

Letters from Mother Kermatt  
to W.P.

and Dr. Kermatt

D-C/D 28-6



come with you!

Please let me hear from  
you at once as the  
deal is now on.

So happy to hear Helen  
is getting safely thro  
the trying period -

Love to you all.

Dr leaves Sunday for  
a 2 mo. absence in Mrs  
trying to redeem some  
mtgs -  
Mother K.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 25

① Aug 27, 1925

Dear Wife, -

<sup>3</sup>  
The time has  
arrived when I must  
decide about keeping  
or not - that corner lot  
in Southampton. as  
there seems to be a  
real estate movement  
there just now. It is  
on sale for \$1500.00  
& my share of it would



be a third (\$500) so if I keep it would have to put up \$1000. Consequently I want to be sure I'm doing the right thing. Of course I should not have to pay out that amt in cash - as there are other lots (at less price) being sold. Dr says I'm crazy to do it - but I'm not so sure. The value is increasing was 1200 for same lot.

when I was there last.

But if you & Helen do not intend to stay in the East

of course I do not want it.

For I hope to spend my last year - nevertheless. You mention that

you will not return about living in N. Y. & that - should a good offer present itself when you'd be quick to accept.

Can you give me any inside info or is it still too uncertain?



621 No. Euclid Ave  
Upland Cal.  
②  
Jan 19-'26

Dear Wade,-

Can you use this  
small token I'm sending  
you in celebrating a bit  
on your birthday? -

I might go out & invest  
it in some thing - that  
perfectly beautiful &  
fitting & you'd gaze at  
the result of my  
efforts with wonder

and amaze me - to  
think how far "agles"  
my mind had gone!

So, - therefore & where as -  
in sending the original  
package - do wish it as  
you like, - & know it  
wishes to express to you  
my love & admiration  
& wishes for a long &  
successful life

Mother K.



③ May 14<sup>th</sup> '26

Dear Wife, I hardly know what  
to write you concerning  
the camping trip, but think  
it doubtful if I can  
go with you - If I spend  
the mo. of June with you  
it will no doubt be  
quite enough for you all!  
My plans are or have  
been - rather up in  
the air - I find - the  
very quiet + uneventful  
life the only one for me

and so can not plan  
far ahead. I must spend  
some time with Mame  
& have visits in mind  
in R. C. & Hudson - so  
if I am to reach Cal  
again this summer - must  
not stay too long in one  
place. Am sorry I can  
not be more definite  
but really I just can  
not tell if I'll be  
equal to it - till I find  
how the journey affects  
me. Dr - will not  
consider at all - going  
East. & should I decide



to go. when you + Helen do  
it is most likely  
I could be accomodated  
in some way - dont  
you think? - Sorry -  
not to decide - more  
surely - but am -  
afraid this is the  
best I can do. -

Mh Uncle Walter folks  
were enolored to Beach  
today - + back, 125 miles  
+ I'm very wear  
so please excuse the  
rambling style!

It is fine to think  
of seeing you all  
so soon. -

With much love  
to all -  
Mother K.

I have a fine "story"  
for you. if I don't forget it.



(4) July 1<sup>st</sup> 1927

Dear Wife -

I suppose its one  
chance in ten - if  
this reaches you. but  
must try. - I'm so proud  
to think you are that  
capable enough to hold  
such a wonderful position  
as this Montreal U. offers.  
All my life as a medic's  
wife - I have heard of  
"McGill's" as the 'me plus  
ultra' - and to know a  
son of ours is asked -  
even urged to accept.

Dear Sir -  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the business of the office at the present time. I hope you will be able to do so in the near future.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. [Name]



a position there!!--

Am sure father must  
feel the same. -

Of course it would mean  
more to your united  
families - if the position  
were here in the west  
but - after all - why  
should you want a  
soft climate - That's for  
us - whose race is  
run - (in the field  
of activities at least) -  
& Montreal is a  
wonderful city - So  
interesting - quite an





"old world" air —

I hope to hear soon  
of your decision

I have an idea you  
would not suffer from  
the extremes of temperature  
there — as in New York  
Hall — my dear boy —  
he is hoping you  
have a wonderful <sup>and</sup>  
restful trip + don't  
forget you're married!

These S.S. flirtations  
are so interesting —  
we heard — Much love  
to you & Helen. Mother K.





416 n. jackson st, ⑤ Letters  
Glendale. - Calif. - Aus. Post  
E.P.R.

