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I don't have the heads clear of his head - Have heard nothing from
Wichur in two months or more. I may call up before I leave or
after I return, perhaps -

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{30 Mar 1949}

Wednesday

Dear George -

I don't know when time goes. The days whizz by and
pass & I am accused of being a rather jolly humorist. Bless
you for the letter book which came over a week ago. I am
very happy to have it and have already enjoyed it so
much.

I do appreciate your offer to help me with the expense
of going to see Winkler. I shall let you do so. The
other bill is cleared in my desk at the house. I'll

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took it up. I plan to leave here Saturday and will be
 in Holland about a week for College opens Tuesday, April 12th.
 I have a Saturday morning cat now - The girls cannot be held
 for a bit before holiday (which starts Sat. term) but this
 is. must they make it up ahead of time - If weathering a
 thing up beforehand a possible! We've had about 4 weeks
 of almost too warm weather after a severe cold snap
 a few days ago.
 seems well to be known a short time ago - His says
 Krause doesn't pay much attention to the other ferns

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in the room. h. has been there twice, I think, since
 New Year's and the second time she went she found Mary
 had a room mate. The woman gives some nice flowers which
 she probably likes. L. stayed an hour last time. Said she
 seemed better than usual. I shall see her on Tuesday. Dr.
 Scott is out of town ^{and} I don't know what he's trying to see another
 doctor - I may. I am very happy that you are to have a
 trip during the holiday. Have a good time and enjoy it
 all for me, too. I had a long walk Saturday and quite
 often get a little walk in before breakfast. Not every day
 however. Lots of love and many, many thanks - Eva



W. J. G. - 15 Apr 1949
It was so good to hear
from you on Sunday
and to know you were
still & about in your trip.
Thank you so much for calling.
Pinned leaves fine on Monday
Had a good trip but was hit
a cold since - However, I am
bright & happy. The world is
very beautiful, very beautiful
than I can remember her &
other experiences. Please to
call when this week-end news.
Love - To your ch. Love,
S. V. H.

734 Great Aethelstan

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Friday 6 p. m.
{5 Jan 1949}

My poor dear neglected boy -

Ever since my hurried note a week or more ago when I received the check I've meant to write to you. Did cash the check on Monday. Did you ever know anyone so busy she didn't have time to even cash a check? Thank you for it all time. The slips embossing the account for Mauna Kea are now where about the desk - nearly worn out from being carried back & forth to Clapp - (as are the sheets on this letter which I bought some time ago) for each day I expect to have free time. I am wondering about you but so far a correspondent can hardly expect a letter.

Laura went to see Mauna recently. Found she had been moved to a single room - she seemed content and well and was wearing one of the nice cotton dresses Mrs. Moore made. I wish we had had her make eight instead of four for us have to see about ^{getting} more dresses this summer. Let's try to get over to Coahuila sometime and perhaps I can persuade Mr. Moore to make some ^{with} from our old dress for a pattern.

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The year ^{year} College is nearly over here - Commencement
a week from Monday. I shall be here for a while
after Commencement unless some thing calls
me home. Best not too long. I feel the benefit
of September would be a better time to spend here.
My rooms are just fully let and I am probably too
tired to accomplish much. I must collect and
press some ^{plant} materials for ^{my} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{library} next year -
after Monday will settle down to that. There is a
shortage of good ^{herbarium} material on hand. And I can't spend
some time in the library and a number of days or
parts of days in the fields around here. We feel sure
at once when I know where certain things can be found.
I've ~~made~~ ^{made} very little else a great deal - are even
fark one anywhere and it does save time.
To-morrow I am "walking the range" with a
senior, our only senior, and all of the two graduate
students. I've done half the ^{range} by my self -
Actually, it's half the whole ^{holistic} range - ^{up to} ^{the} ^{mountain}
+ hours walking. ~~Did 7 1/2~~ We take ^{the} ^{best}
the route, walk the range + then walk ^{the} ³ ^{miles}
or more from the end of the trail home. ^I ^{spent}
About 4 hours ago ^I ^{spent} ^{my} ^{the} ^{Walking}
Club Cabin with ^{five} ^{girls} ^(students) - We botanized in
the gorge that afternoon - Took our things ^{and} ^{to}

were able to make an campus before 2/50 the
 next morning. It was very first night in
 a sleeping bag on the floor in front of the fire - I
 wish now I had bought a sleeping bag when
 one could be obtained for about \$14.00. It would
 be just the thing for sleeping on the roof here
 in ~~the~~ ^{spring} & the fall.

Later -

Since to get into bed for I have to get up early -
 I was venturing would been Stokes - [Alma B.
 Stokes] - professor emerita of botany yesterday
 she said she had known Dr. Greenman (is it?)
 at Chicago. She thinks he is well right perfect
 One of your advisors at Washington University
 is returning here next year. I cannot remember
 her name. I heard it in a round about fashion.
 I talked to Janice one Sunday. Wilbur was
 at the tables.

Mountain Laurel is in bloom now. I to the forest
 I to see it since I left Baltimore. Do I
 remember our search for it the time you and
 Auntie + I went on a trip? That was late I think
 and we found a tree still blooming. Have a tree
 flower garden plot here which is very hodge podge - just
 acquired it - I had no choice and it is just to have a
 place to dig even though I seldom find legs - do
 think love as ever used always. I wa

How the envelope all addressed & stamped
& find its the wrong size!

[3 Jan 1949]

Dear George -

Am so happy at the prospect
of seeing you soon. I will
be in Cassata whenever
you say. I don't think I'll
be in Holland July 14-15.
I seem to go to Drummond
Island about that time for
a few days. I've written
Lance to send me the date
of our going there in case
before and I don't see each
other in P. & S. - I am
sorry Joe Swain's great

didn't come through - That's
desa ~~flourishing~~ & ~~destrucing~~ -
but the fact that it ~~was~~
let me you & do appreciate.

So much love,
Ever

Monday a. m.

Sweltering weather for
Commencement & to-day!

Have I told you I am glad
~~my~~ are to go to the Rockies -
Guess I didn't know it when
I wrote. I sense told her
when I called her after

getting the announcement
of Debarali's arrival -

Σ.

things + q q a yesterday and
hoped seeing Maena wasn't
too hard. It is always a
shock the first time I see
her after having been away -
Once here, love

Σ.

Thursday night

Dear George,

3 July 1945

I was glad to have your message
and sorry your plans were
changed. The heat has been
enough to upset any one thing
I don't mind it too much so long
as I don't have to be dressed up.

If you wish to come here earlier
than Friday morning by all
means do so. I could get the

guest room for you, I think or
you could sleep in the kitchen
again if you chose. I may decide

right to get my own meals after I
return but I shall probably
get mine ^{from} there
to do for I live very simply.

I leave (I hope to) nears (Friday)
by bus at 12/47 - ^{shall} reach Hlucny
in about three hours and hope
to get the 4/30 bus to Casachio.
I shall return Monday (or Tuesday)
possibly late Sunday night.
Should you care to botanize around
here give lead you a map and you
can go to it. I am back on the roof
here (I think it would be safe for
you to do it also) or in Buiton
field just west of Faculty House.
You could attach the reader on the
Shobery's porch & play music if
it were too hot or too cluttered in
here. I'm not trying to leave you
from Berlin. just & telling you
you would be well cared - Casachio

Matters of fact, were, in less, I'd probably set you to pressing ferns from ^{the} ^{our} ^{own} ^{campus} or recording journal articles or fixing electric cords. Or picking up after us!!

I hope I did right in mentioning the change of our proposed stop there. I told her that unless she heard from you otherwise not to expect us to discuss Saturday night.

Give my greetings to Helen, please, and have a good holiday with her. If you'd like to bring me a treasure for campus here bring us some dwarf carnal (*Corvus canadensis*) (Round berry) to set out. It's a lovely thing. But don't go out of your way for it. Love a always, Eva

Mrs. H. S. Van Schaack
530 East Maple Street
North Canton, Ohio

July 7, 1949

Dear Eva, -

Your letter came this a.m. and I hasten to answer. I wrote you in Coscahie, and wonder if W. sent it on. At any rate, we will be glad to see you and George the 16th and do try to get here for supper. Pop leaves Monday the 11th to drive East - (it worries me as he doesn't drive well) - so there will be

beds for all, although from your description I'd like to hear the air pump!!

We didn't go to Michigan - although we had a nice note from Miss Boyd. We had hoped that you'd be here for at least several days, then Harold thought we might drive you out. Maybe you'd better not mention to George as it was not certain we could etc. - and he is of course welcome here too. Maybe when you're going to return we can do

Five been a "grass" widow since Tues. - and I do it
like it - wish we could sell the house -

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North Canton, Ohio

a turn about on it. I do hope
you'll get here early enough on
Sat. and stay late enough on
Sun. to see Judy at her best.
She's looking forward to
seeing you too.

No more now - I have
no less than 16 shirts (besides
Judy's wear, housedresses etc)
to iron - I'll send this to
So. Hadley - hope it reaches you -
Love from all
Marge

Dear George -

I've done better from
Marge which came
just as I left yesterday.
If you think we could
get there for supper
send her a card - She
also sent a map which
is in the pocket of my
overnight bag - Since
we don't need to get to
Holland at any set time
on Sunday perhaps we
could see Judy at
her best - It's worth a
shot to expect us to supper
Sunday. If we get there

no car have a second week -
Reached Coconino at 5:30
p. m. within and I had
Myper at Red's I then called
on Uebel - Have seen
Mrs. Beaudet. Edith at
and am going to see
Mary after lunch - Some
& Deborah have been in
Lake George all week and
D. went for their last night.
have.

Even

Sat. noon

Mrs. M. used pen for Uebel -

Saturday
{23 July 1949}

Dear George -

A week ago to-day we were making
our way toward Harold's - I am
still sleeping more than half the
time. It's too bad I can't give you
some of the benefit of it.

According to the schedule you left
me you are in Northern Oklahoma
this afternoon. I trust you weren't
too weary when you left St. Louis.

Yes, I am very glad we had a
number of days together. And
thank you ten thousand times
for bringing me home.

Maura and I went to see Mother
Thursday. She seemed to know
me that day about as well as

at spring holiday time. We took
her riding and bought her some
ice cream. (The sun was well and
was less bothersome than the day you
and I saw her.

I haven't done much except pull
some weeds, which has been practicing. The
orchard grass has reestablished
itself in one corner of the lawn so
I've pulled that. Not that I hope to
succeed in eradicating it but
as a sort of gesture of contempt
toward all such pests. No doubt
crawling over the lawn was seen
and is good relaxation.

I found the missing book in the
large suitcase so it could not have
been on the desk as the elements there!
Home and best wishes for a happy
journey - and a safe one -
Eve

For medicine to charge for us both.

Σ.

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August 7, 1945

Dear George -

I was very glad to have your letter and happy that you are having a good trip. When I consider how much time & money I have had I am ashamed to feel you of with this little message which may not reach you at all times. After a bit I guess I'll be well rested. Friday I slept nearly all day and all night that night. Seek indulgence in sleep with material for me but I need it.

to require it, or at least heaber to take it. I now would like
some - had some practical experience in plant pathology, for
the straw berries have cost not and the white hairs for
leaves know what. And the raspberries disease was to
me. I have sent completely the letter to the Fair Lanning.
I enjoy the raspberries Summer & fall and I like
to look them in her account. My dreadful intestinal
disorder persists which makes me weary & think but
it is improving. Next year I want not eat straw berries and
get it started. Well - does very fine - we
found Kawa very well on Sunday. Aunt had disease
here and drove us to place well as her new second-hand
 Plymouth. To ride very well - same and 7 hours
at other walking about the ground and she enjoyed that.

