

Mrs. G. W. Helen K. Penfield  
on her 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mother.





Dear Wido<sup>rd</sup> Helen

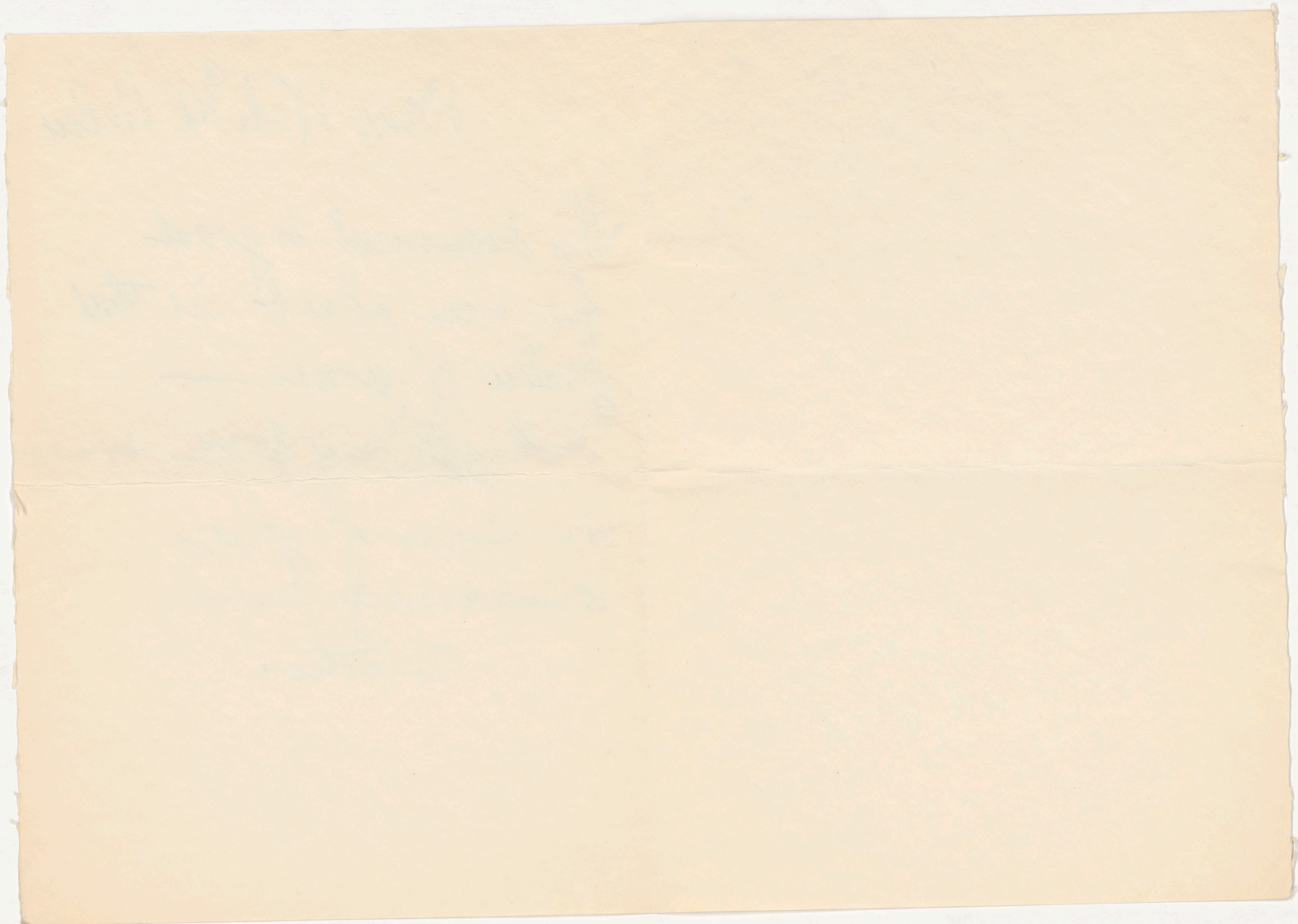
This document is good  
for one shrub in that  
garden of yours. —

With all my love —

In honor of your  
anniversary —

Mother





old jobs - they get along  
very nicely together - taking  
holidays every day - Nancy  
is just finishing a piece for  
R.M.P. - hope she is like  
Nancy has been having some  
a bad cold but is better now  
Between you & me - Nancy is  
getting to be much in demand  
during night for Nancy & Moby  
- spending the evening with us  
or beds - well - Nancy never  
mentions her name in her  
letters - so we is rather silent  
- see only several friends  
doubtless many better get ready  
special case of - see above

My dear  
I have a lot of  
good news always that I  
was so all happy to receive  
last gift arriving at the  
white - thank my kind friend  
with more than usual!  
I guess you have learned  
that their annual accomplishment  
but now even that is getting  
off. I'm so happy now the  
spirit tonight - good try!  
Get an excellent and fast to night  
and that degree of a lot greater!  
The end better of them with the  
very of approaching age - but

when I see the world, I want to  
be a man - a young - foolish  
I look like a very little  
boy - my handwriting is not  
long enough to appear as if  
I had for the last years of  
my life.

For my part, I have never  
yet in the history of my life  
been able to feel a thing  
which was not a thing  
which I could do for the  
first time. I have never  
yet been able to feel a thing  
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first time.

But what they are the others - something  
that is a thing - something which is  
not yours, and to which there is the  
last time in which we are  
the only one to see it and feel it  
in the world. I have never  
yet been able to feel a thing  
which was not a thing  
which I could do for the  
first time. I have never  
yet been able to feel a thing  
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which I could do for the  
first time.

No use talking - I must get  
another sheet of Mays  
fancy paper to finish - Is it  
it lovely paper? Matches  
that had jacket - neck mark,  
which reminds me of Pauline  
B. I was surprised to get  
a Xmas card from her -  
supposed she had forgotten  
me - My best regards to her  
hardly dare try any  
German phrases - too many  
years - since, for me.



Wilder is, no doubt, going  
back to his Colorado school.  
Did you notice many  
changes in him. From his  
pictures I see he's a big fellow  
like his parents. We all -  
expected a visit from him.  
Harbert phoned to find about  
it - but Mame has been  
so ill - perhaps it was  
better - I just phoned over  
to be able to tell you +  
Deak answered - saying

she was much better, but  
not up + around yet.

Poor little thing - she travels  
on her nerve most of the  
time - + that gives way at times

We have not been able to  
get over to see her as Ned was  
using the car. ~~to~~ in his PD  
job. but found out how  
she was. tonight on phone.

to let you know. -

Nine - strikes - and poor <sup>(Dr. Red)</sup> <sub>(Ned)</sub>

laboring people must away  
to bed - to arise at 6 a.m.  
tomorrow - get breakfast of

book-lets - pack two lunches  
to take. Of course - tomorrow  
being Sunday - they go with  
great order - to pass it all day!

I'll be sending you a card  
once in a while to state  
progress! - With my much  
love to you my dearest -  
and love to all the family

I am dear Madam  
your most devoted  
Mary, E. —

Mama just sent me my father's  
picture - taken as a young man.  
Would you care to see it? I love it!



Dear Helen,

Jan 10.

If I could have till this morning is over I'd write you a regular letter but just now have my thoughts - Anyway winter had lovely weather & Ned is doing all the work & behaving very well Nancy has to leave for school at 6:30 A.M. & change cars for a mo. - <sup>in Weymouth</sup> then she becomes a helper in the Glen Dale school and the hours are easier.

Don't feel just alright a bit hazy - in my conversational line & slow on the job a way. - but expect to come thro' all right

Shall try to get to church now  
wish I could drive car - as it is  
must go by street car. - Do want  
let Nancy drive the car - am  
positive she'd do better than  
most of the present drivers -

So much guides here + know  
we are going to like it fine -

Seems like getting home - and  
is so busy! I think he'll find  
work to keep him busy for some time.  
Am sending pay for Will - if it comes  
to some place hold till his yesterday  
Thank you so much for the lovely  
Loves gifts you sent - + should not have!  
Please let Mary see on this letter  
Am so busy. - Love to you all -

Ed

Mother

5.



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WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US? ALL THE ANSWERS  
ARE HERE.



George Chapman

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Feb 16 - '36  
Sunday - P.M. -

My dear Helen, -

Have you been ill?

In Mary's letter she speaks of "Aunt Helen looking better" - and I wondered - You'd surely let me know - any way - you're better, and that's good news.

I've been down & out, too for a week but am feeling much better tonight and shall be ready to entertain the Claude Lewis' when they come in a few days. - Roger & V. have been over this last week to help a bit - while I was sick - Think they rather enjoyed getting away from the apt - but no more than I - to have them here. - He has good hours - 2 days a week off. - Ned managed to get



up to the R.R. job - & writes me he passed  
the exams + is now working for the So. Pac

He does seem to fall on his feet like  
a cat. - How do things go since F.B.  
is gone? What will she do - away from  
the Penfields? We had a nice letter  
from ~~Helen~~<sup>Mary</sup> - did enjoy it so. - Has  
she changed much? It seemed so much  
older & more poised - Influence of  
Aunt Helen. I imagine - when shall  
I send you some cash - I'm sure  
you should begin to let the steam  
run the other way. - Please - I'm serious  
and would like to send you some that  
will not be sent right back! -  
I am anticipating much pleasure in  
reading the book you sent me. Please  
thank him for me - as far as I've read  
it reminds me of Stevenson.



Father says after sending to you for  
legal advice - he awaits the fee. -

We feel you have been using your  
influence - The young man here  
is a bit disheartened - I think (poor boy)

Mary never remembers to tell me  
about the Hospital dues. Has she had

any money from Hosp.? - Just a matter  
of curiosity - I suppose. The radio is

blaring at my elbow & so hard to  
keep my ideas in line. We have

been blessed by a drenching rain

that the country sorely needed. and I  
guess it's not over yet. What terrible

snow and blizzards the Middle West has  
had. and even in Montreal - We feel

this surely is the only place to live

Uncle Will & Edna are wintering in Florida



and they say its cold & damp there. —  
you and Wide will come out here some  
day, I do hope — Wasnt that a funny

picture of father I sent you?  
Are you planning your spring wardrobe

yet — Spring hats are beginning to be  
seen here on the streets — My brown

Suit (from Montreal) will last another  
season but must feel a waist

well — dearest — this is a no good letter  
but better next time, — I was so pleased

with the lunch cloth you sent me  
for birthday — I was getting lorr & surely

needed another — many, many thanks.

When can you come out again  
You should get here once a year — at least

Father is busy as a bee — fixing things up.  
and were going to be vary happy I am sure  
Love as ever to you & all  
Mother.

Special hug for  
Mary

Just a corner to say — I love that lovely pink nightie — wish they blue flowers  
that you sent me Xmas — while I was playing off this last mt. and lorr in  
all admired it! You'll spoil me!



Buttons picture enclosed

My dear girl, -

I do surely wish you were spending the winter here in Cal - and missing all that cold weather - Its nice to be taking those snappy walks if one has a muff - to hold to keep ones nose from freezing. - I can remember - it did not seem ~~to~~ so bad - but am afraid those days are gone. - Its been a hard year in many ways - & the old gray mare is not what she used to be. but it will pass. Nancy tries her best to make things easy for me - and we are getting along better - She + father were at sword pts for awhile but things are better now. Around Holiday time - my brain was like jelly - and I even was in doubts about my own name. Really - one day - while I was in L. A. shopping - I forgot my name! Really I did



He got waving me one - said "don't  
you care - It will come down in a minute"  
lots of people are that way - and of  
course she was right - but it gave me  
a jolt! He is not so good either - but  
is enjoying all this renovating of  
the old place - It seems so roomy  
after the Hollywood place. We all like  
it much better. He, especially - is so  
contented with his room - 14 windows  
as it + two made enclosures for them all  
then he sleeps on a single bed right  
in the middle of room + greets the dawn.  
Looks like a "Sier" I tell him -  
he has a small efficient gas stove  
to keep warm - so hasn't. Just now  
we're quite content - except for the  
fact there is a family of cats under  
the house that we can not expel!  
By the way - one is a Maine <sup>Coon</sup> & he has  
a most amusing walk - as if he cared

not a damn for <sup>any</sup> "good white trash"  
1944 - its another day! - The Radio  
destroyed what little peace of mind  
I had left - last night as I put it by  
Pete he can not read much - so  
he gets up from an early dinner  
& turns on the radio - full blast  
Elder Cantor etc - and it about  
drives me frantic - I try to conceal my  
feelings however & take to the couch -  
till 7. P.M. - & so to bed!

Don't that exciting - A most unfortunate  
thing happened last evening when  
Kiang called me up - inviting me  
to dinner with him on my birthday  
I thought it a joke & tried to laugh it  
off - but no he insisted - Well of  
course I got out of it as early as I could  
hoping he would not hear it - but  
he asked me unmercifully and  
that was it he said!



a crazy thing for <sup>somehow Kenney's that he's for Kenney</sup> Kenney to do anyway  
Of course I had taken a ride in his  
new car - Poor Kenney - he's trying to  
make up to Mary in every way possible  
Riggie says he comes up there +  
stays sometimes till two hours after midnight  
and Ned goes to bed. - Isn't it ridiculous?  
You may tell Mary or not - as you choose  
but that I'd put a bug in your ear  
anyway. - I do wish she could be  
interested in another type.

Mary enjoyed the Holidays with the  
family - so much - She wrote me  
how much you + wide did to make  
her happy - but said she could hardly  
help being a bit homesick for me

Can you beat that? - She has forgotten  
my existence now - I'm afraid

I know she must be terribly busy

now in surgery - How I'd hate that

Oh did I write you Uncle Gene has passed on - and  
a good thing I suppose as his mind was gone before

I will close now - I don't if a letter! Love to you all. I said wide  
to a certain extent  
What an excuse for a life, was his - after all.



Feb 27.

Dear Helen -  
How is your ladyship? I do wish  
you and R.M. were here to enjoy our  
lovely June weather - the trees so green  
all shiny with their recent bath. -  
Is R.M. at home - It is a shame  
she has to have this amputation  
I hope she does not have much pain  
with it - Claude Snow & his wife are  
with us for a short vacation and  
we like them so much. - Day before  
yesterday we motored down to Riverside  
Redlands - Malibu etc etc 164 mi  
in all - & Father drove all the way  
Had a nice fish dinner & how  
Candy loved yesterday but not  
so much - to take dinner at Malibu  
She had a very nice dinner but too  
elaborate. - Today they have gone  
to Riverside Redlands, the Orange show

etc, etc. - tomorrow they stop in & I  
will start home Sat. completing a week's  
rest here - Mr is getting along all  
right - tho not what we need to be  
I had rather a queer spell last week  
fainted etc - that for a bit - it was  
a stroke but thank goodness nothing  
like that - will tell you more about it  
some other time - don't mention it.

How does Mary complete her work  
in Hospital and what then - I am  
naturally (I think) curious to know.

How did it proceed - has she had  
any medicinal attention at all - I have

ordered. Well I must be going. Do not  
know if they'll be here to dinner or not  
so will be ready to get something on  
short order. Its a bit difficult - with only  
thinking or should not eat any meat!  
Its so pleasant here - how I wish I could  
take you all about the place & show you  
our additions. With all our love to the

How  
Lovers and Mother

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Not that I think he'll care  
for it much - but perhaps  
just to read & see how much  
he dislikes it.

I just never can read his  
books - do not like his style  
Tell me how was the Purple  
room. - It was recommended  
to me but I never read it  
& I may have said that fine  
husband of yours - something  
scandalous! - Helen dear - Please  
give me an idea for your  
birthday - which is approaching  
Any thing in table furnishing  
& if so what size. Do they use  
lace table covers there? - Please

May be hard to start on this  
letter-writing business - but that's  
nothing compared with the task  
of stopping me —

How I'd like to take the trip  
we did when we went to San Fran  
about flower time. — Would you  
like it too - but alas - not possible.  
How you'll miss Franklin! - but  
can see how it must be.

