lighter} diet she
no longer lies down half the
day - Mauna eats the vegetables
which Dr. W. C. made recommended,
and she's glad of them -

I am sorry to have alarmed
you. I do think Mauna should be

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put in Dr. Scott's place as soon as possible in early summer so that she ~~can~~ ^{can} have a chance to become accustomed to the change - Perhaps I could persuade Lorne, & take her there about the time you will be driving east - a week earlier perhaps - then I could come east with you and help clear out the apartment - By that time I may know what I can get in the way of Lorne's accommodations in S. Hadley - Or perhaps I could drive east with you, take Mother back & then Laura & I could come east and we could take some of the things from here to S. Hadley & I could have the other moved - I have a 2-year appointment there so I shall be there at least that long - I should like to have the morning of Mother

over as early in June as possible
 so I could go to summer school.
~~How~~ if need be. Then in late
 summer I could be at home &
 see Mother occasionally. I think
 the better plan would be for me to
 come east & take her on the train to
 the hospital, then return to the
 east with you and work with you
 here. I could take care of things here.
 That would give us a little time
 to gether - something we shouldn't have
 given, I suppose.

Yesterday we drove to Carmichaelville
 to see Mrs. O'Leary. She was not
 at home but the countryside was
 beautiful - the shade at its full
 glory -

I must get down to the beach -
 home & best wishes. Eva.

over -

Will send you the information
about Dr. Scott's place as soon

as I get it and as soon as
I can arrange it again

I think Hallwood will go there
to see this place. Dr. Scott had
several weeks ago
the trees were coming down.

Mrs. Deep says she would be glad to
leave anytime but ~~since~~ for she
has a job near Hudson she can
sit & be at home nights.

Mamma seems to know me perfectly
now and I must leave. She is
becoming too attached to me. However,
she will soon forget me. Always William
says she has asked him all winter
to send for me. Dear mamma she
loves for you every day - was afraid
when we were riding yesterday that
you were at home before we reached home.

Tuesday 4 p.m.
[9 May 1946]

Dear George,

Thank you for your good letter. You need not worry about us. (Keep as busy as you can (I dare say you have no choice in the matter). We are starting ^{by car} early Thursday morning. Mrs. Neff has been for years itself. Wilbur is the one who will have the hardest adjustment to make and my heart aches for him as it does for you and Harold, too. But there is no question in my mind but that we are doing the right thing. Were Edith available and of a steadier disposition, I'd prefer her care for Gordon but considering her make-up I think it would not have lasted long. I cannot write much more but I want you to know I am thinking of you and that I am all right - home as always.

Eva.

Judy has a birthday May 7.

Grace Pierce's sister, Aunt Kate, died last week. I talked to Grace on the phone last night and she wanted to be remembered to you. - E.

Near George.

Saturday 79. 22.

{MAY 1948}

We reached here safely. Mother made the trip very well - set and held my hand the entire way and slept not a minute in the car. She slept very well in the hotel on St. Thomas Thursday night. She was very willing to go riding with Webster early Thursday and all along the way she responded to him. He was able to persuade her to leave the car at Del Vista. I was well impressed by what I saw of the place. Mother was fed in a room with two beds but alone in there. The private room would be available for a day or so. I had telegraphed to her & received from the south in less than 24 hours & he is available. No too bad Dr. Scott.

won't be there for nearly a week. However,
the head nurse received pencils and
kind and kinder took to her right
away. But we had to leave her as
a highly upset state for she was
very tired and I fear I had not
given her enough sedatives. I fear her
as much as I dared and supposed
a doctor would give her a hypodermic
as soon as we arrived.

Well, I am too weary to write
more. The first day was very
beautiful but we drove through
drizzling rain the second day.
I had never been on a long ride of
apple blossom time -

Love & courage as always.

Ever,

\$2.50 for

William paid 2.50 week in advance
& gave you name & address for
further payments.

W. & J. are starting bank at home.

William says -

See that a check reaches Del Vista
every Thursday -



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MICHIGAN



Mr. George B. Van Sledright
Department of Mathematics
Washington University
St. Louis 5
Missouri

Sunday

Went to Capt. Aker Sat. 3 p. m. and remained
 Harold's 10/3.0 p. m. when h. & I saw Martha
 Sunday she looked well but was very nervous
 we found her glasses in the office and put
 them on her. The Lydian, pale pink, was
 lovely. I talked to Dr. Williamson, who has office
 with Dr. Scott, and felt well satisfied with what
 is being done to help people become adjusted. She
 calls all the nurses "Ev" - I never told her
 to take her to Corsica and realized it had taken
 two days to reach Pleasant. Have had news ever
 since Sunday morning - home. Eva

Thursday
[27 May 1948]

Dear George,

B4 "was" I mean - she might remember from
Washington to the West from heading to Berkeley
she has no recollection

I do not think it would be wise for you to try
to see Maama on several successive days.
That could be arranged with someone in charge of
Del Vista, ^{if present} but I don't think it would be wise.
She cannot be taken out in a car at present.
She knows she came by car and that it
took two days and she looks upon a car
as a means of escape. She begs and begs to
go home. It will be easier ^{for you}
if she does not recognize you. At present she
knows George means nothing to her but that
doesn't mean she won't recognize you. Dr.
Sudt says she is very restless but that it is
now so dense she was at home except that she
feels the strangeness of the place. He says she
has a very small appetite. She is probably
a little thinner but she looks well.
I don't think she cries much for her eyes
are not red or inflamed - just weak.
Looking from wearing the wrong glasses.
Her good ones were lost the first week and
have not been found and she is wearing

her old ones. I have written to Mr. Wheeler
to see about getting her others replaced. I
do not think the fact that she has not brightened
at the name George, as she did three or four
months ago, means that she has faded so much
in that time - it is just part of her increased
confusion due to the absence of all familiar
surroundings. I was with her for nearly
two hours on Sunday and for the rest of part
we just sat and I patted her hand. She
would get up ^{occasionally} and go out of the room and
keep begging us to take her home but she
was not really wild as she had been the
first Sunday. When I arrived she stood
by the front staircase sobbing and a
nurse was patting her. I left her with a
young orderly who vaguely remembered you
and to whom she clung as she went
to you. She is not as wild as of the
nurses, ^{or attendants} for the matter which one comes into
the room. Wheeler settles up to her and
seems to like her ^{best}. He tells me how she
is mistreated just as she told me a week.

