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Friday - Sept 7
[1957]

Dear George,

Ever since your letter came
a week ago Wednesday I
have tried to write. Writing
is very difficult and I am
tired. Whatever is done about
this will most give me what
I need to have so that I am
not beholden to you or to
anyone. That would be very
difficult ^{with the ~~current~~ ^{current} conditions}
had for me and I could not
maintain the stability
I have achieved at so great
a cost.

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You may wonder why I sent
for Wilkins. I was honored to
see him and I wanted to
hear what he had to say. I
wrote him that unless he
could come to see me I'd make
the trip to Exeter.
I did not refer to ^{the contents of} your letter.
I did say that I felt I should
have the whole income and
that, if any part were left
back, it should be left to me
to dispose of as I chose. I still
think the income should be
paid to me in full and in
such a manner that I

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don't have to wonder when it
is coming nor how much there
will be. I am of the opinion
that a joint trusteeship would
be better than for an person
to be trustee. I did say to
William that I couldn't be
under your thumb. I meant
as well that I couldn't be
under his. Perhaps the
mechanics of a joint trustee-
ship are difficult - Whoever
looks after the money should
have the customary fee. I
don't see why I shouldn't

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know the amount of the fee
and every thing relating to
the ^{administration} of the trust
fund.

As you supposed to ^Wellbur's ^{idea}
I need visit mine - If any
of the income were held back
I'd have to be in desperate
need ^{of} such as ³years ^{ago} ^{as} ^{the} ^{money} ^{had}
for ^{my} ^{needs}, before I could get it.
I'm sure such an emergency
arise there is the principal.
I hope it will have to be
spent in that manner.

I feel better for having talked
to Wellbur. Your visit and
his took a load out of me.

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Since I am the cause of all
this desensuring I ought to be
able to stand the strains yet
but it is difficult and it
comes at a time when I
can ~~not~~ ill afford extra
strains of any kind.

For the past ten days my
diabetes has gone more or
less haywire but I guess I
can pull it back into proper
control.

I am trying out the medicine
which Dr. Conrad, the

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ortho peters of Kalamazoo
recommended. It is called
Tolserol and is for muscular
relaxation and pain.

So far it makes me jittery
and very tummy but relaxed.

I'll leave the key to Capt
on my desk. The doors
off Cluff will not be left
unlocked until the following
week. If it isn't convenient
for you to be here at lunch
time, which for me should
be by 12/30. It's not mind.
If you aren't here by noon

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across from campus

did eat lunch / and then
 go with you to visit while
 you have yours. There is only
 one place in S. Hadley - the
 Bookshop I mean and we have
 to be there by 12/30 anyway
 or there is less choice than
 usual. They have a regular
 \$1.65 (more now perhaps?) luncheon
 which is essentially a dinner,
 a 65¢ luncheon and
 \$1.00 Omelette, chicken & waffles
 No sandwiches ever. I think
 one can order a fruit salad
 ahead of time but not as the
 last minute. Why S. Hadley
 puts up with such service

unless you've
 had it!!

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I don't know. I suppose because
there is no Sunday. I've taken
out so little that I hadn't
realized we paid a tax on a
meal costing \$1.00 a week.

You'll have to make your
visit here fairly brief because
I have very little reserve
and all-day-every-day
work starts for me a week
from Sunday. There is no
time for our first days to
be that hectic but unless
they differ from those of
the last three years they
will be. Our graduate students

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have to do in three days
what they should be given
a week to do and we live
in a kind of needless turmoil.
And brag about it!!

Good wishes to Helen. After
your exit I remembered I
had not sent greetings to
her. Love,

Ever

If there were a way that
we four could agree to
relax the writ and
let Maura's letters be

divided into families that
would be more desirable than
letting this will be protected.
But with so much lack of
agreement even such involved
legal procedure I suppose
that is unfeasible unless ~~there~~
there were a court that. And
who knows how such a thing
would turn out even if we
were willing to face one.

E

Friday night

[8 Sept. 1951]

Dear George,

I wrote you an upsetting letter I fear. It is very hard for me to bear all this and yet I feel I have to make myself clear.

I did forget to mention that you may come any day you choose and that, if there is a place near here where Helen would like to eat (she may know the country better than I do), I can ride some distance in a car.

I'd like to ask you to have

hunch as my guest. I could do it, you know,
and you have a birthday next week. I never
know anything that I can do for you. Skimed
the day not be too warm. I could fix you some
thing here except that I'd fear too much doing
something very simple. I looked longingly at
thinly sliced sautéed egg bread in Welles's to-day
and thought what good little sandwiches it
would make for you. But my roses & cleaned
on Thursdays ^{in Fridays} and by Wednesday it
won't be very presentable. However I want
you to bring Helen here. She can step over
the lamps etc. and won't need Helen too.
I've cut the dose of medicine in half and
seems not to have had its effects from the
last dose.

If you find me a little shaky you need not
be distressed. Once classes start I'll be
able to buckle up. On Saturday last the depart-
ments of zoology and botany had an at home
for the growth Conference group meeting
at Smith College and I had a very good
time. It did wear me out and I went

More or less uninvited except that I considered
myself a hostess if our department were giving
the at home in part. Freda invited me though
she had not been invited by Ethel and it turned
out that I scurried around with pencils and
coffee and Freda just stands upstairs in her little
reception room and let the "higher ups" of her world
come to her.

I tried the herb tea ^{mixed} with orange pekoe and it is
better that way. However, it needs a little sugar, I
think - just a bit.
Love and best wishes and a safe journey. Being
me a little *Cornus canadensis* if you find it lovely, please.
Eva

Get a dash of lemon for it -
just two or three plants



VINCENT VAN GOGH, 1853-1890

Blotende Boon-Souvenir de Manve

Orchard in blossom, Arles, April 1888

Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller, Otterlo (Holland)

[12 Sept 1957]

Love and good wishes on
your birthday -

Erna

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Color is under fully bristled head

Sunday

[9 Oct 1957]

Dear George -

I am very grateful for
the cards. I can't write
often now for my work
takes in much strength
as I have - I enclose my

schedule which shows only
class hours - the preparations
and clearing up of labs is
time consuming. I wish
^{in a way} Ethel had taken the final part
last I do enjoy the 2nd graduate
students & 2 sections so I am
glad to have them. Have 24
in the basic course - 10

Sophomores & 10 freshmen -
1 junior and 3 seniors.

For the type of courses I have
Victorinus B. Stebbins' has
helped. I've never had really
large or crushing paper except
briefly. I don't think much
of straight lectures. The hard
heat recent didn't help and
the trip to Springfield was
very wearing. Finally I'd

have to have adhesion, but they -
I suppose they are more serious -
Don't worry if you can keep it.
No permanent desiccation, very
tender from the conditions and
either it will clean up in time or
the way of secondary attachment
& cure will come. This is
Mountain Day and I am glad
to have a whole free day. So
much love, Eva

	8:10	9:10	10:10	11:10	1:10	2:10	3:10	
Mon.	305				305			Palms & Mangroves & Dept. Meeting
Tues.		B ₁	B ₁		B₁			
Wed.	305				B₁			
Thur.		B ₁	B ₁		B₁			
Fri.	305				B₁			
Sat.		B ₁	B ₁	B₁				

Ricci and Sydney for a bit - We went to pick up
apples and I was taken along because I knew the
difference between a Beldern and a Dr. & West!
On Wednesday Anna Kull (professor's Eng. list
who lives at the end of the hall beyond Mr. Stetson)
took me out for a bit at 4/30 and yesterday for a
long ride in the early afternoon. Now that I am able
to ride I shall no longer be protected from having to
go to meetings or Amherst etc. I'll have to bring up
another plausible excuse. Actually I am too busy
to go godding at night. And too tired. Perhaps neither
Frederic nor Ethel will find us too busy riding.

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The pain in my shoulders & arms is less intense
but I don't have much of any greater sense of relief
than I had several months ago. However, it
is said that in this type of neuritis recovery is slow
and that heat and exercise are the only remedies.
I clean my shoulders from 2-3 hours every night
by using a wet towel under the electric pad. ⁹ ~~Let~~ set
the alarm so I won't leave the heat on all night.
Thank you for offering to help in any way. ?

Don't need it. Dr. (though simply doesn't know anything
more to do and seems he has had a number of such
cases which cleared up completely after months but
in each instance very slowly, and since the pain is not
so intense and I can work I think it better to ride
along this way for a time. I have a very heavy schedule
and I need whatever ^{extra outside classes} time I have to prepare for
the next classes or to rest. Ethel & Frieda are acting
like a couple of frustrated peewees, which I am sure they
are. Instead of being glad that we have more of
regulations in this ^{department} than we had and looking forward to
the day when we may have even more they spend their
time trying to pull each other's hair or getting together

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to full name. However on the whole things go better than they did two years ago. After a perfectly awful (badly prepared and presented in an utterly unscholarly fashion) department seminar by Edith C. & Kimberly Freda said very graciously "Thank you, Edith."

Bored and disappointed with such presentation as I was I nearly fell off my chair and I still don't understand how Freda managed to be that gracious. But once before has she ever shown the slightest

Some indications of gracelessness toward Ethel after
one of her reports.

It's a good thing I had blue cross & blue shield. I received
a notice the other day that Dr. White's bill of over \$100
had been paid. Of course I don't know where ^{exactly} it is paid
into this hospital insurance since 1943 but I'm glad
it is finally secured.

I am having to take 30¢ worth of Vitamin P (nutin)
every day. Let's hope it will come down in price. I
ordered \$45 worth of it then just week - that will last
me less than six months both if I change it worth
while to save the 10¢. I don't know whether or not

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I must take it always - perhaps so. It is thought to be
 a remedy for pupill capillaries. That is my latest
 ailment. That is the last one of which I have been
 informed. Isn't it amazing? Of course every one
 would say - have 'em & not know 'em. The doctor who
 examined my eyes found evidence of ruptured
 capillaries and that some stream down below my
 lens as due to that. I was quite alarmed at first and
 then I decided it was foolish & worry about it. There
 is nothing I can do except to take vitamins P and

The chances of my vision being permanently impaired
is that are probably not great. No greater than very chances
of developing gangrene in my foot - a nightmare which
used to plague me. I've had diabetes for more than fifteen
years and have never developed it and probably never
shall.

I had a very heart warming message from Helen
Rider. When you write to her, remember me to her,
please.

The college dietitian has ^{planned my diet} ~~arranged~~ the cook in
Richmond (home so I never get more the type of food)
ought to be eating. I have to pay more but not
a great sum 10¢ a meal. I've spread the word

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about that I do pay more (this was Reed's suggestion)
and it is to be hoped the de laards who invest are very
lornate fence each except with outside. Genuine, I haven't
let on that I pay so little extra! I find I must eat
breakfast early in order to lunch at 8/10 or 9/10 so I get
my own breakfast and lunch and eat just downstairs
downstairs. Actually the college doesn't spend more
for my food - I get things that are on hand. No too
bad we didn't have the arts to make this arrangement
long ago.

well, I reckon. have used good needles and thank
you for the many messages. In'd the Neapolitan
Fishery steamer?

Eva



POST CARD

The Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington
Administered by the Trustees of Amherst College

The Globe Theatre. From Vischer's View of London, 1616

Nov. 14, 1958

Dear George, this post of England whistled.
Well, you have been well. We've had working much as you know. And
Holland, Michigan had nice weather. Since
I had wrote I've picked up a series of small
calculations but I am still going strong. Our
looking forward to a few late break fasts and
some walks through the morning holidays. So much
Love and many thanks for the message. I am

THIS SIDE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

MADE BY THE MERRIMAN COMPANY, MERIDEN, CONN.

520 Nov. 1951

Dear George -

This is a measly little
piece of paper but it
will bring you my
love. I can't recall

Whether or not you have
more than one day at
Thanksgiving time. Yes
I hope you've had a good
holiday. I trust your cold
is better. I am alright
but I seem to have almost

no time for the things
I don't have to do. I shall be
eating dinner on Thursday
with a group of students in the
our dormitory, which is kept
open - Eating there in preference
to being at Faculty House.
Love and good wishes.
Eva



{24 Dec 1957}

Merry Christmas and much love -

And do take care of that cold. Could you get into a hospital for a few days - sneak in the back door, perhaps? I know it is difficult to find a bed there. You could have a long "reced" and with proper diet and rest you might be able to throw off the bug.

I am enjoying your Christmas card. As always whatever you do you do so well. Please print out the name of that cold medicine. I don't need it but I'd like to tell Mr. Furber what it is.

I decided a few hours before your last mail card came not to go to the meeting. I am for too tired

And while I never felt up and down
a good time I can't see that needs to
to be gained. I don't matter to Laura.
She can't see in Philadelphia another
time. And it's a lot of money to spend for
keeping up appearances. The appearance
of being able to do things. Thank you
for offering to help me with the expense of
going to the city. I don't actually
lack funds that kept me here. I was
just too weary to make the effort.
However, it did need a pile of money to
spend for a few days at home. I forget
better here for the whole holiday
perhaps. However, Laura needs to get
away and she should see the best
for her and it seems needless for us to
be spending double the amount of
her fare in order to be together. She
will even coach, I suppose, and I
trust she won't be times late for the

trip they is bad enough - that is if
 it is done in the scheduled time. Ruth
 has to take someone in to the 6/30 a.m. train
 from Springfield and Richard's train is
 on time we can meet her. It would be
 but we are leaving here at 5/30 a.m.
 We can find out about his train and
 meet her in Holyoke later perhaps. ^{as we may go to}
^{Springfield} So
 many people are away and the day before
 Christmas is such a busy time that
 I hardly know what to do.

I haven't been able to do a thing about
 Christmas. You will get some
 Breakfast cereal - It hasn't come
 yet. I ordered enough to give to the
 people here who have learned to ~~stop~~
 reluctant but as my circle of friends
 grows I feel I may need to become
 a member of Breakfast cereal very reg.
 I had a long walk yesterday. cutting

through the crowd every 10 or 12 steps
Found a little hemlock growing under
a beech and brought it home for a tree.
I was reminded of our search for a
tree for Mauna Christmas of 1946.

One of the good and pleasant had presented
me with a door decoration containing
many little ^{silver} balls & since that for
100 annuals collection has asked its needs
I have the balls for my tree. The child is
Jewish - a very good student and
lives down the hall from me. She has
been very good to me.