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very much, and tried to speak to each group of people we
met, just in a friendly fashion. Perhaps knowing
people around means more to her than we realize -
I have sent Mrs. Levere five pieces of material to make
up and will send her one or two more later. I wanted
a better lot to find much selection of cottons. I was so
behind the times I ~~never~~ expect to be able to find
^{summer} cottons the end of July - In a store on Tuesday a sales
girl looked at me and felt when I said I was looking
for a summer dress. "Why, this is the seed of the

Harriet" - was her reply. Well she doesn't know the
way of life of the woman who goes through life
clothed in "marked-downs"!

Love and good wishes to you as always. I have
put the good sleep under the stars or best you can
have and say being out of doors.

Eva.

I haven't heard a word from any one in Crossroads or
North Carolina - We are enjoying the glads that
gave us a year ago. They seem like a part of home to
me because Parker was so fond of this. And that's
just as good -
love - Eva.

Saturday

{13 Aug. 1949}

Dear George -

When we reached home from a
trip to Plumwell yesterday we
found your letter. It is very good
of you to write often - that is
regularly. I think of you too
often and times and wonder
how you are. I am glad to know.

Mother was fine. We took her for
a walk about the yard and she
wore the new slippers ^{which} had been
they seem to do very well. Then
we took her riding and had some
ice cream. While I was with her
later a nurse came in to take ^{her} ^{temperature}
blood pressure. ^{It} Apparently that
is a regular weekly performance.

Well, life has taken on new glimmers.
I am thrilled with the sleeping bag
which came this morn. Such
rapid service on the part of the U.S.
P.O. Thanks you so much and
I wish for the energy you spent
and the financial outlay and
time & all for wanting me to have
one. It fits so to speak. Both
L. and I want to try it
immediately. I'd like to take
L.'s picture in it if I thought I
could make any of her friends
believe she had slept in it!! I
want to try it the first cool
night we have. Perhaps to-night.
Thought to-day is warm again.
I guess the heat has been very
bad. I don't mind too much
so long as I don't have to be

Dressed decently. However I have
achieved that a few times. I have
been to the dentist's three times.
I was surprised to discover that
removal of tartar does stop bleeding
of gums. It's a great relief for my
gums had bled after each cleaning
for months and I didn't know
there was such a simple remedy.
I am feeling better? Still have
the face but ^{it is} not ~~so~~ distressing as
it was.

In relation to the B.A.G. It is a
very nice, not heavy and very
convenient with the side opening.

The starting [?] situation is very
distressing. We live in a world
of warfare against them on the
part of our neighbors but nothing
much is accomplished - totally D.M.T.

must have been used - I've buried
or drowned every so many birds.
Laura says the starting came
about July 6th this year - the
days is now before we reached here.
There are many more there ever
before and all our trees are
infested at night.

Have a good time and relax all
you can. I am very glad you
are having a really good trip.
I must get this into the mail.
Love as always and many, many
thanks -
Eva.

You want it how let me know and
I can do it since the extra \$500.00 is
in my account - E.

I'll pay you the \$17.50 but I'd rather
not do it until I get some bank
fully paid and see how much
I have in the bank. However, if

Tuesday, Aug 23.

Dear George.

[1949]

I am glad to have a card
from Missula and will send
this to Roberto. I had thought
August 22 was its deadline there
and didn't get any time off in
time to reach you by Monday.
(yesterday).

I am enjoying the sleeping bag.
It makes sleeping in the yard
much simpler and far more
comfortable than when I have
no bed clothes. I use the cot
mattress as it is for the down
of the bag is warmer enough.
Fortunately we have no spot

In the back yard just under the trees. The starlings have converted our whole premises with the exception of the few open unshaded areas into a smelly mess. Too bad we can't realize something from such an accumulation of manure. Surely the grass ought to grow! I wore a broad brimmed straw hat last evening as I fussed with the waterer under the trees out front. Strange and unconventional attire affects me. Every time a car drove down 25th street I nearly hid my face. A really conventional person would be a nuisance!

Uncle Francis died Aug. 15.
"after a long illness."
I had a note from Cousin Francis

telling me ^{whether} she would have
\$2000 from Aunt Addie's will.
more according to

He wondered whether she was
able to give a receipt for it.

I wrote her that you were
looking after her affairs and
that you would be back in St. Louis
about Sept 15th. I wrote also

that Kentie had failed somewhat in
a year and was no longer able to
sign her name. I should have

written to Evelyn sooner for I
had a nice letter from her in
April. I should think \$2000

would be very acceptable. Couldn't
it be put into her account in
its bank in Crossachie just
as other income or would
her signature be necessary?

Everything here goes along about \$50
50. I've heard nothing from
either Wilbur or Harold.

hairs and I saw Nether last
on Thursday. She seemed about
as usual. The week before she
had wanted to come home with
me but that was just a momentary
longing. Now & of the time she
doesn't really know who I am except
that I am someone who loves her.
I haven't seen Dr. Scott or any
of the doctors.

We've had really cold weather -
The thermometer read 46 one night -
but in early morning and
about 50° at 8 a. m. times.
Yesterday and to-day have been
perfect. I and I are going to
Douglas for a picnic. We haven't

had a real picnic yet. Once we took
our lunch and ate it on our way
to Placerville. Last Thursday we
took supper with us and ate it
between Placerville and Pescadero.
I did want to call at the Thompsons!
We had a good visit. Mr. Thompson
spends all day every day on his
day lily. He has about 75,000
seedlings now. The heat of this
summer eliminated some of his
best promising hybrids. The
colors didn't stand up under such
intense heat.

Lucia had a wisdom tooth dug out
over two weeks ago and is still sore.
The hole packed. She has had more or
less pain even with generous doses of
aspirin.

Love and good wishes, as always,
Eve.

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Halland, Mich.
Thursday

[8 Sept. 1949]

Dear George,

I was glad to hear from you and to have the
news in Glacier National Park. What a country!
Everything here goes along so so. Laura and
I have been to see Mother ^{several times} and have gotten
her clothes all in good order.

It has been cool and fairly wet. The nights
as low as 42° and 43° forecast for to-morrow.

I haven't heard a word from Weber or Harold
since we saw them.

Jim's & written a number of business letters and
I seem to be without words. Now that it has cleared
let sleep outside again to - night. The border is
colorful now with agave and chrysanths because
we have had at least one rose, ^{at least} ever since I've been
home; ~~and~~ usually several and once a
while half a dozen will come to give away.

Love and good wishes and a safe journey to
St. Louis - I'll send something more than
Eug.

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Sunday - Sept. 11
[1942]

This is a p. c. to your card! About two weeks ago
Mentis was hurt in some way and has been in bed
most of the time. On Friday she seemed quite better
although she was still in bed. Last Wednesday she
was sitting in a chair and was not very comfortable.
I and I went to see her two weeks ago to borrow seed
found her in pain and quite being done for her apparently.
Failed to have Matt (Dr. Puleo) called. Now we shall

calling in someone from outside to examine her.
Matt. phoned to me after he had seen her and said she
apparently had had a bad wrench - I presume she
had fallen in the tub or had had a similar accident
although she was not bruised. Matt. prescribed rest
in bed and had ordered sedatives given to keep her
comfortable. He said his matter what was the matter
one could not bandage her or put a cast on. So there
was no use to take her away. That would have meant
taking her to another hospital for the Vita Lark's
machine. There will probably be extra charge for
bed care and Matt's bill. Mr. Williamson is
in charge now and I talked to him on Wednesday.



September 11th 1949

Dear George,

Perhaps you will reach St. Louis
to-night and so word there
for you. This will reach you
on Tuesday and brings
you many good wishes and
a heart full of love on your
birthday. It will be a busy
day for you and so you will
need to hurry!! I plan to
leave Tuesday, September 20.

Aunt is taking Laura and me
to Del Vista! This evening I
eat dinner with us.

Eva

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I had talked to another doctor, Dr. Morse earlier.
I tried to make Dr. Williams understand that
should another such occasion arise he must
call New Boyd. Why timber had been allowed to
suffer four days I don't know. I suppose unless ever
was responsible for whatever happened perhaps
timber wasn't badly hurt. The nurses pretended they
thought it was an abdominal depression but
they were giving timber a regular diet and she

had no fever. But she was in pain. Matt had
them keep her with pillows & keep her still and
the next time we went she was more comfortable.
On Friday I felt she was quite like Lenny, a
little groggy from sedatives but sort of gay and
apparently comfortable. Well, it's 11/45 and
Sun is coming at 12/15 so I must hustle.
I'll send you a card after seeing Mother. I'm
going to see Matt tomorrow for my yearly
physical examination and will talk to him
about Mother then. Mom's worry about her. They
get her up enough to keep danger of pneumonia
at a minimum. Much love, Eva

~~Hand~~ ^{two} checks - one for \$5.00. to repay loan for winter
and the other for sleeping bag. When I find account of expenditures
for winter I'll send that to you.

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Oct. 4, 1945

Dear George -

This is to let you know that I am all right.
I thought I had written you something -
both you and Eleanor - after I arrived
and yesterday she wrote that she hadn't
heard. So I guess the letters were lost in the
stuff I unpacked, most of which is still
in the large suitcases. Wilbur was here Sunday

and brought them to the lab for me but I
cannot take time now to unpack them. Anyway,
you don't want a ten day old message even
though I found it.

Deena saw Mother a week ago Sunday and
found her in the living room, ^{she was} dressed and
about as usual.

Thank you so much for calling that Sunday.
I was very glad to hear your voice. So much
love - Have been sleeping on the roof part of the
house.

Eva

[27 Nov. 1949]

Sunday night

Dear + George,

I am certain you would rather
have a yellow sheet than none
at all! Thank you so much
for the cards which have come
from time to time and for
the check list which I am very,
very glad to have ~~and have~~ ^{been} using
ever since it came. There may be
one in the library here which I
have not found. In all probability
Miss Stohay turned her ^{copy} over to
Miss Reed or perhaps to Mary
Wilde, my predecessor.

I find writing very difficult

and I ought to be able to manage
a card now and then.

Laura has been to see Mother
nearly every week, and this fall
and reports that apparently she is
as well as ever. There is another
bed-ridden occupant in the room
but she seems not to disturb
Mother. At least Laura says Mother
seems hardly aware of the other
person. I had a letter from
Dr. Williamson saying that would
be a \$15 monthly charge for medical
care. I suppose you had one also.
The letter also said that Del Vista
would not continue its policy of
taking such cases but did not
intend to ask relatives to remove

thing being cared for at present. Do
 you suppose we should put our
 name in at ^(Pure Red) this place ~~to~~ near Grand
 Rapids? I've never heard a word
 from the head doctor nor did I
 ever write him. Perhaps you did.
 You as Pure Red is very crowded,
 more so than it has been in the
 past. I try not to look far ahead
 and to feel that Mother will remain
 where she is for she does get good care
 there, at least most of the time.