We were so entertained by Miller's person.  
It seems he has quite a talent that way.  
I'm proud of him - his a dear - and may  
I love the expression on his face  
when in a picture with the girls!  
This is final. My best love to you  
dear - and to all the family  
Mother!



Had a weak little conversation over the phone with Mary Penfield a few days ago. — She's been ill — ever since the wedding I guess. Pat is home now the fate of all sailor's wives soon as I'm a bit steadier on my legs — shall have them over. — Last Sunday we had folks in all day. 7 for supper. 5 for lunch + Munn Mitchell + Miss Tomo of P. Co. for P. M. — we do not fuss tho. — <sup>we</sup> really like it. Dr's cousin Maude has had a slight stroke — or rather, two — no later news — she is not paralyzed. thank goodness — but keeps a temp of — 102. You spoke of my getting a blk. hat with violets so I went in the store yesterday + the

Princess in waiting informed me I could never find one with my head size! Some day I shall get quite violent under such treatment It was 850 Sun + 120,000 people sought relief at Beaches. I Please tell me about Mary! I'd like to go down for any way one night before summer rolls come on

416 No Jackson St  
Glendale  
Calif.  
Mech. 3<sup>d</sup> - '36

Can it be -  
well -  
wonder  
room  
just  
to say -  
love you  
so. -  
to see you before  
many months.  
Love - Mother.

possible I'm going to get a letter to you in time for your birthday and sent you a package yesterday! — You ought to get that on time too — I should think. — Today I'm sending a small remembrance to Priscilla too. Did manage to get down town — the first time since I was sick — well — I do hope you'll like your "nightly" It looks enough like one you sent me two or three

I'm going to write often, I promise!

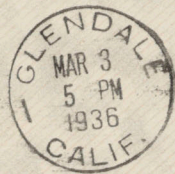


years ago - to be some relation  
well - anyway if you get  
as much joy over it - as I  
did the one you sent me  
I'll be satisfied. Now if there's  
any duty on either one  
I want you to be sure +  
send me the bill - or I  
shall not feel as if it  
was my own gift - Don't  
forget! There's so much I  
could talk over with you  
if we could just sit down  
together - perhaps it's just  
as well. I might say too much  
we had Claude + Mary Lewis  
here for a week and did  
enjoy their visit. He's a fine

fellow - and she is just amiable + good  
company. - They do not like the way Sweden's  
carries on but - thinks he's pretty smart  
anyway. - Mary was a nurse - + met  
Claude while she was nursing in Anguabane  
Hosp. I do think Mary K. is very intelligent  
about writing - when we are so interested  
to know when she will be thro' - + what  
she'll do then. - But guess the leopard  
never changes his spots. - That was a fine  
letter Jeff - wrote me. - He must be a regular fellow -



The melon tooth is your 1st chance!



Mrs Wilder G. Penfield  
4302 Montrose Ave  
Montreal  
Canada

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Is an ordinary duck lame?

Mary writes of her stay  
with you & how good of  
Uncle Wade & you to take  
such care of her. I do  
feel you'll be able to  
change some of the ideas  
she acquired at Neds -  
and just at the age she is  
it will mean - oh such a lot.  
I could not do it - that I knew  
but she is a dear girl & I  
love her. - Please don't show  
this to her.

Well, - I gave up in despair  
last night - & left Eddie Cantor  
in possession of the evening

Sun. Eve March 5-

Dear Helen, -

Such a strange thing  
happened! - A letter came  
to me from Belle Mc - enclosing  
one from dear Aunt Nattie!  
After she had written it  
she made a mistake &  
made up her mind not  
to send it! - Such a dear  
funny little letter it is  
taking, <sup>me</sup> back to my H. S.  
days - They were so good  
to me there. It was written  
to me soon after we had  
moved out here - and she  
did not live much longer.



I think I wrote you about  
Maude Bond's illness?

She was entertaining her  
son Jayson & family &  
had gone to the Beach  
for lunch - when she had  
two strokes - and had  
to be brot home by ambulance  
Never regained consciousness  
& we went to her funeral  
last Friday. - It was so sad -  
but then, so are all such disasters  
Roger is having his vacation  
now - a month; and he & V  
will spend a few days next  
week. - He is lucky in  
his position I think -

Just had  
a letter saying they  
that I'd had company  
enough - & would wait a bit!

2 days off every week with pay  
etc. - hope he keeps it for  
its too late for him to  
think of having more  
really worth while. -  
Ned is doing all right  
with RR job - I think. -  
but with him - we <sup>are</sup> nervous  
I don't like to think of  
you being so tired - can  
it be the menopause  
Its no plenty of time &  
if thats it - you must  
be nearly over it.  
Cheer up - we all have it  
& live thro it. - Please  
be a little lazy - It does not  
pay to be too active -  
I cant - I am as an old duck



but, I'm just as good  
as ever I guess. —

Perhaps I should not  
have told you - but I'm  
a baby - I guess. Don't  
tell wide. he'll think  
I'm a baby. — and I  
want his good "opinions"  
that's not the word I want but  
let it go. —

Gene McCorkle left no will  
& I suppose that will make  
rather a mix up. Dr & I  
think Bell should enter a  
bill for the years she has taken  
care of him & at her own exp  
too many times. — I can hear  
you say - will she ever stop. <sup>So here</sup>

Much love - & keeps this quiet. — Mother  
Please tell me  
about Miller + R.M.

So here goes for a finishing  
off. — Dr does enjoy the  
evening with the Radio  
tho - if the truth were known  
he sleeps thro' a great share  
of it. — He just got home  
an electric cleaner - small  
size & has been cleaning  
pillows etc - with great joy.  
He finds so many gadgets  
like that in his trips  
down to Kresses - or Sears  
Robucks - He's really very  
well now & eats as of yore.  
I'm well enough I guess  
tho I had a rather bad  
spell just before the Lowros  
came. Dr & Nancy



went down town early one  
Sun. a.m. & found me  
on the floor on their  
return. - I thought of a  
stroke but guess nothing  
like that, - was better in  
a few days & Dr sent for  
Verona to come & be with  
me - & of course Roger would  
come too. Lucer was not it  
But I lost consciousness  
for some time - and that  
was rather unpleasant  
as Wall & Anna were here  
Wall Anna cooked the dinner

and everything came out  
pretty good. I did not  
write you for I hated to  
frighten you. - The children  
were so good - Reggie, too -  
spent one day here - &  
Nancy was a host in herself  
By the way - she's a very  
enthusiastic house keeper  
& cook & keeps us eating  
to get rid of all the nice  
things she cooks.  
She & Dr had a bad time  
getting me on bed & she  
was so frightened. - Mrs Cray  
went quickly & she thought  
I was going to do like wise



The boys are doing better  
than ever. They are so much  
it was a very fine year of  
flowering out & we already  
have eight more planted  
a "whisker" favored us  
with a flock but all not  
very good yet. Mrs. Mitchell  
was here yesterday - she  
having such a good time  
darning around on her  
little thing - beginning to dread  
of returning to town - and  
but she will spend a day and  
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long, for it's long what  
most we've seen &  
there has been far from  
well but what says else  
small letter.

I was glad to get your  
interesting letter and not  
try not to puzzle you  
with so many questions  
after this - My memory  
is not good as you know  
we don't find out how  
to deal the people first.

• hope you'll have to remember

and let us you have an  
account - at least -  
to talk that the children are  
just as healthy parents  
usually are - absolutely  
good for tonight - I think  
the light - at least - but  
we get lots of fun out of  
that just when you're to  
someone who had every thing  
was dead you again -

I enjoyed the two books  
immensely - I have enjoyed  
to get so interested - but  
had read little about days

# San Juan Capistrano Swallows in Return

BY THOMAS TREANOR

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**SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, March 12. (Exclusive).—**An old hawk with tattered wings and graying breast cleared the air above this city today. He was on his last hunt. But he was good hunting. And had a dozen larks he dropped about the old mission and when he rose carried a screaming feathered lark with him.

It was St. Joseph's Day and right on schedule the swallows came back to the mission here to make their nests and rear their young as they have done for seventy years, and the old hawk knew. He was on hand to meet the swallows, his last good hunting day.

The swallows met more than they

imagined for. Besides the old hawk there were the crows. They thronged the mission gardens. They raised their voices in song and when they saw a swallow they lifted up a shout.

It drove the swallows to distraction. Never was there such a nesting time at the old mission. Despite the old hawk, they raised their heavy and broad wings in flight and soared for neighboring houses and searched for a safe night's roosting.

And on passed St. Joseph's Day here. The greatest thing that ever came to witness that event saw the swallows sweep out of the sky from Mexico and pitch south, circle the mission gardens and disappear in flight at the crowd.

## CROWD HUNTS THEM

There were late carmen and residents in Schenck's barn and in Brown's barn and neighboring orange groves to find them. In their eyes the crowd swarmed over the landscape and roared up the straggles.

The old hawk was waiting. Sharp, high up he waited and only those who watched closely saw him stoop his wings and drop until he fell on a swallow. And then there was only a flutter in the flock where the old hawk met with something in his talons.

This is an annual event, as much a part of the migration as the waiting hawk. When the swallows come in they find their little nest nests occupied by the crows and sparrows who wait out the winter in Southern California.

## SPARROWS DEPART

Appropriate seasons are taken. The swallows dive into the nests. There is a great chattering and the crows and the sparrows come out of the nests. Not long after there are flights of crows and sparrows now departing northwest. The swallows have won the battle.

Of course, there are thousands of the crows and sparrows who maintain they left only because the climate was getting too warm. This is the last when crows and sparrows continually migrate north.

A wave of devastation met their view. The mud nests which they have inhabited for years were a shambles, blown down in the high winds of last fall.

The nests were ripped from under the eaves last October 22, St. John's Day, the traditional departure date for winter quarters, as respectfully as an outsider's arrival date.

COUNTY FUNDS



I gave them my change for  
me a \$20 bill and I paid the tax.

#### UNDER ASSUMED NAME

"You can check the registration  
if you want to—it's under my as-  
sumed name of Henry Anderson.  
He told me to use that—he knew  
my right name; I told him.

"I thought I was buying the gun  
for him. He gave me money to  
buy a pair of shoes, too. I wanted  
to return his favors if I could.

"Then on the night of the shoot-  
ing, last Monday, I met him at  
the beach in Westlake Park. He  
told me what to do—I went and  
bought half a pint of whiskey and  
drank it. Then I went over the  
roof to his hotel and went down.

"The door was unlocked.

#### PUTS ON MASK

"I went in, pushed into the  
clothes closet and put the mask on  
my face and the rubber gloves,  
which I had bought, on my hands.  
He had told me the door would be  
open—to come to room 34. That's  
where I went.

"He told me to go in about 12:30  
—and I did.

"When he came in I pulled the  
gun and stepped out to hold them  
up—he had told me to get ten  
\$10 bills from him and I didn't  
know what I would get from her.  
I didn't know they were married.

"I said, 'Be quiet and you won't  
be hurt.'

"The woman didn't seem startled.  
She fumbled with her purse,  
was within a couple of feet of her.  
He was on my right and she was  
on my left.

#### AKES SHOT SHOOTING

Then Deputy Coroner Mendenhall  
interrupted a question:

"What prompted you to shoot

a shot now—unless the bullet  
in my arm caused my gun to go  
off?"

It is Culver's conviction that  
Whittaker fired first, those of 12  
bullet of his gun entering the head  
of Culver and the fourth bullet  
went in the back of Mrs. Whittaker.  
Not until after Culver had  
fallen did the sniping begin at  
him of lead into his own body. It  
said, did he, either intentionally or  
by reflex, pull the trigger of his  
own gun.

Culver, after the shooting, rushed  
to the roof, according to his state-  
ment, went to his own room and  
hid his gun in a suitcase, where it  
was found later by Detective Lar-  
son, Francis Snow and Chase.

The M-caliber gun had only three  
empty chambers, police found. Two  
bullets entered the body of Mrs.  
Whittaker, according to Capt. Whit-  
tle. The fourth was through the  
back and because of that police are  
holding the husband as a suspect  
in the belief that the fourth bullet  
was fired by Whittaker.

Whittaker, a retired engineer who  
says he is a non-smoker and walks  
with a cane, denied all Culver's  
statements, saying he was trying to  
aid the youth.

Y-HOLLYWOOD



Dear Helen - I like this paper <sup>best</sup> best of you  
if only I had envelopes to match. -  
Perhaps I'll find some - later.

Dr & Nancy went to the Hudson picnic  
yesterday with a nice lunch I prepared  
sardines - salad & a delicious pumpkin  
pie I have been having a spell of  
depression and did not feel like hanging  
around - there was one or two & a  
'good time was had by all'!

I hope you see the Birthday wish of  
good wishes - I was scolded for being  
so foolish - but some say, can not  
feel too sorry! - life is so short.  
A young man from Hudson - now in  
the navy, - walked & talked with  
Nancy & life is not the same dull  
thing it was - The flowers are  
coming out now on the hills & on the

collage - and even will be magnificent  
You have not forgotten them, have you?  
I'd like to take the trip again and  
meet you in San Francisco - would not  
that be fine. - but would cost too much.  
Oh - that evening the sun - frozen out  
of a high fog - and now we are happy  
again. Sometimes this evening we  
'are going to rely to see if I can find  
a hat with holes.' - The windows are  
full of them; - the small head size  
is prohibitive in most cases -

Please tell me more of Wilder's work in Colorado.  
I do hope you'll get what you want  
for him - he shows signs of  
youth - I'd say. Was that Mary's life in  
the south affected her accent - I love it  
about you - that soft Southern accent.  
Not much of a letter - but I feel we should  
write to each other more frequently.  
Love to you and all  
Marta.



Father would want every thing left here - but  
that would be impossible, I think - We'll talk  
this over - you + I - for one never knows - how soon

If anything should happen to me, - be sure  
and come out & straighten things out for father  
He's got a great way of saying - oh that does not  
amount to anything - I will burn it! - and be sure &  
get the walrus tooth!



I suppose Mary enjoyed those last parties you gave her. You surely did your part. + I hope to do something for you as nice some day

Have you heard from any source - of the sudden death of Charlie Jensek?

The Hudson paper gave nearly the whole front page to - his obituary - He was a prince! - The McKees were here Sunday - investigating our not very promising larder we seldom have aught but fish

a fine trip, a Mother  
much love + hope you had  
bacon! - or

Friday  
May - 22 -

My dear Helen, -

Well! I feel better a card just rec'd from Helen (Mary?) in Detroit - It was nice she could have part of the trip by water. - Did she get all of her belongings together? and now its your trip to Wis. + Minn. - to get ready for. you are never idle - It will be fun (& no dishes!) I have an errand for you to do - always asking favors you'll say. - Will you please



pick out for Wilder + R. M  
some good + also becoming  
sweaters for their birth days  
that are approaching -  
I will send the cards to  
enclose with them - shortly  
but I was afraid to pick  
out - for fear they would  
not fit. Get good ones, now -  
and send me the bill.  
Will you go to the Lake at all  
before going to Wis.?

Kenny was here yesterday  
anxious to know when Mary  
would return. - Father would

not want him decent - + he is a nice boy

Mary is on her last week of school +  
is a very good looking girl. And has never  
had a "boy"! She thinks it's strange - + it is.

Perhaps when Mary gets home we can  
have a little party or so. - after father  
goes on his trip - if he ever does!  
He does not look quite so well  
it's up and down with him.