Mauna and I will have dances here -
There will be about a dozen or fifteen,
mostly guests from outside. I have asked
Barbara Reed her mother, who has just
moved from faculty house. I miss
Marian Hubbard. The new house will
be it of well. Florence has offered
her apartment for Mauna to I share it

have to take the boards out of my
 bed - I have two wavy boards
 (without legs!) on the spring. I started
 using them when I couldn't lie down
 easily on account of my rheumatism and
 found they do a lot for the poor bed.
 The Scientific American card came
 Bless you and thank you. I get a
 great deal out of that magazine and
 settle down in bed with it and then
 a new copy comes.

My love to you. I'll miss you this
 Christmas time especially. Ruth has
 given me a few odds & ends to wrap
 up for home. I seem not to have been
 able to manage shopping.

The new bronchitis exercises with the
 are keeping my arm somewhat and

I am taking the medicine to
relax my muscles - I refer to
Botenol ?? - the stuff Dr. Curral
in Kalamayoo recommended.
has success, & seemed to relax
me too much less, & work well now.
It is 5 a. m. I want to eat breakfast
& dress -

home

Eva

4 Jan 1952

Thursday Night

Dear George,

My words to you come by fits and starts. First of all let me thank you for two Christmas packages - one came Dec. 24th and the larger one Dec. 28th. I have enjoyed wearing the hip level shoes and am the envy of all who have seen them. As a matter of fact I have worn them indoors for eight days. I've put a pair of very ^{soft} soled moccasins under them and then with heavy socks they are just right. I am looking to

2
Have the Audubon bird book
and the James Fisher book -
I had read about the latter but
had not seen it.

You, poor child, haven't had
a bit of Christmas. I have some
crackling hangers to send. Fortunately
it keeps almost indefinitely.

haura and I did writing
stimmons. Florence offered
her apartment for haura to
use which made it easy to
accommodate her. We ate

Christmas dinner downstairs
and Barbara and her mother
were our guests. There were
about 20 people at dinner.

Lanna and I planned to
 use the money you sent to
 entertain Mrs. ~~to~~ McLean
 and Ruth (Sydney was to
 have the evening free from
 responsibility) but when the
 time came I was too tired so
 we had to call it off. The
 next night ^(Thursday), we went to
 Ruth's as had been planned
 earlier. Mrs. Stobey had us
 in for tea and h. + I ate
 lunch at the bookshop every
 Friday while Mrs. L. did my
 rooms. Lanna left Sat.
 morning - Ruth and I
 met her in Springfield but

She left from Holyoke[^]. She
 went to Towson, near Baltimore,
~~to~~ to Washington and to
 Richmond & left Wed.
 night for Ithaca. It
 was good to have her here. I
~~had~~ slept a great deal before
 she left and more since
 she left. So now I should
 be rested. Perhaps this rest
 I've been denied by one of
 those bad headaches to-day -
 had not had one for five
 weeks.

Well. I need not go on -
 I do hope your colds are over
 for this winter. I drink
 quantities of milk and
 orange juice. Do you suppose
 this helps to keep me

free goods? The way you
have to buy such things
would be expensive were
you to take as much as I
do. Perhaps you could keep
units at Mrs. Edwards.

I talked to Williams on Christmas
Day. We didn't have a good
Collection so I want as
satisfactory as it is usually.
Good night and much love
and many thanks -

Ever

Classes start at 8:10 to-morrow
morning. Wgh.

Is warm now. Has been 10° below
once lately and 20° below before -
Tuesday. And we have snow plenty
now.

I am sorry I suggested the
change pens. Of course, you
couldn't take that for it would
be too unbecoming to your standards.

[5 Jan. 1952]

Dear George,

I mustn't take time now -
 Tuesday 5/58 a.m. - to write
 much. However I can't let you
 wait too long. The past few
 days have been given over to having
 2 teeth pulled and ~~the~~ in
 recovery. I haven't missed
 but one class and yet I feel
 as though I had been laid up.
 It ^{has} ^{been} a time when everyone is so
 busy that a single tooth seems
 a small matter. Union +
 Holyoke, ^{College Faculty and Staff} are putting on their
 quadrennial Show - ~~the~~
~~thing~~. When this is over
 it is said that the ~~houses~~
 are going to California. The.

Did you hear from Howard and Marg
 this Christmas? I did not - I

Haem has its principal rôle-
 Odysseus. Well, were you
 here I might make a few
 remarks. Best friends come
 to ~~bring~~ ^{blow} over the way ^a sailors'
 collar fits and even the
 graduate students, who are
 usually kept in their place,
 see personally and some are
 taking part ^{in the show:} Various members
 of the faculty have written the
 party-off. I hadn't planned to
 be in it but Sydney and
 Ruth felt I should at least
 appear so I shall be on the
 stage for about two minutes,
 as an unmanned cyclops
 who carries in the hat that is

put on Odysseus where another
 latter cyclops robs him. By doing
 first this by accidently I should
 rob him and I couldn't reach
 him - Mr. Ham is very fast and
 when I suggested showing him off
 & his it was decept to let
 know she ~~that~~ ^{rob him}. By doing
 wrote this scene - Act. 1 Scene 2
 and so as the reaching the
 completely feels she can say what
 you. There is a good bit of
 fun for me in watching ~~the~~
~~his interaction~~ perfect, at all times.
 I know nothing about next
 year except that I suppose I
 shall be re-appointed with
 the understanding that a
 further reduction in teaching
 faculty may be made. That

Means a one-year appointment
 which is all Mrs. Ellinger
 would recommend. Whether or
 not she did that I don't know.
 Recommendations } Chairman
 had to be in 2 or 3. ^{she heard}
 said nothing to me ^{except to remind}
 shall not bring up the question. ^{me that the girl}
 She continues to get in letters
 with Mrs. Reed that she did
 see I am and the person left
 in the dark. Various people
 came for wonder how could
 Freda & Ethel get in letters
 when they died. Actually Freda
 does a number of things she
 should come to Ethel but
 ends from that they never
 fits quite well. Dr. Patten
 asked Freda and Ethel to

Chairman over my hand

Come to her office or perhaps I
 might one time then just to
 explain to them that I had a
 very satisfactory medical report
 from Boston. Ethel had done a
 lot of talking about my health
 which messengers with my friends
 eye but seldom with my tenting.
 Ruth said the only thing that
 had been gained was that
 Ethel could no longer go about
 saying Mr. Packer was going to
 bank her in getting rid of Eva.
 I had no fault in the whole
 proceeding. I think it was Ruth's
 idea but she said it was Mr.
 Packer's. We'll have to see
 what happens. Actually unless
 we can build up the department

We don't need three teachers ~~but~~
 and how to build it up without
 concerted effort I don't know -
 Freddie feels her way, Ethel
 feels her and I can only
 guess what they are up to. We
~~are~~ ^{no longer} have a dept. meeting
 which I think & my is a relief.
 I haven't got some encouragement
 from reading vital statistics
 except that I don't understand
 'em and wouldn't expect 'em
 to apply to Mrs. Hadley.

Uen de Goe -

Ever

I don't expect now to hear
 any thing before the end of
 Ulands but I mean. When I
 do let you know. I could

do nothing now about getting a job any more



12 Mar. 1952

Dear George -

Protested this is a valentine.

I tried to get one for you
but was about five weeks
too late. They were on
sale in the College bookstore
January 4th and when
I looked February 12th
they were gone.

Yes, Laura is right in
saying I may return
here next year. There

are a number of reasons
why I haven't written for
a long time. I should have
sent just a card but I
kept thinking each day
that I'd write.
We haven't had an ^{open} ~~open~~
winter but not too bad a
one. Not the sort that has

come to
places
not too
far off.



the most severe
However, ~~but we are~~
since I've been in S. Italy
winter. Many beautiful
snows
storms and two very
lonely, nasty days when
driving a car would
have been very dangerous
but walking in the forest
in ^{campers} was fun.

Love and good wishes.
And many thanks for the
talent which came
right on the dot. Eva

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[17 July 1952]

Thursday a.m.

Dear George,

I recall that the plaid scarf
came just after I had written
to you in early June and
yesterday I forgot that I had
not thanked you for it. It
is a very beautiful scarf and

I do desire you wish all my
best for sending it all clean
and fresh. It is the full length
+ width of the cloth. I wish you believe
that when I spread it with
kerosene I spread it out on the
cloth. Through the weather was
hot when the package arrived I
kept the scarf on the forehead to

Enjoy the color and pattern
and texture of it. I shall probably
wear it both indoors and out,
the former in early morning
if I still persist in getting up before
the heat comes on ^{and the latter}
when the blast ^{of winter} comes.
Thank you so much - And love -

Eva



{11 Sept. 1953}

AND MANY
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MANY MORE

hans.
Eva

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Thursday

Dear George,

Do be thinking of you especially
on Saturday. You will realize
that, I am certain, even though
this card doesn't reach you
your return to
will be, I believe.

Since you seem to appreciate
my aptitude in getting
around to the ailments
you'll be interested to know
that I am being plagued by
a ~~kind~~ of ailment which I am not being able to

read without a fuss. As
involvement as this is I
can't help being amused by
the turns of fate. A few weeks
ago colitis seemed as I could
cope with it well and now
this. It will pass and become
nothing except that my blood
sugar seems to vary more than
usual. I've had it many
times before but not often in
the past few years. I am
broun as a berry and look
very well. And I don't suppose
I imagine all these physical
difficulties but perhaps I do.
Whenever I awaken in the
night I turn on a light and
try to read, usually

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perhaps I'll catch her by
unawares, so to speak!
We are having a miserable
hot spell after a period of
cool pleasant days.
Well, I must run along.
Let me about the Christian
meeting. I can make
^{room} a reservation - I seem always
to do that and usually
cancel it. Yes, I think I
could get a rate to suit your
purposes. I can sell too
miserable little collets &
have attempted guess to

Mama - I wish you I heard,
a chance to see them and
back and I could scarcely
feel content not to try to
go there. But I am too
dependent upon certain
comforts several times a day
and my food problem now
is a nervous one for the very
thing that a diabetic can
eat plentifully I must avoid
in a given ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² ²³ ²⁴ ²⁵ ²⁶ ²⁷ ²⁸ ²⁹ ³⁰ ³¹ ³² ³³ ³⁴ ³⁵ ³⁶ ³⁷ ³⁸ ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ ⁴² ⁴³ ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷ ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹ ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ ⁵² ⁵³ ⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ ⁵⁸ ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ ⁶² ⁶³ ⁶⁴ ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ ⁶⁷ ⁶⁸ ⁶⁹ ⁷⁰ ⁷¹ ⁷² ⁷³ ⁷⁴ ⁷⁵ ⁷⁶ ⁷⁷ ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹ ⁸⁰ ⁸¹ ⁸² ⁸³ ⁸⁴ ⁸⁵ ⁸⁶ ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ ⁹⁰ ⁹¹ ⁹² ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰² ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ ¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹ ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶ ¹¹⁷ ¹¹⁸ ¹¹⁹ ¹²⁰ ¹²¹ ¹²² ¹²³ ¹²⁴ ¹²⁵ ¹²⁶ ¹²⁷ ¹²⁸ ¹²⁹ ¹³⁰ ¹³¹ ¹³² ¹³³ ¹³⁴ ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰ ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² ¹⁴³ ¹⁴⁴ ¹⁴⁵ ¹⁴⁶ ¹⁴⁷ ¹⁴⁸ ¹⁴⁹ ¹⁵⁰ ¹⁵¹ ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ ¹⁵⁴ ¹⁵⁵ ¹⁵⁶ ¹⁵⁷ ¹⁵⁸ ¹⁵⁹ ¹⁶⁰ ¹⁶¹ ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴ ¹⁶⁵ ¹⁶⁶ ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ ¹⁷¹ ¹⁷² ¹⁷³ ¹⁷⁴ ¹⁷⁵ ¹⁷⁶ ¹⁷⁷ ¹⁷⁸ ¹⁷⁹ ¹⁸⁰ ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² ¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁵ ¹⁸⁶ ¹⁸⁷ ¹⁸⁸ ¹⁸⁹ ¹⁹⁰ ¹⁹¹ ¹⁹² ¹⁹³ ¹⁹⁴ ¹⁹⁵ ¹⁹⁶ ¹⁹⁷ ¹⁹⁸ ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹ ²⁰² ²⁰³ ²⁰⁴ ²⁰⁵ ²⁰⁶ ²⁰⁷ ²⁰⁸ ²⁰⁹ ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ ²¹² ²¹³ ²¹⁴ ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ ²²⁰ ²²¹ ²²² ²²³ ²²⁴ ²²⁵ ²²⁶ ²²⁷ ²²⁸ ²²⁹ ²³⁰ ²³¹ ²³² ²³³ ²³⁴ ²³⁵ ²³⁶ ²³⁷ ²³⁸ ²³⁹ ²⁴⁰ ²⁴¹ ²⁴² ²⁴³ ²⁴⁴ ²⁴⁵ ²⁴⁶ ²⁴⁷ ²⁴⁸ ²⁴⁹ ²⁵⁰ ²⁵¹ ²⁵² ²⁵³ ²⁵⁴ ²⁵⁵ ²⁵⁶ ²⁵⁷ ²⁵⁸ ²⁵⁹ ²⁶⁰ ²⁶¹ ²⁶² ²⁶³ ²⁶⁴ ²⁶⁵ ²⁶⁶ ²⁶⁷ ²⁶⁸ ²⁶⁹ ²⁷⁰ ²⁷¹ ²⁷² ²⁷³ ²⁷⁴ ²⁷⁵ 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MOCCASIN FLOWERS

by Henry B. Kane

The bulbs are growing nicely
and in all these days of being
alone have been very good
company -

In Horticulture - Oct. 1952
p. 356

Fatsy hedra is given as
Aralia sieboldii - This was an
advertisement - a plant 12-18
inches tall in a 5-inch clay pot
sells for \$3.55 -

I shall get around to writing to
Mrs. Edwards. My greetings to
her + to the girls + Mae + Mike -
Love - Did they write any news
soon -
Eve

Mabel writes that she is in Florida.

March 24

[1953]

Dear George -

Thank you so much for
letting me know about the
offerings at Vassar. I
had already investigated them
and found I could not be
considered ^{for permanent place} on account of my
age and the fact that I am
not a trained ecologist.
I have accepted a position
at Wheaton College, Norton,
Mass. I must ask you
not to tell Nell Harver
know this since I do not

Other letter must replace Vassar
through the dean, a former teacher at M.H.C.

used terms of appointment
is made after 3 yrs.