I have had a good rest during the
 Holiday. As soon as Mrs. Eltinge
 took off, so I speak, at 11 a. m.
 Wednesday I lay down upon my
 couch in my office and
 aside from meals and the like
 I slept most of the time until

Thanks going evening. Not
 in my office all of the time, of
 course, though I did come over
 here at noon on Thanks giving day,
 hoping I'd be able to work up enough
 to do something so that I'd feel
 entitled to eat a real meal at night.
 But I slept all day, noon and
 evening and awake only long
 enough to go home and go to bed!
 Consequently I cooked my Thanks giving
 dinner Friday night after a
 strenuous afternoon pulling very
 little garden plants to rights. A week
 ago I obtained temporary permission
 to get all of my own meals. It
 means that I seldom see anyone
 but I can stand that for quite
 a spell. At present I am getting

Along very well on regulation
 food, that is regulation for me.
 And I do enjoy being able to eat
 breakfast early or late as it suits
 me and not having to go to
 the kitchen to get two eggs and a
 glass of tomato juice and some
 bread & butter for my supper.
 I had been doing that more or less
 but unsuccessfully and intermittently
 for several weeks. I seemed not to
 get on very well with the dinners
 served at F. H. and I was always
 too tired to eat them at 6/20. I think
 see Mrs. Mackay at breakfast but
 I don't think the breakfast I eat
 is worth 65¢ even with her
 company thrown in.

Every thing here goes along so so.
 Unless we get some news this

Spring I don't see much hope for
 the department. We have two
 graduating this year and one
 sophomore who is a potent weapon.
 It's too bad. I do feel that good
 teaching could build up the
 department even with the
 problem that exists. But I mean
 we too critical. I am going to
 the meetings in New York at
 Christmas time for I don't
 feel at all sure Mr. Howe will
 feel he wants to keep three people
 in this department. Neither
 Mrs. Reed nor Mrs. Selinger have
 had a leave for years and years -
 but neither wants to take one.
 Mrs. Reed has plenty of time to
 do research as her schedule goes

Now and then Elling doesn't
 really want to do anything hard
 or serious. In all probability she
 can't afford to take even six
 months off and she has no
 intention of leaving the scene of
 action now. Laura thinks she
 will go to New York with me
 and that will certainly be a help.
 I may decide to let matters rest
 but I have a very strong feeling
 that I should go. Of course I might
 not hear of a thing but I might.
 It's so hard to know what to do.
 Nevertheless I enjoy my teaching
 and gradually I am beginning to
 find time to read a little
 along the line of interests. My
 mind is very foggy on its whole
 thing. The ~~celebrated~~ ^{graduated} mechanical

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stage which I asked for came
yesterday and I am happy to
have it. Looking over slides and
not being able to keep a record of
what ~~was~~ one finds ^{what} is very bad. I

Cannot understand why this
department had not at least one
such stage. Miss F. has an
un~~calibrated~~ ^{graduated} one which she almost
never uses. George New Stober
and Miss Reed have worked with
larger things. And for all I know
they may have such stages on
their microscopes. Miss Reed is
just like the Sphinx. One
cannot find out one thing from
her. Such a strange person and
yet in a way a person with a
very charming side. That is
in small doses.

9.

I telephoned to Welbur one Sunday night about three weeks ago. For a time while I thought I should die of homesickness. I had not felt so forlorn for years.

At that time he sounded cheerful and busy. He said he had the house all ~~up~~ ^{down} up. I think I wrote you that the whole crowd were here the last Sunday of September. Hebarah is a dear baby and looks so well. I was sorry not to go there this holiday time but I was too tired to make the effort.

I've been at Claph all day, that is since 10/30. I went out collecting some things and

branches between them and
 now for it had started to snow.
 Miss Utting said there had been
 quite a snow further west,
 near Albany.

As soon as I have mailed this
 I'll think of his thousand things
 I wanted to say to you. Three weeks
 my winter holiday begins. I hope to
 get away from here Thursday night
 but I may not be able to do that.
 I don't have a class Friday morning
 and school closes Friday noon.
 When I came in this noon with
 wet feet I was glad to scurry
 them into a pair of your white
 socks. As you know I have
 clothes in various places and
 the extra socks are a heap. So much

Love to you, so very much -
When I reached home at 10/30
Thursday night there was a card
from you. I don't know how we
happened to have read that day.
Perhaps someone went to the p. o.
I don't know what made me look
in my box - I hope you too had
some rest. Had a good dinner.
I could have eaten at R. H. but
I didn't care to do that. On Friday
night I cooked ^{prayer peas in a tin} ~~in my pressure~~ ^{beans}
can ~~on hot coals~~ ^{boiled a potato},
heated frozen squash and cooked a
very minute steak. I had longed to
cook a meal out but felt I must
be in my garden so the perfect
meal was a compromise.

So much love,
Eva

I should have told you
that the adhesion nursery
is much better when I am
moderately careful - I don't
try to go to Wilbur's before
Christmas but I may go

there for overnight after
Kaua returns to Holland.
College opens here Thursday a.m.
Jan 5 - but earliest at 11:00,
I think - E.



Thursday, Dec. 22
[1949]

Dearest George,

This brings you my love and
good wishes for the Christmas
Season. I found Mother very
well and content on Sunday.
The poinsettia plant was very
beautiful and I am sure it
had brought cheer to a number
of people. Thank you for your
offer to help with the
trip to New York. I
was glad to have your
message of encouragement
and I meant to write sooner



to let you so. I think
hears a and I will go to
New York, leaving here
Tuesday, Dec. 27. I
had two talks with Mr. Ham
and he would be glad to have
me return, but he didn't
urge me to do so for on account
of the "unfavorable" situation.
His secretary advised me to
consider it very carefully for
she said there were worse
times ahead for me. There
aren't enough students to
warrant keeping the teachers
and, if I decide to go back,
Mr. Ham may try to put
New Reed on part time. But



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She and Ethel
have become. His
Secretary, a woman
who has been there

for years and was formerly
Miss Worley's Secretary,
and Mr. Ham is long on
promises. She knows both Mess.
P. and Mess R. and considers
each of them a problem. I think
let feel better to go to New York
and look about and conquer
myself of the scarcity of forelous.
Then, for, I want to find out
how basic courses are
conducted in other
schools. It is good to
be at home for a bit.
Yesterday I was flanked



Some shrubs, flanked a
few bulbs, ^{spaded} ~~planted~~ a piece
of the garden and forgot
my perplexities for the time
being.

I am enclosing a check
which I wish you would
use for something nylon if
you care for such. It dries
so quickly. I'd not dare to
pick out anything for you.

May you have a happy day.
Merry Christmas and much
love as always -

Eva.

I telephoned Welles just
before I left S. Hadley. He
seemed well and happy -
Deborah has two teeth! E.

Jan. 4

[1955]

Dear George -

Time goes whizzing by and
it seems never to be a moment
for writing letters. Thank
you for the message which
reached me in N. Y. I am
very sorry indeed you did
not succeed in getting me by
plane. We were at Comm.
headquarters for Christmas dinner
that night but were here until
6 o'clock or later. At least, I
was.

I know you are eager to know
about my doings in New York.
I didn't succeed in making
any promising contacts - in fact
very few at all. One has to
work ahead of time, I guess.

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There - that page two of me a
very bad fortune. You have
to forget. or me -

hater -

When I reached S. Hadley Monday
night I found the beautiful Leonard
quarter and a renewal of the
Scientific American. Hardly 4 or
the ~~Scientific~~ ~~Quarter~~, I enjoy the
magazine very much and
within the year this have been
several papers pertinent to my
work - ^{as for the quarter, it}
is expensive and almost before I
had my coat I had played it.
Cornie is here to-night and we
played it. ~~Hardly~~ Hardly I can see
much. I don't know that I have
told you about Cornie. She is a
rare person whom I scarcely knew
when she first came here last year but
who meant much to me then
almost anyone she. She sleeps
now in the bedroom while I am

on coat and in sleeping bag. I
was tempted to buy the rug but the
for cash is for cash - The thermometer
recorded 62° at noon - I transplanted
many apples which I wore jeans and shirt
without need for a coat -

Laura and I had a good time in
New York - At least I did part of the
time. The coach trip is exhausting but
we lived through it - She had a worse
trip returning I expect, for there
were crowds and the train was three
hours late. When I went home she
16th I sat upon my suitcase (the large
one which makes a fairly good seat!) as
far as Buffalo. The night was to travel
at such times. But I was going
home and I didn't mind. I
I am sorry that I didn't find any
one of the three men of whom I
wrote - I ran around so hard and
fast seeing people I felt I must see
that I didn't have time to meet
others. I put in three hours at the
Scriber Post Thursday night

And saw over so many red acquaintances and friends and met a few new people - And anyone who met me & heard I spent three hours in such a way I'd have been appalled - Among them I had not seen for years was Rex Webster who "up and passed me." He has been at Middlebury nearly 12 years.

I had a talk with Dr. Couch and he advised me to return here and see what three years would bring. Of course I couldn't say too much to him. He & Mrs. E. were friends & acquaintances at Harvard's Botanic Garden. He was a National Research Fellow there. And you know after the Kellogg's business this affair is hard to swallow - The is inclined to think Dr. (S.S.) just can't get on with people. Dr. Couch knows better but he doesn't know where to turn to help me and he feels very anxious to think I'd be a failure - I was very low in spirit the last day or so but by some magic or sorcery

I reached Clapham⁵ yesterday very spirits
rose and I plunged into work -

Commie's coming was unexpected but
it won't interfere too much for she
has dozens of acquaintances and
many friends here - We went into
Holyoke to eat dinner to-night and
then sat and visited here in my
living room. She left here because
she hated to settle down to lecturing.

Eight weeks of seeing children's keepers
in Macy's after as many weeks of
being without a job seem not to have
discouraged her too much. She is ^{still} ²⁷
and full of hope. She means to ^{try} to
write when she goes back to New York
this week end but I don't know
what she can do for a living. She
has an M.A. from Yale and taught
here in the English department for two
years. It is said not one of the lecturers
in that, the largest department here,
wanted her to leave -

I had a talk with Miss E. to-day.
She has seen Mrs. Hagen since I
did and seems in a mood to

gave me the crown jewels. Of course
that record won't last but it may
lead to some improvement. It is hard
to see her that way, I feel embarrassed
after she has been so long gone, but
Mr. Heron, dean of the graduate school
and chairman of the department
of botany at Penn State, poured his
heart out to me and surely there
are honest waters elsewhere. He is
near retirement age and he doesn't
like it -

Well, I am too tired to write. Did Cal
you know what happens. In the winter
times don't worry about me. I have
succeeded in getting my diabetes better
better than and I feel better able to
cope with problems -
much, much love and many thanks -
Eva

Harold celebrated Christmas Day.
I packed to every one including
P.D. - Aunties was fine each
time we visited her. She

looks better than she did in the
Summer and seems content.

She is kept in her room now and
shares it with
Cecilia's woman. But I don't

think her mind - she looks
and acts so at ease. Laura will

go again as soon as she can -

The weather forecast predicts snow
for the next week -

Once more needs two good

good coverage - Eva

23 Jan 1950
Thursday night.

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of encouragement and helpful suggestions. I think I decided
made it clear that Mr. Hauser
will give me a contract for three
years. He offered me that before
I missed Christmas holiday and
I told him I'd like to think it
over. He advised me not to hasten
my decision for I would have a
number of weeks to consider it.
It was his secretary who also advised
me to withdraw my decision. I see
now that she felt that if I decided
then and then to stay that he
would do nothing further despite
his promise to try to make
some changes in the way the
department is run. Miss Cameron,

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New Academic Dean a year ago,
may have pushed her to persuade
Seth to give us the basic course.
Whoever did it, did a good job for
Seth, ^{is} apparently glad to give it up.
Of course she ^{wants} on about being
a specialist ^(a bacteriologist) and not, hence I am
just a general botanist, I am
better fitted to teach the course. Then
she says she is ~~the~~ unable to cope
with Pradha and then that is
another reason. But, however that
may be, Seth is relieved and she
will be content to have the freedom
of being chairman for at least
~~four~~ four years longer. ~~She~~ I
felt quite sure after talking to Mr.
Harris that he would never re-appoint
~~the~~ Miss Reed as chairman but
that he felt it only fair to let Miss
Seth's term the maximum term
(2 two-year terms). After all she

And she offered it to me!