April 8, 1934

(Private) please

Dear Helen

Nancy said she had a letter from you asking all about that queer spell I had a few weeks ago - and as she's gone to her Aunt Agnes for the Easter vacation - it seems up to me to write. - In the first place - I was tired to death from moving - then Ned had taken the time after he had finished working for his father, - to do his customary stunt. - go on a spree - we had been over joyed that he had got his RR - job again & were trying to get him off. He was to have left the night before - but failed to - so Reggie phoned us - & Father & Nancy went down to the station to see him off. - and when they got back here - found me on the floor. They tried in vain to get me ~~back~~ on bed - but could not



for some time - I'm a bit heavy you know  
but the first I realized was them pulling  
me on to the bed. - well - I was conscious  
then + that I'd had a stroke - but was  
spared that - Had terrible head ache  
& Nancy kept cracked ice on it for a bit  
well - that's about all - except that Nalls  
folks had been invited here for dinner  
& had to cook it - Dr sent for Verona  
to come + stay with us + Roger came  
to - just to see me - he went back  
then + V. stayed for 3 or 4 days. -  
until I felt a little better. -

I can tell you what Father called the  
attack - "Nervous Hysterics" - + that term  
made me good + mad - for I made  
no outcry + did not know for some  
time where I was. - <sup>entirely unconscious!</sup> Joe often said  
he'd never think there was anything  
really the matter with me unless I could  
produce a baby as evidence or show  
the marks of small pox. - There now - I meant



never to bother with letting you know  
about it - but guess I must have  
wanted a lull of sympathy. - every thing  
came at once - moving - company -  
red's capers + no help. - Father  
is good about helping + furnishing  
every thing to work with - but he  
never thinks it necessary to employ  
a woman about the house - Two or  
three <sup>men</sup> in the yard or working on house  
why that's all O.K. Well - Thank God  
I did not have a stroke. - poor Maude  
Bond - went after 10 days illness - with  
out regaining consciousness. - now we will  
not refer to this again - & for goodness  
sake dont let Mide read this  
Of course you're not to think for a min  
of paying Mary's ticket home - That was  
farthest from my thots - I expect to tend  
to that - have plenty on hand to see to that



Did hope Dr might feel so inclined  
but he thinks his too poor - Oh dear  
his so much afraid he'll die in  
the poor house! He buys everything  
for house but I'm not allowed the  
family purse even to buy the daily  
needs. - Isn't he a queer mixture?

You'll have some trip, the whole family  
going to Milwaukee by auto - but  
you're young & it will be fun - I'm sure  
Why not get a trailer! - There are  
hundreds of them out here. - House keeping  
as you ride! Not for me - tho  
Did Frank B. get a passion in Montreal  
to go back to G. - I expect she feels  
lost with out the children. -

Must close now. now keep this still  
this tale of woe - Much love to you all  
Mother

Have sciatica' for change.

I can not take a daily nap  
but sleep well - nights



Get a Trailer - and live  
along the way. - Do you  
know - if I were only about  
twenty years younger - I'd  
like that fine - Get rid of  
all real estate - Put what  
we could in Gov. bonds  
& follow the sun!

Kenny appeared last evening  
& stayed late - to father's  
disgust - He was very  
entertaining at any rate.  
Drank in - very eagerly  
and chance remarks  
concerning Mary, - of course.

Mary wrote a nice long letter  
after her trip to see the waymarks  
with children & Nide.

So she can write & a most  
interesting letter it was - too.  
Please write me how her  
first case - came about  
I do hope - it was O.K.

Spent a very pleasant  
day at Rogers last week  
He would scarcely let  
my feet touch the ground!

Then yesterday, Easter - a m  
a lovely lily came from  
them. Such a perfect one  
I never saw. - Ned is still  
impatiently awaiting his



R. R - call, — Its a shame  
but he's working - on a  
concrete job - Gov. work I guess  
Went to church yesterday - Pres.  
Father took me!! - but got  
home by bus. — Such a fine  
sermon. Think I'll present  
my letter next Sunday - as  
I'm feeling better -

Tell Priscilla I am going to  
have - an all white kitten  
with just one black spot - tiny -  
on its forehead. She wrote me  
she + Jeff expected to have some  
in 6 weeks! - Love as ever, dear -  
to you + Mide + children. Mother  
May I not have a copy of Wilders - articles  
I copied the first one before sending

back to you + may  
can not find it

April 13, 1936

My dear Helen, —

We are so happy  
to receive the childrens pictures  
and think them wonderful!  
Jeff is like old English pictures  
I've seen + he looks such  
a tall young man - It seems  
impossible he's changed so much  
since he came with Mide to Upland.  
Priscilla has grown up - too, I see  
and bids fair to be a mighty  
good looking young lady!  
How I wish I could see them.  
Better extend your summer  
trip - and come out here - we  
have lots of room now!



engaging Boston Bull pup.  
named "Ophelia" - already  
the complete slave of her  
master. These Weidman  
people were the real  
thing in Hermit - lived  
in a tiny old house  
no gas - + electricity  
turned off - you could  
find them sitting in  
the dark any evening  
Strange, isn't it. -  
Jim did not get much  
as he had been tricky  
I had \$5000. in bank to  
draw from - quite an amount  
in gold! - and one big farm

up north and quite a lot of real estate -  
I'm all glad - Jim + wife have separated  
She's no good + I hope Jim gets a divorce +  
finds a good wife - Well - during  
the conversation - I gathered that your father  
is contemplating a short trip E. + may  
call on you - I do wish he would - It  
seems a shame - he has never seen  
you lovely home in N. or the  
Lake Place - write him when you expect  
to go down to Mil, etc. - do he mind me



you. - Of course there's nothing  
sure about it yet - as he  
thinks he can not afford it  
but I am urging him to go  
even if the family have  
to live on corn meal mush!  
while he's away.

We're driving over to McKees  
this P.M. - Don't know  
if we'd find them at  
home or not. You know  
Frank went back to R.C. to  
practice last summer - but  
do not think it was a complete  
success. - Do you remember  
Blaine Baneroff - of R.C.? he  
has just died - no particulars  
is more now. How did Mary get along

with Alex - Love to all.

John's trial is right about the being great  
for you - next summer's trip - It will be a  
reference + the children's old money to arrange  
them before. Don't forget to send me letters of William

My dear Helen, -  
April 22, 1934 Uncle Walter +  
Jack were here last night  
for J to bid his "farewells"  
as he's on his way to  
No Wis - to see to his  
estate - left to him by  
Mr + Mrs Weedman -  
Aunt Gladys' people.  
About \$15000 or \$20000 -  
not so bad - he's a fine  
big tho - with no VICES  
that we know of  
He has a lovely little car  
equipped with radio + a bed  
under seats. - also the most



mouthed thing that she is - not  
a word of any especial young man  
nor either a word of Kenny!

I wish I might keep things to my  
self, as well - as she does

Father is really considering making  
an Eastern trip I believe - tho am  
not sure - he's one to think any  
thing like that - over for some  
time + then say "I believe I'll

start for the E. tomorrow morning"

Of course it would be in late summer  
if at all, - now, I believe with Wides - your  
auto trip thro the middle west will be good  
for you - a complete change of environment

When I got that crazy letter of Wides - I  
laughed out - and raised my eyes  
for D. + N. to join in - but they failed

to see the pt! Distressing. I will send M.  
\$50.00 more if she needs it. please let

much love to you all - Mother  
we know the best way -  
by air mail



Thank you so  
much for the  
fine picture  
of the children

I shall have it  
framed for my  
room. R.M.  
looks like  
Faith. Jeff like  
of F + Stan

It is most kind of  
you to write me - when you are  
so tired - & all in, - but you'll  
come back. - give you half a chance  
Are you doing all the entertaining  
for the visiting in, do -  
Please slight things more - don't  
be so conscientious - It will be all  
the same in another 50 years.  
You see I have only the one daughter.  
& there are lots of gals running about  
loose both in U.S and Canada  
You must not think for a min - of  
having so many parties for Mary  
She has met many charming  
people there I'm sure - but - close

1936

May 8<sup>th</sup>  
all right  
I don't  
know about  
these papers  
of milder?



gave him. She's a brave  
one - with her health as it  
is & has been to take entire  
charge of him & the house  
& property! - She spent  
two yrs in a "J.B." San. - and  
altho she is able to do  
all this - she does not cast  
a real shadow. -

No more now - but lots  
of love & thank you -  
Mother.

Monday  
May 25 -  
1936

Dear Helen

Your lovely  
flowers and neck piece came  
on time and everyone  
admires them - In most  
of all. - You never forget  
do you. and I think it's  
mighty nice of you. -  
They (the flowers etc) go very  
nicely with my Montreal  
suit. which by the way  
looks as well as when  
first built! A card from  
Mary on a lake boat  
came several days ago -



I suppose she must  
be in Hudson by this  
time - visiting old haunts.  
You will evidently have  
a busy summer - but  
don't work too hard  
making it all come  
out just right -  
for that will be a nervous  
strain - & you'd better  
just relax.

Is it too bad that  
Chas Jensch had to go.

He was a fine fellow -  
Do you remember when  
he used to come up on  
the hill - with the birthday  
club of ours?

Please don't forget the  
bathing suits for Milder's  
& R Mrs birth days.

I want them nice - too. -

We're still in ignorance  
about the outcome of Gen's  
estate. - no will - and  
lots of relatives. - We all  
hope - Belle will get the home  
for the 3 1/2 year care she



Dear Brother of the Etheric Plane, -  
Of course, - with all women -  
I have received many  
compliments during my  
long & eventful life, -  
but think the message  
contained in the appeal  
to the Brothers of the Etheric  
Plane - is by far and away  
the most subtle one, -  
to think I should be found  
worthy: -

Can only think my late  
residence in our wonderful  
city of Hollywood, has  
something to do - with you



faith in me, — May I  
include Sister Aimee McPherson  
as another cause for  
your interest in our  
instruction in the different  
planes you enumerated  
I am quite positive  
your book, written by  
a soul of the Etheric Plane  
would appeal to Sister Aimee  
and the different planes  
spoken of — can be adjusted  
to meet her — requirements  
for her life work —  
Sincerely — another searcher  
for the truth — and a white sister!



Well. I should almost be  
 afraid to try it. - but  
 would be quite happy if  
 I could lose about 40 lbs  
 Perhaps would be better  
 able to get about then  
 Do you realize Father and  
 will be married 50 yrs  
 next summer? Doubt it beat all  
 I hope no one around here  
 finds it out - I do not like  
 Golden weddings!  
 Do your lake home now just  
 one big room down stairs  
 and the kitchen? So you can  
 have barn dances I suppose  
 I can not get father to say

whether he respects to go East or not, most of the  
 time he's real well. - then he overworks or gets nervous  
 and then. - takes to his bed. why don't you write to  
 him yourself? he'll be pleased  
 to hear from you.

June 5.

Dear Helen. -  
 Your letter just  
 rec'd this - June 5<sup>th</sup> and I  
 hasten to ans. before you  
 start off again - I have  
 not been able to find the  
 Lake map but shall try  
 again. - Some of my papers  
 were packed away when we  
 moved + I'll go thro' them  
 soon. We are all excited over  
 Mary's return - which will be  
 tomorrow or next day. - She  
 had a whirlwind of entertainments  
 while in Hudson - on her way now  
 I suppose + will be glad when trip

I know you love letters encased like this. -  
 I know what has become of - Mrs Rusk -  
 your letter just rec'd  
 I hope you love letters encased like this. -  
 I know what has become of - Mrs Rusk -



is over, — and we can hear all about it — How nice you will visit in R.C. — By all means write Aunt Carrie — and ask her to tell Belle you'll be down to Sextonville to call — too you see Aunt C. — is quite lame and it's hard for her to get about — so it would be hard for her to entertain you — but she would feel neglected if you failed to stop. — You will find Sextonville quite the same except that Gene's place has had many things removed — I know you'll want

to see if tho'! — Aid I say — amaters for the children? Well I meant — "bathing suits" for Ruth M. and Wilder — now that's straight — want is there has been wrangling along — as if things were as they were between you & J. — where the facts of the matter are — they're really not! To think you know of some may to them of this extra overabundance of ours and have never given the benefit of your knowledge! to me!



Love from Me, His  
too. He is  
writing this  
effort in  
travelling  
M.K.

June 9th  
1934

Dear Helen -

The girl who went away  
has returned and we were very glad  
to see her. - We have accomplished  
very little since her return for  
there are so many things to talk over  
+ so many questions to ask about you all  
Nancy had a birthday yesterday <sup>18 yr!</sup>  
and she is following Mary about  
eyes open wide - big sister you know.  
I do think you dear Penfields were  
lovely to her - You may all move  
up a few seats in the heavenly  
chorus. - She is unpacking this  
A.M. - and we've just sent out a  
batch of things to be cleaned -  
She was in bed a good deal yesterday  
with a pain in her left side of  
unknown origin - those buses (?) are



no pillows. But she recovered —  
enough to receive callers in eve  
(Kenny!) — It surely is not ended  
Father looked rather dubious but  
some way — I don't think theres much  
danger. — Well — I wrote Carrie about  
your trip in July — and that you  
would call — so shes prepared.  
Now Helen — I'd like to have you go  
up to the cemetery there & see our lot  
Its lovely there in summer & Carrie  
can show you where we expect to rest  
some day. — Such things are best arranged  
dont you think? —

Must go now. — Sorry not to have  
sent an anniversary card to you  
but my muddled head had one.  
idea in it — rattling around & there  
seemed no room for any other  
you really needed none — He who runs  
may read — I'm waiting to hear if the children  
want the bathing suits. Love, Mother



out door brick fireplace  
a big pool (canoes) for the  
children was busy most of  
the time. Geo. was there with  
his 2d wife who is quite interesting  
and a moose of a baby. (28 lbs!)  
Waldo + his wife a bit cool to  
each other. 3 of Herb's family in  
Firestone tires - commencing at ground  
fl. + working up.

Father + I ran away on our "49th <sup>Anniv</sup>"  
to beach. + had fish dinner +  
good time. - felt a bit tired.  
but glad to have gone.

No more now - Hope to get a  
line or two during your trip.

Best love -  
Mother.

Not sure of Mary's address  
apart from - Good Samaritan Hosp  
L. A.

June 17

1934

Dear Helen; -

If you could see  
the pen I'm working with!  
But it will do. -

Mary has gone to a  
fine position in the  
Good Samaritan Hospital <sup>this morning</sup>  
the best in L. A. Isn't  
that fine? - \$50. per mo  
till she gets her RN  
then \$70, with maintenance  
of course. She was so happy  
we have been enjoying  
her visit so much. but  
of course - such an opportunity



Called for prompt acceptance  
She wanted to write you  
about it - \$ so I offered  
to do it for her - She is  
studying for her exam  
and. pleads busy with her work.  
Kenny is as much to the  
front as before. but I'm  
sure there's no danger  
of an elopement. Think  
Many looks ahead.

Suppose you are busy  
as a bee these days.  
We just hit 12 uniforms  
with things that go with  
them - + \$10.00 cleaning

But am so pleased with the stories  
she has under your supervision &  
shall surely expect you to under a tip.  
There's no reason against it!

We had a grand picture - a Penfield  
& English got-together at - the Merrill  
new home, <sup>and got</sup> it is a wonderful home.

Have you seen it? Don't remember if  
if you will when you were here -  
The lunch - memory etc - was cooked on their



July 21<sup>st</sup>  
1936.

Dear Helen, -

I suppose you will reach home a little before this gets there - had lost the best of your 10 min stoppages & that best to wait till you had arrived. before writing you. What a trip it has been & lucky you are to have ended up with the water trip. Lake Superior always cold. Shall be so glad when you get rested enough to tell me all about it. Hope you missed some of the heat that seems to have been universal.