Want the dept. here to know
 id. for ^{academic} Eventually, it will be
 known. The answer for all
 this I cannot go into now.
 The place at Waterloo has
 promise of permanence -
 a three year appointment
 with the rank of associate
 professor. Waterloo is not
 one of the 7 colleges for women
 but it ranks high in the east.
 I've made as many inquiries
 as possible. Freda and
 Ethel and Mrs. Stohy have
 not said a word nor shall I
 speak to them ^{of this} as a matter

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(Srihar + Pradha)
of fact they told Dr. Cleland
when he was on campus last
fall that there would be an
opening in the department
for 1953-54. Pradha was
determined to have the basic
course again and things
we are building up she
could not wait. People have
been wonderfully helpful
and very good letters have
gone out from here. I did
not receive Mr. Harris' letter
telling me I'd not be reappointed
until Feb. 11 and that was
late to let me know. ^{the}
were a very good letter, ^{circumstances}
Academic Dean has been

Teacher, also for Mrs. Mrs. Mrs.
I have a chance to see the part of
the country, I'll order the picture.
Thanks you so much. Love
John

very happy. ^{and also} Elizabeth Adams,
program of biology, theme
to be done in geography, Mrs.
Hoff, program of geology.
The fact that I am 48 and
been not a success for me
been against me. But I
saw the book, been from
the department. The location
has been in a department of
biology and I
was time to go to summer
school by a water of part of
the speaking space today
in view of the system. But
there will be a chance to take
some history and I am having
given the place because what
happens & behind and a good

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ready to be moved by a van sometime this summer, preferably after the fifteenth of August. In order to get an apartment with privilege of moving in before September first (my things must be packed by Dickinson before then) I had to take an apartment from the fifteenth of August. I guess to get it at all I'd have had to take it from them. Wheaton has decided that I cannot make an exception to its rule that unmarried women on the faculty live and pay for meals on campus. I think had there been a place I could live and at the same time have a kitchen, it would have relaxed its rule. There are kitchens on campus but only in the better apartments which are occupied by faculty of long standing. I am having to pay \$60 and shall not have a private bath. The rooms are very small and there is no storage space either at the college or in the basement or the garage of the place where I am to live. So I am having to discard whatever I can. (The basement is wet and the garage has rats!!) Unfortunately the landlady, ~~the~~ widow who teaches home economics in the high school, has a lot of furniture in the two upstairs rooms but she will have to take out some of it. Now, let me say, I am glad you are taking a summer off. I shall be glad to have you move some things from Dickinson House to Norton if I can't get everything packed to go in a van. It was only yesterday that I knew when and where I'd be moving. Now I can make a plan. I can leave some things in a friend's locker here and such things can be moved by car later. At the moment I am all tied up with getting things out of Clapp, or out of my office there. The elevator goes out of commission on Monday for a three month period. If only Ethel had told me when she heard it three weeks ago. Next week for a ten day period I shall be concentration on the general biology, the zoo part. Then the packing at Dickinson and then I'll be off! I don't plan to attend commencement. I've given my teaching as much honest effort as ever but I have sidestepped some of the extras these past weeks. I am sorry to have been so long in writing. Writing is so hard and I've had so much of it to do. And nothing definite to write to you. If you would like to do something which will help me in the fall get some topographic maps of the Norton area and cut them and paste them on cloth so they will be ready to use. Let that be my birthday present. I paid for the Britton and Brown in order to stop getting bills. It was 27.50. So much love.

P.S. #2 Remembers her to
Mrs. Edwards, please.
I have found very few -
Sorry to have used
pencil & red pencil on
the other side -
E.



Dec. 13, 1953

Dear George,

I plan to come here next Sunday
morning and take the 3/30 P.M.
train from Boston. I shall leave
home in the morning of January
first since college opens here
at 8/30 a.m. January 1st. Wife
has been very hard for me and I
think I'd do well to go to home for
ten days. I can relax there more
easily than anywhere else. Here I'd
be plagued by people who wanted to
be nice to me. I've considered lately
how I can manage to do this job
which is so much more demanding
in many ways than what I've been
doing. I never fear of work in
world more than anything else
but it doesn't give me the great

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range of abilities that I used here in
dealing with strange subjects and
in greater range of subject matter.
It is to be hoped that my eyes will
clear up and that the colitis, which
has been bad for so many months now,
will subside. I would not exchange
Jesse Clinchy for any other department
chairman upon earth - He has as
few blind spots as anyone I've ever
known anywhere under any
circumstances. ~~But~~ Perhaps Over
haundance is the one exception. But
this world is far from exacting than
what I've done for five years and I
have so much less of what it takes than
I had five years ago.

I am glad to see you getting the photographic
room fixed up. With only \$50 to
spend I think that's grand. I want
lots of impurity & elbow grease.
I've heard a lot about Edgar

either going or coming but
I've decided not to do that. It's
too complicated, considering the
surveys I have.

P.S.

I have just leaving with a week
from to. narrow & will take
me to Mansfield to the 11/24. 11.
train. At last she said a week
ago that she would do that.
I had thought I'd try to see Ruth

If you can still procure the
unbound 3 volumes Print
(Morrison) of which you spoke to
me a year ago I'd be happy to
have them bound. I'd like to
have them & use next fall.



[22 Dec 1953]

Dear George -

I enclose a little check
for you to buy something
you need or want. I'll
be thinking of you on
Christmas Day especially.
Here I am on Dec. 22
just beginning to write
cards. All of which, except
for those mailed to-day
will surely be late. I
reached Grand Rapids on

Christmas
Greetings

AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR.



time - or only a half hour
late - yesterday. I leave
the morning of January
first.
We have snow here now - it
came last night. and the
world is very beautiful.
I thought I saw a king-let
on the year. It could be
but I've never seen one here
in mind - winter.

have,

Eva

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RUST CRAFT BOSTON, U. S. A.

Norton, Massachusetts
March 15, 1954

Dear Wilbur and George,

As I think each of you knows in a general sort of way from what I told you about my new position the problem of living quarters and arrangements is one of the great drawbacks. For the first time since I left Johns Hopkins in 1940 I feel that I belong in a group and that I shall work into the department here and make a life that I can enjoy and handle. But I must have a more satisfactory way of living and since I cannot because of two dietary difficulties eat in the college dining room as unmarried women do I cannot have college living quarters. Hence I have been looking around for something for next year and something for the immediate future if possible. There are just a very few apartments ⁽⁴⁰⁰⁾ within easy reach of campus and at the present time none of those is available or will be available. I have gone into the problem of buying a place because as you know it will not be too long before Laura retires and after she sells the place out there she will come here. I've paid rent for a good many years and I think now I'd better buy. I'll be far better off in a place by myself and with the new knowledge of diabetes there is no danger in a diabetic living alone as I may have to do ^{for a while}. I have found a small new house within eight or ten minutes of the Science Building, a distance I can cover easily at noon and again after supper when I need to go back to the lab to prepare for the next day. Distance is very important because I sometimes have to stop, go home to eat and rest, and then I can come back fresh as a daisy.

*not W
43 X 800*

I have paid a small deposit on the house ^{to build the bargain} ~~in order to hold it~~ for it is ^{on} the only new street near campus. I have had the college engineer or furnace expert and the grounds superintendent go over the place and ~~check~~ check it. The furnace is forced hot water and is large enough to take care of the second story if ever I have that finished off. I have been advised that since I must live near campus this is the thing to take. (There is another new street at twice the distance ~~and~~ ~~xxxx~~ to reach that one must walk along busy Mansfield Avenue which, you, George will recollect. I should not want to walk along that street and cope with traffic. Norton has few sidewalks. The house has ^{large} kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and bath downstairs and an unfinished upstairs which could be made into two rooms or one room and a store room. There are a number of things about the house which I would have different if possible but on the whole it will make a nice little home.

Now I need \$ 2200 ^{= 20% of cost} to make the initial payment and an additional ~~xxx~~ \$300 to help with other immediate expenses. I must have a stove and a refrigerator which I can get at a 25 percent reduction through the college, shades and a mattress which I shall have to get elsewhere. Since help for odd jobs is almost impossible to get I think I'd better get storm windows and screens in one so that I won't always be faced with the ^{problem of} ~~problem of~~ twice a year. These can wait a bit but not long. I shall be able to move by getting a ^{small} ~~small~~ truck and shall not have to pack as carefully as I did last spring. I'd have to move by ^{mid May or} ~~the first of June~~, a very inconvenient time, anyway and I think it is wise to move now, March 29. I can ^{save} ~~save~~ two months rent and will have peace of mind for the last weeks of college.

It is going to be something of a rush but Laura will drive east and help me get settled and bring a few things. For the present I have all I need in the way of furniture except a kitchen table and a few small items. The monthly payments on the bank mortgage and the various expenses connected with a piece of property will keep me hopping but I shall not have to face the problem of moving soon again and shall be able to settle in at the college.

Since Mother's death nearly three years ago, a considerable sum must have accumulated for me and there should be an incoming fund each month or year which is fairly stable.

I should say that I have obtained advice as to the probable chances of selling this property should that seem desirable later and I have been advised that this is a good buy. Of course property may go down. However there is the problem of my living for the next few years when I shall be making my mark here. I have been under a great strain this year teaching strange things but I am in a department with normal people and another year the subjects I teach will seem less terrifying. I hope eventually to build up the botany end. And not have to spend so much time teaching things I know less well.

The college owns most of the property nearby. The property, for sale now consists of a number of large old houses which I couldn't hope to manage. The new little house is about four minutes walk from Main street where it turns to the college dump is, George. The new street turns off Elm street (going north from Main) to the east. This house is on the third lot from the corner, faces south and looks toward the private school, The House in the Pines. The property on the south side of the street is not for sale and may not be for years. There are three lots beyond the house to the east and two of those will be built on, possibly all three.

I shall not try to do anything with the grounds now. A lawn will be put in this spring and the owner of the lots will take care of it this summer. Eventually I shall put in a tree and a little garden. At first I was appalled at the idea of buying a place without a tree or a fireplace or a broom closet but my notions of what one can obtain in the way of a house have gone slithering. There is a lovely view toward a pine woods which will not be done away with and a view to the west of open woodland. I'll let the man put in a complete lawn and then when I know what I want I'll have some sod to dig up and which will make good compost. I'll be with Laura ~~this summer~~ so much of this summer that I think I'll try to get along without an awning, to the south. Wilbur, I wish you were nearby to advise me about many things. I do have the man at the college who seems very willing to help me but of course the college will actually do nothing.

Before I can move in I must get the business end in order. Should you want to call me, better call (Norton 5-7542) 2 feet in a p. 5 p. call between 6/30 and 7/30 p.m. The phone in Cambridge is in the hall and often there is too much noise there to talk. And as for privacy, well, I don't have that here -

Love,
Eva

March 25th.

Dear George -

I wish a note to supplement
the enclosed. I can't go
into all details of why his
done so and so. You'll have
to trust my judgment and
good sense. I may want
the food mill for Christmas
when I have more corn to
store vegetables & fruits. Since
I shall be further from the
store I'll have to buy in
larger quantities less often
or in smaller quantities more
often.

The February golds didn't do
well as they did last year -
Next year I'll probably

have the attic full of bulbs.

I shall save them Feb. goes
to set out as the very first
planting on the new property.

Alger does deliver and ~~cent~~
Kama comes with a car. I'll
let them deliver. I mean let
me yesterday that Fernandez
delivers but I don't do it.

Mr. Harnden has been making
tenants miserable for 24 years
& it is too bad I tried to live
here. But I'm surprised even
we are parting good friends in
a sense. I find I can't move
in next May or early June and
with a ten day spring holiday
I'll be able to make the move now.
Since my next week I've been
April 17 I can leave a few other

and ends if need be for Clifton
to keep us with or perhaps
June. But I think I can
manage to clean out everything
with a truck & h.i. car -
I think I've checked on everything.
Love in great haste -

Eva

Dear George -

Friday

{20 Mar. 1954}

I called William Wednesday night & could he not send me a check which I shall get either Sat. or Monday. I had I had been I think he'd have come to help me but with Clinton & Larry to do the weaving, which they must postpone, I can get along. Other jobs can wait. And heur wants to come. His home is near. So near & Cashney is so heavy thing that if ^{you} find us key thinking I considered today the man had better to be 14. But I've gotten beyond that. It isn't too well planned but it will be a very hard work in immediate & pressing. And although there aren't any trees on the lot there are many trees to look at each & month and an open workshop the distance to the west - Vermont

a fireplace, garage, several closets,
 every thing ^{appearing} ~~fitting~~ in the way of
 furniture. It is about 2000 ft. from
 here. But my walk was 2 1/2 miles
 ago and I don't know what time it
 is. I hope the red shell which
 aren't red but fade soon to a green
 'em painted green. There are only four
 green, two pairs. I know is white. The
 few woods near by is very pleasant.
 Of the honey bee! Forthcoming as?
 I know it will be his wife's. Don't
 think the check would you have seen, Eva.

FACE
 WHITE DAIRES
 TRANSLATION

DAISIES OF THE FIELD

by Henry B. Kane



Wednesday, Night
April 7 -
1954

Dear Gease,

Thank you for your message
and all the parents you
are giving me. I seem to be
away behind for his part
gotten around to thinking of
ordering the food blender!
It may be hard for you to
realize that my wife takes every
ounce of strength I have.
Sometimes I wonder how I
keep going when I have to speed
and my time teaching subject
matter so strange to me and
when I get so worn out. I must
say that I am working with
the best people upon earth - the
kind of people who laugh in the

Until we started to go out Tuesday
 in the big boat - I had two
 old coats here - I never seem to throw
 away an old one -
 Clinton came to lunch this
 noon and put up a blue bird
 nest house and an out-g-lom
 thermometer (which h. had
 brought) for me. He was amazed to
 see how well settled I am -
 Admittedly there is still a lot to be
 un-faded. He has been very
 helpful and apparently not too
 hard ^(sp.??) on me because I did not
 ask his advice before I made up
 my mind. I bought the only
^{for sale} place near campus - except
 a few has for old houses in bad
 repair - So I didn't need the
 kind of advice he might have
 given me had there been a choice.
 There was another ^{near} house ^{near} here as
 far away as 76 W. Main Street Avenue.

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but it would not have been
finished before I was. And I was
too far away.