ago how Mrs. Deep mistreated her, I think
 You could see her any day that you arrived.
 Let me know about that when I go Sunday.

I am eager to get home as quickly as possible
 and to make as easy a trip as possible. I
 mean from the standpoint of seeing people.
 We might stop with W. & M. Overmyer's.
 I don't know how convenient their morning
 is. My return rail ticket is made out
 via Cleveland but I don't need to see it
 that way. I am in haste to get the
 apartment cleared out and my things
 moved for I may need to go to business
 school. So as far as W. & M. are
 concerned, I am willing to let them
 hang fire longer if you are. We could
 make a faster trip by not stopping there
 but one might think I need not be too strenuous.
 If you don't want to make such a quick
 trip, let go ahead by train or bus and
 do some of the clearing out alone - usually
 it is just a matter of throwing away or
 packing. I have a sitting room (or
 study) bedroom and bath in a fairly

home and have to purchase it very exp. For
 the first year I shall have to eat two meals
 in the dining room of ^{the} house for
 no kitchen appliances are available.
 However there is a kitchenette on each floor
 so that I shall be able to get hot tea or
 a light lunch sometimes. Eating two
 meals a day in the home where one lives
 is a requirement. I shall get accustomed
 more easily that way and ^{surely} there are
 facilities for getting a light meal I
 shall be able to look after myself properly
 in case of a cold. I am paying just
 a col extra for a private bath but I feel
 that I must have that, if possible. It
 may be that the seats assigned to me
 will be vacated ^{by next June} so that I can have
 furniture moved from W. Cassin's
 and stored there during the summer.
 The lease takes effect Sep. 1. I can
 find this out by telephoning you I
 think home.

Seeing Mauna on a day not set aside
 for visitors (Thursday and Sunday)

might be most satisfactory. It is very hard
 impossible to get a word with the ^{head} ~~house~~
 on Sunday. However, I don't know that
 you could see a doctor on any day but
 Sunday. However, I cannot wait until
 June 13th to go east. You could certainly
 talk to Dr. Scott by plane. Express
 orders & could probably arrange to see
 him there any day he is there. If you
 cannot reach here as soon as possible
 after your commencement & let me
 know at once and will go on by train
 and let you help me with just the
 final jobs at the house. I know what
 I need to push but I have no idea how to
 get furniture moved or what to do with it
 if I must be absent acceptably. Wilbur
 said that they might be doing some painting
 & papering in the apartment but when or
 how much, I don't know.

I shall go again to see Mamma on Sunday.
 By bus, & takes the day nearly - for I leave
 her at 10/45 and reach home about 7/30.
 However, it makes me feel better and

Each time I have gone I have straightened
out some little problems which makes
me feel better at any rate. Dr. Scott
seems to feel I should come. Unless I
have to leave something behind, but I may
be I shall not go to a full business
session. I may go to a bridge club
for a few weeks later on.

lots of love and coverage,
Cora

one can see patient from 6-8 - Mauna
goes to bed about 8 o'clock now so you
may not see her after supper. However,
having come a long distance, I think
you could see her any time. If you
wish, come directly here and we'll see
her together or at least go there
together. I am sorry to be in such a
rude but since I do not yet know the
plans for the summer and must
await other people's decisions I must
be prepared to be free as soon after the middle
of June as is possible.

If you go to see Klara
before coming here it
would be better and to
try to make her understand
what you are. Tell her,
if she asks, that you came
by bus and that you
need get back to your
teaching before supper.
If she doesn't encourage
you at all just try to
be content to see that she
is all right. She might
consider you a means of
escape and it would be
very difficult to get away
from her without upsetting
her unnecessarily.

2 June 1948
Wednesday

Dear George -

I don't think you need to
make your truck & wheel
back to get off by Tuesday.
You ought not to have to
drive so hard & fast after
the strain of closing up
shop for the summer.
While I see in more or
less haste to get the
apartment cleared out
and get back here when?
Can settle down for a
few weeks of hard work

-2-

in preparation for next year, I have about
given up going to an early summer school.
However, I want to be free to go ^{in case some} should the
necessity arise. When I talked with Mrs
Selling, I expected to spend July & August
with her & said I would not be free to go to
summer school so there is no compulsion
except for my own peace of mind. That will
be more as it should be since the business of
clearing out the apartment is over.

Would you consider driving from here to
Medina, Ohio on Saturday, June 12th?

It is between 275 & 300 miles. Then we
could spend Sunday with H. & M. - that
is, if they will be at home. Sunday is the
^{best} day to see Harve - then we could start
home Monday morning.