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his helpers. The worst aspect ^{is that}
she just can't tell the truth and she
hasn't the remotest idea how to get on
with Freda. I now know Ethel well
enough to guess the truth and perhaps
if I have to take the bump with
Freda, we can manage more
peaceably. Of course each of them
will teach some basic course stuff.
And it is Freda's idea that she will
give a lot of ^{the} lectures. But that is
not Mr. Hain's idea nor is it mine.
Of course he hasn't told me that I
was to have the basic course but he
did make Ethel agree to it. (I think
he ~~was~~ used flattery on her as I
suggested he do - she is as susceptible
to it as any human I've ever known
and it is a way of getting on with her)
I can just hear him say - well, now,
Mrs. Ellery, you are a specialist
and Mrs. van Schaack calls herself
a general botanist. Perhaps I should
have to let her try her hand

at the same course etc, etc. -
 Predda saw Mr. Hamming ^{the month} ~~the~~ morning and as I thought she came ^{to the} and poured out what had ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{happening} happened within two hours. She blamed Miss E. for letting ^{things} ~~things~~ and I said I was the one who had laid the whole matter before Mr. Hamming, for I felt that he knew very little about the department and that he couldn't make a wise decision until he knew the facts. She thinks, and I hope she may ~~not~~ continue to think, that Mr. Hamming wanted her advice before he decided definitely to give me the same course. She says she won't go on leave as he suggested but I think she will, for at least one semester. I'd not be surprised to see Ethel take leave for the other semester for we get full pay for a semester's leave. If she did we'd have to have someone to teach bacteriology for I'd not accept that while I was trying to

organizing the basic course. ~~and~~ If I
 did, Predda would insist upon running
 the basic course and we'd be just
 where we were. It's not a time to
 look too far ahead. With a chance to
~~at least~~ place the course, ~~and~~ give
 the lectures and teach at least
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of the lab I am more than content.
 My alternative is to try to get a place
 in a small college where I'd have to
 teach ^{some} general biology and just ^{put up}
 with heaven knows what. The thing
 is to see Mr. Haen Saturday a.m.
 and sometime later I presume he
 will call me in. Mrs. Reed thinks
 he called me in. She doesn't know
 I pushed Mrs. E. to see him ~~and~~
 in order to find out what he intended
 to do. Predda came to me feeling
 sure she could bend me to her way
 of doing but I told her that I
 must cooperate with Ethel and
 that, unless the three of us could
 get on with less friction, I felt
 it was useless for me to stay. We

don't need to hot ^{to} not socially, but we
can work without set the hour.
pulling acid can try to give over
energies to good teaching. Ever since
I've known that I'd have the planning
of the course my mind has wandered
deliciously afield. With a better
plan and hard work there should
be improvement after a few years.
Even without money to spend I can
make great improvements. One of
the worst features is that I don't have
a car and that is my process for
carrying materials ^{to and} from the plant
house. But I mean to ask for
some aid. Father of the gardeners
has a car. However there would be
a way. I know there is no use to try
to get the use of a college truck. Except
in bad weather I may be able to
persuade Johnny to lug up some
of the stuff. Well, I must bid
you. I may have written some of
this to you earlier.

I ~~mean~~ ^{mean} ^{add} that Mr. Hain thinks

I'd have tenure were I to stay another three years. I'd not have for my years at Hopkins and the years at K. College were only part time appointments. Part time appointments, even as assistant-professor, don't count toward tenure. I think I'd not bring up the matter. He might have given me another appointment with less ads had he known he wasn't freezing the department for the rest of his administration. After all I don't think I need to inform him. It won't make any difference for three years and if I stay here five years, he ^{will} have tenure. Considering the havoc tenure creates I am almost ashamed to show interest with well good-will and decent love. About the car trouble. I am very, very sorry. Of course I am so thankful you weren't hurt that

I can think of better else. But
\$80 is a tremendous amount of
money - When -

I saw a new Member on Sunday
and she was fine -

Did I tell you Harold found
Christmas day and I talked
to all of them including Mr.
Kemply?

I have a card from Mr. Deun. D.
"For Mrs. Jan Schaeck and all
the children" - Her handwriting
and signature but no other writing.

So much love,
- Eva.

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE

[21 Jan 1950]

Saturday 4 p. m.

Dear George -

Everything is settled with the others - He has arranged to have both Mrs Reed + Mrs Selinger take leave, each for a semester next year. Things not yet all settled and I'd rather you didn't tell Sibel's friend. Neither of them is doing it too willingly but each will be separated from the other for a year and that may help temporarily. At least it will give

has a chance to get started with only one of them to
cope with at a time. Men R. will be entering.
Summer while Men E. is away.
he hants.

Eve

And much love as ever and always -

Monday 4. 11.
[10 APR. 1950]

Dear George -

We are wearing Spring frock
and I shall be in S. Woodley
before now. New England
has a generous sprinkling of
snow and the stretch of
Country is very lovely.
Your letter sent to S. Woodley
was forwarded. Thank you so
much for sending a list of
your jobs to where abouts -
I have followed you day by day
and can report all went well.
When I saw Mavis yesterday

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She seemed well and content.
The Garden City is very beautiful
for horses and a land.
Bless you.

I was home eight days. It
might have been as many
hours. It was cold & rainy
most of the time - Friday was
warmer; the temperature climbed to
the mid-fifties at noon and
I made garden. I had spaded
the garden Christmas time and,
despite the rain last week, the
ground was almost dry enough
to work - Our garden is so small
one can almost reach the middle
of it by leaning over the edges -
The herring thrushes were migrating

Last week - Laura and I didn't
get out to the lake road to see
bluebirds - We went to Plainville
Sunday and Thursday and
Yesterday - I changed trains in
Albany this morning and wanted
to go to Corvallis for a few lessons but
did not give us to the temptation -
I'll sleep this afternoon and try
to - night will be ready to write
again - I shall take me two
weeks and all day to - morning to
prepare for Wednesday & Thursday -
The plant physiology takes a great
deal of preparation and I feel so
uncertain about it & do much of it. I
do enjoy it and the other seminar
I have are a joy to teach.
I can see now that a great deal of

Dr. Huntington's prolonged
 conversations were really good teaching.
 Even so I expect he has collected over
 his past a number of leaves
 since early February.

Harriet & George want that they
 plan to be in Holland for July & August.
 Laura is president of A. A. U. W. and
 works at their dining hall so she
 will be completely tied up from
 Friday noon until Sunday -
 However I guess H. & G. & J. can
 take care of themselves - I talked
 to Welton before coming S. Bradley &
 thought perhaps I could get them for
 overnight. There was seat and
 so I didn't plan to go. In the end I
 couldn't have gone anyway. Arthur

Yoninaus, Wabel's husband,
died of heart trouble about three
weeks ago. He had been ^{run} lame for
about three weeks - Wabel has
Bobley for the present - Jimmy
and his wife and baby are going to
live with her soon. I can't remember her
whether it's Jimmy or Kenneth who is
Bobley's father -

So much love,

Eva

I meant to write earlier. Better
died the Communist to Hilliard.
I have no way of knowing in S
Hadley.

Wednesday p.m.
11/14/1950

Dear George,

For days and days and days
I've meant to send thanks for
the box of pecans, the very best
I've ever tasted. Thanks to me
so much, so very much. I
hate to think how long ago they
came but I do remember her
for it was shortly after holiday.
Lena saw her on Sunday
and found her well and in
good spirits. She had not been
in very good spirit the previous
Sunday and I think Lena was
anxious. She and I saw her

was Early Sunday - well - 7
 feet I wrote you about that.
 Spring is here at last and
 the season is telescoped, early
 and mid season things blooming
 at once. However we are still
 behind last year. The ^{wild} geranium,
Asarum canadense, which
 you planted near the Maus House
 is blooming. That will be
 a joy to me for years to come
 for I pass it on my way to
 the plant house. Thank you
 so much. Hey, that was a hot
 morning.

I haven't done much field work
 this spring. Yesterday I took

One of the basic course sections
 out from 1/15 to 2/45. We can
 do so little in that time. I went
 to the place in the morning and
 the students were taken there in
 cars. It was the best heavenly
 day - Next year I shall be
 Washington Flora again and
 I shall have many happy days
 then to devote to learning the
 country side so I was very glad
 to have yesterday morning.
 I don't ^{have} as accurate field trip
 until May 25th but I shall
 try to get out a number of times
 to the places I visited a year ago.
 It seemed yesterday that I had
 missed a good bit a year ago.

well. I must stop. I still find
 writing difficult and so I
 don't do it often. Mabel was
 pleased to have heard from you -
 very much pleased. She seems
 to be getting on quite well. I am
 eager to get over to Cassachie to see
 her. ~~There~~ There is no one there now
 to whom I feel as close, except of
 course, Webster. And yet I
 have seen very little of Mabel in
 all these years. Her letters to me
 these past few years have meant
 a great deal.

My love and thanks as ever and
 always. I trust all goes well. I
 think you are busy. Once
 more love. Eva

Tuesday even.
25 MAY 1950

Dear George -

If you are not using that
gold watch which I used when
I was at K college, could
I borrow it, please? It kept
time beautifully and I'd
be very careful of it. My
watch needs something. It
is very unsatisfactory.

Laura saw Mother a week
ago Sunday - perhaps I
wrote you - I guess I did -
Well. Her week sets classes
for seniors and next week

for all.

We have 31 students this year.

Very few have registered for the basic course for next year - only eight. That means well as many freshmen (there are usually about 1/2 freshmen) we'll have only 16. As the Powell registration they are held. Miss Gelling has indicated that she would rather not have anything to do with the basic course second semester. I don't think Mrs Reed will withdraw her class from semester but we'll see. With a year or so doing it all very easy I might be able to keep it from becoming extinct.

I've taken to keeping away from
 both & and by as much as
 possible. I can't take part in all
 their future hatred and very lips in
 hard struggle without coping with
 that. I enjoy the teaching and
 that is all that I ask. Need I
 ever happen in this country:

Spring has been very exciting
 but winter just - never has it been
 so much delight for me. I wish I
 could lend you the word through which
 days night and morning - I
 can't ~~water~~ ^{planching to} ~~freeze~~ my cat but
 have slept on the rug a few times
 on it as it is. I plan to take this
 week-end off to rest - I probably
 shan't do it! So much love.

(over)

Eva

I don't need the vacator for field work -
Actually I am not doing much
of that kind I need to do some for
preparation for local Flora next
year. Three of the top 200 best students
are registered for the course and
four others. I had only four a year ago -

[29 May 1950]

Dear George,

Thank you so much for
sending the watch. It came
so soon I could scarcely believe
my eyes when I saw the package.
With a watch that doesn't stop
and one big enough to read I
can manage to keep up with
them. No more excuses.

It doesn't seem that 6-seconds
can be Memorial Day. I am
carried back to the history of
the 100 cream darts - 2's then
the word? Well, we looked it
as you may remember. Since I
wrote the words Memorial
Day the name Boston was

cause to record. He was & he
rest in line to the 100 cream!
Laura writes that it has been very
dry in Holland. Here we have
had rain enough and things
grow apace.

H. Saw Muthers a week ago Sunday
and wrote about the beautiful
garden you had seen &.

I must run along - did try to
write again before too long. Should
you ever and ever so much -
home as always. Eva

Frank Jansen died May 18th. He
was in the ~~Abbey~~ hospital following
an operation for cataract and
died of a heart attack - Was joking
with his nurse when it happened -
I heard ^{from} ~~from~~ Muthers.