~~How~~ I've taken steps to have a
floor laid if you feel you can
afford it. I'd be glad to let you
pay for it for awhile at least -
his father happens to be awfully
deep and I ^{might} have to put out a
great deal more than I had
realized. I guess I wrote you that
at one point I wondered why the
man who owned the lot had
bothered to build a house that
lacked to such - stories windows &
screens, circulation etc - I hope I
can get a regular income from the
trust fund which might surely be
set up shortly. Can you tell
me how much ~~was~~ Macon left?
Was there much more than \$35,000?

I've wondered ^{5 times} ~~what~~ I figured
over to Howard - And what is the possibility
William sent me a certificate.
made for \$2500 and he indicated
if I needed more I could borrow it
though I don't recall this he
actually said that in our
Telephone Conversation. ^{But he just said it.} ^{So I used}
him to help us when he
was hard pressed and I feel I
could accept Clinton's (Dr. McCarty's)
and Harry's (Dr. Smith's) help. They
seemed so eager to help us and
said right off - "We'll move you."
William ~~has~~ I'd have been lost
for there is no one else upon earth
except you, who could not come,
who could ^{not} ^{do} what she
did.

I moved now because I'd had a
very hard year at Mrs. B's - (she
is not an ideal land lady if indeed
there be such) and I was getting so

worn that I wouldn't believe it'd
 be able to finish me this year -
 Now I can sleep later - not
 having to carry out ^{our} ~~relatives~~
 campaigns to get into the bathroom
 & when I come home dog tired at
 night I can take a bath & play some
 music. And I've longer lived 5
 years having a stroke. For the
 first time in the nearly 18 years
 I've been taking medicine - except
 for the five and six long years I
 lived with cancer - I can go to bed
 when I am tired and sleep soundly
 without fear. Would I go into
 shock, which I doubt, very likely
 will bring me out. Ruth telephoned
 me within two hours of getting my
 letter telling her about my purchase
 to tell me she approved 100%.
 I'll get to the trees again a bit and
 you shall help with them - I'll

get one when I am not in company.
 With this bacteriology & health I
 have to work nights & am thus
 quite often ^{at night}. I walked out here
 so often at night to look at the
 plants ^(from the outside) that I heard & heard all
 the hums in the fruit & do
 not sound coming home at
 night - I have your Duke fruit
 in the ^{got} ~~fruit~~ in its study - I thought
 a ^{faculty} ~~faculty~~ member
 in that lot had such a good deal
 of spring and a very fine weather
 to put in its study. So for his sleep
 there - (here where I am now) - I
 have learned me a very fine weather
 for the bedstead I had from home -
 I can use the weather for a college
 year standing in its fact - So I
 have two good beds. The same former
 learned me a ^{relatives} aluminum
 table & chairs - a gay red which
 I thought might look "camp" with

I didn't need any but I feel I know how because I liked things so much -
love. Eva

the wells - ^{very} pale yellow - and the
greens look surface but does
not
hard work & had three different
mentors from S. H. H. so it
was hard to get settled - (Prof. ^{Amundson} ^{Eng})
came to lunch on Friday, & Lawrence
Wilkinson (same Librarian) on
Saturday. Joanne Ellwood came
Wednesday & I kept her working
all the time - ^{Thomas & 6 to 10 weekly}
well, his too weary to write
any thing organized - You'd have
to take care -

I am busier here & sleep better than
I have for months & months - perhaps
ever year.

Have shades ^{purple} and a new
stone ^{where purple} I haven't had time to
make for his been at the Lab nearly
all the time since I came -
I have a good holiday and remember
me to Mr. & Mrs. Ellis - please - Well,

June 28 - 1954

Dear George -

It looks now as though I'd not
get off before July 7 or 8 - I
had hoped (two weeks ago) to
start to-day.

I was glad to have your card from
Saltville. Does he, Dr. Hamberger
eat any food? I should think any
thing would be hidden in that.
And what kind of beans?? Do
be careful. I enjoy the sight for
me too, please.

We've had hot weather but I've
been comfortable. (However, I
have to go to bed at nightfall
or sit in the dark because
my Sears Roebuck screens are

guts inadequate. I was just too
weary to face the problems of
screens and without either a
car or a telephone a simple
problem becomes complex. Never-
theless I am enjoying more
privacy than I shall have for
the rest of my life if ever again -
no telephone jangling its whole
stress to myself at night. With
two buses going up by and there
is plenty of activity by day.

I hope to have a phone by September.
There are thousands upon thousands
of lightning bugs - the display at
night is a delight. There are more
in the low land to the north than
many on the slope across the
street. That will be built up one
day, I suppose, but the land is
not for sale now.
Lots of love - Eva.

Dear George -

Dear me - I can't keep track of you! I think
this is a wonderful opportunity and I am
glad of our change of our place. Do be careful
about the water you drink. Better drink wine.
I am wearing new glasses - bifocals. Once
I get used to the idea of keeping my head level
when I wish to read immediately in my laps
and bending my head forward when I
wish to look straight ahead I'll be alright.
For a moment I mind that double pattern is
difficult.

I plan to go to home's about June 29. I don't
want to be traveling the morning of the
20th so I may leave here June 28. Ann and
Cousin Henry and her her Monday evening
and took part of my clothes and a great many
books. I have a lot of studying to do and
I must get a really good rest. The last 16
months have been a work and
home to you and do enjoy all the scenery
and the flavor for me too. Eva

June 15, 1954

August 8, 1954

Dear George,

It's almost two weeks since you telephoned. I've mislaid the address you gave me so I'll send this to St. Louis to be forwarded.

It was good to hear your voice and I do appreciate your calling. I've had to restrict myself even less

ever before this summer - that is in putting forth extra effort. It

distresses me not to be able to keep up but I had to have rest. And

the change in ^{my way of} teaching Biology is next year came as a surprise. I'd

have been willing to do the same thing over again. I brought home

If you have time send Mabel 41 Summit Ave, Colchester, N.Y. - a card. She wants to for a bit and low in her mind.

for more work than I've got done
 but I've now quite a lot of
 reading of bacteriology. I have
 no background in that. And
 I've tried to write outlines for the
 distant part of 101 but I don't
 know what I am well so wrong
 what I've done. However I have
 so much respect for her and for
 her ability that I don't mind if
 she highlights what I've done.
 However she knows so little botany
 that I hope she won't highlight all of
 it.

I am having lead treatments for
 both shoulders. I seem to have
 unexplained bursitis in the
 right shoulder and if ever fear
 here as we do now. For I

just could not cope with a
 second very painful neuritis.
 Matt did not favor either Carlson
 or A.C.H. because they cut down
 his resistance to infection, a
 very important element in the
 case of a diabetic. The heat has
 helped enough so that I can now
 sleep comfortably lying down
 or only one pillow. I have almost
 full use of my ^{left} ~~right~~ ^{left} shoulder-
^{capsule} ~~capsule~~ ^{joint} before the heat was started.
 I was ~~so~~ surprised when Matt said
 "How far can you swing your left
 arm?" to discover I would swing
 it nearly as far as the left one.
 The new glasses are working out very
 well. Since I should be able to see
 them for microscopic work and

She has been at Wheeling five years.

Since things at the hotel level are a little foggy I am wearing my glasses on a chain. Elizabeth will be a ghost for she wears hers on a chain and considers that her special prerogative! By the way, you & Elizabeth must have been capped in year at Washington University. She came to Wheeling in 1948. That would mean you overlapped two years. She speaks of Neil Harner with great affection. Elizabeth is in Europe this summer. Laura and I went to Drummond last Sunday and were there two full days - we returned on Thursday a day early for I wanted to have Aunties had seen Friday. I don't think I've ever had such a enjoyable holiday. Melba was

had well enough to take me into a
 bog but I saw many plants gathered
 to me and enjoyed every moment.

A telephone has been installed at
 3 Muller Terrace. Norton 5-4469.

It's be glad to let you keep with it
 the first year for there are so many
 expenses. We can't pay 10¢ for
 each out-g-town call and almost
 all places of business are out-g-town.

Since ^{when} I need to call the College it
 urgent I decided to have a private
 line for the present - that is about
 \$4 monthly - \$3.75 + 10% tax.

It's not have too many out-g-town
 calls - sure of course. I took

the phone now for other use I'd
 have had to go to the end of the
 line again.

It's not would here has been
 my to send a line over again.

have send good wishes as ever
and always. I hope you are
comparatively settled.
Ever

Went suggested I try giant Tablets
of Vitamin D for the arthritis in
my right hand. He said it was
effective in some cases - about 10%.
The x-rays showed minute spurs on
the joints of both the ring and
middle finger but no hand trouble
so far with only the ring finger. The
trouble is hypertrophic arthritis - not
the crippling kind for which we want
to be very thankful. The joints must be
stiff & cumbersome perhaps had not
all deformed. I am taking the
Vitamin D. Dr. White prescribed aspirin
for ~~the~~ pain but I don't have pain
with it - at least not yet.

P.S.

When I was in Albany
July 8 I called Mrs. Moore
and her first words after she
had responded to my greeting
were "How is George? Where
is he?" We had a fine
visit. He seems well
content at the home

Lutheran Home
688 Madison Avenue
Albany, N. Y.

and gets to Corsica
more or less. He had been
there this summer. E.

Dear George,

Thursday
[19th/25th]

I am very glad to have your
letter and thank you for what
you've done to hurry up Reg.
I've taken up the matter of
income tax with a lawyer in
Nottingham and I think best here
to depend upon him for 4 weeks
very well go to G. R. Wood. I
haven't the ~~same~~ needed information
with me.

The irritation is yielding to
dechlorination and other heat treat-
ments. However I can't see
either very hard or even hard
I may not be able to do so
for some time.

I am indeed thankful that
you recovered so readily

from the good morning.
 You've been worried about your
 dent's good night & guess.
 lately, you've been working
 against an 101 outbreak. It's
 a good thing I expect I can
 or I'd be disappointed at their
 last minute arrangements.

If my shoulder can prove
 as rapidly the next week or
 so as it has of late & I feel
 I can leave we'll start last
 next Friday - Aug 27 -
 leaving here about noon
 & reaching Norton Sunday.

We'll drive early morning
 Sat. & Sunday and not
 cope with ^{FM or} Sat. night traffic.
 I do not plan to stop to see

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anyone - Jim tired this summer
and visiting is very hard on
me. The next year won't be as
tough as the last one used
even so I could stand a
fairly tough one for Jim had
experience. Nevertheless I
don't court tough situations.
One I shall have hunted up
of my ^{perfect} area & since getting
anyone to clean is next to
impossible I've bought a
vacuum cleaner this week -
one which will do bare floors,
stairs etc. Of course it will
need me at one end !!
Laura will keep me clean
the home which I left not
very clean & then I must

go ~~into~~ a long time acc. to
my parents standards.

Storm windows & screens
have been installed in my
absence (not on all windows)

Could not see about having the
roof insulated as soon as I
reach Boston. However, as for
the yard looks I'd have to
put up with it for I can't
pull weeds this fall unless
they are unproves a lot. I'd
blamed gentle exercise & I
did some of it & regretted it.
lots of love - Laura & I are
going to Toronto for supper
& so I mean to see -

Love

I'd write to Webster. I am in
debt now & will be glad to get money.

Friday

[27 Aug 1954]

Dear George -

I do have a telephone - Norton
5-4469. This and other bits
of news were via letters which
I mailed to St. Louis about
August 2nd I think - perhaps
it was after our return from
Drunum and. ^{Aug 5th} Telephone was
installed after I left - I had
mislaid the Duluth address
which you gave me over the
phone & hence I sent the
letters to your home address in
St. Louis. It is barely possible
I never mailed it though I feel
sure I did -

I can't write any more for
time is too short. See to an

letter - I see I have!

She starts Thursday - Sept 9

unexpected change² of plans beyond
our control we leave Sat. (to-morrow)
instead of to-day and will reach
Norton Monday. Hanna has had
the car thoroughly gone over and
all is in order. Hanna is awfully
old - since her brother went two
years ago she has aged 20 years.
But I know she is well able to
make the return trip alone. I am
forced to worry about her. She
will start back Labor Day morning
very early (5 a.m. I hope!) and
not drive late that day. We'll
have six days in Norton and certain
which we may be spent going to Boston
(on train from Newfield) if I
have an app. with Dr. White.
I'll have to go every three kilometers
for evidence at least and I
thought we'd do it together so that
I can learn the ropes. I can't

depend upon someone taking care
each time as I am not in
June.

I have just picked a very lovely
red rose and I am glad to think
I have these kinds of roses which
you took of the garden at our time.
The garden has gotten completely
big and haave but we still have
enjoyment out of roses, perennials,
forget-me-nots etc. The last time
I saw them at their best
was in May & June of 1948.

Let let you know about the
telephone bill. There are so many
expenses that I'd be glad to have
help with that for a time. This
month is costing quite a lot
& that is an unexpected expense!
What a great good picture
I want to see Matt and

Took it in time - Jack is
giving me an even better
treatment at 11 this morning
& then I hope to be able to pay
him. I am taking your head pad
with us to use at night. It has been
a great boon - There is no Norton
You may have forgotten you ever
had one. We've never used it since
now.

Get all the good you can out of
being on holiday. Mine has
been so interrupted with recurrent
~~demands~~ requests for news & different
but outlines that I seem to have
only islands of holiday. Still life
doesn't press as hard as during
the College years -
Love,
Eva

September 1, 1954

Dear George -

I don't know how cut off from the world you are - A great deal of hope for, if you know of the stories, you are wondering about us. It is said that this was not as bad a storm as the one of 1938 - We are without damage except for shingles of the roof and many Corncob ones. Should we have rain soon again we'd have to cope with leaks. On ^{the main} campus ~~there~~ trees to be relatively little damage - only one tree on the quad angle injured. But ^{on campus} ~~along~~ East Meads many trees are uprooted. The elm leaves are lacerated. There is no electric or phone service - It went out Tuesday about noon and this is ^{supplies} Wednesday noon. At noon I drove in the radio in the car to get local news. We had two large cans of sterms in hand so we had some hot food. With two flash lights and a Helio lantern we haven't needed to use candles though I have a good supply. In Tunton I never saw there was great damage and of course all along the coast. I guess Worcester was hard hit. It's only 15 minutes from the great storm there - We had a safe and uneventful trip east. Left Sat 11 A.M. and reached

BE A LAMB



frantic (see back side & inside!)
but I am not. I am well but
back Tuesday night & this thing
will hurt. College starts the
20th for new students but no
classes until Thursday of this
week.

Did he check things of you
especially on Monday -
love.

Eva

Sept. 13, 1954

This is only my 2nd trip to AdG bro
in a year!!!