When I saw Mother Sunday she was ^{grateful}.
We spent the two hours sitting on the porch
where I found her. I told her I had come by
bus and had to get back to the children
(where I teach) before supper and she
seemed quite satisfied. She did beg me

repeatedly to take her home but not as
agitatedly as the week before. Don't let us
you have a car and, if she recognizes you,
whether you run & get back to your teaching.
You & I could stop to see her but hardly
so early in the morning, I suppose. You
can see her anytime since she does not have
treatments. If you prefer to stick to the
plan outlined in your letter, send me word
that I may be ready to leave early Thursday
morning, this week ^{you don't need to} let me know. If
we should not be home when you reach here

There is a key to the back door under the newspaper on the first shelf of the grey cupboard by the door. If you plan to stop at Harwell send Marge word telling her to ~~reply~~ send word here, if its not convenient. Telephone number here is 4644.

It will be so good to see you - You can reach here anytime, you know - Don't stop a few miles off because you have to come here late. I'll give you a warm welcome,

Some lunch and hot
water for bath & a
bed as soon as you
can get into it.

Love as always -
Eva

In case you don't have
Harvest's address handy

it is

132 Mill Street

Saturday Morning
[5 JUN 1948]

Dear George,

The dry spell of 2-3 days has been broken with a sprinkle of rain and the skies are cloudy. However the wind is in the north which makes me feel it is clearing.

When I wrote to you I don't think I mentioned that when I leave I'll ask a nurse or an orderly to stay with her for a few minutes. She seems to be on easy ^{friendly} terms with any one of these. I just slip out of the room and ask the person you need. Perhaps we could as well leave her alone but I do not dare to say good-bye and I have not been able to bring my self to just slip away, leaving her alone.

Nats has flowers each week. She sometimes pays no attention to them or says she could not carry them home but once or twice she received flowers for a moment. I haven't asked about taking

her fruit - she says & just wraps in her
shawl as she does nearly every thing, nor
has I asked whether we could taste fruit
& have it given to her. When I go I think
I'll remember to ask her once that my
whole mind is full of the joy of having with
her again and my wife & I leave her. I told
the head nurse that I was and I'll increase
whether two articles of food that still seemed
a treat to her. Once I found a beehive sheen
in the room so she has had at least one
whole one! The head nurse told me
that getting used to the weather, nervousness,
pleasure (probably due more to having
someone bring it in than to the real thing)
and well, I wish I could see you and we have
were up stairs, on the top floor, and several
could get to have of one nearby, though she said
she could not get up there easily and that
should she need you, you would come. It
was the first she had mentioned either of
you by name.

A safe journey. Don't break your neck to
get off coach, if you get sleepy in the way,
stop to sleep. I should be so glad to see
you. If you can come here first I think I
could go to gether to see her, that is,
if we went in one at a time or worked

can go to - father. I doubt she would
be upset so long as she thought
we had come by her and had to get
right back to teaching. I don't mention
Hollace to her, since even in her
confession she has a sort of courtesy
toward her as, at least, toward my
beloved wife. I don't let us talk
with her. She welcomes her happily
and only twice for a summer & has she
recognized her & then seemed glad to see her.
I don't think I told her on Mrs. Peep
turned over her account book & \$11.00 to
me. I then used the \$11 and will
deduct it from the amount I have
spent for her since the first of
December.

The New Thing - Because Mother
cannot keep track of her fees the
nurses have taken to bringing her
has been putting it up in a
rather strange fashion. She says
because it makes Mother look
foolish & she says. The fees

hairpins for almost any thing and less
that she no longer has access to string and
safety pins & paper clips the hairpin
problem became too great, I suppose.
I told you this because last Saturday
I couldn't think it was Mamma unless
she had been of hair.

Mamma never recalls that I have been
there previously and I don't try to
recall her name her for it is better
not. Dr. Scott said I should come
as often as possible and that he did
not think Mamma would become
accustomed to my coming because
she didn't recall. I know he said
I should come for my own peace of mind.
The more I see of the place the better
satisfied I ^{was} am and the greater is
my relief at knowing Mamma is being
well cared for and can come to no
harm. Both Dr. Williamson & Dr.
Scott told me they would help Mamma
there, though I suppose if she were to
become feeble, then out of her case would
be greater.

Well - it is 7 a.m. and I must
get to work! I awoke early this
morning for the first time in
a week or more. Lots of love, P. C.

George -

Remember I am loving you
and thinking of you.

Eva -

Friday morning
[2 July 1948]

Dear George -

I reached G. R. safely Tuesday
at 11 a.m. Laura met me
and we came home to a
lunch of garden produce. I
wish you could see the heads
of oak leaf lettuce and the
magnificent lettuce. Never
before have I raised such
business!

I had a good trip. Ben & Helen
Thomas and her two-year old
son were in the boat behind
me (I was in # 7) and I had
fun helping them for it was

their first trip on a sleeper. Took
train to the deer the next morning.
Slept from 10/45 - 7 a.m.

We went to Bel Vista yesterday.
Pamela worked in the yard. She
was greatly pleased to see us and
we just sat in the sun next to the
house. Walked about the yard
same. I found she had been
moved ^{to the other double room} but I guess she had not
been moved since you were there.
She seemed pleased with the
work I took. She is still alone.
I talked to Mrs. Keyser a moment
and he showed me a copy of the
letter he had rec'd from June 26th.

Thank you so much for all you
 did to help me and to encourage
 me. I have been thinking of you
 being ^{with} Donald and Betty since
 Wednesday night and so have
 been at ease about it. Remember
 me to them, please. Love and
 best wishes and many, many
 thanks.

Eva

When I mentioned when I saw her
 Mr. Bennett's greeting. Said
 "He is nearly a hundred but
 just the same as he used to be."
 I told her I had met him on the
 street.

(over)

I enclose a check for the \$20 you
loaned me. It did give me
a feeling of security to know I had
these \$20 !! Thank you.