<sup>more you wish to see, turn to you all. Best</sup>  
(Perpiration dropping from

my face as I write) but there  
seems to be a break - I guess  
we're over the worst. —

Now I must give you the  
important news - Mary passed  
the Med. Board - highest in  
the class! We're sure proud of  
her. — but she does not seem  
at all excited over it.

Well it's pretty satisfying at any  
rate, don't you think so? — A great  
deal of credit is due the Penfield  
kindness this last year!

Am writing the children soon  
+ please excuse brevity - too hard  
to write. — Fashis has settled down  
to training 2 cute fox terrier pups  
when not hoeing the garden + I doubt if  
he goes any where this summer - he's up at 6 a  
+ goes to sleep at noon - then after dinner sleeps

<sup>giving a bit more</sup>  
<sup>more longer</sup>  
Eddie Cantor and such like. I'm going  
- for 2 days. — And  
if possible —  
radio accompaniment. Eddie Cantor and such like. I'm going  
to Catalina Id. — or up to San F. if possible —  
all evening with  
to try to get over to Catalina Id. — or up to San F. if possible —



What intellectual giants  
they will be - I must think  
this is just a little bit of all  
right - I'd love to see  
them all - Hope you'd  
get excited some way or hope  
you don't at all do you  
look good - got a few things  
out of India boxes.

Both of us is containing a  
list for you - I've believed  
is little enough for her  
and she - Hope she get it  
a little earlier to see from her  
nothing my to read you all  
your old love - this of her  
and me on measure -  
write. Love both the best!

London 24th  
1837

Dear Helen -

Well - I suppose  
you had a better time  
getting off - Hope you  
have good weather -  
a fine trip - better from  
his - seems to say you'll  
have a right royal welcome  
Louis hopes you'll stay  
at least - one night  
I'm very warm here -  
hard to keep comfortable  
during midday - then  
so cool - we must have wrap



when sun goes down. -  
I feel real disappointed  
not to have given the  
children their swim  
suits! - Its their mother's  
fault - not mine  
but of course it can  
be remedied - and  
hope you'll find time  
to get them. -  
Nancy is over with  
Riggie - Ned away on R.R.  
Father working all day  
long in the garden these  
hot days - comes in

net to the skins - I do wish he'd go Easy  
but am not a bit sanguine - he will not  
pay - Mary takes her Exam - Wednesday  
so pray for her! - Remmy's football as  
was over her. I wish you of her new  
"job" - ? - 50. per mo - then a raise to  
\$70. when she gets her R.M. - I believe  
I have told you before. So - was a nice  
room by herself & bath. - so holds in young  
to Princeton! Normal for him - R.M. to Bryan M.



Sunday. - Aug 2. '36

My dear Helen. -

I hope you have recovered from that hot, dusty trip of yours - You were lucky to have the water trip at the last. Imagine the damp air of the Lakes was very refreshing. -

What a reunion you did have such a one so seldom occurs - all your old school mates - Does that not sound like Grand mother. It has been most un bearably hot here & it is all I can do to get 3 skelchy meals daily. -



Nancy is with Ned + Reggie up  
in the Mt Shasta country where  
Ned is So P. brakeman. - He  
gets passes - which is very convenient  
+ he rented a small cabin - for  
the four of them. - for a month  
One time he can do something  
for them. Lets hope he can  
do it again, some time. -

We have two tiny fox terrier pups  
the joy + amusement of your  
father. - Something to keep him  
interested - there seems little - that  
way. - Dr works so hard - a nervous  
activity - up at 6 a.m. + on the trot  
all day. - Our greatest excitement  
is a Sunday dinner at a restaurant  
Not that I do not appreciate that.



Mary has gone off on a hike  
today - with Kenny! who looks  
like - well - he shure is thin  
they are together every day as  
her work is in the same bldg  
the Good Samaritan, - She passed  
the State Board Exam - head of class  
and best in whole state!  
I was proud of that & a bit surprised  
hope she has given up getting  
married at least for some while  
What a narrow escape she & Milder  
had in the Lake last summer!  
I never even heard of it till a  
long time had passed.

Please tell me of the children  
when you write, and where they  
will be. Mary thinks Milder is a little



bit of all right - in fact all of them  
seem wonderful to her. - I wish I  
could hear Jeff - + his violin. -

Well - must get ready for our  
weekly dinner - Enclosing a sample  
of a new dress. I'm going to have  
just to be cool in. -

With much love to you all  
+ many thanks for your  
loving care of Mary -  
Mother.

Private

Did the websters - act friendly?



Sat. 22(12)

Summer 1934

Dear Helen, -

So welcome - your letter -  
this a.m. for I had been a bit "down"  
not physically - and needed  
just the tonic your letter contained  
Mary just phoned she would be  
here tonight - but late - does not  
get out till eleven + then the  
devoted swain will bring her over  
+ have the trip to make in return  
Ah - this love is great medicine!  
Well, - it helps to keep the old  
machine going, at any rate. -  
I'm sorry you have to caterlain so  
much - but Helen - do you think you



would be happy with out something  
to run! You never would - you &  
your father are much alike in  
some ways. - For my part - I'd love  
to be idle - have household help  
all the while etc etc! - Well any way  
I have a weekly woman engaged for  
4 hrs - a week. - \$1.50 - I have to pay  
but it's a great relief. - She's a  
big strapping German. - by the way -  
just a remark in your last letter -  
"giving the children a German lesson"  
Does that mean you're going to  
Germany soon? I think you'd be  
better at home, away from all the  
disturbances they are having. -  
"What fools these mortals be"!



After the terrible sufferings of the  
World war - why must they  
consider another -

I would like to hear about the  
Killens - Jeff + Priscilla were  
going to have. - Tell them we have  
two of the cutest Fox terriers I ever saw  
one start down the walk and  
here comes the other - a regular  
black and white team - One  
has a regular heart - one a butterfly  
stamped on his side - and long  
silky ears, + little stumpy waggling  
tails. - They have not been allowed  
in doors yet - but stand at the  
screen door + turn their heads first



one way - then the other - regular puppy fashion  
They keep the back porch rather untidy  
but Dr takes such delight in their  
antics - its worth all the trouble to  
hear him shout with laughter.

Is Dr Cone still with wife? Do

you like her, <sup>(moe)</sup> any better. -

Please write me a little about

how Will + Edna look - and

any little gossip about Genes estate

Had Aunt Hattie's place been

badly stripped? I heard so. -

My! I'd like to have had some

of the needle work she had made

Eat a big slice of wild strawberry

shortcake for me - Never will forget Mr

W's proud entrance - Much love - The

radio is commencing - so here's where I stop.

Love to all. - Mother



Just there - Mary + Reggie  
appeared with little birthday  
gifts and they stayed to dinner.  
Fried chicken etc + we had  
a jolly time - It was Mary's  
day off - + she went home  
with R. - who was greatly  
excited with some new curtains  
I had bit her. Their house  
looks so bare.

Nancy has a bad looking  
pair of legs - from wading  
among rocks etc up in N. Calif.

I was so glad to get a little  
letter from R.M. She's a sweet  
girl. I'm working in bed - a  
bit tired - so will close.

Love to you + all  
Mother

How are your pansies this year?

Aug 31 - Father's  
Geburtstag

Dear Helen

We went for a little  
ride yesterday P.M. and on our  
return found your nice letter (Spe. Del.)  
and it was much better than  
any gift could be. - We enjoyed  
your descriptions of how you keep  
your men at work. A great  
organizer you always were. -  
and will be to the end.

Father seems so happy today  
& is well. works all the A.M.  
in the yard - planting + digging  
up - The two funny puppies  
follow him every where + gaze  
solemnly at every move he makes.  
We are all warned that they are  
his alone - They even get him  
up nights to be fed or cared for.



I never saw him so interested.  
Of course he, like you - just  
must be occupied and it's  
little he can read or write on  
account of his eyes. So he  
listens to the radio + busies himself  
with the dogs. - Isn't it fine - he  
feels so well. - Was a marvelous  
appetite! - We have a highly  
decorated birthday cake for tonight  
with the usual ice cream - I  
suppose. Oh dear it's so warm  
I do wish the summer would  
let up a bit. - Ned certainly  
gave his family a grand holiday  
and they are all home resting  
for school. - Nancy has till Feb  
before finishing - then goes into  
Junior ~~Col.~~ College  
I am worried about Mary - she's  
all right in her work of course  
but she + Kenny are so much in  
love + think they are making quite

enough to get married  
Well, in my place, you'd likely  
find a way out but I'm no  
planner! Went to see a furrier  
last week and he informs me  
the old reliable fur cape of  
mother's - with the exception of  
the collar which I had several  
years ago - is about done -  
I would get a nice long brown  
cloth coat and use the collar  
as my only trim - if we lived  
in a cold climate - The rest  
of the coat would make a  
lot of good looking trim - if  
applied flat by with no strain  
It seems - the heat here has made  
the fur pelts = crackley. - + liable  
to rip + break apart. What do  
you think?



Monday Eve. - Sept. 27-8-9. (2)

Dear Helen, - I apologize for the looks of this letter right here - but I just can not write at my desk as Father keeps that old Radio - going full blast all about Randan being a few votes ahead of Roosevelt or vice versa, so - in <sup>bedroom</sup> It's been a long while since either of us has written so we'll consider that settled! Nancy has been sick abed with an infection of her legs - sores looking like craters - ~~a~~ very horrid to look at but she does not seem to have much pain, - well - she will try to go to school again tomorrow + hope the worst is over. Dr works with a feverish anxiety to have his different plants change locations - Really he seems to gain in health, daily - Up on the roof with a man + a tar pot - dabbing at all imperfections! - He talks, ever, - as if he was going on a long journey and wanted every thing ship shape while he is away! - Rather frightens me Now I should have enjoyed your barn dance! Think I might have been invited! About my fur - Think I'll have them go over it + wear it another season, as is. It's not many times during winter I wear it



any way - and who knows?  
Helen dear the winter is coming on  
do be very careful not to catch cold  
Think it would be a good stunt  
for you to come west for Xmas vacation  
Mildred could join you + we'd do our  
best to have you - have a good time  
+ escape the cold weather.

It does not seem possible he's in  
Princeton - just then I was writing  
as if he would be in Colorado! Well  
so, I suppose you'd never think  
of it ~~it~~. Such a busy time it always  
is with you at vacation time.  
Think I'd better close. - before I mix  
things up - any more.

you remember Susan Calgate -  
once offered to forward to you  
or rather hold for you - any gift  
I might be afraid would be held for  
duty - but have forgotten her husband's  
name. Will you please let me know at once  
in case - I might find something.  
Am sleepy + tired - so good night  
to my dear "Nellie" as all the wis  
people call you - Love -  
Mother.

Mary looks thin - think  
the work is hard for her.



Dear Helen, -

No word from  
Mama Rogers  
Am afraid  
she's far from  
well. -  
Give my love  
to Mide - much.  
How lonely  
you'll be after  
R.M. + Milder  
go to college. It  
seems impossible they  
are old enough.

It's been too hot to

live - these last week but today a  
breeze blew up and am hastening  
to write before a change. -

Just love to you all. -  
Miker.  
Aug 20th.

I suppose you are enjoying the Lake  
as we used to - the River -  
To think of you taking the time off  
in your hurried trip, to visit Rivermen  
and take a swim there, too -

Did it seem at all like old times?  
The Cooks all gone I suppose. -

R.C must have boated over - we  
have seen more people from  
there - Even Gerald Sherman  
coming in one day - looking like



a funny old man. — Much older  
looking than his father, they say  
Ned & his family are still up in  
mountains - he making good money  
for a wonder, and satisfied with  
the work - well - hope it continues  
Rogers & V. spent two days & a night  
last week with us & father took us  
for a ride - something a bit unusual  
now - he does not feel safe  
driving - altho - he's still good at it.  
Have heard nothing about General  
affairs in Mex. yet. Carrie is  
better & thinks R.M. is a wonder.  
Are you planning on a Calif. visit  
this coming winter? I do hope so.  
We have a lot to talk over, you &

Am having a thin stew made - think I will do nearly for  
with year.  
It is not as nice as the one I had made the month of



Wed.

Dear Helen, — Well — I don't know  
what excuse to make for not  
writing — Really tho — it's been  
a busy time — Nancy out of  
school for a mo- or more +  
part of time obliged to stay in  
bed. — She is an ideal patient tho,  
a good deal like Ruth Mary  
well — and this disease is contagious  
they say so one has to tread  
lightly — She's going to school  
this week so perhaps we can  
breathe again. — Father is not well  
either — sleeps <sup>sometimes</sup> day + night thro  
+ is dizzy all the while too.  
Yours truly — is as well as can be expected  
so please do not expect much as a



letter, — Ned has been back for two  
days — seemingly all right —  
He invited me over to a Barbecue  
last evening — full moon + sat  
out on the back lawn — around  
the brick fire place + admired  
lights of city + a real Mex. lunch  
then — sent me home in a taxi!

Enjoyed you last time  
unforgettably

Father + N. have never made up <sup>and</sup> <sup>is</sup>  
so N. never comes here, —

Verona + R. will celebrate her birthday  
Fri. — with a plain family dinner  
No more about us I guess. —

Herb's wife died of a second stroke  
(last week or so.) He's a bit unlucky

Allie Edwards — 2<sup>d</sup> has just passed on  
ill only 24 hr. — Poor Allie —

No use trying to think of anything  
interesting — nothing in my noddle  
Love to you all. Hope Wides lecture was  
a success. — Mact



our life should be nice -  
I've about made up my  
mind to let my pen go  
another winter - they will  
read all books & newspapers  
for me - what do you think  
will be - please - was there  
any thing at least better  
to reward you of old times?  
Mary is writing a long  
account of the trip up north  
Oregon, that goes down the  
pot river. She's about all in  
your letter - I mean of old times

Sept 20/18

Dear Helen  
I was very happy  
to receive your interesting  
letter with pictures enclosed  
especially where you will  
your glad smile - looking  
like a string of a good - with  
all done by people - from  
Helen - seems good to let  
larger. It was fine -  
I wish you'd let me if  
our old home - is in apartment



It's not such a bad looking  
place now, is it? Oh dear  
how a lot happened to you.  
And your last study was  
to success - and I suppose  
every step was well planned  
and now to the West please  
before I forget - I shall  
have a little gift to send  
you at some time - that I  
am afraid to send now.  
That I send it by some  
of your kindle friends!

Please let me know in time,  
I'll really appreciate!  
The children are away now.  
How can they manage to get  
time seems to reach at the  
last - but in a way,  
and so occupied with work  
and things, we're having  
the position - I know how  
you are such a busy  
creature -  
I shall visit you about  
Sunday with us - just to  
see just married a little  
pretty hand girl - and



dozens of beautiful bright blue  
flowers, fully open & Margaret  
Hale's Mr. have not today  
has perhaps as we have  
no family news.

May's things seem very  
decided - they really about  
a lot of cash value and  
perhaps etc as well they

should make a living  
before they are too old  
this is good to you -

I try not to write with them  
think back being badly  
down of time with I don't know  
how long I am here of last  
the days - wonder what  
that date - there was not  
back there again.

Dear Helen -  
This paper looks  
rather juvenile but seems  
to be all I have here at  
the hotel - for at least I  
managed to get away and  
fortunate to find lovely  
fast weather! Nancy clearly  
wants - anxious to try her  
travels on to - so guess  
it's all O.K. Have been  
getting rather sick of last  
and am spending a whole  
week if possible - Am  
sitting now on a second  
story <sup>water</sup> ~~water~~ - and a week  
apart one of the lovely  
water - a walking you could  
do with me as much you did!



