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TO

SUBJECT

DEAR SIR:

My dear Lois
 You can truthfully tell the youngsters
 that I have just this moment seen a
 smiling and lazy looking Indian sitting on
 the bottom of a green canoe and paddling his
 square and a couple of kids. That is strange
 because there is very little open water. Lake
 Superior and all the small lakes are still
 covered with rotten looking ice and only the fast
 flowing streams are clear of ice. The bush is
 half full of snow and half full of water and
 half full of clean ground - if you know what I
 mean in spite of bad arithmetic.

My car is called "Gilman" so I am in small danger
 of getting lost. The day has been showery and the
 car a comfortable temperature and perfectly clean.
 Miss Parlow and you alarm me by your reckless habit
 of leaving electric irons and curling tongs and water
 heaters connected to electric light sockets when you
 are finished with them making it so terribly simple
 for one meddling child to burn the house down.
 If there is a fire remember how easy it is to go straight
 into the Singers house via the bath room window on

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the top flat and via Alice's room on the middle
 flat. Move them immediately and count heads. There
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a lot of you to account for. Even though you are fortunate and do not burn down your own house through carelessness - you are setting your children a very bad example which is bound to result in an accident sooner or later and for which you will be responsible. The law says that electric extension cords shall be not over 6 feet in length and that all connections shall be made by an electrician. You should really have a metal conduit run along there behind the box in my room (like the ones in Clara's house at Metis) and then a socket ~~should~~ or outlet should be located half way between the two windows or over by the fireplace.

You and Miss Barlow also make me nervous by leaving the back door unlocked not only during the day but even after sundown. Why not have a new lock with easy operating keys put on the back door and while you are at it have a new door-knob and lock and spring door-closer put on the outer back door. The place will be full of flies in another two weeks and be most unpleasant like it was last year. As a matter of fact that whole back door needs a little attention from a carpenter to make it flyproof. Please act now before it is too late.

Apart from that you and Miss Barlow are a couple of "good scouts". It is hopeless to make this letter sentimental so I'll close it and try again when the evening shades are falling. Yrs affectionately Edward.