E.

The bird we saw in High Rock was a Phoebe.

Dear George -

July 14, 1948

I was able to get Nertie to sign her name twice but could not persuade her to try again. It is difficult for her to concentrate that long. I shall try again when I go on Monday. The glasses came yesterday. I shall give them to Dr. Scott and let him see that the others are just as safe.

Nertie is thinner than she was. She eats very little, I guess. I shall ask Dr. Scott whether or not she could have extra meals. The last time I took ice cream which she enjoyed.

She was sitting with an acquaintance and fortunately I had had the wits to take two cups of cream. I was glad to find she had made a friend. I left her keys in the glass jar. I noticed she had life savers & juice just in her dresser and a candy bar in the bed stand. She does not regard her present room as hers but that will pass as other notions here. I took a bouquet of Dorothy Perkins roses.

I hope you have been able to rest and relax. We have had a hot dry spell but not the extreme heat reported from the East.

I left without saying good by. I left
Nortie telling to an orderly. I spent
the time waiting Nortie's answer.

Nortie's notes first about Grassdena and Pa
each time and it seems best to say I have
seen them and that they are well. hand written.
I tried telling her I had seen the boys, mention-
ing you by name, and that ^{cute of} you was well and
hungry. She walked to the car with me and
seemed not the least excited by it. I took the
camera out of the car but could not persuade
her to let me take her picture. I am chewing
and flound about handling ^{camera} the orderly had
taken our pictures the week before but I suppose I
shall not see the result. However, I may -

I am sending you Nortie's camera I heard
Maurand. I could not find it ^{at first}. It is too
bad I did not think to ask you about it
when you were here. But even so I'd not have
been able to find it there. I suppose -

have and best wishes as always. And thank
you for the Maurand and nice things you did
for me. Ever

Before the summer is over I think I shall
be able to obtain Nortie's signatures on each
of the plants. It might be well to have few extra
ones in case some are not satisfactorily signed.
Best wishes to Donald and Betty. S.

Do you want me to send blanks as I get
them signed or shall I save them until I
have several to send?

Thursday

[15 July 1948]

Dear George -

Your letter has just come. Thank you so much for the birthday check and for all the good wishes and the love. And for the shout kept to Ceres.

I did not realize from what you wrote that there was need for so much haste in getting Kenner's signature, except of Ceres, the ^{best} haste of getting it done while she could still do it. I shall go fairly early to - Marrow tomorrow and mail you ^{referred} special delivery air mail to Bethel as many farms as she can refer to - Marrow. I had planned to go Sunday ^{but} I may call on again then if it seems wise. Dr. Scott is usually at Red Vista Friday a. m. so I shall be able to turn the glasses over to him to - Marrow, I think. Perhaps earlier in the day Kenner will be better able to concern water. Have and best wishes as always -

Eva

We haven't had rain but have had cool nights and a cool day - Went to see Robert Wood in the morning

Monday -
[27 July 1941]

Dear George -

I have an air mail letter
from Frances Tracle containing
the enclosed slip. Since it is
not a check I am sending it
to you. Whatever else comes
from them I'll open and will
tell you any checks which you
let me what to do with them.

My mind has been with you
and Betty almost continuously
these past few days and I trust
that in some way you have
been strengthened and comforted
by my prayers for you.

Don't try to write to us now. Just
keep me informed as to your
whereabouts. You have experienced
a tremendous shock and loss
and you need every ounce of strength
you have to do what you must do
and to become adjusted to your
world without David. But you
cannot really have lost a friend
so loyal and true. I am very
glad you can be with Betty and
I know you are of immense com-
fort and help to her. I shall
try to write her a letter once in
a day or so.

I went to see Mother last evening.
It was the first I had gone for
the 6-8 evening hours. She

was sitting in the front
reception room and looked
very well in her best cotton
and perfectly done up. She was
very tired and shortly before
seven I asked a nurse to put her
to bed. I went in after she was
in bed and kissed her good-night.
The family of home but no longer
begs me to take her there. Said -
"Soon we'll be to-gether in Crosschie,
again". She wears her new
glasses without difficulty, I
was told.

I was not able to get an
appointment with Maet
earlier for he has had a
holiday. I have one for
August 4. I have heard only

Two leaders since I returned,
but the first time. They are
so much less painful.

I wrapped the camera carefully
but would it - If you want it sent
to you at Beelid, let me know.

Other time I'll have it until you
come. Just send a post card -

Good-night and much love.
Give Betty my greetings and my
love. My heart aches for her
and I realize I cannot in the least
comprehend the depth of her loneliness.
More love & courage,
Eva

I received the signed paper to Harold
on Saturday - They moved to-day
so he may not have been in the office.

Saturday

[Aug 1948]

Dear George -

The enclosed slip came
to-day. I send it on to
you because I suppose
that is what I should do.
I failed to get this into
the late afternoon collection
so I am hurrying to the
p.o. now that it may go
out early in the morning
and reach you Monday,
perhaps. Laura flew to
Washington Sunday and
returns this evening

Tuesday unless her brother
& her wife persuade her to
stay longer.

have and he & wishes need
great courage as always,

Eva

Am going to see Auntie
to-morrow and will
let you know how she is.
I do hope you and Betty
are not having too hard a
time. I think of you so much.
I don't know how Betty's health
has been so I hardly know how
to think of her. But I pray that
she will be given strength & courage.

Saturday Night

8 Aug 1948

Dearest George,

I was very glad to have your card and am glad you had the two days with Raymond Tweedy on Cape Ann. I trust that you are feeling a little more rested though I know you have had little time to relax. I am in hopes a sizeable stay with Mr. Mannheim will help you.