[3 July 1950]

Dear George,

It doesn't seem possible that it is only two weeks since you were here. I feel as though I had been home a long, long time. Were I to take account of what I have done I'd not be proud of being here two weeks. Laura and I have been to one market each Thursday and Sunday. And have taken roses each time. The tea roses came in a great burst of bloom and lately we've had moss roses and less exciting kinds. The day after you left there were exquisite red ones and the fairest pink ^{buds} blossoms on what I thought

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were suchers from the stocks of the
white one opened into lovely white
roses. One of them was really very,
very beautiful.

Mama seemed quite well to-day.
She is now even forter on her back
than on her side. The last three
times we've taken a little ice cream
and she takes it but makes no
comment. I felt to-day that
she looked more like Mama
but I suppose it is because I have
become accustomed to her appearance.

She tried to talk and seemed
relaxed and at ease.

I've given Mr. Barney Welburn's
address and telephone number
and ~~ask~~ asked that he be called
if there is any great change before
Mama returns about July 28th.

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We leave ^{fairly} early Thursday morning.
Marge called up last night - said
Harold and Gladys had gone walking!
Marge talked forever - as the Creeps say
it goes, I suppose. Maura had written
to her early in the week. We'll
stop there over Thursday night. Marge
said Harold has a large garden.
We plan to go to take George & see
Jesse and Eleonora and will
see Wilbur either there or in Crossach.
We haven't made a plan beyond
that we'll leave Cleveland Friday
morning (probably nearly noon!)
and will be in Crossach or take
George on Sunday - I'd like to see
Mary and Mabel in Crossach but
John & stay in town Long. Mrs.
Horne is very venerable and I'd
like to see her.

How fortunate that your dress
was not over stressed. You must
have spent four nervous hours.

It was good to have you here and
to see you looking better than I
have seen you in years. And it
wasn't all that sweet deal -
we've had cold weather and rain
the past week. It seems warmer
this afternoon.

Laura sends good wishes with mine.
Love as ever and always.

Eva

Sunday, July 2nd

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August 11, 1950

Dear George,

As usual I am away behind in
thankening you. The pigeon nuts
came the day after I returned
and are a great treat. Thank you
so much. And then the

bird day letters and present. I
shall be very happy to have the
bird call records. For a long time
I have wanted them. I was
being able to hear the wood thrush
in January. Bless you for
your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Laura reached home Friday, July
28th, at 3 p. m. Having made the
trip from Washington to receive

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Thursday morning. He ^{suber} at, in
Wooler and planned to spend
the night in Hornwall according to
a postcard sent from there. She
stopped to see Uenter and found
her about as we had left her about
four weeks earlier. We left
Holland Thursday, July 6, and
saw Uenter last on the previous
Sunday. He seemed very
comfortable that day.

h. and I spent one night & with
H. & M. & J. There were six other
folks on the porch when we arrived
at 8 p.m. After being introduced
to Miss Boyd and Aunt Eva
they departed and eventually we
had a meal! Judy isn't quite as
dear as a year ago but we saw
her when she was tired for

We were on our way again by
 11 a. m. the next morning.
 Harrod has a fine garden 150'
 by about 30' and at one end a
 number of the children have
 short rows of this or that. Mr.
 Murphy, who has a room about
 five blocks (though large says it
 is a block and a half) away
 in front right of the garage and
 shut his gate to go on. ^{It was}
 about to start east. ^{cut!!!} We called
 on him Friday morning.

We drove through the Allegheny
 National Forest and stayed in
 Bradford all night. Had supper
 at a picnic place in the forest
 and made real coffee in a coffee
 can emptied of cookies. To, that
 was later for we bought a coffee
 machine. Given the coffee in

The point was the correct bread.
 We had a good breakfast & at the
 same table in the hotel where you
 and I ate two years ago, the same
 breakfast, ham & eggs for 55¢!!
 We stopped at Alfred to meet up
 Mr. Noyes and found she was
 at Dean Harwood's College on Kennea
 Lake. The Dean, who has been
 friend & since my day, gave me
 precise directions as to how to get
 there and I felt again ~~as though~~
 I were being led expertly through
 the intricacies of royal marriages
 in his history lectures. He has
 been retired five years. I had not
 meant to call on him but I was
 determined to see Mrs. Noyes and
 so I took courage and knocked at
 his door. He could tell me just

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whose members of the faculty had
been new in my time, 1926-27,
and led me through the whole
subsequent development of the
College, pointing out finally that
the present president, Ellis Drake,
who was a history instructor in
1926, had climbed ^{the} same ^{essentially}
route that Deas Howard had taken
earlier. Mrs. Dagen was apparently
as pleased to see me as I was to
see her and we had a very
satisfactory visit. Home and
I found a place to stay the night
a few doors from there and listened
to the tapping of the woodpecker.
Mrs. Dagen had entertained Miss
Woolley one time and had known
Mrs. Nelson, Deas' successor, here.
I met Mrs. Nelson for the first time

the other day. The remembered use
of Anna Spear as she was
in my high school days.

We drove up along ^{Seneca(?)} lake to
Geneva, on the Cherry Valley
route to - well I've forgotten -

but went north to Herkimer
and across through Speculator
to Lake George. I remember
Speculator as a place ~~mentioned~~
mentioned with favour. What
did Coxsackee people do there in
our youth? Hunt, I suppose.

We had lunch at the cabins and
while we were there Welles made
a deal to sell them. But the
deal didn't go through according
to word from Jennie Peter. Barbara
is a dear baby, just smacking and
the image of her father.

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We spent the night at Welburn's and called at Mrs. Berkeley's, Mrs. Moore, Mary's and Mabel's before leaving the next afternoon (Calo). Mrs. Berkeley insisted we should come to lunch and she and Walter were at their best. Mary has faded a great deal in a year. Apparently she is getting ^{becoming} somewhat the way Mother was a few years ago. Perhaps as Aunt Anne was earlier. I didn't see her until her mind was quite gone as I remember. Mabel seemed as usual and Bobby was on hand but less than a year ago. From Crocker we went to Vassar, Connecticut College for Women at New Britain and Wellesley so that job is behind me. I was greatly

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helped by talking to other people
who teach Botany in schools of
essentially the same type as
Winn & Holyoke used, reassured
to find that my ideas aren't completely
out of line with those of others.
After leaving each place
Laura wrote up what I had
found out & used, so ^{as} I have
something to refer to in case
I need to do so. However the
real benefit was in the contacts
& exchange of ideas.

I doubt I'll get to Holland again
though I shall try to get away from
here. It may be simpler just to
go to Holland. Harold & George
wanted to come in early
September or perhaps the last of
August (Harold has no week
of holiday coming) but Laura

Wrote Helen that they'd better
 come between the 20th of
 August and the first part of
 September and not plan on
 seeing me. Laine's cousins
 are driving out early this month.
 The meetings in Columbus are
 not what I thought and I think
 I'd better plan to go to the ones in
 Cleveland at Christmas time.
 I just hadn't read the information
 correctly.

We are having a plenty rain,
 a godsend, for it was dry.
 My little shoe string garden
 provides me with beans, Peas
 squash (as an experiment in
 Creswell) carrots and lettuce
 though surely the latter will
 be to seed soon.

I've never had frost and beans
 to give away to Mrs. Turner &
 to Mr. Parbank! I've raised beans
 for ten years and this is the
 first time without a struggle
 against pests. I feel somehow as
 though I had achieved something
 though I did nothing but plant
 the seed. I have the new bush
 type Acorn squashes coming along.
 Kind shortly Mr. Cucumari's tomatoes
 will be ripening and I'll have a
 share of those.

I was rained from the roof last
 night - or the morning at
 5 a.m. I've slept this heavily every night
 here and best wishes and a
 safe journey home. I wish I could
 see you again but I can't be
 sure when I'll be ^{in Holland} there. Let Lenna
 know if you plan to see Kerkers.
 for h. will be glad to have you. Ever

Laura stayed through the 19th we
celebrated by eating dinner at the
Yankee Peddler and buying an electric
fan to make my room more comfortable
in hot weather. I purchased it through
the College and so got a 25% discount.
There's a fan in my room for sale.
There is a fan which I can use here
evening, if need be.

{12 Sept. 1958}

It might buy
a pocket handkerchief
or one sock !!!

[15/11, 1950]

Dear George,

I had a card from Lois this morn
saying you had been in a group
of persons
in Wis. whom she had had lunch with.
I meant to get word off to you to
be especially gracious to her, things
I know I need not admonish you to
be kindly. He is a fine person in
many, many ways and has been
one
of the greatest blessings Christ
Holy One has given us.

Bless you for the aw. most letter.
I was more than pleased to hear it
and was reminded again of the
the most thoughtful and
gracious things you have done for
me through the years. It was cool
the morning and I had a real

back to F.H. to get a scarf in case
I needed one out-of-door. I picked up
first one of my red ~~scarves~~ and then
hitched ⁱⁿ instead the lovely ^{sheer} ~~fine~~ ~~woolen~~
one you gave me on Valentines' day.
The weather was not too cool. We

set cross built in the court south
of Clapp to-day. That is the court
made by the two ~~rooms~~ ^{wings} of Clapp. It
was Freda's idea to put them there
and I trust they will do well. We
put them in the soil even though it
means putting in + more next year I
suppose. It would be a nice thing
for the students to do and it took
over 50 cents ~~to~~ to put on + about
600. And they loved doing it.

I enclose a check for \$500 - I have
been necessitated to send it for
Clay time. I would very like

from one drawer to another and
 I can't lay hands on the list of
 expenditures which I made for Mauna
 over quite a long period. Perhaps during
 the afternoon I'll get a few checks
 written to pay the bills which I
 owe and a few other odd jobs done.
 It would it be good business to
 deduct that account from this
 check anyway.

I was distressed to hear that Mauna
 had gone but I wasn't too upset. I
 just hope it won't be too long. Perhaps
 she doesn't suffer as much as we
 believe would be clear. I don't know.
 I don't intend to tell either Walburn or
 Howard if ever I get ^{around} to writing to them.
 There is no need for them to know that
 I think about. Walburn was awfully
 upset after seeing Mauna. However
 so wished he could see some kind
 come to Holland first and had

let her prepare them or go with them.
 But she doesn't know how long enough
 ahead of time to get in touch with
 them. I haven't heard from them.
 When we do talk I never seem to be
 able to stop and so the talk runs up.
 You must know for you have called
 me. But if I don't go to Corsadine
 next week I'll call them. I thought
 they would be drinking over but I've
 been almost glad they didn't for I
 am so weary week-ends. I enjoy
 the work and the students. So far
 not one of the women is hard to get
 up with though there are not many
 good students. Two seniors, who are
 Zoology majors, are very good and
 one sophomore who wants to write
 is good. The rest are very ordinary
 or worse. It's a commentary on

The reputation the department has on
 Campus. Of course not 19 that ~~might~~
 not be know them are good student.
 Last year we had 31 and the year
 before 33 students but, of course, I
 don't know them all. And the best
 ones then were the Zoology majors
 though they were very sophisticated.
 Not really majors until the spring of
 this year. I have one student, a

senior, who reminds me of Rachael
 Stewart as she was when they she
 came to Cossachie. That is as I
 remember her. Clair is queer and
 yet she has the same smelliness that
 Rachael had their acid smell. Clair
 is an English major and writes quite
 good poetry I am told. She has brought
 a great deal of joy into my life this
 fall though she isn't much of a
 student. I feel I'd not have

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pulls can one agrees. Twelve of
the mutations are furthermore used
so the reputation of the Corvino didn't
really influence them.
Horn wrote that it was 12° above sea
level in baron.