AND HAVE A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 9 - 1854
Was hoping you are all well
again - The surgeon decided
to give pain cause. L. Cyd Monday
at 6/30 a.m. & telegraphed that she
arrived at 4/30 (5/30 Eastern
daylight saving, ^{? 8 a.m.}) p.m.
Tuesday. I was relieved for its
a long trip and L. and young.
I am on my way to Boston to
see Dr. White at the Johns Clinic
I am in hopes she will recommend
live deathermy for my right

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arm + shoulder. Cleason says
I could get it in At Habor but a
doctor has to prescribe it. I am
doing this trip solo in order to
learn the ropes. (am in on the
5 a.m. bus - get on 11/33 train to
Berlin (from ~~At Habor~~ ^{At Habor}) and
hope to be able ^{to} get back here
to get the 5/40 bus - this saving
great taxi fares to Mansfield.
It's a great life without a car.
Have had a good time - New
Lynn is not bad to look at but is
growing full of weeds. But I
don't pull 'em now. Not with
this arm. Well - I sweat out DPT-1



GUEST OF THE GENTIAN

by Henry B. Kane

By dark I was so exhausted I went to bed without supper. I want's nervous. I was just having the thing from early the evening before & this not knowing how Elaine was faring until I went being a paper the next morning.

Mrs. Moore will be 80 Sept. 26. If you can spare a moment for it send her a card. 688 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. She is very fond of not looking exactly and she certainly does not. My baby buddy card will do. Love as always. Eva

Sunday Night 9/19/54

Bless you, George, for telephoning. I was somewhat alarmed & very tired for I had been a hard week. I meant to send you word that Edna was lost & too devastating but I guess I did not. No trees were up-rooted but several ~~many~~ ^{several} were smashed up in this storm - that is on campus. I don't know about elsewhere. Parts of the College woods are a great jumble and the young pine grove is wrecked. The

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Old one was destroyed in '38.
 Edna was terrifying enough
 to anticipate and to listen to
 and watch. I stood upstairs
 and listened to my shingles
 knock while I watched the
 next door. But she came off
 this time. The roof did leak
 a little so I'd have to have it
 mended again. I've reached the
 place. However Auntie's teeth
 are nearly to reach - and
 I am going
 teeth for a while. Come over again
 in all probability. The electricity
 went off at 3/45 p. m. that day
 and after that I didn't know
 what was happening the whole

CLOSED GENTIAN AND GRASSHOPPER
 TERRITORY



I look like a tired man and
I could wish me had come
with the place! Sometimes
I wish that had not often, to him.
Keep this for a "before view".
After a few years, it will be seen
sympathy - some faces seen -

Tuesday Night - Oct. 5

Dear George -

What an exciting package. Bless
you & thank you. The Gray is
beautifully done and I shall use
it now for the new Gray is too
cumbersome for field use. It is too bad
I ~~hadn't~~ ^{didn't} keep records in ~~it~~ ^{mine} but my field
work has always been erratic & hurried -
I like to contemplate less hurried field
work but I don't suppose I shall attempt
it. And the print is a god send to me -
Now that Gray - I agreed to pay for
that is bounding & you must let me
know what the cost is - or I can guess
at my utility. And the ~~Princeton~~
I am very glad to have - with George
I know regretted the loss -
Thank you so much, so very much.

Despite the fact that I have a very
 light teaching schedule so far as
 hours go my duties here multiply
 & the ^{labor} of my ^{labor} must not in ^{any} ^{way}
 be estimated ahead of time very often.
 I have never taught with such limited
 green house facilities & even at K.
 College Professor Maeger's 3rd
 planning was still apparent - glass
 eyes he has gone - heavy has no
 feeling for plants & of course no
 experience - his training along
 botanical lines having been as
 glass-slide-type as mine - What
 he seems to assume that his
 work is over at 4:30 p.m. - He's a
 nice person & I am very ^{good} ^{friend}
 him. He is a good botanist to
 do it so I am fortunate. And his
 where would we find a person to
 fill the needs of this ^{position} ~~place~~ he tries
 to fill. He was educated at the

University of Connecticut and
 at Harvard so he knows working
 about economy or hard work for
 he has always had - so far as this
 botanical work is concerned couple
 means and plants of understanding to
 do the gathering. I must be believe
 as you do, I guess, that there
 are short cuts to avoid labor &
 planning ahead - Nevertheless
 I enjoy him tremendously and
 don't like to think that one day he
 will surely go to green pasture
 except that of course, I would like
 best for him. He calls me Eve
 which I like - few people have -
 the best was the aged woman who
 lived down the road from Maunoi -
 Rosa Wechs.

Could you get some Pellionia
 for me ?? I'd like him - himself.

Plant for demonstrating starch
 grains in chloroplasts - I don't
 know the plant - its in the
Urticaceae - and although I've
 seen starch grains in chloroplasts of
 Moss leaves I've not seen them
 in *Pellaea* leaves or stems - I'd
 like material to use in the Biology
 course here so I would like quite
 a bit - that is not just a single
 stem but if I could find out how
 to propagate the plant I might be
 able to keep it going. Elizabeth is
 determined we shall use it and
 I guess there was some ^{in the greenhouse} before Harry
 and I came - As you know I do not
 have much "say" about how we do
 botanical things in the beginning
 course but as Tom goes on he has
 more perhaps - Bailey's *Hortus*

Harry needs a clean copy -

best the plant but the old set of
 the several volume Cyclopedia of
 Andromeda does not - You may
 have it then - If you could send
 me ^{also} some Marchantia ^{at} ^{the} ^{University} ^{of}
 be very glad - Harry has let over die
 but completely but I can start there
 I think I can maintain it. At
 W. H. P. Mr. Connor that it is
 excellent conditions - I don't expect
 "fruiting" stages - just some of the
 thalli or even a few gemmas
 cups - The gardeners must have a
 permit to send them materials -
 It was too much to ask but
 we know & let go further apart.
 Writing business letters is very hard
 & the red tape of gardening things
 often discourages us. And we have
 so little money for botany - We'll
 get some after a bit. Best D.
 Meyer or what it was he used to grow

6 was it heat??
fern prothallus on - And just been
very pulling, please - I liked her
so much.

My husband is very troublesome
at times but I manage - The
^{head} Carpenter ~~has~~ promised to build
a flat form for me clear across
one end of the lot I use so I can
teach my little class in plant
morphology as I always have taught -
Fading & writing on the board -
I have four students - none of them
especially good - Not as good as the
two I had last year but nevertheless
satisfactory people to be working
with - One of them is a sophomore
with much the same background
I had at that stage - a Kent County
girl who knows about cabbage stored
in a pit and all about the exigencies
of the small farm devoted to a
variety of crops and the raising of

Anderson etc. He was in Alcott's
 lecture second semester and Elizabeth
 first semester a year ago so I did
 not know her until this fall.
 Well - it is late. I came home at
 5/45 on their don'ts. I sleep &
 soundly for three hours for I was
 worn to the very bone. Pitting up
 this week's lab & keeping it going
 for four sections is probably one
 of the worst this semester. Should
 push material & so many demands
 on the part of these three instructors
 none of whom know how to deal with
 hard material as I do. That is
 what one can & cannot do. It
 the fruit of experience & experiment.
 And at this stage the student mind
 nothing & least of all how to generalize!
 Nevertheless I am undisciplined. The
 seen taught times & I know what
 satisfactory human relations are

Read how to calculate them. At
least I know what ~~they~~ are not!
Satisfactory ones -
have used many others -

Even

Telephone rates are about \$4 per
month. All calls outside of Boston
are not calls. I can manage that -
I always have. I've paid \$8.50
to have the phone installed (\$1.50 is
refundable if I have it taken out!)
and the monthly rental runs \$4.12
(\$3.75 + 10% tax). Since the phone
was new we here I got free rates
for only 2 weeks of the summer -
when service was suspended -
If you want to pay the monthly
rental of about \$4 give let you do it
now. And let you know the total on
the call you made if you need -
I will report - I need to be straight
away - Love - Eva

I decided that for the ^{present} ~~present~~ I
must have a private line (separ-
ate is 50¢ less per month.)
Because 5 minutes is critical
and we or could be when if
I needed to call the Science
Building. Σ
My hand is very tired now!

Sunday - Nov. 14, 1954

Dear George -

The hells^{*} came and thank you 150
hells. I shall try to put them out
Thanksgiving^{time}. With this time^{area} I
cannot do much in the way of digging &
so I shall put hells & have fun & us a
too bad I can't make a better place.

Marchantia & Pellinaria arrived in
side of town. The latter was pretty well
rotted ^{but since} ^{the} stems which were
used I had nice material. I am trying to
get some stem pieces. I'll write the
horticulturist in note of acknowledgment
soon.

Telephone bill runs \$4.13 for minutes and
I've paid for 3 minutes so far. The out-of-
town calls are toll charges and there I
consider key problems. Let your call to me.
Let's double day present & give yourself
another smile - lots of love
Eva

* I am very fond of Thalictrum and of course, know how February 1954

Starch granules in Chlorophyta & Pellinaria are truly beautiful.

I hope you had a good sleep. I was
up at 4:00 in the night - just found I didn't
have to push for bed. - Saturday - Nov. 27
E. [954]

Dear George.

The Phalaena hells came a week ago.
Thank you so much. - I have put the
hells in where they will ~~best~~ grow
& bloom - later will have to move
them when I know where I want them.
I meant to tell you that the brown sticking
paper you are using now breaks in
transit. The first package of hells

Case completely opened and
the second with the sealed edges
broken in places. Apparently the
paper is not strong enough. Your
packages ^{have} always arrived "a little
made" and I had completely so
it is not your Cardemum that
made them as they were -
Please do get ^{more} sleep. It is
dangerous to short cut your sleep
and long periods and gives you
all sorts of dir. infections by
lowering your resistance.
Now the library work is urgent
but surely I can't be that urgent.
To 10 a.m. Saturday & 10 a.m. Sunday
to us we since 2 p.m. Wednesday
so you see I do "live" on an
island!! Had a "bug" on Thursday
& Friday but feel very well to-day
& am doing all sorts of things.
I made no plan for Thursday but
I was unable to clean the house so

Cook a meal. I have been sure as hell
hard on my left arm & shoulder &
so I must not overdo with this. I
script samples, aches endlessly & I flun
& try to hang ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{secret} ~~secret~~ during
Christmas holiday for 2nd script
with its heavy burden of preparations
for bacteriology. Cats pose a problem.
And all this pain makes me cross which
spit condenses to people walking to
sleep me. I have two blue berry blun-
ket white bells on some branches I
cut across the road made up. You
left Casne yesterday. Thank you for
the check and the 7th rose, Eva

I seem to have lost the name
of Mrs. Edwards. Would you please
check - Could you get it for me?
I thought perhaps I could interest
Clinton in sharing an area with
me. I think the basement here
is used for about eight for temperature.
That Clinton has a kitchen full of

dried mushrooms so he would
be interested - At present when
washing pots & pans is so hard I'd
not cook mushrooms, its true - But
I have a year to try 'em sometime -
Tell Mrs. Edwards "Hello" for us -
I did so enjoy being in her house
with you - love & Edward

³ we help to wash endless ^{specimens of} test tubes, petri dishes,
pipettes, etc + to making media. It has
a freedom which the department at UBC
can not offer anyone until 1964 when
Mess E. returns. For even with no work
character ^{Freedom} out of the picture the department
can't flourish or be the place with normal
fun and take so long as Mess E. is in
power. I am getting to the place where
I don't wake up in terror over what they

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have done or may do - I am less her
shortcomings - it's true - everyone does
but she is as fair a minded person as ever
held the fate of a department in hand.
She doesn't see the possibility of developing
policy ~~that~~ and policy in a department
of biology is bound to be a step child -
Nevertheless - I am not complaining.
One can't have everything and fame &
mind is no small asset - love
Eva

P.S. Your reply to the problem of preparation for
bacteriology Pats seemed to get some one to
do it but even so there is no one to do it.
Students work 50 minutes at a time -
Seldom longer & were to find one
who knows enough or cared to
do the ~~preparation~~ ^{preparations} the usual
not have ^{the} ~~time~~ ^{time} - we are very short of
equipment & had that can be substituted
in time & I shall have to resort to many
tricks which I consider poor

2 teaching. I know when I came back what
the problems were & the same problems
would exist in any ^{other} place I might have
been able to get. Given full strength he
would be able to carry out here had always & it
would be hard work - that is ^{far} harder than
it was at M.H.C. - But I am fortunate
to find that man. Whether, whether
back in opportunities to lead the kind of
policy I know and whether it leads

Dear George, Dec 30 - Friday - early
As I set down to write the external features
of the earthworm and the question of reproduction
they recurred, turns to silver and pleasant
matters. However with my new glasses (I must
have) the earthworm's secret would seem quite
as obscure as last year. I thought I'd like
send letter N to you but I should now regrettedly
which for me seems to be devoted to relief for my
hundred. Within the last six weeks my arm
has become more & more loaded and the hand
write I must do is getting up. Cats have weaned

Use to the very same. During Khandgiri holiday
I had a bug which kept me in bed and the doctor seemed
to keep me ^{relatively} peaceful but in permanent
of mind. From Wednesday I went Saturday after-
noon, when E. L. called me to see me about a bug.
matter, I heard no voice, see cadation which
then turned affords me and which was very good
for me for I was tired. However, I didn't expect
the first blackberry in this house so long after
the festival of Khandgiri. But I had made up
plans for cleaning & cooking - not less &
cleaning up after cooking - as had to be &

I live a sort of ²frump life here. Dr. S. G. Dr.
White said that if the University didn't send some
big Christmas tree something could be done there.
So when it became apparent that I could not
cope with the pains & treatment case of my case,
I called Tom and arranged to go to the hospital.
I haven't yet heard what day - either Dec 17, '18
or 19. I have a class wanted 11/30 Dec. 17 and, since
patients must be admitted before 4 p.m. at the
University, I am hoping I shall have to
leave quite a few - address in New England

the cardroom. Apparently clearing a
joking card as a statementy document instead
my charter - It as don't worry about me - Get
the message and if the best event, would be the
camp breaking of a thousand, I'll be able to take
it. In time the limits will wear off, as
the star we did but I can't do what they felt
again with a lone night area. But afterwards
I Sunday afternoon of the day when I
had in the hills. Since then we had quite low
temperature (down to go above 200) and since
did let you know by post and how I get on -
hope as always. Eva

(17 Dec. 1954)

Dear George -

I expect you are in New York City now - its just past lunch time on Monday. This morning a special delivery came - the lovely little hard book and your message. Specials are not delivered to the College but are in town apparently. So if ever you have need a special send it to 3 Miller Terrace - Thanks you so much for another message and present.