A check for ~~15.00~~ and something has come for Mother. After you have read what I shall say below you can let me know what to do with it. At present it is in Laura's safety deposit box at the bank.

I am happy that you are to be here and I think this time there will be no reason why we cannot make the trip to see Mother together. I no longer get upset and am so thankful that she is well taken care of that that feeling is uppermost in my mind. Last Sunday Mrs. Godfrey took me but could not stay long so I returned on the bus. Laura was in Washington, flew to see her brother and was gone just a week. I found Mother almost as well as she had been sometimes this past spring. We walked about the yard, front and back, three times and she commented upon a number of things, the birds, the hollyhocks, etc. When she saw a pile of lumber in the back yard she said, "I wonder what Wilbur is going to make now." She seems often to feel that he is there although I have told her that I have seen him. I have not let on that I was home. She thinks Grandma is taking care of things there. I told you her I had seen you and that you were well and busy and had sent our love. When you see her I think she will be content if you tell her you must get back to your teaching. Of course I don't suppose she understands half of what I say but I think she does. I stayed the full two hours and the latter part of the time just sat by her and patted her hand. Anne, Laura's cousin, wanted to take me but I wanted to feel I could stay the full two hours if Mother were well enough for each of us to enjoy it. *And I hated to keep Anne waiting that long.*

Laura and I have decided to drive to South Hadley and to take some of my things. We had tentatively decided to start Saturday August 14, but can as well start on Monday. We shall have to leave here not later than ten o'clock in the morning for we plan to take the boat at Detroit in the late afternoon. I think we had better leave at nine. You may stay as long as you wish. I know that won't be long for you must get on to Duluth and I suppose you will be taking a boat from ~~Ludington~~ Ludington again in the early evening. *Must be done.* We must be back here not later than August 25th and we don't want to have to rush as we did last year for L. does all the driving. When we made the plan I assumed that you would not be coming this way so soon for I thought you might have to stay in the east longer and I thought I'd surely be back before you came. However, if you get here Saturday we can have a little visit. We'll try to have the worst of our preparations out of the way before you arrive. If for any reason it would suit you to stay here several days you may stay as long as you wish and sleep yourself out.

If when this reaches you you have found out that you cannot get here before ~~xxxxxx~~ as you planned let me know for we shall then plan to leave here on Saturday *at Sunday*. Better send me a telegram so we can make a boat reservation for the right day.

Unless you send me other instructions I shall leave the check in Laura's box until Saturday and then take it out so I can turn it over to you. Of course it could stay there longer if you wish.

I saw Matt on Wednesday and aside from the headaches I have he thinks I am in good shape physically. He thinks Mr. Schouten can give me massage and heat treatments which will remedy the headaches. I have arranged with Mr. Schouten to do so. I noticed this spring that heat applied to my neck was as helpful as anything, even when the pain was still in the region of my eye. My arm is getting better gradually. Matt advised exercise for it but I do think rest has helped it.

Should you decide that you cannot get here while we are here, you are very welcome to come here anyway for as long as you wish. I could leave the key to Laura's study door under the larger camellia pot on the back porch. ~~and~~ you would find bacon and eggs and oranges ~~in the~~ and margarine ~~and~~ in the refrigerator and crackers in the tin box by the scales. You could get bread and milk almost anywhere. In fact I could leave bread in the icebox for you. You would have to jump the gate east of the house for I shall leave that locked. Our telephone number is 4644 in case you need it.

Much love and a safe journey. I trust this special will not arouse either you or Betty too early in the morning. Give Betty my love and good wishes and courage for each day as it comes. As I work about here my thoughts fly to her so often these days and to you, too. I know how lost I'd feel if Laura had been taken very suddenly. Once more love and good wishes for a safe and pleasant journey. Take a long look at the scenery about Cagenovia for me.

Eva

Saturday

[22 Aug. 1949]

Walter George -

Here is the check which came
several days ago -

Walter was about the same last
Sunday - She asked about you
and Walter but did not
seem to remember you had
been there. The weather was
blesting but so we did not
try to take her riding. I did
take some ice cream but I don't
think it went much. One
of the three bananas we had

Left on Tuesday was on her
dresser. Mother was sitting in
the next room with the old
lady whose daughter nurses
there. The old lady's head is
better than Mother's. She seems
to want someone to feel and
of course Mother likes that - (Cells
Mother - "Honey-bunch" and
"Doubting" - The daughter was away
on a holiday. I guess the old
lady is confined to her chair. Her
head was not clear enough for
me to find out.

There seems to relay from the
terrible heat we get. Had in
five and a half weeks we had
only that one shower in the night
while you were here.

I was glad to know you had
reached Duluth safely. It was
too bad you had so much expense
and all that delay - have as always,
Eva

P. 5.

Mr. Meyers said the bill for
mending - will be added to
the regular bill of the woman
can be proceeded to do it - I
have fixed up a box of things
for her to use - pieces of the
material the kitchen dresser,
kitchen etc - so perhaps she
will do it. We brought home
quite a few things to do this
week -

I shall be in West Crossachie
Wednesday night or Thursday
morning and again on
Friday or Sunday - whether
will be there until Saturday
next week on account of
the currenters - have and

2-9
I plan to stop in Corsachan on
the way back to dry some
Podophyllum rhizomes -

Will visit Dickinson House
Thursday ^{night} & possibly Friday
night - may leave 5. Hadley
late Friday -

Now do read and relax all
you can - I am in London
are not as hot as we are
here -

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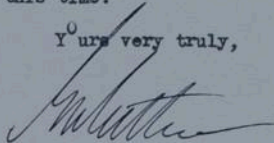
August 18, 1948

Mrs. Lillian L. B. Van Schaack
c/o Mr. E. B. Van Schaack
27 West 25, Street
Holland, Michigan

Dear Madam:

We are enclosing our check to
your order for \$2267.47, which amount
represents the credit balance in your
account at this time.