I have an ice box in the corner (the
no corner!) of my bathroom. It
is a 2 cu. ft. one and is 16 yrs. old
but so far ~~works~~^{runs} splendidly. It was
given to me and I had only to pay
\$5 to have it moved. With space to
keep greens and fruit I have had a
feast of green salads and fruit salads.
Suddenly bananas & apples & cheese
for lunch didn't seem as good as it
had. Next summer I shouldn't have
time to run home to lunch often
but now I do, several times a week.
I eat about 2/3 of my supper upstairs
partly because I am too tired at 6/20 to

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cat and family because the dietitian
(new since year before last when Kate
dormant) has fewer and fewer
plain meals of meat and vegetables.
When I have an 8:30 I eat breakfast
at six or earlier. I feel more stable
that way. Actually, I don't think I am.
It is all a notion. At first I was
given breakfast in the kitchen at
6:45 (breakfast a servant 7:30 to
8:30 a.m.) but that didn't seem early
enough and eating with four good
smiles wondering whether or not I
was all right was too difficult. People
have a way of being so very concerned.
I now stand up and eat off the
refrigerator (which is a wonderful
work space until one needs something
inside) with no concern. Actually,
I don't do that often. Only when they need

is fulling up ahead to what comes
 next. It (the refrigerator) opens at
 the top. My mind seems to open
 almost anywhere. Well, my dear,
 I write on. You I hate & what did
 look you over. I had a note from her
 on yellow paper. The paper was so wrapped
 that I tucked the note away & haven't
 been able to find it - tho' it be back in
 a minute or less, I suppose. It has been
 heaven with her away and I thought
 Freda induced Mr. Ham to let her
 have second quarters. She isn't easy to
 deal with but she isn't always underfoot
 and she doesn't brag all the time.
 Neither she nor Miss Stober have been very
 kind this fall but that is more than
 one could expect. I miss Miss Stober's
 kindness. I had no notion how much
 it had meant to see Henry. I had
 loved her from the first. I had to part

take the whole course this year. I wish
 I could have cooperated ⁱⁿ the little thing
 I talked to the academic dean before I
 decided finally to do it and she said it
 was the only thing I could do. I would
 let the ^{graduate} assistant teach a lab as she
 doesn't help at all. But she wasn't much
 help and I've always set up my own
 labs. With so few students, I couldn't
 let that unperfected student take a lab.
 She was married in June and lives in
 Auburn so she isn't here at night when
 I need her anyway. And she had an
 operation which has made her go more
 slowly than ever. She covers at the end of
 this semester & there may be a new
 graduate student or perhaps two.
 Well, mine is a lucky number -

So much love -

Eva

And try not to worry about Minnie -

{Dec 1950}

Dear George

As usual I wait until the 11th
hour to write. I shall get to
Halauyoo either Sunday morning
or Monday morning - Dec. 17th or
18th at 9/10 a.m. I have been
glad to have you here any time
and if you reach I'll see you &
you needn't make any arrangements
in my room there. I have tried
to make a hotel reservation in
Cleveland although I may not
go to the meeting. We'll see
this year it need be less of
less sort of a sense of wandering.

appear to ^{be able to} do things. I know I'm
enjoy being there but I hate to
give up the time. I have written
that perhaps Dr. Van Dyke, Chemistry
Manual Dept, might drive. But
I think he's only guessed at that.
I may try to see Walker for a
few hours if I can leave here in
time. Madel writes that he
feels terribly upset after seeing
Mother. Madel's letter a week
ago is the first news I've heard
from Coconino since her last
early in the fall.

His record of the 5° above
temperatures the week-end she
was in St. Louis and y.

Meeting you. And of Andie's
 name. I hope one day I'll see
 that wonderful place. Perhaps
 sleep there. Tell Andie I've
 heard about your father's.

It will be good to see you and to
 have you in Holland. Maybe you
 can not sleep now. It's probably
 just sleep out the holiday.

I hope you haven't had the virus
 ailment that is been going the
 rounds. I had a lecture Sunday
 week and for the first time
 took an antibiotic - Amoxicillin
 at 50¢ a capsule. I expect my
 forebear had a whole plate or
 2 of pills for that ailment.

I think it better I should avoid
 know about Mauna. He might
 reproach, bitterly, for not
 leaving you. He seems so bound
 up with their way of life that
 making an independent trip is
 beyond him. I haven't heard
 one word from them since he
 and I left them in early July.
 They sailed their young to Holland
 in late August. I don't think
 he has heard.

We haven't had winter yet but
 need have a destruction wood
 the following after the young
 a great number of trees in town
 were uprooted - many compasses
 here. So much love.

E. W. (over)

Dr. Saunders, a retired physicist
from Harvard came about 7 or
8 couple of weeks ago. He said "We
used to enjoy him." We had only
a minute to talk then. To me
he is the best man. He and
Mrs. Saunders live in South Hadley
in a very charming spot & I am
lost. He knows them Boyd
with the ornithology work and
loves over all science at Harvard
Boston. Mrs. Saunders is a very
active in politics and all kinds of
causes in fragments. Dr. Saunders
sent his greetings to you. Called
me "a poor lout" when I told him
the Spectroscope "had me down" - Eva

Saturday
[16 Dec. 1950]

Dear George,

You must come to Hulland to spend
Christmas. I fancy let us know

so we can meet you. I shall get
home Monday and I may then
try to cope with Christmas. So far
I haven't even looked at a card. I

am not certain I'll go to Cleveland.

I'll have to see whether or not it
seems better to go or not to go. Come
whenever it seems best. I plan to
telephone to William to-night for
I shan't get there now.

So much love

Ever

Wild Lupine
LUPINUS PERENNIS

From Original Specimens in Kew Herbarium
Approved by American Botanical Society
Published by Brown, Orono, Me. Baltimore, Maryland



Lupinus perennis

Dear George.

[1951]

Here we are at the opening of College week.
Do not send to you. Dr. Hough didn't advise
another operation and I am having local
treatments which do seem to be relieving the
pain. However getting us to Springfield this
week is a problem. I found out Prella
is teaching on a reduced salary this year hence
her salary that she is paying one of the assistants.
The assistants are being paid by the College.
I am to have one for about 12 hours per

week. It looks as though I were about to
have to leave for Fred's tests, & find
professor ~~and his~~ ^{with} tenure and Ethel
an associate professor with tenure ~~and~~
stay. But we'll see what happens. I
can be working but do the best teaching I
am able to do.

Well this is a humdrum message. I am
pondering too many ways at once to
write now now. We have more students
in the advanced courses than we
had when I came - three times as many
as when I came and that is encouraging.
And I am all agog about the opening of
classes. It's fun to see the new students.
And how I know enough old ones to
meet me here and in there or I cross
campus.

Never do love as ever and always -

Eva

Thursday

I am continuing but am not able to lecture.
A good chance to ease the student's - the -
prevalence of "valent" myself !!!

Monday, 19th

[19 Jan. 1957]

Dear George,

I have just been listening to
bird songs on the Cornell records
which are a birthday present
from you. (Perhaps you've forgotten!)
I retired. Thank you ten thousand
times. I wish you were here to
listen to them with me. With
garden pictures and bird songs
the ~~summer~~ seasons are more or less at
my finger tips, at least in my
own living room. I have bought
me an inexpensive little under-
a mini-viewer - which helps
maneuver with the slides.

Since my retina my eye has been
tried up with the problem of
laryngitis which started a week
ago following recovery. I delegated
my retina test one day, remembering

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Her Monday a.m. instead of
Sunday a.m. On Wednesday I
was treated by a doctor in Holyoke
and again to-day. As the mountain
Rents has been giving me peculiar
shots which the Holyoke doctor says
we need continue until the
infections clear up entirely. He said
he hoped the small eye-like area
would ~~clear~~ clear up of itself but that
it might have to be removed. Isn't
it amazing how many letters left
can take in a hurry? On several
occasions I've lost my voice for
part of a day but never to this
extent.

Well, I'll not write more now
except to tell you how much I
enjoyed having you with me.
I left the other part the same.
It was a good day for driving so
I took me to Kellogg's and we
stopped in Plainville for about an
hour before noon. The train was

Mr. Partridge's Bulletin says this reflects more than
40% so bad - I opened the package but didn't have time
to look over its contents carefully.

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1 1/2 hours late Crossing Kalamazoo
So we sat in the car and listened
to Beethoven with symphony instead
of harmony to sit in that unpleasant
Kalamazoo station - The train reached
Buffalo in time to make the 10/15
connection & reached Springfield
right on the dot of 6/30 a.m. I was
gladly turned out in bed before
8/30 a.m. At midnight the car-
ful of people was as still as death.
I wanted to shout in my feeble
creaked voice "Happy New Year!"
but I restrained very deep. At that
hour a day coach ^{can be} a real sight. The
head humming I want for the Smith
Hartley Center was with a boy who had
just come from N.Y. on a coach
and he had been in a very gay
company of excursionists who had
made the four-hour trip each way
for the sake of eleven hours in N.Y.
Good night and much love and
good courage for the dental misery.
Eva

[16 Feb. 1950]

Dear George,

Just a line to let you that
Laurie saw Mauna last
Sunday and found her
just as she had ^{been} a month
earlier. The nurse said there
was no change. ^{Mauna} She was lying
on her left side

I am staying in with a bad head
cold which is almost like grippe
except that I don't have much
fever, if any. The new assistant
is a great help. I let her take
the grey Section this morning.
(It was a written grey) and

have her ~~bring~~ to prepare for the
local flora lab, ^{the afternoon} there are only
three students and they have
bring ahead to work on.

After having spend five weeks
with the sore throat of Dec. 26th
and because knows how much
money I think did take this
even in time. Fortunately it
comes toward the end of the week.

Thank you for the valentines
which came on the day.

Much love,

Ever

Friday morning

Sunday Morning.
19 Feb. 1957

Wear George.

At last I have ^{added up} the accounts which
I spent for Aunties - I don't seem
to have all the slips.

Well, I have finally finished the
Aunties bag or boxes or whatever
it is that gives me grief. My
reputation for hospitality seems to
have spread. I seldom have so
much trouble as we writers.

This last was gripped with a
head cold, fever followed by
sweats and all kinds of awful
aches. I don't recall having had
such a spell since the time you

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Carew & Baltimore Christmas

of 1932. Perhaps I have. I

remember how you were Ruth's
bed that time. It stayed together
for a week!

Actually I have working to complete
them & for I am well situated here
with an ice-box (refrigerator), ^{in my bathroom} and
a stove just across the hall so that
I can do everything from cooking
my bread with ice to fixing simple
meals. I did working here and taking
care of them. The college doctors are so
busy they look at only the near
dead, I guess. Anyway I didn't
ask them to look at me.

I talked to Mr. Han the other day
Ruth's than writing him a letter.