I am sorry I couldn't urge you to come here but it would distress you to see me (it almost distresses me and I'm gotten out of hand hearted about my see!!) And I couldn't have done for you properly - Its all I can do to do the simplest tasks - think what a lot of progress I'd have to make

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in a week - I find during the exercises
to receive far easier than during the
work itself. I have ~~not~~ no sense of depletion
but the knees keep - If I were an
athlete I couldn't feel very awkward.
Darius after ^{me} has had an is metabolism
gone over and after we has been
scrutinized by a physical therapist and
has no illusions about our way.

The huge Christmas Cactus - a meter
across - has over 100 buds - more of them
turning pink now.

It was good of you to call Christmas
right. I was tired then & I hope I
didn't upset you. Ruth called about
an hour after you did and we had a
very poor connection. She seemed awfully

My -
Before I left a week ago yesterday I
fixed a decoration for the front door
and I was glad I had for it and used
the house. I am burning one of the

lovely square low candelas each height
 and I have a little Christmas
 on the seed (etc) - the tiny tree that
 was in the top of my flowering (a present
 from a young friend whom I knew at
 U.S. (C.) Angelo from home (Hawaii)
 Pacific coast shells & a candle.
 Candles &
 have cards on the table and
 cards on the ends of the
 plain steps of Mauna's little yellow
 angel is here too. No Christmas is
 all about me. The candelas are the
 double topped tubes ~~of~~ ^{of} blueberry
 branches ^{in the main filling} which have been blossoming
 more than a week. I must bring
 in some fresh breads. There are
 bushes across the road. Not directly
 across but not far off.
 Give my greetings to Mr. Walker and
 his family, please. ^{God wishes for} A safe journey
 and love to you -
 Eva

21 Dec 1954

Dear George -

Have just read your letter. If you change your mind about being able to come to the hospital to see me I'd be very glad to see you. I know your holiday is being cut into too many pieces. but I think you are not ^{planning} coming (I don't have any glasses & can't see very well) because you think it will be a strain on me. Since I

250 - 3
I didn't ask for any
of that sum - His letter
indicated he was sending
caskets to you + to Harold.
As if you want to spend your
present to me to come to see
me very well - But seeing
we may not be a pleasure
if I am in great pain -
Deep x-ray therapy and
irrigations (2 different kinds
of heat went) did nothing
for my other bacteria and I
am in hopes Dr. White has
something else in mind -
Cortisone has had after
effects on diabetes so that
will not be tried - It is said

to be very ⁺ effective in
many cases of hemiparesis
& almost immediately
effective.

Joanne Elliott who is
at Bronx this year will
come ^{to} take me to the
hospital if the weather is
fit. I haven't seen her
since the day after I moved
last spring. She is on leave
from M. D. P. but has
decided to accept a position
at Barnard rather than
return to Mount Holyoke.
I felt ten years younger
after talking with her
last evening.

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My next door neighbor
offered to take me to Mass-
field to the 11/25 a.m. train
to-morrow and she will
look after our ancestral
tree ^(water it occasionally) which is what I call
your Christmas cactus -
the large one Maurya had.
It is full of buds and will
bloom about mid-January.
If the doctor decides to have
adhesion broken with force
it'll be in great pain for a
bit - a few days + it might
be worse for me not to see
you. That treat ment has been
appetitive in long standing

Cases and was developed by
 a Boston doctor first. I
 do not think about the
 possibility more than need
 be.

Must get this in the mail.
 have - Eva

Saturday noon

And it is possible ^{not} that he
 is in the hospital all holiday.
 home - E..

Tuesday - Dec 28, 1954

Dear George -

I wrote to you yesterday when I was very tired so I send this to-day to counteract any impressions of discouragement my letter may have carried. I wish you could be here at this moment to see the pond on the woods across the road, the gentle ^{upward} slopes with an interesting stone wall ^{at the top,} & slim outcrops against the mist which is just lifting and the sun about to break through. All this from the picture window I so hated when I first saw this place (a day or two after my 1954 (seven years ago) and still holds at times. The living room is very pleasant and did have to hope that when h. comes we can keep it from being over-crowded. ^{with George} My neighbor's living room is too full of furniture and seems less cheerful than this one. My neighbor was the mistress (so'tis said) of the late former chief of police and is called by some Miss Murphy & by others Mrs. Murphy. Yesterday afternoon a woman who is Professor & Professor at the college level who lives with a retired professor of classics took me to the store and when I made reference to Miss Murphy she immediately said - Miss Murphy. The retired professor of classics who is an ex-cyber somewhere says she taught hanna at Tarkis years ago (and hanna says no!). Let my anti-Miss Byron doesn't remember Mrs. Murphy & Miss neighbor for either hanna or me! The Christmas cactus buds are swelling and the

worried to stay up this year - By 8 p.m. I find myself exhausted and
go to bed quite fully. How - I've completely worn out. Water and never
I hope so!

well be blossoms for New Year's Day I am certain.
I was in bed Thursday evening Day & just came from the
Hospital Christmas Day so I've not had post & clubs,
Turkey or such this year. I must go to S. Hadley to
Ruth for New Year's but it would unless you wish my
exercise program & he too had a trip. And being
there would be a most of experience except that I'd
be happy to see her. But I mustn't care to go to S. Hadley
until I have become here which is hard this in
your eye. And Ruth's house hold is not an easy one.
much as I love her. He has and by day and Ruth
I must not fit in easily. Sydney has been writing the
last chapter of a book for nearly 9 months & by New
Year's Day I can imagine the triumph will be
literary success! However, should any one ^{have} write me
to New Year's Day dinner I shall accept gladly.

I am enclosing a check for \$3. You have been in
New York and may not be sleeping again - Perhaps
you had not sleep there. At any rate when you find
yourself ^{with things} you want send me those letters present to
keep it. I want to get it to you before Christmas.

There is to do exercises again. I got some screwages
yesterday and so have a rope fixed in the doorway.
That exercise has given me ^{the} most awful pain. During
methurism I suppose I went out it too hard. No
harm done - the other fellow said repeatedly - "The
more pain you can induce the better." They love to
you send a happy New Year. wherever you are.
New Year's Eve remember me and beyond that we
are probably I shall be seeing the old year out as late
as 10 - 9 o'clock years ago. It may be but be two

I wonder - did 7 leaves go for 4 or 11 and 9 are
longest? If not 7 is longest.

Friday Night -
11/4/55

Dear George -

I shall send this ^{an usual} Special because I
have found out that it will grow out
from here on Saturday doesn't reach
Lacrosse until Tuesday - I have no idea
why. And when it would reach you

I don't know. Tuesday perhaps -
I am not sure but I am leaning a
bit towards Tuesday. However I was told
I would have ^{seen} the other part of the
end of next week - Friday I hope.

However I may have to wait until the
following Wednesday. The part that any
less + very slender is far more tender
almost like a kind of cortex - but of course
no external succulentations. And from
my swollen crooked needle pruned
my ^{very} ^{very} ^{very} slender blade & collar some
I ^{have} ^{seen} ^{it} ^{before}. However there is nothing to be
feared - no complications, ^{to fear} as a bacterium
so we'll just have to be patient. When

I reported the whole case long the way for a Special purpose. I mean
with just a few limited purposes and evidence. But I'll keep it.
I don't know if you want it, long so.

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I recall what I went through with the
other one and how, when I was part, the
experience seemed surreal. I have
been eye to face this one. But all the
medicine & Tots for pain does depress me
and I am not as gay as ^{used} ~~often~~. However
that ^{depression} too will pass. The use of my legs
seems very wonderful to me and I wonder
how people cope with not being ^{able} to get
around easily. Well, times have when I
couldn't. What meaning I used to suffer
with ~~that~~ the sound of those ^{two} legs
in my foot. You were away ^{or we were separated} ~~kind of~~ ^{kind of} ~~there~~
years but from the time I was 14 when it
happened until I went to graduate school
in 1931 I had periodic fits of loneliness &
great pain - I can scarcely believe that
& I no longer heard ^{with certainty} ~~where~~ ^{where} ~~foot~~ ^{foot} & was but
I think my eyes - I seem to recall
~~something~~ ~~seeing~~ ~~my~~ ~~right~~ ~~hand~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~stool~~.
Well - what for me started ~~something~~ ~~any~~?

I'll have more freedom for exercises than
 for two weeks though I have a fairly
 rigorous schedule of work due to lab
 preparing for next semester; and
 lack of preparation in the last month -
 orders to get in at the last moment and
 lots of planning, ^{to go} but never believe
 freedom than when I had classes -
 I am learning company these weeks and -
 the first I've had since I is level here
 except for having ^{some} ~~company~~ for
 weeks the first week I was in the house -
 last spring holiday. Ann Davidson, who
 graduated from MIT in 1952, is coming.
 I haven't seen her since ^{her graduation}. She is probably the
 only person in this world whom I could
 have now for the world around the way
 things are & will be very matter of fact
 about the business I am in. She has been
 wanting to come for a long time & I
 had no idea she'd finally made it. I
 Can't have company weeks ends when
 College is in session for I get too tired &

And Ann will see that I do this
 to make every hour count

apparently. It would be good to see her
and pleasant to have someone around -
I've been alone almost two weeks, I hate
but I have to be alone to follow this
rigorous schedule of exercise & to cope
with this misery -

Ann's home is in West Englewood and
she works at a medical center - Columbia
perhaps. She has the best record I've
ever known in a student and I used
to worry that I couldn't possibly cope
with this brilliance. But I came to
enjoy Ann - She was a real help at
the H.C. and a problem to the two depend-
ment. She wanted to know how to balance
but I wouldn't let her ^{be} because I couldn't
learn to see Prudde Reed spoil Ann. What
Ann needed was competition not the
selfish attention of a warped creature such as
Prudde - Well - that's just history -
Ney love to you - I'm sorry I didn't
write sooner but each day brings its

feel measure of responsibility. GWA

P.S. I may as well start another
page. I think the new arrangement
about my garden will work very well.
Its (others) are about three weeks & get it
down put. Its a little hard to tell now
for I get so utterly weary from pain
& from trying to do so many things that
am hard to do. I may save the money
to use for plantings for the place - for as
this soil is I am making flowers - I
want some native shrubs to attract birds
but first have to buy 'em (its already !!) for
there is no place here where I can dig up
plants. I have this seedling ^{plants} _{water} in the
north west corner - just little shrubs at
this point - and I'd like to have one or
two white ones - one I suppose unless I
can persuade myself to separate flowers on
between red one later - This will be at the

no dining room. Well, this too I want to stop. Just ought to have
seen.

far side - Hanna bought half of the
lot between this house & the Shoyers
and they bought the other half so the
we can build upon top of us - With
some trees to the west and then
some shrubs, ^{or small trees} we'd have more
privacy. Of course a new accident
need is something ^{pleasant} near the house but
until we know where we'll put a
garage we can't put in trees. A
new ordinance requiring a minimum
for buildings to be 6 feet from the line
may make it hard to put a garage on the
petition (and side) - All these problems
will be solved and we can't help but
have a place to live privately and
happily. Architecturally the house is
awful, I know that - but it has saved
my life. And it's comfortable enough inside.
Once one gets accustomed to small
decisions - Kitchen is large for a
small house but that's

Dear George - {24 Jan. 1953} Sunday 10th.

I like this one particularly well. He has a
little about her, hasn't she? I had seen just
three of this series, but then Ruth sent me a
box of the cards (two ^{two each} ^{of} ^{different} ^{birds}) & I knew
then they had good to her of my voice. The
photos ^{are} ^{never} ^{miss} ^{ings}. As I would, I hope it
wasn't E/12. Getting in the land provided her
part of the other half of the blackbooks. If we
just say to write into teaching (not just
lectures, which are double #1) the course as
we do in grading, as exam we kept produce
a whole series of biological specimens. Well, so
well - Day before yesterday I met Duke Reed (hus
next to Mrs. Henderson) in Caspers and he
promised to file Procetta & the two children, one
of whom ^{is} ^{never} ^{seen}, and the one under some
said being in. I am very fond of Dick - I
don't see him often but always I feel a great joy
when I do. One Sunday year ago I'd spring they
called her had that was necessary to see how they
extreme seemed inside. Now don't feel distressed
about what I told you - I to her had I had it on the
top of my tongue - But having spent 28 hours
trying to make a plan and to persuade myself
that the two people taking that view left was
impossible I was full of my regret. I told William
of your I was in E. Lybeck. I am very fond of
E. Lybeck and I am glad Mrs. Kennedy is keeping
her (this I don't know had someone from the
way the land flows) for for me she has a
warmth and spirit that I enjoy. She is
generous and diffident to write such but she
is, I am almost certain, a very able zoologist

P.S.

Elizabeth called about 4/50 p.m. &
said her bag of the blue books was
windy but I told her she'd have to
wait until morning for mine.
I didn't get in them yesterday and
it takes me much longer than I ~~do~~
her. ~~And~~ ^{and} this time I have time to
do than she, perhaps. To hand & let

Since there was some clinic on the
exam - E & I had a very friendly
conversation, and we'd continue to
be on good terms. I think my opinion
is being kept in that I was so slow, for her.
My immediate judgement made under the
strain of Wheeler - I see was in line then
& I can imagine E/12 was hard to deal
with - though Clinton was acting charming.
Had the woman was young & very lonely,
perhaps. One can be very isolated here [?]