Y^ours very truly,



Cashier

GW:JGF
Enc.

Fancy me in an office with a telephone! I feel
overwhelmed -

September 11, 1948

Dear George,

I missed one of your letters sent to Corvallis.
It will reach me eventually. Laura and I
did not stop at Corvallis in our way as we had
planned for the car was heavily loaded and
it didn't seem wise to try to carry a bicycle.

I wondered how everything was with you were
coming but didn't really look for you.

I shall see Mather to-morrow and will send
you word about her. Mr. Meyers was leaving
Sept. 5 and I shall try to see the next
manager. Mr. Meyers was going back to College.

Mather seemed very quiet and well adjusted
the last time I was there - two weeks ago to-morrow.

Laura and I had a good trip, rather hurried
in spots. We found the furniture in very
rooms and slept there the three nights we
were in S. Hood. - You have no idea how I
appreciate the excellent work you did of
packing and packing. Everything was in very

good shape - We had two breakfasts and
 one dinner at Bunker's and I think I shall
 be able to manage these meals - The food at
 the Bunker's Inn was so very good that we ate
 there three times or perhaps four - Miss Stange
 took us there to lunch, ^{the first day} and that spoiled us

The boat trip was perfect except for the dinner ^{service} ^{which was} elegant as it used to be - or as it has
 been on the Great Detroit and Great Buffalo -
 we were in the City of Cleveland -

On the way home we drove through ^{rain} from Iowa
 to Hallam, the only rain we experienced. The
 whole countryside seemed very dry - I had
 difficulty digging Podophyllum rhizomes with
 Weibull's good spade. We were in Cassia in
 Sunday from 10/30 - 4/30 - Called on Michael
 and Mary - ate lunch by Uncle George's
 hay barn after an unsuccessful attempt to
 get rhizomes with shovel & knife - Went to
 both cemeteries and returned to woods for
 rhizomes. Berne rode up with us so we
 had good help on how to get to Uncle George. The
 traffic was not too bad. W. C. S. / Holley at

7 a. m. and so avoided traffic on the way over. We found Wilbur and Jennie well and busy. Wilbur was quite worn out after the foreman's convention and full of enthusiasm and dry comments. We left with George about 4 hrs and drove up near Long Lake, Blue Mountains Lake & Tupper Lake to Ogdensburg. Crossed on the ferry there at sunset. It was the first sight of the St. Lawrence and as nearly a perfect one as I could have experienced. The following morning we ate breakfast on a bank overlooking the river. It was so lonely (the breakfast was an odd construction but we thought we were in a hurry). On Lower Lake, or less perhaps, we decided to take a boat ride among the islands. I paid for it by leaving a hurry from their car. She had taken such a trip in 1940 and wanted me to have the experience, too. It was a perfect day and the boat, which would have accommodated 70 passengers, was only half full of quiet tourists.

The last day we drove 365 miles from Hamilton, readed home about 4/30 to find h. then I go to the president's reception this evening -

I shall be thinking of you especially on Monday and sending you wonderfully strong thoughts waves laden with love and good wishes. I trust your birthday will be a happy one. I know you will be busy and perhaps will scarcely have time to think of the day. Once more, love -

Eva

Jack cured me of a very bad headache, the worst in weeks, last evening by using an infra-red lamp of a special kind - I shall try to find out what kind it is that I may find someone in S. Hadley or Holyoke who has the it.

Could one make a fire in a fireplace on a few fire bricks? I don't suppose I'd make one often but I ought to be able to procure four or eight such bricks. I have no acedermis need I shall not have time to fuss too much about such things

for awhile. My predecessor left a letter book -

Post Card

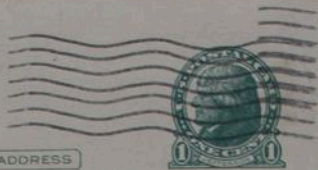


Dr. George B. Van Schoede
Dept. of Mathematics
Washington University
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Tuesday -

I was glad to have word from you and to
 know you had us & had our car trucker. We
 were in Placerville Sunday evening. ^{My} ^{very}
 to find the house. It was a very hot day.
 thing is under dry here - just that we shower
 since you were here. I leave here Tuesday.
 Sept. 21 - leave 9. P. 2/30 P. 11 - Arrive Henryfield
 9/24. m. Dickinson House, Mount Holyoke College,
 South Hadley, Mass. Love as always, Eva

W H Walker
Sawtooth



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George B. Van Sledright
Department of Botany
Washington University
St Louis 5, Missouri

Saw neither the Secondary before I left. She
secured my well - Sunday -

Thank you so much for the letter which
was here when I arrived Friday a. m.

I have been more or less laid up with a
really bad cold, the first in 18 months.
Now I feel there like very well. Keep getting
strong very well & desire to keep the way
will work out satisfactorily - Will write
more later. Always start a week from to-day -
Love - E. V.

Wednesday
{29 Sept 1942}

Dear George,

I don't seem to have time or wits to buy a card to send you. However, you'll be glad to have my greetings in any shape. I'd try to send you something great often but time seems to creep away from me. I am nearly over my head.