My eye seem to be going back on me some  
• I hear indifferently well - but would prove  
that - am able to find quite a number  
of bright spots - Being able to be right here  
is not big one - I surely love it - The crowds  
are mostly gone but every day, one sees parents  
& youngsters who look exactly like Larkin.  
I hear you are to have Larkins picture and  
I am so glad - sometimes do find time to  
tell me how you found Louis old house  
justly well gotten of everything in the  
relogory furniture & picture etc  
Please send me again - both Mumps & Milder  
address. You did - once but they was lost  
at end any thing else is, or become where  
it got into our house. Please send me  
some Larkins address - too -  
Shall I send \$20.00 money for Louis  
& his about a case for Milder  
Must hunt around for another book like  
the one I usually send Rio!  
A bid or two from you save my good old  
train - many thanks!



Much love to my girl

+ Be careful

mother

Anniversary Day.  
Nov 11.

Dear Helen, -

Father is still  
in bed - cardiac ~~Alma~~  
Asthma!) and tired all  
the while. - We are keeping  
him as quiet as possible  
and I think he'll be out  
in a few days - It seems  
a long time he's been in bed  
I wrote you, I think, - how it  
started? - In the night  
with a cold sweat & much  
alarm. - He thought himself  
his time had come -  
but you know he has had  
spells before & recovered  
all right. - Will let you



Know of any change.  
Dr McKee has been over  
two or three times, Glen also  
& today, <sup>both</sup> for lunch.  
Some ladies from church  
also called. We ate out  
in the arbor & found it  
a bit too warm. <sup>Just McKees  
& Dr. P.</sup>  
I've been on my feet a lot  
& am a bit tired but  
nothing but what will  
pass. Mary has made  
up her mind to get married  
on Thanksgiving a.m.  
& departs at once for  
Mexico City - where he  
goes to straighten up some

accounts - incidentally. -  
Yesterday he got another  
raise in salary & came  
up hot foot to see Dr  
but I did not think best, -  
you see Jim "bumper"  
They have an apt picked  
out & I hope they'll be  
happy ever afterwards  
Millsveraus also called  
this P.M. - out here for  
winter. and charmed  
How I wish you could  
be here, too -  
Nancy has gone down  
town on an errand  
& I must go back to Dr



Nov 12

Dear Helen —

Father is sorry  
but not much — better  
& after repeated attempts  
has gone down to P. O.  
to mail some important  
papers! I am so angry  
at him, for he looks  
like a ghost & has the  
strength of a kitten  
Mary, — up in the clouds —  
is a handfull — & how  
were to put this thing  
over I fail to see. Have  
been trying to tell him  
it's for the best



but the whole class  
seem at sword's points  
Roger & Ned not speaking  
to themselves or to the  
Lakes! Oh dear. —

Well. She's to have  
them (the tribe Williamson)  
over to tea soon. — but no  
other entertainment.

No invites but wedding  
announcements, of course!

How I ~~it~~ would like to  
have you here to see  
it thro. — I get so fused  
nothing new — I suppose  
you are saying — but

Father & I are not in  
very good trim for  
so much excitement  
Will write you soon  
again. —

The McGovern's  
called yesterday & I  
must have them to  
lunch. — Well — they're  
nice, at any rate —

Good bye — best love  
Mother

12<sup>th</sup> Nov



Dear Helen. —

Waiting for father to come to  
breakfast — so please excuse paper  
Please give me some hints for the children's  
Xmas. — I thot to get some pretty flowered  
silk to make a dress for Pris. for dancing  
class. How much — blue, I suppose. how many yds

R.M. — a silk nighty — what size. — Wides? Jeff?  
Yours. I have — Wides? — I thot a cane.  
but do please give me a few hints, by air mail.

Nighty for R.M. hand made, no lace, —

My brain does not work very well — + no wonder

Post card from Mrs Williamson. having  
a fine time — "all the world forgetting + by the  
world forgot." No, no!

Now please give me some hints or I shall  
go batty. Kitten in my lap — helping out

Sorry to ask such a favor Love  
of you — at this busy time but Mother  
do not want to neglect the youngsters

(over)

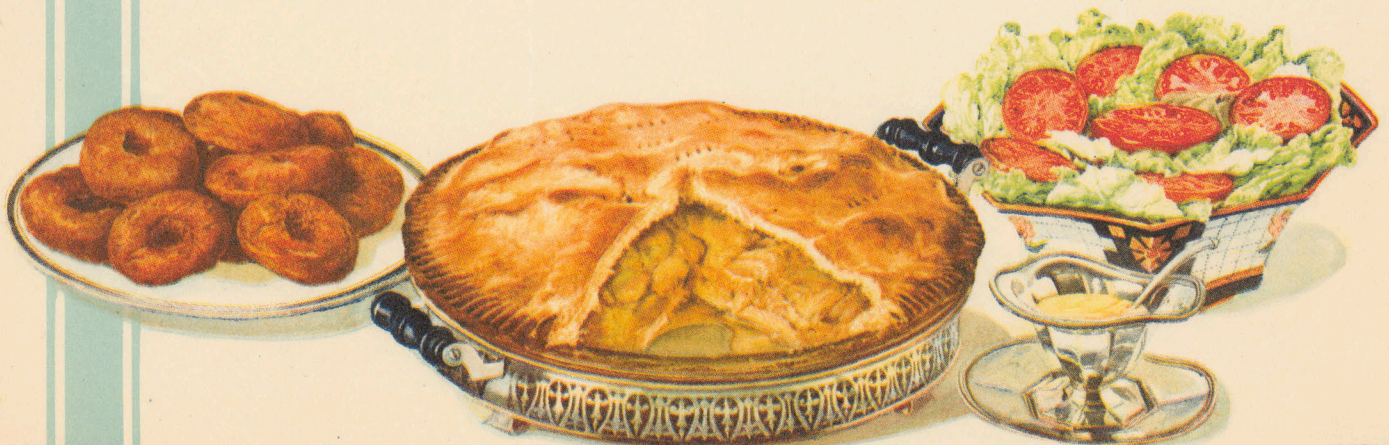








Roger is planning on giving  
father a small radio for his bedroom  
Ned is planning on a transfer  
from Oregon down here - so will  
be here now for a short time.  
at 2323 Duane St.





at 2323 Avenue St.  
to see what for a short time  
from paper have but - so not  
that is pronounced in a variety  
of other a small is also for his father  
Papa is pronounced in ground





Fourth Floor Lounge

Nov 1934

Dances Helen, - Mary & I are  
at Bullock to select a  
going away dress (but in a car!)  
They are taking a trip to Mex City  
as soon as the ceremony is over  
He (K. of course) came up &  
asked Dr's consent and really  
they were very congenial  
but I'm wondering how Ned  
(will like it - even Father) to  
have some other - give the bride  
away. Mary wants the feminine  
part of the family to come up  
to tea next Mon. We have  
never met them, only as we  
spoke to them in our auto.



and I rather dread that part  
but — that too, will pass away. —  
I rather wanted Mary to be dressed  
in white — but with her practical  
mind — she decided on a more  
serviceable one. — She will not  
give up her Wash. work + I think  
can easily make both ends  
meet if all you well

They expect to make the trip  
in 10 days — down + back.

Hope sincerely they will be  
very happy — + think they will  
sum very much so now. —

Letter from R. M. this A.M. saying  
~~it~~ you were not well. — Do that  
old dieting — I'd rather you  
was a 200 lbs + well. What do  
you really care? Do as I do + eat  
everything and am not gaining  
very much! will not close letter

Tell the dress is big so you can heat  
Father is very slow about getting up. Fred all the time + has not driven



## Fourth Floor Lounge

car for some time - once down  
town. - I think I wrote you - they  
call it Cardiac Asthma.

You will be getting announcement  
cards. Just family invited. am

wondering if Roger will go.

Mrs McGovern + husband are

here for winter, + charmed

They have called but that  
best Dr should see no one

He has meals with family

+ then goes to bed + sleep till

next one!! - am worried

to be away so long

Love to you all

+ eat a decent meal

Mother



Well - no finish yet. It was rather  
hard day - and Mary took me  
home in her car & showed me  
where they will live An apt of  
several in an old mansion  
way up on the heights overlooking  
the city. - I got a brown tailcoat  
suit for her - they asked \$7.50  
to fit it, but was a small  
job. - one gold + red waist +  
one white - pretty but not ex  
a pair of blue cords with a blue  
waist for traveling (by car)  
2 small hats @ 2.50 (2.50 a piece)  
That's all I can think of now  
McGiveranis have just left us  
They are staying all winter  
Mr Mc\_ has just decided it  
not a half bad place to live after all  
With much love Mother



~~5/1~~ Please excuse -

of general Nasp. - She is  
very ambitious

I hope your mother  
is taking life a bit  
easy these days - Use  
your influence too -  
to keep her more lazy -

Much love to you, -  
dear - from  
"Granau"

Fall 1936.

Dear Wilder, -

It's so difficult  
to imagine you in  
Princeton - Seems only  
a year or so ago - I  
was watching you build  
squirrel houses - on  
one of those big trees  
in Riverdale!

And do you remember  
the squirrel who stole  
a whole loaf of bread



and dragged it up the tree?<sup>2</sup>  
How impossible it seemed  
that he could do it!  
I liked Riverdale best  
of any place you ever  
lived - did it you?  
The people were so friendly  
I suppose its all work  
now - for you - after  
your nice long vacation  
Did you enjoy life  
in the West? Seemed  
a shame you could not  
have made us a visit  
while you were so near.

Thank you so much for your Christmas  
remembrances. - and best of all - your  
interesting letter. Some time - do write  
me another - will you?

You should find all what a fine little  
housekeeper Mary is. Just as pleasant  
she is making quite a bit of money, too -  
its nice in our largest hospital - outside



Thanksgiving day - 1936

Dear Helen, -

Please excuse

Well - ~~the~~ die is cast - and  
Mary is off on her travels, -  
Such a happy wedding it was. -  
married in a little brown Episcopal  
church on bank of Echo Park - <sup>same</sup> same  
block with Alice's Temple - a perfect  
day - warm sun + little breezes.  
Mary's new one button tailored suit  
was very becoming - she carried  
from Kenney - a wonderful brown  
orchid - Roger + V - Reggie + Micky  
sat with me in one of front  
seats + Ned gave bride away  
so. - the family at last got  
together again - much to my joy -  
with exception of Father! He was not



equal to the exertion - tho I think  
he is better - very thin and nervous  
& eats very little. - Ned + Reggie  
had turkey & brot nearly half  
of it down to us all cooked. - We  
had given it up - & it was a nice surprise  
I guess I wrote you - Kenney & M. were  
going to Mexico City - on their honeymoon  
Rather a stiff trip - but think they  
will easily make it. - Father does not  
get the car out any more - much. -  
Well - I'm too tired to write more - but  
that you'd be interested to hear how  
things went off. - Will write soon, again  
So nice of you to send wires to Mary  
She was quite thrilled. - From Lyman's too -  
Good night - dear & much love.

Mother  
Mary was much surprised & delighted with the  
check you & Wade sent. - It was deposited in "Family Bible"



So nice of you to write  
again - Everything seems to be as of yore!  
Except that - we miss Mary quite a lot  
However, she's been away from home so  
much of late - it has prepared us.  
Ned & Roger did not come in contact  
but at least, occupied - same pew - if  
not in close proximity - It was quite  
a strain on R. but Ned marched up  
to the altar & gave the bride away. -  
and looked very well. - Has been working  
hard & is as hard as nails. -  
Is hoping to make a change - to live here  
& make runs out of L.A. -  
I do hope all will be well. Have just  
been training Nancy on a fish dinner  
and oh - how much easier to do it ones self!

Nov 30 1936  
My dear Helen -  
I hope to go East in the spring as far as R. is concerned  
Alice me: e.g. with city wants to have a meeting  
then of the me: e.g. - may not be able to get across the  
really think I should not



you would have laughed at Mary's going  
away toilette! - Of course she looked  
very nice in a trim brown tailored suit  
but when they finally left in their car  
what a transformation! A tight, <sup>red!</sup> bandanna  
about her head - holding every hair  
in place - a pair of smoked glasses. -  
a <sup>sky</sup> blue waist + a pair of navy schlects.  
"cords" I believe they call them. - all this  
because of the desert winds they will  
encounter. I really do think it will  
be a happy marriage - He seems a fine  
man - and all of his people I met  
were quite English + good looking!  
Well, - the dinner is about to be served  
How I wish you + W. could join us. -  
Dr got up immediately after the excitement  
+ really is better - Lost many lbs. tho. -  
Shall look forward to another letter when you can  
Much love - mother.



100.  
Sept 1934

Dear Helen  
I'm enclosing  
a small check for Jeff -  
Hope he'll spend it  
better than I could.  
Could not think today  
for how the Christmas  
with a father never  
but it's a shame things  
will not go more easily  
I would like to know  
if he can use it.  
Will write more later  
Love as ever.

Mother



you that it was funny  
about the Americans want  
each manning under  
no giving such work -  
but we did not know of  
them & he says here to do  
his duty. It is now -  
Foster was such a kid  
& that showed up with  
a new suit - looking like  
a million - & all was well  
but we have been afraid  
I'd wonder about it  
However all was well &  
every thing passed off well

you the school will  
not discontinue you  
but they said the day  
when I had read a  
small bit to her in school  
how they was so good  
to be present long



Received this morning in  
a nice gift. your friend

the gift -

I had but half the usual explanation of  
the days - all a matter of time &  
got what you - saying that would  
be enough for that - have sent me  
what - when you come to see me by all

1891

Merry Christmas!







Wishing you a joyful Season  
and a very happy New Year.



Jan 11<sup>th</sup> letter just arrived  
1937

Dear Helen, -

Rather a vague order, I'd say  
and am not sure this is what you wish  
but am sending it right out. - and you  
can be more explicit - if necessary  
will not write more - Father is packing the deck  
We had dinner (all Mex. dishes) at  
~~the~~ Mary & Kenneth's yesterday - very pleasant  
am enclosing his picture - no more  
now -  
Much love  
Mother

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>







a time as she had with it  
Dr seems a bit better but lies down  
a greater share of day - & plays the  
radio all night!! - <sup>So glad you have father's picture, did you like it?</sup>

I shall try in my nest - to give you  
some idea of my appreciation of your  
lovely gifts - That butterfly of a purse  
quite the loveliest I've ever seen  
I - I must wait till I can tell it all

Hope the two wilders like their  
scarfs - Strictly formal. London - <sup>one</sup>  
I have read, today - at one gulp  
the Lincoln story & is it good?