I think he intends to promote Miss
 E. to full professorship and to
 reappoint her chairman of the
 department. The latter would need
 my approval, since of the two she
 is easier to handle though more
 underfoot. The former I refuse to
 think about. Apparently he has
 been petitioned by her loyal friends
 (who seem to be completely fooled by
 her big stories) and has tried off
 as long as he can. He tried to get
 me to say what I thought of her
 ability but I said nothing -
 that is her ability as a bacteriologist
 and research worker. After all,
 that is not my business. He said

Miss Reed had told him that
 Miss Van Schuik would confirm
 what she had to say about them.
 E's short comings and I reflected
 that I could confirm ^{some} of them
 but that, since she is here and
 is here to stay, I feel the thing to
 do was to keep her when she would
 accept help and not to make
 her short comings a matter of gossip.
 I know the paper she has sent to the
 Journal of Bacteriology is nothing
 more than Feyta's work and that
 Ethel didn't really know what Feyta
 was doing and that Freda really
 put it into fair English. It seems
 unusual that Miss paper should
 bring Miss E. the full professorship
 which Freda doesn't want her to

Now. Actually, Mrs. Stacey was
 at fault. She should never have
 kept a person with so little ability.
 Ethel has been unacceptably mean
 since the letter from the president's
 office asking us to make a recommendation
 about the chairmanship came out
 two weeks ago Friday. I stay away
 from her as much as I can. Since
 I teach vocal class in the plant
 house I spend at least three afternoons
 a week down there and other times
 when I am not around.
 She thinks I am there. It is a lie.
 And she doesn't know I can be
 reached by a bell connected to
 Mr. Connor's telephone. I call three
 years ago. I don't fault that
 out. Mrs. Kurney kept it a
 secret, I guess, to insure herself

Anne Jerny.

Well, I must get at my work.

I am away behind.

Love and best wishes.

Eva

[19 March 1953]

Dear George,

I am enjoying the cards
from the museum and
the book on bird migration
which came Friday. Thank
you for the check. I am
wondering how you spend
this part week. How
how lives in New Jersey. I
had a letter from Grace after
Christmas. I think to
write this to you last week.
But because her married
name you wouldn't try to
hunt her. I don't recall her
name. Our holiday

Starts March 30th and runs through April 9th.
Should winter live through March (I have a feeling
she won't but I suppose it is just the old fashioned
winter which grips me!) I may try to go to Holland.
I don't know. It's a long difficult trip and I am so
full of ache and pain that I dread to think of
endeavouring it. I am just not deciding at this point.
I guess my aches are, ^{cannot say} neuritic following grippe.

Every place I have ever acquired aches - the sole of my
^{left} foot, which I hurt in June and which has been
paralytic for months, aches intolerably now. What
nerving people have to live through. But I am
able to keep going and I am being every minute
except when I take time for a long sleep.

The ^{two} best graduate students are "new" children.

I have an in class and the other one helps me.

It's pleasant to be greeted in a friendly fashion.
Since ^{the days when} Gleason and I enjoyed algae and fungi
together I have not felt such companionship in
enjoyment of living algae as I have experienced the
past three weeks with Gene, my assistant.
My experience of the past two years (when I took

The responsibility of funding plants (ascent in food production)
has stood out in food bread and we had wonderfully fine material.
New Ellery has been appointed Chairman for another
three years. He was not promoted to full professorship
as I thought he would be. There were few promotions this
year. The College has gone in for all sorts of economy.

Snowdrops are blossoming but the crocuses are still
tucked away. Snow accumulated last night about 1/3 of
the young shoots of the 600⁰⁰ ^{craps} bulbs the base came students
put in Clapp Court. And was a low lying one
about seeing Mauna. I have quite busy.
Have used many charts, Eva
Sunday

[9 APR. 1951]

Sunday

Dear George,

This won't be in St. Louis to greet you as I wanted it to be. I was very tired and this is the first I've written. You will be tired too. I hope you didn't try to sit up all night.

I reached S. Hasley without difficulty and slept most of the day and night.

Dickinson House sent ^{pink} roses which were in bud and very lovely. I tried to stay

awake to enjoy them. There was an *Agave* violet and two different sorts of *Stramonium* from ^{friends} ~~others~~. And yesterday a dozen roses from Ethel. ^{Some of} these I am taking to the woman who

is dying of cancer. She lives with Mr. Haines' secretary and from time to time I try to do something for Mary Curtis. She ^{is} one of Mrs. Mackay's friends - much younger however - perhaps not more than fifty. Last evening I had supper with Ruth and Sydney. I had

been over there to just sit upon the back steps
in the sun. Yesterday was an heavenly day.
I accomplished a good bit at Clapps yesterday
and to-day must do more. By to-morrow
I shall well be around and I plan to work
at home for I can't get much done when
she buzzes about, I shall have to be in Clapps
late in the day to keep the assistant with
preparations for
Tuesday's lab.

It was very good to be with you and to
feel your strength and comfort. I still don't
realize that Blanca has gone. For so long my
heart has ached so intolerably that it seems to
tick in its same old pattern. But when I stop
to think I know she is ^{my} ~~at~~ peace at last and
that her spirit is no longer troubled. You must keep
very busy and let the guttering of spring fill
you. Once Tuesday comes let me so full of
appointments ^{to look} that let him to paddle along to
keep up with ^{my} day. I mean to get my wheel
out to-day for it takes me time to become
accustomed to riding it.
So much love and courage -
Eva

May 24, 1951

Dear George -

It's been a long time since I've
sent even a word. Life seems
to have gotten ahead of me. My
shoulder has been very painful
and finally I've stopped muddling
along with it. On Monday I had
x-ray taken in Springfield. Dr.
Hough is supposed to be very
competent and he is the person I
had planned to see in early April.
If the x-rays show that the trouble
is bursitis I will have deep
x-ray therapy from a doctor in
Holyoke. Meanwhile I am getting
on with sedatives and the rest

using my arm. I've had it in a
sling nearly two weeks.

Dr. Fairbank will tell you.

From Welburn's letter you will
know that I am going to a hospital
June 4th, which are two weeks after
Commencement is over. If I am
to stay here even one more year I
must have a thorough check-up of
diabetes because the doctors on campus
have almost exhausted their patience.
I don't think it will be amiss to
have it done on other grounds. As
soon as I can think to ask Dr.
F. where the hospital is his second
you the address. It is the Deaconess
Hospital in Brookline I think - I
am sure of the name of the hospital
but not of its ^{the} location. I am

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To see Dr. Priscilla White who is
one of Dr. Joslin's staff. I am not
sure whether or not he still practices.
At any rate she is the person to
whom doctors in this area send
diabetic patients. I am in hopes
the third type of insulin, a combination
of the two earlier types, may work
with me and give me a steadier blood
sugar level. Its fluctuations are
what which make ~~my~~ it difficult for
me to read. Unfortunately there aren't
needle threaders for all the seams I
have to sew in my burners. I've
sewed on ~~big~~ ^{more} buttons since Christmas
time than in five years before then.
It must be I've loosened these
also.

I am in hopes you will come to
 Crossachie next week if you can
 possibly get away. It hard for
 me to write about the will. I've
 tried to push the whole matter
 out of my mind until classes
 and exams were over. It seems
 foolish to me to let the money
 be eaten up by lawsuits and it
 will come to that. My heart
 aches for you and because I am
 as I am my heart aches for
 each one of you. I realize you were
 trying to provide for my care. But
 I think we'll have to make
 another plan for Harold means
 business.

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I expect to have the first & very
great need to-morrow and shall
be quite well after two or three.
As a matter of fact I could go to
Cossacke very easily now, more
easily than doing what I am
doing here.

It has been a great spring for
local flora - late at first but
then a bursting of blossoms.
Did I tell you we (the L. P. class)
went to Harvard to see the glass
flowers on April 27th? ^{By bus!} And we
have ~~done~~ ^{had} all the regular trips here
except the final one to Ethier Brook.
I just couldn't do that to waste
a fr. We went to see the Cypripedium
aculeatum about a mile from campus.
The last day.

Mundo Cone and good courage -
Eva

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE

Saturday a. m.
[2 JUNE 1957]

Dear George,

After five deep x-ray therapy treatments my shoulder is appreciably better. I still have to take sedatives to kill the ache but the sharpness of the pain is gone and I am using my arm somewhat.

I don't want you to sacrifice in order to give me security. It's better to get on if only I can keep this freedom. If I lose it I expect I'll be able to find something else.

I don't need to worry about that now.

I hope Judy will suffer no after effects. She seems an exceptionally clever child and I don't know what Miss Fortune & her would do to Harwed.

I am being taken to Boston by two of the three resident physicians so I ought to arrive safely. We are leaving at 1 p.m. Monday as soon as Commencement is over. I don't relish the idea of being taken by Dr. Patten but she makes time driving and feels she can surely get us there before the deadline - 4 p.m. It's too bad the opening came 2 June 4th. Rents has been wonderfully good and has taken me to the doctor's for treatment and lodged me back and forth to campus for two days when I had

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blister on my feet. I've eaten many of my meals down-
stairs lately for getting meals served by and me. And
one person eats a lot. Mercy, what a huge amount of food
I have carried down College street this year.

Since I am relatively unknown and unimportant here
Commencement carries few obligations for me.
Laura is furnishing her 30th year of teaching at H. Ho. The
students dedicated their annual to her this year and
are greatly pleased over that.

Black locusts are in bloom and the world seems a

very wonderful place. We've had enough cases to make
up for the lack of it in April.

I am glad to know you are to have the holiday ^{going} to Muskoka.

I suppose it won't hurt you to be back in December school if
you have a holiday for and get. I can't make plans now
but I look forward to seeing you sometime this summer.

For so many weeks in our careers that I am leaving a
great deal of unfulfilled business behind me. Had I have
to put in considerable work in plans for next year. We'll
see what Boston brings. I hope it won't be too long a stay.
I'll be here for awhile after I return.

With love,

Eva

Deaconess Hospital, Bowdoin Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Thursday
[12 July 1953]

Near Gorge.

It is almost a week since I left South Hadley. The plane trip was fun - we flew over northern Pennsylvania and there great stretches of forest and the rivers interested me. Perhaps we were a little south of north. Harold met us in Cleveland and drove us out to the house. Judy has had chicken pox since reemigration and does look somewhat puffy.

Harold met us in G. R. and we were home by 6/30 Eastern Standard time. I've had a great deal of pain in my arm. I suppose the fogging on the

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^{smaller}
planes from Cleveland to Detroit
and from Detroit to G. R. May
have been hard on it. I wasn't
convinced of fogging on the larger
plane.

We've had cold, cloudy weather.
This is only the second day with
sunlight seen to make sunbathing
a pleasure. A twisted weed
through Salsbery yard and the
yard is strewn with good sized
branches. ^{One} of the Chinese stems was
broken off fifteen feet above the
ground. Fortunately there was
no damage to the house. I've
never heard such a menacing
sound as that which was evoked
just as he closed the window.
Of course Chinese stems are

best descriptors for ornamental
trees. I am glad Pa didn't live
to see what a pass ^{yard} trees for yards
they are. But he would have
taken the knowledge philosophically.
He was so very proud of that here
some near Carey's barn.

Jack Schuster came yesterday to
hear about my shoulder. He didn't
say so out right but seemed to
think first of the deep x-ray
treatments was dangerously near
too heavy. He gave me the same
warning about not wearing
that shoulder and is going to
give me a special salve with
lacolin to keep the skin in
good order and will fix a
several thick sleeves for me to
wear. It was good to see him.
He is a wonderful funny person.

I think the ~~two~~⁴ plane trip was
less hard on my eyes than a
trip by pullman, ^{would have been} and I thank
you with all my heart for the
help you gave me. I'd never have
been able to manage alone.

The new insulin seems to be
working on it quite well under
less strenuous ^{work} conditions. I
had to keep supplementing it twice
with regular insulin.

Please give Renee my best
wishes and tell her how
much I enjoy ^{ed} meeting her.
As a hostess I was an utter flop
I know. When he comes to visit
as did he better able to do for
him.

My love to you as ever and
always. I am secretly ^{trying}
rather late to catch you in
Washington. Give best to Mr.

Walker to forward it to
Saut hours and in that
way you should get it in
one place or the other.