Am getting fixed up in several ways. I have ^{found} an extra red lamp which I shall be able to either borrow, ^{to be loaned occasionally} or use on this foot. It keeps the head aches. Mrs. Elvige is a grand person. I think I told you that everything came through in few days. Even the dishes! My bicycle is here now - came this morning so I am all set. Of course people keep offering to give me a lift in a car, real good for me but it will wear off when every one is busier. Thank you so much for your good wishes and

Encouragement. Love yours, to both Hampton

this afternoon will have Reed to meet Mr.
Blanchard, the gentleman, and Mrs. Sutton.
I know the former by sight but the latter
only by reputation. I haven't time to go but
Mrs. Elving said I'd better go with really for
that Mrs. Reed is way of being nice to me.
It's tremendously hot. The country here is so
very beautiful.

I called Wilbur this noon. He asked about
you - said he'd had to spend the
weekend at the cabins and that he won't
get the heater started in the church before he
left.

Love and best wishes as ever and always,

Eva



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My room is toward floor
back of ~~Faculty House~~ I look
into ~~South Hadley~~ - She
mountain as in the west side

POST CARD

Wednesday 9. 20.
[29 Sept. 1942]

Dear George -

Each day I have intended to write to you
thank you for the letter and the present.
I'll do it but I shall try to get a screen - However
it is impossible to get wood just yet and I
can never here to have a fire. But when
I can I will I shall be very happy. I have
thought of you in his time and time. Remember
your records are a great source of delight and
I have many impressions of you heard in my mind.

Very truly
yours

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Saturday, Sept 28
[29 Oct. 1948]

Dear George,

Thank you so much for the Duke binoculars and
for the message of love and encouragement. I
am all right but. & takes every bit I have to
get started. I have had a heavy schedule so don't
worry about that.

I have telephoned to Wilbur twice since I have
been here. The latter time was Tuesday. He
was not at home and I see didn't mind

The studies are a very good book
and the country is wonderful.

When they were going to Michigan. The Inverness
house had just burned (not to the ground according to
a note I had from Mabel) and Welton was still at
the job. Fanny had been at Richard's but Charlie
was hurried ^{to death} in the house.

Anna went to see Mamma and writes that Mamma
is fine. Said she seemed more like Lenny than
here to fore and was apparently well cared for.
Haven't heard a word from Harold but I have sent
him only a card -

Mrs E. is a very fine person, a great worker and
a grand good soul. Will try to send you something
Mamma. So much & so much love. Eva

Saturday Evening
Nov. 1948

Dear George,

Over two weeks ago I picked out
a campus view to send you -
I have earned it back & forth
between here and the lens several
times, intending to write a
message. Now I don't know

where it is so I send this plain
paper. You will be so glad to
hear from me at all that you
won't mind. I am sure.

Thanks you so much for
sending the photo which I
am using. Laundry is done
by the piece rather than by

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weight. I send it only every other week so I am glad to have seven sheets instead of five. And seven is a lucky number. Considering the way the laundry handles things, one needs to put faith in lucky numbers!

On Monday I had my first glimpse of the Charles River and of Harvard College. Miss Stokes, professor emerita of plant science, who has returned fairly recently from woods Hole where she had been since her return from Jamaica in early September, took me of the graduate audience and me to see the glass flowers before the lecture we were to attend at 5 p. m. We had only a glimpse of the flowers for it was nearly time for the museum to close when we arrived. However,

I am glad to have seen some of
 them. The lecturer, a pale colored
 Jim Swann, was giving his
 last lecture in a series of six or
 seven. It was all on my head.

I had gone merely to pass the week
 who had attended all of them, making
 the trip twice weekly for 3 1/2 weeks.
 We had dinner at the faculty
 club as guests of Dr. Blakeslee
 who is lecturing at Harvard. He
 is the "Datura" Blakeslee, formerly
 of Cold Spring Harbor and now of
 a Genetic Experiment Station
 near Cornell College. So I have
 been to Harvard, so to speak & I
 had met the lecturer, Dr. Rudolph
 Plummer, here two or three weeks
 ago. He looks almost caricatural

dull but has a wonderful texture in
 his eye. I was glad to learn from
 him that Dr. ^{of the Univ. of Mich.} ~~Seablen~~ ^{whom I knew}
 as a visiting professor at ^{U. of Mich.} ~~U. of Mich.~~
 in 1931 had survived the war.

^{the afternoon}
 Dr. Seablen ^{then} ~~then~~ ^{took} ~~took~~ ^{two}
 graduates ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{us} ~~us~~ ^{to}
 the flower show at Mass. State, or
 the Univ. of Mass. as it is now
 called. There were lovely ^{very} ~~seemingly~~
 kind red rose - a wild rose type but
 not single - called Mr. P. de la ^{which}
 I take to mean - a pale pink called
 so lovely - I know nothing about
 roses so I cannot describe it
 except that it excited me very much
 because.

This is a poor kind of a letter.
 It doesn't let you know of

I think of you not less often, as
 I pass mine before breakfast
 or at bed time and occasionally
 at supper time. I keep thinking
 to your head. Your helping
 me to get settled here has
 contributed so much to my
 being able to "make it" here
 for a few weeks.

Wanna has been to see Wanda
 twice and found her lovely and
 well such time, the second
 time Wanda didn't know her
 except as someone connected
 with Etc.

Would love and many, many
thanks for the message you
have sent -
Ever

He runs a gas station - His name is Mr. Lawrence or Mr. Sam W. Lawrence.

I have new medicines which I
am trying as a preventative for
the headaches. I take 15¢
a day but if it prevents the
headaches, it is worth it. I have
recently had a very wicked headache,
not to be compared with the
three severe ones I had the
first time I was here.