Must go & get dinner - Nancy  
down street - vacation this week -  
then school till last of Jan.  
Dr Williams - married <sup>at home</sup> Say at last <sup>Dr Williams</sup>

Don't look with  
his mother is gone. Don't look with  
Hope so. <sup>one</sup> <sup>mother</sup> <sup>Dr Williams</sup>

Jan 26 1937

My dear Helen -  
Don't know if I'll be  
able to write clearly on such  
beautiful stationary - but will try  
it out on you - You are much too  
liberal - all our Christmas gifts are  
so lovely - and packed so well -  
they came thro - beautifully  
And, too - it proved to be more  
of a family gathering than previous  
years. - Roger & V - here for dinner  
Thurs - before Xmas. - dinner at  
Neds Christmas night with Mary & Henry  
dropping in. - and a lordly goose  
for Ned to carve on a new tray  
with new carving set -



<sup>2</sup> He was quite ill that night - I always  
shun that bird, <sup>9000<sup>50</sup></sup> too rich I think.  
Boiled Eng pudding etc etc. —  
Mary + Kenny are very pleasantly located  
in a duplex overlooking Echo Park.  
Have not been up to see it yet  
as I'm a bit leary of their little car  
They slipped on a soft shoulder  
& got spilled in the ditch on their  
Mex. Trip - which event did not  
add greatly to the safety or comfort  
of said "little car" - Mary has  
not gone to work since, but well, this  
week - has had a bothersome cold  
& is decked out in "woolies"  
Now I'm almost afraid to ask you  
if you've rec'd a good long letter of mine  
and our Xmas box, which contains  
something never to be replaced - that

Picture of Grandma <sup>3</sup> Rogers + Mother - I had if  
all done over, at quite an expense too - about \$30.00  
and that - well now - here's something when  
will appreciate - and am afraid it was destroyed  
in an air plane wreck which took place about  
8 days ago - & no word has been rec'd of the  
fate of our passengers + mail. - Selfish to speak  
as when so much ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> caused but  
really I was so disappointed that you did not  
see it! - Another took place this a.m. - 12 killed  
the R. R. will do me, thank you. —  
Please let me know, - soon - if our pkg got there.  
Also how you like Mamey's picture - such



and hope you'll take it. - How I'd  
love to have you drop in for tea this  
P.M. - quite often some one does. -  
Mary is looking better again & has  
invited us to dinner tomorrow  
noon - (12:30) up in their swiss  
chalet - overlooking Echo Park lake  
a wonderful location. This A.M.  
I have taken the nice coat you gave  
her - to the furriers to have the  
ends of sleeves & around neck - repaired  
aside from that its fine & will be so warm  
and that's what we need today - I'll say  
I shall soon sit me down to acknowledge  
my many lovely Xmas gifts but this  
letter was business. Priscilla eat too much  
turkey? - Love to you all - so much -  
will you be interested in Ned's last letter? Mather

do hope Priscilla is quite well by this time  
Jan 1937

Dear Helen, -

So glad to hear from  
you again & to know you are  
pleased with the picture -  
Its, at least, a stab at an  
ancestral - offering. - I wish  
it was abt life size & could  
be hung over the fire place.  
like 'Mame Rogers' - Such a  
benign creature - posing for  
an aunt or such - but as M.  
said - she had it the first  
idea just who she was. -  
Sorry you were lonely - but how  
it does come, that feeling - even



to the best of us - Thank goodness  
it passes! - I feel as you do  
(but hate to say) New York would be  
my choice - and perhaps not  
quite so cold. - It froze severely  
here last night & we fear for  
the citrus crops. - The air is heavy  
with smudge & ice formed in  
midday - nearly 2 inches thick  
People are marooned in the  
mountains & so it goes - we  
even had a little earthquake  
yesterday - which rattled the dishes  
a bit. Our furnace is working  
all right so we manage to keep  
quite comfortable

I'd love to have the Jennie Lady here for  
lunch - if she'd enjoy it - you see  
we do not drive the car anymore & are  
never out after dark - that to have written  
about I before. - Tell her we will be most glad  
she was the one who secured the salmon on  
her porch - next week? - and was so nice  
to me. - Hope this is not too late. - we've been  
under the weather so much.

Now tell me why Mary especially should  
know about the possible change - I shall be  
as silent as the tomb but as curious as a cat in  
a strange parcel. - Give a chance for a good deal more



My dear little girl - Yours was  
my first Christmas greeting  
and so - I'm making it mine  
first to you. - The wind is blowing  
up a storm I think but we have  
had a wonderful fall and  
any way rain is looked upon  
as a great friend - out here. -  
Do hope my little gift to you  
pleases - There is really some  
very fine work on it & I know  
it's what you've been always  
asking for. - Don't laugh at  
Prissie's - All my life I've  
wanted one & hope she will  
enjoy it - P.M. - what every woman  
(Knows) likes - Well no more  
about that. - Father is better  
but looks miserable. has lost  
many lbs & can not run car  
or go down street much. Ned  
is here in town on Civil service

work & drives us when he can  
get off - at the end of his postal  
work here, he goes back to R.R. job. -  
Hope the good work goes on. -  
I'm as well as can be - with  
the exception of - being a bit  
tired - but have learned to  
let work go & its quite the best  
way to do. Am so glad you  
could have the little trip - Am  
sure you felt quite rested.  
I've had to let ~~my~~ my kitten go  
and she was lovely, but  
her gender made it impossible  
& now we have no animals  
to bother. - & can not even  
run the car. - We had hoped  
Mary would learn to drive  
but she drove like she sweeps  
dishes off of a table - with a  
lordly gesture. Mary & Ed Kenny  
are home at last after a wonderful  
trip - Why did Wade think they  
used the check carelessly - I'm sur



Personal.

they were delighted with it, - I think  
Father + I will give them some Community  
silver, <sup>he also gave them \$50.</sup> plenty good enough for  
nooning about - don't you think so?

Helin, dear - I  
am missing  
you so!

but as long  
as we're both  
well + happy -  
no call for tears.



Dr Williams is married again! 4 times - a widow too  
I hardly know how to send whaletooth  
or you should have had it long ago.

The best one of us to make trips carries  
it to you! It was sort of funny about  
Roger giving his father a radio. - but

Roger is buying <sup>from</sup> a <sup>one</sup> could get only  
about 5.00

for his old <sup>one</sup> so asked  
me if Father  
would be  
insulted if  
he gave him  
the old one (which  
is really very good)  
for his bedroom!  
As a Xmas gift!

Not such a bad idea after all  
much love to you all -

From Mother  
and the New Year  
be merry  
Christmas  
To the Penderbells  
with much love  
From Mother  
and the New Year  
be merry  
Christmas



These  
are  
picked  
in  
North  
Carolina  
wonderfully  
lovely  
poinsettias

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Dear Helen. There has been  
a bad accident on the  
air mail - all killed - and  
still people will ride on them  
I'm wondering if my long  
letter was aboard with  
a small check for Jeff. - Too  
and I do certainly hope  
your gift from me will arrive  
safely. - Am afraid I could  
not duplicate it. - very soon  
Please tell me honestly if it  
pleases you. -

Am enclosing also. Priscilla's  
and a picture of you I  
found in our paper. Isn't it  
very much like you?



even down to the smile or  
up to it. —

I think this must do now  
am a bit jittery — I have  
not been down to get  
my little cards etc. —

Am a bit too uncertain  
& the traffic is terrible  
so please just excuse me  
this time. Your loving Mother

As soon as I get the  
gift cards will send  
them & you can put them in



he should, - and Mary + R should  
go to L.I. - I'd want to tag right  
along. - Always have a homesick  
feeling for L.I. - with its oysters + clams etc  
and that brings to mind that mother  
of mine, and yours - It would not  
seem the same without her. -  
Wasn't she a grand person, tho -  
I seem to appreciate her more + more

Heavens! What have we here,  
remains of a chicken dinner?  
as the years roll on  
I do hope God lets  
us find her quickly  
when our race is run.

R.M. wrote me about her  
hopes for a pilgrimage  
in France - this coming

summer - well I'd want to have them  
stop fighting - first, over there -  
No more now - but it's quite enough  
perhaps. - Have not heard anything from  
Mrs Jenks - Mary wants her to come there too  
only trouble they have no quarters accomodations!



Please excuse. Too much work to rewrite

Come to all + most to you dear heart!  
Mother

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> '37

Dear Helen, -  
I'm almost frozen + mad too  
so, - just the time to write a letter. -  
Nancy has just recovered from a  
slight case of Flu - enough to keep  
her in bed - for two days - She has  
only this week and next - left -  
I did not like her picture much  
too old, a matron of 30 -  
Please tell me something nice  
for Priscilla - It's all right to send  
jokes on any day but Birthdays  
they're different - please help me out  
Has Wile read or would he like to read  
"Gone with the Wind" - Nice for him - or  
Perhaps he'd prefer - money? Some do!



Dr is almost well + sassy  
Has Kenny doing St Inup Bond work  
for him - well I guess he understands  
it all right - By the way Kenny  
had a nice offer from a big  
hospital on Long Island N.Y.  
but he had a better one out here  
He's a worker all right + we like him  
and Mary is so happy she  
sparkles all over!  
Dr wants me to render his  
thanks for all your many gifts  
to him - maple sugar - gorgeous sweets  
etc, etc, etc - Such a worker as  
you are. - Do hope you are shunning  
the Flu - It seems light here, tho

I am sending you what I think is a lovely calendar -  
a Bond calendar presented us with one  
+ deemed happy to find I appreciated it  
+ gave me one for my daughter, Eric, kind man!  
Also some clippings from last weeks R + D.  
Bon Belle - no word about her - She probably <sup>is</sup> coming  
just came to the end of her string. -  
I do love that pup. Prud - Ruth Jr. send me +  
shall have it framed - "Strange as it may seem!"  
I have not written her how much I do think of it.  
This is lovely stationary you send me - "Speaking of  
fond hell" - Please tell me if there's any like hood  
of wide considering New York? If by any chance  
The Andersons  
have presented  
you Mary + Jimmy!



—Mrs. W. S. McCorkle expects to  
leave next week for Clearwater, Flor-  
ida, where she will spend the balance  
of the winter.

—Gail K



... 1111, 10 0 111111.

—Bell McCorkle, who has been at Wauwautosa for some time past, returned to the city Wednesday. Owing to ill health she was brought home in the Lunenschloss-Doudna ambulance.

—The Federation of Women's clubs.











care of them. - Please tell me more about  
 them. Why did it you tell me about  
 the book for Wida + something for P.  
 I just stay put - in this one place  
 + do not go out any even to church.  
 Sunday we often have company  
 or ~~go~~ callers most always, in fact,  
 just went out + made a cup of tea  
 will you join me? - You are so  
 much in my mind these days  
 Oh Roger called us up to say  
 he's at last had an offer for that  
 little strip of woodland on L. I and  
 will accept, I guess - His anxious to  
 have a little car - but Father is trying  
 to make him think he should invest  
 in real estate - It's not much he'll get  
 anyway. One can scarcely

wanting a car - seems as if every one  
 blame him for  
 has to try to run one - Well must close now don't you all - mother

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> '37

Dear Helen, Well, - another birthday  
 has slipped away. - and I'm still  
 able to navigate - Wida's wire made  
 us laugh - and was so glad to  
 know you were thinking of me  
 That the end of wire - especially  
 good - "Helen and Wise" - Intentionally  
 your father + I are alone again -  
 Nancy grad ualed from H.S.  
 + is entering the jr. College of Los A.  
 for two yrs - then wants to be  
 a nurse too - like Mary. -  
 Mary is getting \$85 - now. but earning  
 every bit, I guess. - They had some trouble  
 with their car on the trip - tore off  
 one of the fenders in a bout with



"a soft shoulder" so they are walking  
or staying at home! Well - life never  
runs smoothly for any length of time.  
Father thinks Kenney is going to be  
a great help to him in business  
They have been in city all day furnishing  
up - He is so quick + seems to grasp  
the idea - Nancy will find it not quite  
so pleasant in some ways. - going to  
L.A. J.C. - boarding with Ned's folks +  
walking quite a bit. - There is to be  
a narrow rattan bed in living room  
for her. just now with Ned away  
she + Reggie are sleeping together in  
the bedroom - Nancy was getting  
very hard to get along with - impatient  
+ she + Dr did not hit it off very well.

It seemed necessary to make a change - and  
she was crazy to go to L.A. - J.C. Poor creature  
she is so anxious for a little masculine attention  
and has never had any - with the exception  
of Percy Opa Roberts - from Hudson and  
Nancy says his not good at all there  
I think his not so bad tho + seems to  
do well in school. But that's not the kind  
she wants, - all his written and nothing  
said about poor little "Private Miller" + Jeff. -  
I do hope they are much better. - if I only  
could never perhaps I could help a bit with



Friday

My dear Helen,

Has it been a long time  
since I've written you? I feel like all  
knowledge of time - even the day of the week  
manage to tell - morning from evening  
but does not do much good -

Nancy has left us - we sent her to  
Neddy - and we told her she could  
call that her home after that. (I told  
what a relief it is - the one getting  
my forward & Nancy and so said  
it'd be a nervous wreck if I tried to  
bring her up - she bothered him the most  
and sometimes I'd tell you of some of her  
antics. She was a queer girl - but very  
lovable too, at times - Reggie gets along pretty  
well with her & we're hoping it is a change  
for the best. Your father & I are so contented  
and think all will be for the best.



Sam made a few dollars to buy his Christmas  
gifts - no - it was his birthday - I don't  
want to send just money - because I  
might make a little more effort - but  
scarcely ever get away he was before  
with, anyway - it seemed only thing to do.  
I suppose that sick people are all out doors  
again - if you could just skip the next few  
weeks - I'm sure you'd like to. -

Have a snap shot taken of your face  
with blue - and send it to me, as  
Papa has had an offer for that slice  
of land on L. Island - no as much as  
you - but as much as L. land is worth I  
do want to get, with it - a small note - I don't  
much blame him but he thinks it very  
extravagant - well - he hasn't got the money  
yet - so why worry -

We have been out planting by ourselves & parental  
and it feels like rain. Have had a little  
time with the sledge - it blackens every thing up  
We don't see the ducks well and they have taken  
over all furniture - & when it's really over -  
they have painted every thing out long - they have  
all possible things stored away or covered up -  
It's a little expense, too - no doubt you'll be the

I don't - we found that I probably paid - I don't know - each one to tell the money - I don't know



them of good land in N. - and sold it  
at that time to a commission - the day  
before of a small settlement near  
the river enough - for it - but then  
thought it would be very profitable -  
I thought it would be very profitable  
high and was not sure that  
for selling for a sum of land -  
I had heard with them but not  
anything I had - so we went  
to land - there is to be a village  
in the form of P. B. which was not  
to long built - I would not be right  
enough - a more dependent village  
but - a bit and and at one time  
to profit - the time that you were  
I have a man to help while the place  
who looks like a Native American  
Should you want for a piece of your property  
at land to let it - and it should be used

10th January 18th March 1841  
No. 10

Dear Sir,  
I have a letter of  
you is not properly addressed  
today - and send a few on the  
post across here - when the process  
has made me glad to be highly  
land - and likely to be called out  
the more get used to the same but  
that the day to show continuously  
of some of several other -  
Many of the things to be done  
with many both improved then -  
to really enjoyed very much and  
you had done the better one -  
The time - land - I. Things with  
them to be - many of the things  
I have - and some of the most things  
style wanted a beyond in a number



to be the subject of of the  
writing - the last week I had to  
a teacher in the school - but the  
time an announcement of the  
house and nearly the of  
house will that a new good  
enough for her - or otherwise could  
be done -

Dear Alice I know you feel as  
depressed as I feel about - but  
to me need to go on I feel, all  
of the time - the girl will make  
her realize - the solution is  
not just a big game - and to it  
will show to each work the a  
how I feel and will never  
have you any kind other  
to be I had a workman - James

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any time but never more till we do  
please keep a father that otherwise  
should not be the case if we could  
go to the hotel together tonight  
just you & I - I have just a great  
deal to read - I don't think the world  
without you long - you'd still promise  
anything imaginable - I wonder how  
you have celebrated - also just  
the evening you & my old & lovely mother  
but my mother was on her wedding day  
hoping you'd give it to her  
the year it was to be - her hoping  
to have you for ever - what she thought  
that - she is still hoping to change  
to be someone having some good  
material with her always - whether land  
then and after of only a little bit  
more in it - you and mother  
the same kind of letter about this -

Wed. 18th -

Dear Mother - I am impossible to  
and you arrange with the old father  
going just that - or will try afterwards  
but I'm sure and you'd have  
another birthday - but two days and  
mother you & I should complete - the  
thing do not always happen to such a  
father & I see having to be living near  
in a way - all alone - of course it  
will be because after a while that you  
be called it is called - many a day  
long with her of her father - has still  
nothing in the world - she hopes to exchange  
and have more into mother a number  
mother - but you know the old father  
the mother's heart appears to be  
father had wanted the 1 of them for



since yesterday Sunday and we had  
noted the 100 letters - that of our family  
with the 1000 receipts - was very all  
to they could not come but we  
had a very nice time very nice  
dinner and we - helped her - it  
was not the end - I was so surprised  
and just a simple last hour as  
she was only about 1 hour of staying  
then a group of my age about 1000 of  
Kathleen's mother has just been married  
and of her family present - it seems  
just the usual procedure - she  
has husband with excellent teaching  
she was married Jan 21 - 1890  
but not down to see them yet  
writing for an invitation - she said  
happily writing for that - when you  
happily was married that she was

to her head - Kathleen's mother has had  
a very bright man - no more - but  
under a hard description -  
it seems most of the receipts are  
spending her mother <sup>that</sup> - was  
wondering to be away for -  
by time at a month - and must  
be the about away to be the people  
you need to be home and you  
very nice time - that of the married  
and that you might be with the last  
piece of Kathleen's mother for her  
to put a happy piece - about 1000  
- writing down at a pair married pair  
perhaps to write you the usual hour  
of the paper from me - but any way  
the glad for her - the end - a pretty  
letter - if I could only tell a half



Dear Helen

This is the calendar I wish

I sent you - isn't the coloring beautiful  
We're having a bit of wet weather  
here - will send you papers to prove it  
Every thing sliding along all o.k.  
only my hands shake - + Dad  
has frozen both ears - etc - - -  
Dad tries to read "Rogers Rangers"  
Some Indians - but I like my  
travels hot  
Love  
Mather.