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have not minded it for I have a
diversity of interests. I am said to
be one time "I think Miss Cole's"
trouble was too much Elizabeth -
That's a great deal for Jane to say -
She & Elizabeth were to get a double
and effectively equal efficiency. And
were E. to have Jane's burden
would be far heavier. Of course E. did
had hoped to get higher than Wheaton

and she says. She makes a show of
knowing more botany than I do. - And is
of the kind & caught in general biology
and often writes upon correcting a
question on botany which I struggle with
is mollusc or arthropod. But I don't
say anything. I have to leave all
angles of this and the more I struggle
the more I learn - I give you nothing.
to Eli & she read here to you - You'd have given
me if you'd known she wanted an - I'm -

March 1
[1955]

Dear George -

I've read these few lines - I haven't time to write much for his had a "bug" for two weeks and am away behind with everything - I enjoyed grandpa's valentines!! I couldn't make a trip to wherever it was spring holiday for his work to do here and his made such a poor record this year (from heart stand ~~forward~~) that I cannot risk being away - ^{were a long while} Bolany lets both before & after spring holiday & we don't teach gross, slates - It's a lot of preparation to set up lab used leaving material at push such a stage for 5 sections (205 students) with no help at all from anyone -

First I had a bad cold - the word I've had in years & then a strip thread & what ^{bug} this had was I don't know - I do not suffer from renal spasm - There is an inflammation of the bursa, small (very small, deposits of calcium and whatever the muscle condition is - is renal spasm - However I don't say the doctor wouldn't help me - But if the orthopedists at the nearby clinic believe that the only ^{sure} thing for this kind of a hernia is exercise I wonder about a drug. Anything related to estrogens or Acetic Curcumin, a royal red, & we used on a diabetic - Found out if you can what the drug is -

Read the doctor's at the hospital and see what probability contains in that medical history -
 I know I have some - hope to see you.

9 and weeks - the
Gretchen. Her suggestions is a good one
and one I thought of early last fall but
it can't be worked that way here. I
can't go into all the details - I
shall try to find some one (it will have
to be a student for outside help in report
& unforwtable to find) to clean the house
over in winter. News ayed in 'd' daily
get very dirty! I do have a little help
with bacteriology things - Students
who don't need the money enough to make
So engineers & earn it. And, College
50 that more be assistants spots are -
and seems to me each !!

March 6, 1953
Dear George,
Now, you need not feel too
distrained over what I am
living. Heaven knows why I
have to have this on top of a
number of other things but it
come and it will have to be
borne as best I can bear it.
That's probably very bad English.
Thank you for the check which
will carry me as far west that
bill as mid-July - By that
time I hope Lanna's coming
will be imminent and then

would take that responsibility
between us. Thank you so much
for helping me through the first
year - My shoulder is not any
better and during my sojourn with
the bugs (a virus, coxsa + what
else I don't know!) I lost quite
a lot of weight & remained but
did get it back gradually. It is
impossible for me to exercise very
often while I am teaching. I
get too exhausted and my
schedule is too full. I had no
idea Mrs. Lyon was not with
her husband - Do give her my

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CLOSED GENTIAN AND GRASSHOPPER
TEARSTONE



GUEST OF THE GENTIAN

by Henry B. Kane

His hand to have more pain - that is
more than the great cold. that proceeds
away day in & day out. It involves
shoulder blades, collarbone, shoulder & arm
& ends of fingers hand, it has sharp pain
often. I probably look like Red Kneeling
Horse's ground position, as I sleep on four or
five pillows!!! I think I ought to have
another chance at my 51st year. Who
saw the first 50 as the worst ??? Love
to you and don't take it too hard - Eva

P.S. I wrote on the outside of the
envelope & then decided to open it &
reassure you further - I don't have
what Dr. Bensch called "exquisite
pain" very often - that is, when I
make a sudden, unprepared, sudden
movement of my right shoulder or
arm & then the pain doesn't last
long. As I get back into the exercises

There had an ice storm.

Dear George.

{ 7 April 1955 }

Ordinary golds put in at Hawks-
jining trees are blooming. The
first flowers & blossoms on my
acre. Did I tell you how for
many centuries I thought of this God
as being $\frac{3}{4}$ g an acre and
even though the earth could not
compare with Father's I felt
as satisfied with it as he had

with 6 acres of food cache? Then,
when I was figuring how far
80 lbs of lawn fertilizer would go, I
discovered I have 1/4 acre. I
should have known better all along.
Bluebirds came yesterday and
have already started to build a
nest. They arrived three days
earlier than a year ago.
I had thought my arm was better
but I struck my elbow on Sunday

And what nursery I was live!
By better I mean I had less pain.
However, I may be the nursery is
wearing off as the other did. We
had a deal of winter trees used.
February. Last Saturday was warm
and Joanne drove up from Providence
and we had a picnic. I've seen her
only twice this year. She will be
at Barre next year.
My love to you. - Eva
April 7, 1955

Michel has his own apartment and
his own things. The place at Four
Rue Forest has just been sold.
Mary's mind is quite gone and
Dorothy has a big problem - tries to
keep Mary in bed. And Henry who
has no one to care for him is well and
active and his mind perfectly good.
The only news I get comes through Michel.

P.S. Mabel Goussaus will be 70 on
April 25. If you can think of
it send her a card. She is
very busy doing house work for
Jimmie & Katherine and taking
care of their little girl who goes to
kindergarten. Love

Mrs. Arthur Greenman
41 Summit Avenue
Catskill, N. Y.

But Clinton keep some of my books on
 his office for this student to use.
 And the Herbarium I am pleased to
 have come to see this year in the
 ship in the night though their names
 being here has been written by me
 some time ago. Do this! And Dr. Johnson
 paper. I have some of these things?
 do have quite a few of his. Including
 one in the store upon a recent 250-
 copy of friend from Kalamazoo collected
 by him in Jamaica in 1921 and
 I was glad to see his characteristic
 handwriting.

I am in arrears don't every thing
 kind of act about thanking you for
 your offer to keep us snow. Please
 don't say anything yet but if instead
 be most welcome in case that I don't
 know when?

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 BITTERSWEET
 TECHIFONE



BURSTING BITTERSWEET

by Henry B. Kane

WHEATON COLLEGE
NORTON
MASSACHUSETTS

be around. Clinton may be less successful
but not on first floor (basement). Haven't
wanted to give possession by mid-July but
the college goes on until June 13 and
unless she has arranged to never before
there (which I doubt she 's do) I don't
think we can have by mid-July. Haven't
had a very heavy banking I should say and
there are other reasons why she can't
get to the basement of housing before
college is out. Haven't can't be pushed
and the best of all times I feel that
try to push her. So we'll place as in-
definite. My student board (with
presidence was away during the 7
can't do things another year as I have
this car - I hope to get to Boston to
see the doctor though I have little hope of
help from him. I just can't do the
excuses when I can't banking. There are
too many things that will be done this

to have my phone in top of car in front garden - but I guess I'll 135 feet on West and
which is a good thing. I had heard many things from the - Eira

by which was used as a. Worked down
junk around the corner I may be able
to do ^{by means} better time regularly and seems
efficiently.

Well - I mean I don't know -
Nadia's blossoms are very lovely and
the plants blossom over a long period -
We've had a solid week of snow. I don't
know I don't get your seed in back the
New places will have to produce a colder
winter season - I've decided not to do
anything about the long lot without lawn.
It will have to be made this summer.
I wanted to put in some dogwood, shrub
and other shrubs with many bushes
near ^{near the} front of the place - The neighbors
have put up a fence so the lawn is now
deteriorated. I guess it was managed
last summer but Mrs. Hooper had
dinner in the pots to avoid having them
with her dinner & so I never knew what
the lawn was really. It will be some time

{11 June 1955}

Saturday morning

Dear George,

It was good to hear your voice and to know you are alright - I am in hope your cold is better.

I asked Dr. Crawford about the treatment used by the Minneapolis doctor ^{had got} ^(Dr. Crawford) no response - Nor did he seem at all inclined to use just cortisone injections as Dr. White had indicated on Thursday. I am to try the exercises as I did them in late December and through January until the third week of July. That will be a period of 5 1/2 weeks. By then it should be apparent whether or not exercise alone will do the trick - I think it very likely I am now relaxed than I can ever be during the college year and when I can take as much exercise as need be without fear of

bad results with respect to diabetes. As
long as I am with Laura she will detect
the signs of increasing insulin shock.
However Dr. Crawford didn't feel certain
that I'd not have to have the adhesions
broken under anaesthesia. The process is
called manipulation. He said were that
done the last week in July I should certainly
be able to get along with two exercise
periods a day - morning and night
by the time college opened. Apparently
these hunters aren't going to wear off as
the others we did or perhaps some are of the
treatments I had for that heelpad.
I don't think I can get ~~off~~ ^{away from} the middle
of next week. You'd better wait ^{to phone}
until you hear from me.

We arranged that I would go to see
Dr. Crawford for a check-up on the
progress I'd made the third week of
July and, if the manipulation were

Necessary that would be done the last
 week of July at the Dea careers Hospital.
 I'd have to be in the hospital 4-6 days -
 one day for X-rays to make certain the
 bones would stand manipulation - and
 3-5 days after that. If I don't need the
 manipulation it can be cancelled - I
 was ready to face the ordeal in December
 and I am just I'll be ready if necessary
 in late July. Meanwhile I'll do what I
 can by myself.

Since I may not be on face in August
 and early September as I had hoped I
 must have things in better shape at
 the college than I had planned -
 Well, I want to get this off to you - I
 am sorry it is not more encouraging
 news.

Dr. Crawford did say certainly would be
 used to relieve the pain if it was too
 intense following the manipulation -

Very love to you. As soon as I know
when I'll reach Holland I'll let you
know -
Eva

P.S.

Dr. Crawford said that of any kind
would help to relieve the shoulder and to
bring blood to that region. As soon as I
reach Holland I shall try to persuade
Jack Schmitzer to find ^{me} some of the
steam treatments I had from him a
year ago. The ^{steam} treatments I had at the
Dea cones at Christman ^{was} ^{couldn't}
compare with Jack's - at least not as
the amount of relief they gave me.
But Jack may not want to treat here
when he knows his been to an other patient.
And Jack is very busy giving various
kinds of physio-therapy. E.

WHEATON COLLEGE
NORTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 9.20
[15 June 1955]

Dear George.

I plan to reach Holland at noon on Saturday but it might be tight - we never know.

It's been cool and on Sunday we had a good rain which freshened things. This in the rarified air of this place and when I go away power lines pick up a buzz. But I am all right now. The Killdeer close Sunday to crawl up and down the road with young and I was almost glad I had no intention to do anything but watch them. Had years I did not see the young ones. The kingbirds have come to the old apple trees across the road. They

Arrived almost to the day as
compared with last year.?
Remember because it was the day
Cousin Margaret and Aunt had supper
here. Cousin Margaret arrived the
afternoon on Wednesday and up until
Sunday morning Laura had had
no bad news. Whether or not the
growth was malignant I don't know.
One of Cousin Margaret's big brothers is
a physician in Chicago and so Aunt
has some one to help her.
Well, I have a number of fish to
dry and all on Aunt's care !!
My love to you.

Eva

My shoulder has become worse and
more painful but that is good for it.
Means the exercises are accomplishing
something. And I don't suffer too
much misery - not as much as people
think - Miss Kate loves. Eva

HOPE COLLEGE

Counselors Memorandum

[25 June 1955]

To.....

Re.....

Saturday -
Dear George,
Laura is sleeping and his foot looks
around for very suitable paper. It was
good to be talking with you Monday
night. Laura seemed so very tired
when I reached here that I feel it
wasn't wise to push her. She is less
tired now, I think, but is unopinionated
to have this humming bearing (Holland
over with.

We plan to have the van load our things
Tuesday - July 5. We'll stay with
Harriet Godfrey that night and Wednesday
night and leave here Thursday - July 7.
I feel you well. We should then

Date..... Counselor.....
reach Vinton on Saturday - We can
stop early Friday night and start
early Sat. a.m. This morning we

Friday night happen. If we are detained
we'll not try to drive the week-end.
The movers will be due to take us when
our things will reach Norton ~~reaches~~
the country is done. It will matter
too much. If we have two or three days
after Sunday - July 10 to work we
can get ready for them. ^{The basement}
should be cleaned ^{up} before we put
things down there and there is a lot
that could be done on the second floor
which is the present but even some
junk of things. Hanna is taking away
things I'd dispose of it I had very way
but I haven't said a word nor do I
mean to. She is making a great
sacrifice to be with me and if those
things will make her feel better at
home or if putting with them would
serve good I'd rather she kept them.
She doesn't feel she is making a
sacrifice but she is and she will

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HOPE COLLEGE

Counselors Memorandum

To.....

Re.....

feet, it, perhaps, when he faces the
 coldness of New England. I refer to
 the people and not the climate!
 Cousin Margaret had a slight
 paralysis her legs side as her recovery
 has been delayed. Ann is bringing
 her home by ambulance and sleeping
 secondary night. We are going to Cousin
 Margaret's house to - narrow to send,
 etc. The balanced ambulance will
 meet the 5:20 a.m. train Monday.
 After a bit Ann is sorted. She was a
 married nurse year ago and came to
 Pres. - Mamma is now a home director at
 Wadsworth and is still being there.

Date.....

Counselor

It will be necessary for you to
be with us when the van arrives.

The men will fix the things
and I think we heard quite well
what would be put upstairs and
what in the basement.

I haven't been able to think of a
single room for us & in Norton, except
Mrs. H.'s and I'd rather you didn't
go there. The Irish has rooms but
charges exorbitantly for them. As
soon as we reach Norton I'll explain.
He's had single ^{under ground} mattresses made out
of our double ones here so I'll have
three good mattresses & two blankets
when the van arrives. I have also a
Canvas cot, a sleeping bag and a
narrow mattress - plus lots of pillows.
So, I may be we'll be able to keep you
at the house. If the weather were
this cool you could sleep upstairs
& if you couldn't stand you could

HOPE COLLEGE

Counselors Memorandum

To.....

Re.....

sleep in the basement. I have a
 lamp down there & the four windows
 have screens. We can see what to
 do. I am now able to keep going
 down so I may very well let you
 have the study & I'll sleep low, there
 again.

I've made very good progress with the
 exercises & I feel certain the other part
 will not result upon the "relaxation".
 But I'd like to check with you. I
 have considerable pain now but not
 severe, certainly pain. And the more
 pain I have under the belt. I feel
 that from the three strain treatments
 and they do seem to be beneficial -

Date.....

Counselor.....