Did I let you Wilbur and
Terrie come two weeks ago
to - narrow? It was so nice to
see them. They had Florence,
Bernie and Bernie's new
husband, Donald Longfellow,
(Pat Longfellow's nephew) with
them. I presume by now
W. & J. are on their way to
Hawaii, in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~plane~~ ^{plane}.

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December 15
[1948]

Wheeler & George -

Merry Christmas - That is the first time I've
written it. Have not ^{sent a card or} bought anything except
something for the help at Packerly house who just over
my diet and a little present for each of the graduate
students. There are two and they have been very
useful to me. I am leaving Springfield at 5/40
to-morrow afternoon and will reach Kalamazoo

at 11 a. m. Friday of the train is in town. I have a
fullness straight through - an awful exhaustion but
I feel it's the thing to do. Hanna will meet us in Kalamazoo
and we'll stop to see Mother on the way to Holland.
She is about the same. Hanna saw her last the Sunday
after Thanksgiving. Miss Reed has promised to
drive me as to Springfield to the train unless there is
bad storm. We have ^{had} some snow since 5 p. m. As I
look across the campus to the typical Christmas tree
there is no sign of snow falling now. I have
thought I'd have time and energy to write you
something of my life here. However, I'll always

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to be so rushed for I work so slowly. I have not been to Holyoke long since I came. Finally opened a bank account by mail. Have just taken my check book out of my post office box and I am sending you my first check. Use it to buy something you want for your work. I have enjoyed using the money you gave me. You said you wanted me. This is a very special check - the first on an account I've ever made my first full time salary - I seem incredible, doesn't it? Or, if you wish, get yourself

Some socks or something you can wear. I know no
limits of your needs. Let me know what you are doing.
You know you can always come to me. Must tell
you the medicine I am taking does mitigate the headache.
So I ordered another hundred tablets through one of the
College doctors. I am well. The food is much too
good and I have gained a little weight. It seems wicked
to consume so much good food. Well, I am too weary
to write, as you can see, and I have a cake to
prepare for in the morning. I am lecturing Miss
Stokes, professor emerita of plant science, in
my room for a part of the holiday so I

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shall have to leave things a little shyer shape. I asked
the woman to clean them but as always I have no doubt
around - I telephoned to Berne to report. She says
her mother & father are still working about. Did
I write you of Florence Mueller's death Nov. 6th? I heard
of it through Mary - I have the Christmas cards you
love me & miss & write a few to leave in the post
office. ~~But~~ The cards are at the house and I want to
send them in the evening time. ^{so will send you & them.} Will send you

Returned Jan. 4 - Received Kalamang at five
something in his year born of Jan. 3

word after I see Kalamang. How do take care of yourself.
I wonder whether you are going south to a warmer
spot for the holiday. It was good of you to send Kalamang
a plant. I shall see it on Friday. School closes
here Friday but the lot I have there had to be done
ahead of time anyway so I am getting off a day early.
Have been venturing out since 2 p.m. in order to get
all of my Friday papers in after the regular Wednesday
sections. I have forgotten the name of Adel Eltinger's
friend the the Garden. Tell her how much I
enjoy Mrs. Eltinger. Very love to you less than usual
fond as always.

December, 23rd
{1948}

Dear George,

I can scarcely realize it is Dec.
23rd and that I have been
away from S. Hadley nearly a
week. I am doing Christmas
cards. I know now most of
them won't reach the recipients
until Dec. 27th.

Your very nice card with the
message came yesterday and
a few minutes ago the air-mail
message came. I'll see what
I can do about Mother's gift and
will let you know. She seems
more placid than she was in
September. I saw her on Friday

Came ~~she~~ again on Monday. I have
had been there five Sunday afternoons
since I had left so Mother was
accustomed to seeing her. I don't
know whether Mother would have
known me had I gone alone. As
soon as I took off my hat she
made a big fuss over me. Within
a half hour she was tired so we
sat in the back reception room
and waited to see Dr. Scott. He
says Mother is about the same.
He told me on Monday that she
had not remembered even a
half hour later that I had been
there. But when she saw me on
Monday she said - "You were
here just yesterday - I am glad
you came again so soon."

So the sight of me ^{made her} recalled my
recent visit. "He is thinner
but her face looks well. He is
alone in the room still. I told
some ^{after dinner} hints which she enjoyed
and called "cute things" as she
did last spring. Dr. Scott said
she becomes very weary on visiting
days when many people ~~are~~ ^{are} about
and suggested that for this holiday
I come whenever I chose, preferably
not on visiting days that she might
be as fresh as possible. We plan
to go again to - know unless there
is a bad storm - You need not
feel upset at not making the
journey to see her now when
you are so tired and traveling
is so difficult. I am in hope

You will get some rest. I have
slept the clock around my nights
in a row. something very unusual
for me.

We will go to Cousin Margaret's for
Christmas dinner. I set up a
tree ^{the best room} in the ^{best} room
so we are perfectly
ready for Christmas. Must still
make something for the front
door and decorate the
kuffel. Laura seems very, very
tired and so we haven't done
anything except enjoy each
other's company.

I am reading in a card from
Marge and a package from
"them" -

You will be close to my heart - this

holiday time. I am glad you
are to be with Mrs. Edward and
her family Christmas day. I
have spent Christmas in Baltimore
and have been happy in that
function and I know you will
be also.

I shall be glad to open the present
from Santa when I return to
S. Hadley. Thank you so much.

Love as ever and always and
a merry, merry Christmas.

Eva

This will get someone out of
bed, perhaps. I hope I'll be
forgiven - E.

The poinsettia is beautiful - Four lovely blossoms.
Nurses enjoy the trees in the reception room somewhat.