Am spending tomorrow with Roger -  
He has sold that bit of land  
on L.S. - but did not get very much  
back as its worth, I think - some of  
Mather's friends from L.S. spent P.M. <sup>Friday</sup> with us  
day M. I has changed so much about her  
say + you go where - (the gulf) - just where you want  
the other better had it!









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=HAPPY BIRTHDAY=

=MOTHER.



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СЕРВИСЪ НА ЛИНИИТЕ ЗА ПЪТНИЦИ

ВЪЗДУШНАТА ПОЩА





I just don't know but she might  
be strong up all the while - a  
mass of the same time - that  
good word of love - being long  
I hope to let you read a lot - I  
don't want to write

Dear Mary, that the world they want  
to do the same time to take care  
of the world - but think they have  
arranged things as it will not  
be necessary - The great part then  
how it should work here worked.

By an order which does to the world  
and we as has seen we rather  
hated in the world they - and work  
and does to it - I hope not as about  
to know as I do but not as much  
the old form of your school the same  
and we have thought of some things  
like the work I do about and to them

Jan. 21. 1843

My dear Mary  
I have you are laughing  
to get my brother's greetings  
2 days before time - but don't  
and love it is Thursday &  
you have not got words  
I would of it don't have  
from and you & say that  
it is impossible - so I don't  
think like - and of course  
I want of them good message -  
but forget to sign and tell Mary  
well - Oh a dear what I was  
trying to get it there and  
then returned - it is no more



thence for evening - to the double  
bed - the ceiling of the passage.  
It will happen you get ~~very~~  
at my side - but usually little  
with Jack & Benjamin then  
knocking - as the case is raised  
then they are married - still now  
that we are at it will probably open  
the bed room for Jack & Benjamin's  
get out of it. "never clean out"  
I would have purpose to get  
and how is the lady better  
they have she gets tired of her bed  
of bed under the house - I at  
last please with her I enjoyed  
so much being of the bed in bed  
when I would say "take her out"

should it were now - and as  
had been about to go straight now  
to good many places that  
in the last night we had had  
much - but as it doesn't occur  
then when all the way we come on  
we are both pretty well - the bed  
still more last year -  
I think we have long but enough  
to get down and on for supplies  
better more at this for fine  
we want find packing "after  
keep a studying hand in the  
year evening - I hope tomorrow if  
how things get very ~~much~~  
now I - what time is about. ~~of~~



was a lovely character -  
I'll be enough of that - you  
did it seem to go particularly to  
churches in your lovely notes for  
"bring me like rain - is speaking  
to the flowers - it does seem  
like an angel" - he is gone for  
day again - the business is it  
and I would you were here - he is  
have given a lot of company to  
Papa & I on days he does this and  
tells me a lovely little tale  
a house that was a hundred of  
small ones - but - she looks like  
would I had to a close & I wonder  
if you'd liked it yet - she told  
he stopped to write - I wish you were  
to see - I wish

supposedly only you that I'll be  
the other - I'll be enough of that - you  
to a love that was  
I had written - long - long - I have  
the first for it to be to look at  
that the heart - and not so much  
to please for, rather I should -  
the usually kind light - I had  
as necessary - she always talks  
to me to be found out - we  
what travelling has done -  
I had you can have under home  
the spring - perhaps you'd what  
be needed - I had thought it  
was so easily - but for the  
like to find peace with her for  
a little while - I think I wish you  
about me but with that - and I believe



only, and the first time all  
of them & the same on grounds  
that were for all of - <sup>and</sup> <sup>to</sup>  
the matter for the other year to  
that place with him & that would  
be much pleasant & more  
convenient when he has his  
headquarters here in L. A. -  
They had to travel yesterday  
& preparing & preparing for them  
to be spent in party. I think of a  
bit - journals but guess they'll  
get a bit of fun out of it  
the same to have to entertain  
one if only in a small way  
I'll be sure to be the daughter of

to answer & still perhaps - or better good  
to thing of present - the conversation  
in relation to that they cannot not be  
and that I should be sure to see  
to have been very unhelpful in their  
direction again. He also in last night's  
paper - whether the account by providing  
them the "Rumors" which - or you  
could by a small to make - or in the  
to include - they would (or see how it)  
the the good kind of hand picture -  
March 18 - how to visit was finished - the



lot of cases - must soon  
be pushed away -  
He & I went to Parkersburg for  
business last week and on  
the way to the opening  
of a new Eastern Ohio on  
uplands, <sup>off-shore</sup> ~~through~~ - He wants  
to go but I was afraid for  
him - he had another bad  
spell last night - He has the  
most erratic blood but he does  
say he has never seen anything  
like it - rapid healing & slow  
wasting for such a long time -  
It seems me to mean a severe  
fighting has only - Hope & Perry  
and still fluctuating about getting  
you - wonder what he'll say when he  
has a long in the east - last week  
I'll not it - not - I can't see

~~My dear Mother~~  
I am so glad to hear  
from you and truly  
expect to be dropped out  
soon to do my duty  
There was so much to do  
today - but the feeling  
of me to think of you in  
connection with our many  
relatives you have a good  
deal for a mother - my dear  
but you're not to my father  
that I have and at the  
distance I can not visit to  
see the expression on your  
face & heart about looking  
towards you - that  
looking better - I am looking



that may be one of the reasons  
they have been so well done  
now - and perhaps some of the  
time. He said his wife was  
literally putting & getting  
together again - that it is  
a bit difficult at times - but  
for that matter - are not we all?  
Just that of course - I must admit  
but has given up some  
of her collecting to pay more  
attention to her work - which  
I should think, is too early.  
We are not very old -

then I want a bit of advice  
as I probably shall not take up

Her hat is now black  
since getting the brown suit  
& brown shoes are when we  
travelled. Long one or  
many white or black  
has & I don't know - I don't  
know - but my hair is a  
bit too grey - I fear -  
would you get a nice green  
green, blue, and with coal?  
know as if I should have  
something - and you were  
less to tell me what you  
think - He still wears  
the white coat for smoking  
& it looks good well.



will strive to bring your father  
home - but we must look out  
but the fact is assumed  
Nigel & I. getting our clothes  
for a visit to Geneva - to see  
his father & mother. -  
No chance for me this year I guess  
I will - another will do as well  
His letter was much appreciated  
as it always interesting - do  
you remember the cards he used  
to send home from Paris? he  
to go along about the same time?  
That would be fine if Mother  
- they would have been - the  
big consolation! - love to our  
from Mother - but let me know

My dear  
at 10/10/1917

Dear Mother -  
We have been very  
anxious about your father -  
how well of a bump on the  
back of his leg - but been  
following him for several months.  
I have had my best to have  
it seen to - I intended to  
send to a surgeon - Dr. Perry  
in Los Angeles and was  
operated on - It proved to  
be a cancer but whether  
malignant or not - they  
did not tell me. I the worst  
part of it all - We would







I felt it was too hard to  
ask you unconsciously to  
do that and would never feel  
free to do that. You do the  
best the unconscious.  
Hope you'll have more weather  
soon, so she can enjoy out of  
the books in college now. You  
won't go back I would not otherwise  
We have not considered our  
necessity at all. we need  
of father's money - & I have no  
clothes - I need more for buying  
the novel, I guess. - and I want  
to have worked you up.  
John says he read that paper  
and great interest as did we all  
& we want to work but he  
wishes recalled that they have

May 1 1871

My dear Helen -  
You surely  
long for the letter telling of  
father's illness! It came  
to me I wrote you 10 or 12  
days ago - but by accident was  
not to at all done - they  
will go however these days  
Father has been all so nearly  
2 weeks - with trouble on  
back of the calf of his leg  
and also operated on 2 weeks  
ago and let - that would  
be the next way - he would  
not take anything to dull  
the pain on mind of his leg  
but he did take the double



was never, and yet she - but  
he has been confined to  
his bed - with the exception  
of getting up on his feet for  
a few times, once in a while  
he is as thin as a shadow  
but easy to care for - which  
is fortunate as I take all care  
of him - and was not much  
of a patient - tho he does seem  
to want one night with him  
all the while. I never leave  
him alone for fear of that but  
to have a man who takes  
care of lawn & garden & will  
run errands etc. - This should  
be done in most every day

I shall visit her when she  
leaves for the East next week  
she has a real neighbor.  
Laney is coming to answer  
to spend week end & help  
me a bit. - she's just  
what she can bravely afford  
to slight her studies - she  
she'll finish in June.  
and Peggy is helping her.  
The more she can do the better  
things & the more so for  
but of course are both being  
in hospital. -  
Father is to have an even  
real then - I will from school  
and hope to find out real  
cause for quickly. Tho my  
then - the only one



With much love  
mother.

May 11-137  
Dear Helen - I hardly know  
what to write you about  
Father. - I have not wanted  
to write if it was not  
necessary. - Yesterday it  
was 2 wks since his operation  
& the bandages have remained  
on his leg - (on back of leg)  
and now he must have  
another in 2 wks - to remove  
a small bunch in groin  
In other words - it is  
considered malignant.  
He lies very quietly  
no pain - but is very thin.  
It may just get well and  
it may not. I know he is worried



Now that I have told you  
I will try to write of his  
condition quite often. -

It is not hard to take  
care of him, tho its no  
"sit down job" - I buy every  
thing to eat & send things  
to laundry. - so would  
rather not have help & it  
suits him best too. - However  
if he gets worse - that will  
be what I shall do.

The children are very  
good about coming in &  
phoning every day, too -

We have had the phones  
adapted for regular service

Can use for some time -  
every call. -

our flowers are lovely  
Sunday we had oceans  
of them - missed getting  
a message from you  
but know just how  
busy you are.

Hope Priscilla is better  
It must be lovely on  
balcony. -

Must go & get Father  
something to eat. He  
has had a wonderful  
appetite up till today  
now he does not want  
anything but milk. -



May 12, '37

Dear Helen,

Well - Father  
put on his clothes + went  
for a ride yesterday!  
and then to his bed again  
but he came out to break fast  
this A.M. - so we'll hope  
for the best. -

He must have another  
operation in two weeks  
and that will be hard  
for him - he must stay  
at Hoop - then for 2 or 3 days  
at least. He's the pluckiest  
man tho - + easy to care  
for or I could not care for him



your lovely scarf + flower  
came yesterday + I want  
to thank you + Wade so much  
It is so lovely - like a  
puff of air + of course I  
do not object to the color!  
Perhaps you are having as  
lovely weather as we are  
but it's scarcely possible  
vegetation is riotous this  
year + every bush that  
usually bears blossoms  
is doing double her share  
I'd love to be down by  
your lovely lake this E.M.

Am sure the water sparkles like the  
Burbank jewels are doing just now  
Wouldst you love to see it all - but  
in the rain - well - and now so  
good for the computer in.

And you write Harbord + M. about possibly  
of them going East? How brave would

Love it. - will write soon again.

med.  
Marian.



May 16. 37

Dear Helen,

This is a cute little sheet  
of paper to have to fill up - now, isn't it?  
Well Father is no better and has a bad  
looking leg. - He is thin + a bit lame  
and wants me with him all the while.  
So different from his old self -

You remember how he used to want  
to be alone when ailing.

He goes again to this Dr Percy within  
the next few days - and I do hope  
it will be better soon. -

I do not get out - much but not  
because Mary has not invited me  
but Father wants me here all the while.  
Please write me about your family  
especially Wilder - and Priscilla -

No more now - will write as often as  
I can. - Much love

Mother

Sun,







How good are the dearest flowers  
Lilies of white and a white dove  
is good - Red and rose is the  
largest to follow - so frequent  
Poppies - big largest of red roses  
the white - some - a truly very  
Pinks - flowers - and white  
and - how good for yourself -  
and hope to have some  
in a vegetable field to be  
interplanted every day more  
that has been good of course  
enough and I love to see you &

Mother -

Love that - yours - the old change

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Dear Mother

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I have you are  
enough to have been better in  
and it is really hard to say  
to not not else in fact -  
the matter since it will  
not matter if the just  
scientific amount - but  
you have his dependence  
He's been making me with  
a distance old man - but  
to look together - your old man  
has had so much weight  
if course he will need to



the sight of wounds - and I  
can scarcely stand, to see his  
leg. - The scar of the burned  
out place is almost the size of  
the palm of your hand. -  
He is so easy to care for  
and so good natured - except  
that he does not like to think  
it is a cancer. - He may  
not have to have the glands  
in his groin removed but  
he's on the look out for them  
This <sup>to get larger</sup> is fairly lucid I hope.  
Mary is having us for tea  
this P.M. - and our yard man  
will stay with him. - I shall  
wear the brown figured dress - I

had in Montreal - such a satisfactory person  
but would like another just for a change.  
I suppose in that time you've had many.  
Do write me some news of the children.  
The scarf + flowers you send me - I love  
and they would go so nicely with a  
new black? or brown? dress - I must  
get some clothes, - just now, I am always  
rough at home. - just visiting with Father's  
He gets lonely - and can not read much  
but surely enjoys the cigars he's gone back  
to. - Said he might just as well - it would  
not be long!



Dear Mother - 24 Nov 1887.

Just drop a word  
you a few lines - I'm glad  
to get you little particulars  
They tell me and you in  
side particulars - we stayed  
at (some) winter for about  
three hours - very pretty  
- so nearly finished  
the good man stayed by  
you father which is very  
good - but he had work - and  
he is on - taking his breakfast  
in bed - and for three days  
to have that! However he



you to the city for several  
quarters, to have them placed  
there. - Many a thing will  
they might well see, as I  
suppose he can not come  
home for a day or so -  
I do hope he does not have  
to suffer any. He ought to  
take care of himself, & not  
leave himself  
You must be carrying a  
"regular hotel" - the hotels  
here are in a state, & perhaps  
you could get me to Chicago  
when you leave your  
home - I do not think you

I have a few - but I do not know  
as you do - he has the best of some  
and many among us - the present  
situation of things, and I do hope  
they will be kind - do hope

that you will remember - you should  
always give me a list - I do  
hope to see you in person -

Yours &c -

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That paper could be finished  
in just a bit and a rough gold  
frame, and all finished in all  
it would be a big & precious  
for had one has understood

There has always good  
Memorandum - but I have not  
the solution has been wrong  
I should like to have the letter  
has to see what has it  
at least that would be  
has that and come out well  
That is again

Love as ever  
Wm. L.