You will need to phone again - As soon as I know when the things will get there I can send you a check -

You don't need to make a fuss of being in Norton & take me & Bolton for his friend out least to go - but if you can then you can help me. Apparently Dr. Compton didn't make an appointment for me & I think it's simpler to wait until I reach Norton and then phone. The telephone will not be ~~there~~ for a few days until July 11 - I had service suspended so didn't try to call on July 10. Wednesday, July 6, you could reach us at Harriet's in the evening if helpful. Her number is 6-6361. I hope we'd have the car packed and will have left the house by then. However, we may have had numerous things to straighten out since Margaret's leaving her would be very hard for Laura and for us, too. Very love to you - Eva

Tuesday Morning
July 12, 1955

Dear George,

I hope you are resting. I didn't get up until 7/30 this morning and it seemed very pleasant to be that late in starting the day though usually I am out shortly after five. Now do whatever you can to find out why the camp continues to be so hard to rest. I can't offer you a place to rest here since this house is so small and there is so little chance for privacy. When you came did get a room at the Inn for you. But that would be too satisfactory I suppose. Laura and I won't need help right away. We brought far more than we should have had I

Couldn't be firing and deteriorated
and even 7 boxes & things, I believe
have discarded. After the news
unread I and I will have problems
that we alone can handle. I want
your advice about a number of
things and, if you are able, you ^{you may do so}
can put up a few books etc. But
the gutters can be done by a carpenter.
And I can wait for the advice. I
am worried about you and I think
your health is very important than
anything else at this point.

I am starting to try to do the exercises
regularly and hope to regain some of
the freedom of movement I lost
in the last summer days in Holland.
It was very hot and I managed by
taking salt tablets but L. was
worse to the very bone. Part of it
I presume was emotional stress

for leaving the town where we had
lived happily for 34 years un-
der a full. We didn't go to bed
Census being out just by. She
may last several weeks or even
months. We were there nearly every
day - Laura every day I guess -
before we left and it too my heart.

We had good accommodations in
hotels Friday and Saturday nights
and a long sleep each night but
Laura was as sore weary on
Sunday as on Friday. However the
feels were like herself to-day.
I brought quite a lot of ^{the same} pills which
help to feel out. when I don't know
Best just away when for the present
since it is easily ~~known~~ ^{known} I killed
the glad comes with too ~~much~~ ^{much} death
feels - not a one produced a good
Dose but for the white ones was very

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lovely and the others were quite
nice. What you can give the
course the summer of 1947 or
perhaps earlier.

But it is wonderfully cool and
pleasant to - I am ^{now} planning to
make a call ^{we are planning to} this afternoon for
to-morrow and ^{perhaps} Thursday we'll
have to stay at home and see
the stuff where we'll be busy.
There a lot to do at the College -
thing that can't wait much
longer but this being I can do
while h. works here.

Come when it suits you but don't
hurry if you have a place where you
can really rest up there. I know
now how to go to the baby clinic
easily and I shall go as soon as
I have attained as great freedom
movement as is possible for the

present. I plan^s to let Laura put on
steaming towels "to loosen up the
shoulders" - I'm in the good ^{spring} ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~best~~
Jack gave me but I think "any" sort
of steam will help.

Now take good care of yourself. You
must not let your respiratory
tract get in bad order. And you
must get rested.

Give my good wishes, love, to
Mrs. Sevedy and to Helen Rider.
My love to you -

Eva



Dear George,

Dr. Crawford was much
pleased with the progress
of work and said
he would not recommend
manipulation and even
things of weight under
matters. He thought
one was necessary and
advised me to

Keep on with exercises
& hot packs. He
just beamed at each
visit for he was almost
as pleased as I was.
Lands? had no difficulty
and were on our way
home shortly after us.
I arrived at the hotel
at 12/55 and was
taken to see Dr. Crawford

Early.
We were tired & came
home rather than trying
to do anything.

It is lovely without you
though you left many good
memories behind. I

found the scum on under
the cover part right -

I don't know Mrs. Twardy's
address + so am sending
this to Helen's - Thanks

WHEATON, Goddess of Youth
Capitator of the Gods
Wheaton College

Love, E. V.

My greeting to Dr. Winters -

Thursday - August 4
[1955]

Dear George,

I don't seem to get to writing letters.
Thank you for yours and for your
good offer to buy me some trees. I
shall try to get some flowers made
and you may keep if it would please
you. It's hard to get some one to do
most of the hard work and perhaps it
will be best to buy trees from a nursery
which puts them in also. The nursery
with which the College deals is said to
be reliable.

We had relief from the heat yesterday
but that was not general I fear. I
wonder how you have managed. Of course
you were not out here in this hot box.

The past two days we've heard the
dear call of the bob white but have
not seen one - The ^{young} ^{has} been ^{seen} ^{here}.

I spent hours & the p.m. with this. Then in front garden & help me. Love - E. W.

walked down the road in day - seen
of them. And I saw a crowd fly in &
the apple tree and carry off an average
apple or so. I looked as the birds &
seen before. Later ^{a crowd} of them ~~to~~ the
whole length of the hedge and carrying
the apples.

The scutyl seems to be taking effect where
I put it on first. I haven't got feet it
on nearly all the places.

I had a good deal of pain in the neck, much
less than I had had for weeks last of
the abdominal case. Dr. Goodwood said
I'd have pain for a long time. When it
was too hot I lie ^{on my face} in the sun and
exercise as he suggested. I think it was
the head exercise that reduced the pain.
We are rich in books and shelves and
less so much easier than it was before
these conveniences were given us. h. h.
the basement shelves in 5 and order.

[10 Sept. 1955]

A Birthday Wish



Just one wish
Is what this brings
But that one wish
Means all good things —
HAPPINESS

A letter soon - much
love - Eva

Miss Eva B. Van Schoack
Wheaton College
Norton, Mass.

Sept 27, 1955

Dear George -

The promise of a letter even doesn't
materialize. I seem never to have been
so out of touch with people as for as
letters go. I suppose you are three
times as busy as I am and you
have to spend more time going to and
from work than I do. I hope your
holiday in Minnesota was a good one.

I thought of you especially on Sept. 13
and had difficulty in believing you
were 52 on that day. You may let
the telephone call be your birthday present
though it is a little one to be sure -
only \$1.70 + tax.

I have heard from Williams regularly and
I trust the estate will be settled soon so
that I know where I stand.

I've heard nothing from Harold although
but I allude to it this time I am
at fault for I haven't written.

The crab grass remedy was completely
ineffective because rain came too soon
after the stuff (I can't recall the name)
was put on. The whole lawn is solid
crab grass now - The heavy lot has some
new grass coming in bare spots. We're
finished with a haul to be set ~~west~~
^{south} west of the house early in October.

My love to you - Laura is still asleep
and I am ready to go to the college
at 6/25 a.m. There's a lot in the
woods at 8/30 - keeping 20 feet
long at 30 x 30 foot quadrats and I'm
a lot to do before then - One more love -
Eve

The catwalks were very useful when
we had water in the basement. And
the shelves are a great blessing.

Things start stacked around the basement
^{on the east side} but there will be a time when I can
get that place to rights. Other things are
more important now.

Σ

(over)

We've been using the maps to guide us about
back roads - But from now on there will
be almost no time for exploring for new
weeds, seeds are as being as other days -

Σ.

16 Dec. 1955
Wednesday Morning

Dear George, 33

It was very good of you to telephone last night. I looked forward to it all day and I am sorry when it came I couldn't be more comforting. There is so little one can say for there is no real explanation for my having to leave here except that it is impossible for Jane to approve of anyone whom Clinton chose, and Mr. Meenely and Mrs. May, ~~the academic dean~~ the academic dean, decided early in my first year here that I would not do. They are almost fanatical ~~and~~ about any publicity about Wheaton that is not favorable and I suppose that first insulin shock when I was taken to the hospital in an ambulance was more than they could stand. I thought a long time before I accepted the offer from here for I saw ~~in~~ the loopholes in the arrangement, that is in being taken on by an acting chairman and having to work under another person, and even more important the fact that Elizabeth might be promoted and given tenure, thereby making the number of high rank ^{less} members in the department all out of proportion. I found out the first year I was here that both Mr. Meenely and Mrs. May disliked Elizabeth and meant to let her go but Jane wanted very much to keep her. Elizabeth was given an additional year and was promoted last year and automatically given tenure. Jane had to fight to keep Elizabeth and she was not going to fight to keep me for she didn't really want me. Now that she has botany lab directions for the botany part of the biology course and detailed directions for setting up these labs she can run for a number of years without much change. Mr. Meenely told me on October third and Jane said not a word to me until ~~October~~ November 17. When she did she said that when she advised me to buy the house she thought of it as an investment and not as a place where I might live for many years. She also said that "They hounded me for specific instances of your inability to teach and I spent last year collecting them". Jane went to Europe on the first boat after commencement and came back on the last before college opened. It might be that if Mr. Meenely had not been on leave second semester last year and if Jane had not wanted to be free of responsibility last summer that I might have been told last spring and given a chance to resign them. Mr. Meenely asked me to resign and Jane asked me to resign on account of my health which is as nearly perfect now as a diabetic's ever can be, except of course that this is a great strain. I resigned but gave no reason. Asking me to resign simply makes it easier for the department to ~~explain~~ explain matters and I suppose it might help me. I think in all probability that when Jane was able to persuade the administration to keep Elizabeth they either said or implied that I would have to go and she felt she would have to give definite reasons. What she gave I don't know. Mr. Meenely said we cannot recommend you to teach because we feel you shouldn't be teaching and Jane said she was included in the "we". But she gave no reasons except that I got tired which anyone would do under the pain I had last year and under the load of strange teaching I did the first year. I asked Clinton for a letter of recommendation, and Jane said she would write one but that it would do me no good so I didn't ask her to send one. When I told Clinton he said he had not been consulted and that of course Jane would not approve of anything he did the year she was on leave. He said, I had hoped you'd be kept because you are a good botanist and we need a good botanist. Jane said she had not bothered to read the letters of recommendation that had been sent here because she understood none of them were from people who had worked with me and that therefore they were worthless. She said she had no way of knowing whether or not I am a good botanist. Jane and I have never had a tiff of any sort. The first year she seemed moderately friendly and helpful though she seemed to have no conception of the work involved in teaching bacteriology and ~~she~~ she did not accept my judgment about anything. But I supposed that was Jane and was not too much upset. Last year she was impossibly hard to please and seemed to take advantage of me in countless ways but I never said a word and when she turned on her heel in June without replying to my good wishes for a pleasant trip abroad I must say I thought her a very strange creature. She knew that I was in the hospital last Christmas time but she never inquired as to what happened or what I found out. However I thought she was just not interested in me as a person. I've spent endless hours here trying to

Jane told me this.

plan for botany here. The matter of what books to choose for the library has taken a great deal of time and the sorting out of botany messes from years back has been a job. Jane started out the fall by acting more as she had the first year I was here and I thought I had simply annoyed her last year by having the bursitis. But I guess her change of manner was simply that she had solved the problem of getting rid of me and therefore I was no longer a thorn in the flesh. Last June she told me that she was going to use the "blue" room this year and that I'd have to find another place to prepare the things for the 161 botany labs and the new course in microbiology I have been giving. ~~But~~ I thought it strange since one has to spread out and there was no place to spread. I do know that the decision to keep Elizabeth was made in the first week of December a year ago and it was that week or the next that Jane, who had been persuading me to give a course in microbiology (a course I was told would not be given since it had been put in by a specialist in the field), came into my office and ~~she~~ said, "Do you want to give up the course in microbiology?" I presume that for a moment she thought it meant to make me work up a course new to me and then ask me to resign. I don't know. I replied that if that were the kind of botany that was needed at Wheaton I'd better learn how to teach it. I feel convinced that she has no interest in botany as such and wanted only to get something in writing for the beginning course. ~~She~~ He did say when she talked to me in ~~November~~ November that she would never have taken a woman of my age and certainly not a woman with a handicap. A woman who left the year I came had been kept ten years as an assistant professor and always on one year appointments. She had taught all the botany courses in the department and genetics besides. That is in the course of her time here. The last five years she did the work Larry does now and when she was retired at 65 was made ~~associate professor emeritus~~ "associate professor emeritus". Sort of an empty honor. But of course Jane was on leave then and had nothing to do with that which was by action of the board. Mr. Meneely's remark relative to my having bought a house and brought a friend here to ~~live with me~~ was "I am sorry that your domestic arrangements have been upset." That is really the understatement of the year. Mrs. May and Mr. Meneely knew that Laura was selling her house and was coming here and of course everyone who knew me knew it. The Mays called here one Sunday afternoon a year ago. Jane had never been ~~in the house~~ in the house except to come in it before I moved but she did come for a short call the Sunday night before college opened. She acted rather strangely but I thought she had come to call on Laura and acted that way because she was doing her duty. Actually she paid little attention to Laura. I had asked Jane here once or twice and had asked Elizabeth at other times but never could they come so I had sort of given up.

I think I'll have Laura go to Mansfield to-day to buy the tickets. We'll try going by coach and if it seems too hard we'll come back partway by pullman, that is from Buffalo to Boston. When we reach Holland we shall be able to get a good rest for the apartment will be all ours. Miss Bailey was a new librarian at Hope last year and is offering her apartment in gratitude for the graciousness Laura showed to her last year. The apartment is not far from the college so we'll have ~~no~~ no difficulty except in getting to Cousin Margaret's and perhaps Laura can rent a car for a few days. Ann will probably have to teach most of next week. Cousin Margaret is somewhat better and is looking forward to having Laura come though of course ~~Margaret~~ Margaret has no idea of time. Thank you so much for such a big present and I will use it. I may have to do considerable traveling before I find a job. I have little hope that the Hope place will come through for I feel certain Mr. Thompson will think it is too hard for me. Unfortunately Hope took ~~two~~ two new young men with PhD's this past fall. Mr. Thompson likes to teach the botany but he did give it up for two or three years when they had a young botanist. Mr. Lubbers interest in me will be solely that I am a woman with PhD and one they could keep. It is hard to find women who fit into the scheme of things at Hope. Because of the way my teaching schedule is set up for next semester I don't see how I can run around looking for a place and teach too and if Wilbur can let me have more money I could get along for a time. I am worn to the very bone with ~~worry~~ worry and insecurity and I'd be glad ~~for~~ for time to call my soul my own. There have been times this fall when it has seemed I could not keep on but that is partly because I am not building now. No matter how hard things were last year I felt it important to keep going.

But Jane
was not
Chairman
and that
time.

home and many thanks and try to work. In memory

ways I seem to be unending but I am lucky in having
you and in having home. Now don't quit yourself
working. Love, Eva

I think we'll start Friday, leaving here about 11 a.m.
Dinner will have to be as in Grand Rapids at
11 a.m. Saturday or we'll take a train later in the
day on Tuesday. Love, Eva

I cancelled the order for the professor's lecture within
an hour of leaving Mrs. Kennedy's office. I had
planned to have the home furnished for I think it
would need the same cavity but the reason why
I agreed to do it were common - E

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including the name "Eva" and some illegible scribbles.

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