Dear wife

EPK to WPL

Early 1920's

I rec'd your  
reprint all right and  
don't have to tell you  
that it is all Greek to  
me. We are having  
hot weather now but it  
is not in the least depressing

We were over to see  
your mother & Ruth last  
Sunday and returned with  
a lot of plants, vines and  
other things that grow.

all you have to do  
here is to stick anything  
in the ground and water  
it and the sun and  
sandy productive soil  
do the rest. It takes about  
half my time cultivating  
& watering the lawn and  
flowers & shrubs and

W. M. Graham of  
Alameda - Calif. -  
Dear Mother  
I hope you  
report all right and  
don't have to tell me  
that it is all over to  
me. The one thing  
left weather now but it  
is not in the least  
We were over to see  
your mother + Aunt last  
Sunday and returned with  
a lot of plants, vines and  
other things that you  
all you have to do  
here is to start cutting  
up the ground and water  
it out the one and  
sandy productive soil  
do the rest. It takes about  
half my time cutting  
+ watering the trees and  
flowers + plants and



(2)  
strange to say I  
enjoy it. This is  
certainly an easy place  
to live, all the fruits  
& vegetables fresh in  
winter as well as in  
summer and all very  
cheap. Ice & water  
cost less than they did in  
Wisconsin and the  
ice being artificial is  
as solid & firm as granite

If an evening is cold  
a match to a little  
Lawson gas heater makes  
the temperature comfortable  
in a few minutes and we  
are not heating a house  
in the middle of the  
day or during the night  
when it is not needed

I will have to mow  
a lawn all winter but

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strange to say I  
enjoy it. This is  
certainly an easy  
to have all the  
& vegetables fresh  
winter as well as  
summer and all very  
cheap, see & order  
great less than they did in  
New Orleans and the  
ice being artificial is  
as solid & firm as granite  
If an evening is cold  
a heater to a heater  
how can you heat water  
the temperature comfortable  
in a few minutes and we  
are not heating a house  
in the middle of the  
day or during the night  
when it is very cold  
I will have to move  
I have all winter but



that is <sup>(3)</sup> not to be  
compared to shoveling  
snow and coal alternately  
and daily for 6 long months  
we are going to the  
beach saturday. will  
go over the Santa monica  
mountains + return by the  
valley through Hollywood.

When Mary came to  
us she could not read a  
word + did not know  
all the letters of the alphabet  
now she is reading  
Stephenson. She is  
abnormally quick but  
requires a firm hand to  
keep her subdued.

Delia says she sent the  
pictures of the bungalow but  
am sorry we cant show  
what a roomy comfortable  
house it is inside. Love  
to Helen + the kids.

Yours. E. P.







416 N. Jackson St <sup>6</sup> 1922?  
Escondido, Calif. or 23

Dear wife. EPK TO W.P.

You must pardon  
my negligence in  
answering your letter,  
but Walter has been  
here for a month &  
I have been busy  
showing him Calif.  
and finding him  
when he gets lost, &  
keeping him from  
being arrested.

Sorry to hear of your  
sickness and am hoping  
that by this time you  
are fully recovered.

We have had a rather

1922  
H. L. Jackson of  
Stevendale, Calif.  
Dear Sirs.

Your recent position  
and negligence in  
concerning your letter,  
but neither has been  
here for a month &  
I have been busy  
staying in Calif.  
and finishing this  
when the post boat &  
keeping this from  
being wasted.  
I am to see of your  
interests and am hoping  
that by this time you  
are fully recovered.  
We have had a roller



severe winter for  
Calif. The orange &  
lemon crops are  
partly frosted and flowers  
& tender shrubbery  
damaged. The almond  
blossoms, the first to  
appear in the spring  
are coming out & we  
will soon be looking  
for real spring.

Your statement of acct  
is correct \$200 bal.

Mrs K. is to have company  
tomorrow, Mrs Oscar Black,  
Miss Rowley, Mrs Dr. Daugherty  
& Mrs Dell Hatch (the preceding  
paragraph is for Helen)

Walt & I will beat it to  
the beach until the obsequies  
are over.

Yours E. P. K.



My dear Sir,  
I have been until the present  
time in the hospital  
and I will be out in  
the course of the week.  
I am sorry to hear  
of your illness and  
hope you will be  
able to return to  
your duties in the  
spring. I am  
very truly,  
Yours,  
C. P. K.