Lucra is out but were she
here she would send greetings.
She does seem odd suddenly.
Remembers quite well her
appearance when we arrived
two years ago. She seemed
less than her age then.

E. 12th

July 17, 1951

Dear George,

I'd like to get this matter of
Kentler's estate clearly in mind
while I am here in Holland.
Send me, please, the papers
which you had ready for me
to sign that I may read them
over and understand fully
what I am being asked to
agree to.

I don't want to have to consider
this matter late in the
summer. I need all the
strength and energy I can
have then to prepare for

the opening of school which
 is earlier than usual, ^{Sept 20.} The
 only lawyer whom I'd care to
 consult ^{then} is the one employed
 by the College and, since he is
 a member of the college board,
 I don't want to take personal
 matters to him.

Now what I am at home I
 can talk to a lawyer here
 if necessary.

As far as it now I am willing
 to sign off my 1/4 of the 20%
 to Harold but I cannot see
 why I should not have the
 full income of the 80%

As Mother's will provides.

I see no reason why I cannot
be trusted to act wisely,
having as much of it as is
possible against future need.

When I talked with Harold at
the Cleveland airport I told
him essentially what I have
written you.

Love,

Eva

July 17, 1951

Dear George -

I'll add a few other letters
in a separate letter.

I am mostly just resting.

I still have a great deal of pain

in my shoulder and arm

and I guess that I'll have

to put up with that for a

time. We are avoiding being

in the car as much as

possible. I think that

makes ^{the pain} worse. I don't think

we'll be able to drive last.

I could not stand the trip

that way. It'll go in about

two weeks - perhaps by air

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I could write to Anna James
or to Ruth and ask one or
the other of them to plan to
meet us. There is a plane that
reaches Bradley Field at
2/30 ^{p.m.} daylight time. They could
arrange between them which
of them could do it more
easily.

I think of you and Ann
every time I eat the good
garden lettuce and I wish
I could share it with you.
Rabbits ate the bean and
beet tops so we haven't much
garden now - lettuce & green
^{now} leaf carrots coming on.

I trust that you will be able to settle down to summer school without too much trouble. You must be wary of being on the news.

Her thoughts of you especially on Thursday and remember the times we've spent that day to-getter.

The startling haven't arrived yet but I see an adult and a young bird in the yard now. At any moment we may have to retreat. best summer the stand become almost beyond bearing.

(over)

Love and good wishes.

Remember me please to
Rena and give her my
best wishes for a good journey.

Eva

July
Thursday - August 26

[1957]

Dear George,

Your birthday greeting and
the check arrived on my
birthday. Not often in the
past thirty years have I failed
to receive a greeting from you
on the very day if we were best
together. I shall put the \$10
with the \$25 I learn sent me
and buy a board. ~~Here~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{of meals} Faculty
have paid for the room at Faculty
House I'd have enough to buy
cushions and with the rest of the
\$30 check. I haven't cashed
these checks yet but will do so
to-morrow. I guess his never
taken life so easy. This is the
first time since I've lived with

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I had. By sleeping with three pillows (-I usually use none!) to support my shoulders I manage to sleep two to four hours at a time. Then I get up to exercise the arm and to take more aspirin. I keep track of the distance from my side that I can raise my arm and finally have increased that distance an inch in the past four days!! This record is on the inside of the linen closet door! I don't think the inch means much but any small encouragement is a boon to my spirits.

The registered package came to-day. Thank you so much. I think I'd better sign this paper while I am here although I could do it as soon as I reach

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S. Hadley.

I plan to fly back, ^{Tuesday} August 7th.
I leave Q. R. 7/22^{A.M.} E.S.T., arrive
Cleveland 9/20, leave Cleveland
11/50, arrive Bradley Field
1/20 - all eastern standard
time. This time I'll not have
to change planes at Detroit.
The one leaving Q. R. stops at
Lawrence & Flint and then
goes directly to Cleveland. I'd
like to see Harold again but I
think it isn't wise to try to do
so. The poor boy is in a very
sad way. Whether he and
Werge will be able to pull out of
the mess they are in is a
question in my mind. I
don't want to try to stay there
overnight and Werge wouldn't

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be happy if I didn't. He'd be
able to get a kind-remembering
lunch ~~there~~ at the Cleveland
airport and wait there 'till
noon meal on the plane after
leaving Cleveland. I've written
to Ethel to find out whether she
can meet me at Bradley Field
or at the Hotel Kimball in
Springfield. I could reach there
in the conveyance from the
airport. I hated to ask her
but I knew she'd resent very
aching Anna Jane or Ruth
if she, Ethel, were in town and
since she throws no flattery I
may as well apply it where
needed. I was able to follow
that technique quite well
my first two years at M. H. P.

but then just ⁶ remember I've
been too weary and in too
much pain to make myself
do the thing I knew I ought to
do in order to get along with her.
If she can't meet me I'll ask
Arthur to do so. She has ^{just} written
me offering to meet me and
to tell me that she had a report
from Dr. White. The latter said
that if I could be happier as the
regular writer I'd better go back
to it. That is, of course, what she
wants me. The N. P. H. is working so
well under home conditions that
I shall continue it for a time.
Now that I am somewhat rested
there is a chance it may
continue to work well. At least
I shall not have to cope with

usually shrubs in the night
 and that in itself will be
 a decided advantage. It
 was the regular winter gear
 we took to bed during the
 day while I lived at home.
 But always it has occasionally
 carried over far into the night.

Well, this is a prosaic letter.

I hope all goes well with you
 and that summer school
 isn't too wearing on you.

If Lewis is still in St. Louis
 give him my greetings, please.

My love to you as ever and
 always and many, many
 thanks. E. W.

Give a kind greeting. E.

{14 Aug. 1951}

Dear George.

A week ago since I left Holland!
I didn't mean to let all that
time slip before I sent you word.
I've been somewhat bogged down
by doing for my self, having
been spoiled by having Laura
do the ^{major} work which made me
so tired. However, by now I
am in a routine of a sort,
and am getting some work
done. Tom ^{my} loaned me a folding
canvas chair with a foot rest
and I find I can get to sleep
much more ^{or as the night} easily in that
than in bed. So I have the chair
by the window in the living
room. My freedom from pain

was of shock & derangement. When I
 talked to you I wasn't really
 convinced that the pain was ^{part} over
 but I was without it on Friday,
 Saturday and Sunday and on
 Monday I tried to make myself
 believe it was just the tremors of
 my last day at home that made
 my arm hurt so. I've written to
 the Kalamazoo doctor to find
 out whether the irrigation treat-
 ment can be repeated - that is
 with beneficial results. There is a
 doctor in Boston who does it but
 I think it foolish to ask to see him
 and go, only to have him say -
 "You have had your shoulder
 irrigated and now you must
 do the exercises and wait."
 I do think exercises with a weight
 have helped or perhaps it was the

treatment & stay - However, I think
I can lift my arm forward higher
than I could a week ago. I find
exercising ~~at all~~ & music more
beneficial than walking. At
least I feel more relaxed. I am
on the ^{exercise} every two-hour plan now
and will be until a week from
to-day.

The ^{return trip} air flight was ^{not} very satisfactory
in some ways. I flew ^{back} ~~back~~ and
at the end of 12 hours had been on
7 automobiles, 1 train and 1
plane. Nevertheless the flight
from Buffalo to Hartford wasn't
at all bad. The extra costs of
getting from here to there and then
to here made the total expense
to Hartford a bit more than my
trip from Hartford to G. R. However,

She finally met us in Holyoke

I didn't have a key broker with
a station wagon to meet us in
Hartford. Anna Jane didn't
get the telegram in time. All this
change because the flight from
G. R. to Cleveland was over called.
I took a train to Detroit and
the American Airlines to Hartford.
We stopped at Buffalo & Albany
but I didn't have to change
planes. We flew above the clouds
all the way to Albany except
for landing at Buffalo and
I sat back and rested. We
must have flown over the Finger
lake Region which I should like
to have seen from the air. The
plane was smaller and the
weather a bit bumpier than on
the way out. Nevertheless I reached
here in time to get a tray from the

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patches. Laura and I didn't
think the day unfavorable
so we didn't telephone ^{9. P.} before
leaving Holland.

Here is the electrician to fix
the light cord which I reported
this morning of July 6th !!

I am eating breakfast and
dinner in the dining room
and I may start eating lunch
there and continue ^{to} until
college fees. Why ^{preparing} a sandwich
and a glass of milk should be
so complicated I don't know but
by next day it seems so.

With unrelenting heat in H. houses
I wonder how you go on. Of
course you have to do so. We've
had a fairly hot week but I

don't need heat too much
except that it means extra work
insofar as clothes are concerned
and now the problem of getting
into and out of clothes.

It'll be glad to see you and
Heleen Roder. If you can, let
us know ahead of time but if
that is not easy just come and
you'll find us here or in Class.
By that time there will be
enough people around Class so
that there will be someone to let you
in. The telephones ^{on the second floor} may be
connected by that time.
Have and best wishes,

Eva
August 14, 1951

Monday Evening

[20 Aug. 1951]

Dear George,

You and Helen may come whenever
it fits best into your plans.

If you want to come next week
do it without too much trouble.
I'd be glad to have you over the
night of August 28th. The guest
room is not available for that
one night but it may be released.
The old stand by signs for it
needs in advance and please
their plans are changed. I've put
my name in as second. However,
I could get a roofer for you
at one of the two beds in
a room from campus.
It is going to be a problem for

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Use to get ready for the opening
of school here I guess this will
be made it in this kind. The price
is not certain now but I will
have considerable nursery and
I guess that is to be expected. I
am now on a schedule of work-
ing every two hours for 20 minutes,
then 5 minutes of exercise. In
the hour and a half between times
I ought to be able to get something
done but the clock hinders on
to the next period. Then there is
the problem of dressing and un-
dressing so necessary here, on
day. Not having ^{any} ^{regularly} ⁱⁿ the
dining room for nearly two
year makes being presentable
twice a day a great problem.

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I intended to keep up this every
two hour business through
Tuesday and then try the
short every four hours. Dr.
Conrad (the Kalamazoo orthopedist)
wrote us that the irrigation
treatment could be repeated with
beneficial results if after a period
of two weeks following the first
irrigation I still had severe
pain. What is severe pain?
I don't think I have that now
nor have I had ^{it} much of the
time. He suggested trying the
irrigated procedure the exercise
periods and for the first three
days it worked like a charm.
They seem to wear out
after three days with me!!

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If I have another Uregalin diet
have to go to Boston for it and
then go through Ureolite 2 1/2
week period of hourly and then
two-hourly exercise periods.

Do as never best ahead coming.
I am taking two meals a day
in the dining room. I hate it
but ~~at~~ obviously I'll have to
live this way for just the
business of living is difficult
now - 4 - 5 days. Eating there during
the summer is less of a strain
than during the year for most of
the office help and staff come
in for meals. They are less tense
than all their long string of
women teachers.

I hope the last week of summer
school won't be too wearing.

(over)

Love as always, E. W. D.

Your letter came. Of my Wal. & Thors.
I decide that I should have another
irradiation let call the Boston doctor,
or get one of our doctors to do so,
& try to get an appointment for
Tuesday. I doubt he will be
willing to do it without taking the
routine diagnostic x-rays but perhaps
you can ask the Deaconess to send
the x-rays ^{plates} to him or the report.

I've signed in for the guest room
for Aug 27 (Monday) in case you
need it then. If I don't have to
go to Boston on the 28th I'll assume
that is the day you will arrive. I'd
like to unless you decide not to come.
Better send me your Danbury address
& telephone number. I don't seem to
have them. Love & Thanks
Eva