May 10 1917

Dear Mother  
I have been very busy  
I should have written sooner  
Am glad to say little is over  
little do he still take his bed  
we are to see the cancer man  
physician - will go some time  
and wait for an operation  
am glad in general - My  
appetite is but so good as  
it was - but nothing to worry  
about except the little that I mean  
That has accomplished the  
things with a view on the fact



and her love of home was  
- love of it, as had you, she  
the her own - what has always  
wanted - a good N. N. got  
with chance of advancement  
to its up to her own.  
We are having lovely cold  
weather - vegetation begins  
to die - beautiful in fact  
we speak of her being her  
like it got to be a dear  
daughter - but I am not  
to think that you have  
read at the lake? It  
must be at all times.

When you are in the water - perhaps they  
will be enjoying the water.  
I suppose you will want to know  
how the weather was?  
The same - what is the weather now?  
I have been that way -  
now - will you be home - what day?  
You will be in that - whether you  
would like to read? I have been  
the way of it to know.  
I will be in that - whether you  
will be home - what day?



Wishes say that he would  
like to have from you  
some more as has pleased  
him & says he will try  
again before that would  
be say at the sight of  
how you send to me!  
Respectfully

Must close & get something  
for that dinner  
So glad to have any news  
from you. Tell me  
how the big dinner came  
off & what you had to eat  
Love - to you my good  
Mother  
P. M. M.

July 25, 1885

Dear Mother,

I know I have  
not written so often as  
I should - if the weather  
had been more the time  
was to fly.

Last evening the Dr. from  
L. A. came & removed  
the stitches and says I think  
it looks worse than ever  
but its supposed to be  
coming on. My (poker) is  
about the size of a 12 year  
old boy & able to be walk.  
End of the time he is very  
easy to care for. Thus my love



Such makes a big fuss about my doing  
up the road but half of money makes her  
then says she's made for herself  
she wants to work with all the  
whole - in charge paper -  
But - in my way with the whole - with the  
something I might with the same paper -  
you look in front of you - or just from -  
just from of the road  
one couple of miles off at the meeting that  
then said we - please.

Lawson and you can not  
show him this as an  
about study through a  
opinion too. Just at a  
place to have anything  
like that. This is a good  
old road that  
last night that state us  
for a distance of several  
up on his list - having  
many in front. By the  
way - she has passed her  
something to her a quantity  
valued. After a few  
minutes, she got into  
travelling - she is a heavy  
handy all right.



June 15 '07

Dear Helen -

We were so delighted  
with the beautiful Coronation  
Spire! That will be a real heir-loom  
"every one" "oh's" and "ah's" - own it  
and I keep wondering if it  
should be used lightly or  
just for ornament! Well  
what ever it is for - it is  
filling its place as a beautiful  
thing & we thank you very much  
Rosa & I. gave us a beautiful  
bowl. with gold filigree &  
Ned & R. a pair of small  
gold picture frames about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of this paper. - we



have an old picture of father when he  
weighed 180 lbs and wore  
an enormous cigar in the  
corner of his mouth - taken  
on the hill at Hudson. We have  
not found any of mine yet.  
Suppose it will be necessary! -  
Father is home from Hospital but  
no better. Does not get up at all  
only about once or twice a day for  
just a few min. - The wound  
where the gland was removed is  
most terrible to look upon. I nearly  
fainted the first time I saw it  
and - now when I assist him  
I take pains to keep my eyes  
away from it. - There is a legail,

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that occupies most of the time  
making it necessary to have  
two changes of sheets per day  
Oh, it is so hard for him &  
he tries so hard to be hopeful  
about it. I want him to go back  
to the hospital for further treatment  
but he thinks it will get along  
all right - & the fees are \$ 50.00  
per day and he thinks it too much  
I don't know about that. Hope the  
supply of sheets will not give out  
This is rather terrible to write you I have  
Nancy come over from Ned's last night  
clean my kitchen floor & incidentally  
got a very good dinner - which  
was quite a relief for me. as I've be  
living on sandwiches. a very good food too



Father sleeps all night takes a bath  
+ eats a good meal a day most of  
time - Must go now + keep house  
fix up things + do a lot of washing.  
Suppose you are all at the Lake

now. When I'd love me early in PM  
back in it. Is clean + cool.

Wrote me of Biscella. Poor youngster  
Always something - in this world.  
What Mother doing this summer

in red robe from Mark's Mother  
for his graduation. Must have  
up some thing. Am sending a lovely  
wavy table linen set to 1922.1000 - for

Thank love to you + hoping  
to see you before another year rolls by.  
By the way - Red is settled at last I guess.  
He settled down as R.R. man + is making  
money - has this wife. + says he would not

I should have written you with my own card.



June 24  
Cary Hill  
New York

Dear Helen:

Dear as usual to you

A crowd of the friends you met  
on Saturday had taken my card  
and were to see friends yesterday  
but found them quite comfortable  
on one of the top rooms on the  
first floor. I must have been  
kind to mention to you that I  
have a card I imagine they will  
not have the best of health  
I have hope in the fact that  
they are of health. If the doctors  
do not think you are suitable  
then I will likely be with you  
for some time. Very affectionately



and why not use all the time  
and just before you also  
will not be able to do so  
in the past instead of now  
no change of your work, a need  
to control - things of use of  
time. Then a second one known  
to Alexander Dalg - the 1870's -  
they moved them to be in the  
Rings and very kind of the same  
struggle. It has been done but  
perhaps they will be better. It's  
at once the same.

And a third one was to do  
a last work - that you get  
an answer from the other side  
about it. That's all.



July 13, 1900

Dear Helen,

Both seem much better &

his leg is healing slowly. Of course  
there is a constant fear of a return  
but try not to expect trouble

At any rate his gaining in weight  
is not able to go about, <sup>much</sup> much

but will go out in yard to see the  
grass! - It has been terribly warm  
but today was charming, an ideal  
4th of July! He should walk in  
yesterday but Mary Anderson - sleeping  
only a few min - but was glad of ~~them~~  
How fine looking she is. More than  
as a girl ever. With her were  
the Marrows - who are they? Said  
they had been touring Cal. - Tried  
to get Dr. to come in & see her but  
he wouldn't - Is a bit particular of her  
looks just now.

Be more thoughtful love to Sam, all - Mother



Nancy is helping me for a short  
while - Glen M. has said she  
was sure I could get the English  
woman to come over a week - but  
guess father that we could get  
along - & of course we can.

What I'd like would be a regular  
woman for house work like we  
used to have when your children  
were small - but for many reasons  
that would be impossible now  
and really - Nancy is lots of help.  
I will be as good as ever soon.

Sent a steamer letter to R. M.

Hope, in time. How nice it's been for

you - Oh I'm so glad the noise  
& racket of the war is over. Do you  
remember the big celebration we  
had at River view when your children

the small - the time of Nancy & Marjorie - Day





July 28 '37

My dear mother,  
I hope you will  
write me soon.

My dear Helen -

Yes - its quite a

hospital you are running now - isnt it? Bro Jeff. was so active - it will be hard for him to be careful of that now. He probably will be quite proud of it for a while - but not for long - Father is gaining every day - make the best of it - I think the spell is about over - if he has no recurrence. Wish you had such a lovely location to keep your patients in. Mame & Herbert came in last evening - she expects an operation in Aug. some time - some internal growth - that must be removed.

She is being weight - might 95 lbs - just looks drawn - She had no more hair - but so happy in her family.



especially the two youngest boys. And  
 they are - nice fellows - Does she work  
 you? I do not want to write the self same  
 news to you do. - Did I tell you Mary  
 Anderson called? Just as dear as ever  
 wish we could have seen more of  
 her. I spent P.M. at Marge's & she  
 had a nice little lunch. For she  
 takes at home with Nancy. They both  
 are cooking every day - Some one  
 ran into their car & did \$15.00 damage  
 and that was a flow. - Roger has  
 invited us for two or 3 days but fear  
 it will be impossible for awhile.  
 Did get away for Twilight Communion  
 Sunday night - Reads from the past  
 I failed to hear a word - it was very nice  
 Nancy is having a big time cooking  
 everything. She had very good staying  
 at end of summer. Has one more than  
 like leave for May. She will stay as a nurse.  
 Red continues in his P.R. work & is  
 really making some money. - Does my love to Pearl  
 & I do hope she can soon visit. - If she love to live

I must have to give. - I should like to see some part for her children  
 Nancy invited me to visit on the paper



London 1947

Dear Mother,

Just wanted to  
let you know how much  
we appreciated to be in the  
last family with a sleep  
at night through.

I had Nancy come down  
to help as I was a bit tired  
and it really is better.

We had arranged an arrangement  
to keep the life from  
they were working hard.

We were on a sleep machine  
We seem to like to have  
Not do things for him.  
was showing them

I'm pleased with your  
letter. - We just



*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the left page]*

but under all night, how  
you better are gradually  
recovered - I am very  
only accustomed and  
will be very glad to  
hear any little news of  
the children.

With all my love  
Mother.

Mary has been having a cough  
or her face and Mary  
is as busy as a bee  
with her children, but she  
keeps her to say what she  
can in a night & want to know!



Aug 13. 1937

Dearest Helen. - I can't get  
away to marry you today  
my wife won't let me!  
Any way you're not receiving  
mail - as you'll not notice.  
So glad you are having a bit  
of a rest - you surely must need  
it. I presume the numerous  
things that are visiting the  
youngsters - tend to keep them  
fairly quiet. No cloud without  
a silver lining etc etc  
Father is some better. in fact  
quite a lot. - Ned's boy. Fred is  
visiting us for a time - +  
we're enjoying having him  
here. - Will try to get a letter  
off to you soon. With best love  
to you + kids. - Mother  
and father are out.





THE SIDE OF CARD

Mrs W. G. Penfield  
Magg Meadow  
Mansonville R.R. No 2  
P.Q. Canada



Mon. Late July 1937

Dear Helen,

I should be working  
but can not bring my self  
to it! — Nancy is very efficient  
but don't that sort of person  
drive you frantic sometimes  
Well — too bad — we should live  
such a frantic life — when  
all we need to do is smile &  
restrain our selves — or relax  
that's the word for it. —

Yesterday — Matt & Anne arrived  
for P.M. — & we had sandwiches  
cake & ice cream & coffee — then  
Mary & Kenny dropped in &  
it was nice — but too much  
for Father — he had bad feet & swelling  
& sleep less — That last no  
doubt due to the feet — he had



coffee & is never satisfied with  
one cup - Mr pretended it  
was our Anniversary dinner  
& wished we had all the family  
with us. But - it was excusing  
for father & his back to his bed  
again - I got home his breakfast  
he had - glad to be it &  
shall try to keep him quiet  
for some time - His leg healed  
nicely - but is still a bit angry  
looking and sore. When he can  
not be quiet.

Letter to Mr Ross - must be well  
now - if able to pack up  
for R. M. - some job - I'd say  
I shot - oh - just read over the  
few lines you wrote & get the  
right meaning - well - must go  
"Gracie" Patience - Love - Mother.

Letter to Learning Brothers of 1840  
a sheet - of old - a fine doc. and drama!



Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1937

Dear Helen,

I feel, some way,  
you just love this yellow paper -  
but if you're a bit like me  
a letter is a letter! - Your letter  
to father came this morn & got  
forth a shout of laughter - the  
pitcher of water - with teeth on  
ambush! - He looks so thin  
& miserable - Eyesight fading  
I feel so sorry for him -  
The pain whatever - makes it  
easier to bear - Frank & I see  
& so good to him - coming  
over often & cheering us all up  
She came with him yesterday  
saying for a nice warm dinner



and then (Frank) taking us for  
a long ride. He nearly collapsed  
on returning & dropped off to sleep  
for an hour or so.

Frank had been talking of  
driving East this summer but  
he asked him not to leave -  
So I'm afraid he fears the worst.

He walks about just a little  
even going down street. He hard to  
see him just fade away! -

I have no news - to tell - only  
that as doing well - much to  
father's surprise!

Hope the youngsters are better  
Poor Jeff - Good thing it was  
a broken leg - Is Powell still  
in bed! - What is it, influenza?

Think love dearest - to you  
& all the family -

Mother

Rede & arranged by Ed. in a big way for 1870  
on 23rd March 1870 -



Wed Aug 20.  
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My dear Helen,

You seem so far away  
& I am so tired & nervous - Nancy  
is the limit - & I do think I can  
never carry on sometimes but  
know I can & it helps a little  
to find an ear to tell it to.  
Next school for her - a couple  
semesters - is about here &  
she's trying to make the ~~transition~~  
necess. training school -  
Oh well - it's all in a life time  
Gaddy is here too - and neither of  
them think it necessary to get  
up in the morning - you can  
imagine how that regulates with



father! and the living room is  
occupied till noon - almost  
there - I feel better all ready  
+ am planning already to  
take trip somewhere this fall.  
Probably, between us, I know it  
impossible but it helps a bit  
to plan! Well - there is a stream  
of good news - father is looking  
first rate, + feels quite well if he is  
careful. The old friend Mrs Pickens  
has just had a stroke + that  
makes him sad. - 15 yrs tho. - about  
time. - They are all talking to me  
+ it tends to make the letter a bit  
disconnected! Now I do worry you! - just  
a silver fox. How did your vacation  
+ do on! Count your mercies! + so will I.

Don't know how to do this any longer.  
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Aug 27 1897

Dear Helen: Well I have some decent  
ink at last - and blessings come  
simply so no doubt all will yet be well  
How interesting your northern trip  
must have been - I can just  
picture a place like that & would  
like to spend a mo or so there  
who knows Well your father  
is again interested in another  
place & had a man up today  
to see the house!! - to sell - & for  
us - a rented apt. - too much  
property to oversee! Well - I'm  
ready - have been a bit lonely  
here - for some reason. Father  
wishes to improve - was allowed  
his hair to grow quite long & parti



it on one side, <sup>My little basket</sup> & it is looking  
fed around a bit - like him very  
much. Wants we should like  
him next winter - (not this winter)

but I can not contact much  
Don't feel like returning any  
more schools. - Nancy is very fond  
of the boys & I find has been working  
for some time & one not over to it!

It's a thankless job. I think sometimes  
Homer. Suppose it will settle down  
just got a letter from Mrs. Jones  
including a good one of the latest ones  
& she is a charming woman I'd say. -  
As much liked in Hudson.

Wish I had your good advice about some  
new clothes - Do not wear anything yet - have  
had nothing new since you were here.

Are going to try & wear my skirt - it is just  
the right shape & fairly good color. - My brown suit  
is just like new - I was foolish to get another one  
as it gets out of style. but really need another top  
have a big skirt and with grey for collar.











we'll get lots of good out  
of it. honestly.  
Nancy goes back to  
her father soon & I am  
going to try to find a  
woman to work some time  
to keep us settled up!  
I say not have Nancy  
again! like it too much  
of a real delicious life  
to let you sometimes - of  
her when we see each  
other again - which I  
do hope will not be  
too far distant. Am anxious  
to hear of your many plans  
and to hear of their execution.

Dear Mother  
I got a letter from  
you this morning - you'll get today  
I'm not in perfect  
health and perhaps you  
will be saying "What  
aunt but what at all  
times of the  
of you. - such is life  
but she has been to  
very strenuous business  
and will be soon over  
Thank the Lord - He is  
being fine & I'm so relieved  
to be really convinced  
how he is improving.  
You will believe it when I  
say we drove out yesterday  
to Hudson & back - indeed



and to secure no more  
for it. They have just  
left - and I will be  
going to bed -  
It has a lovely day  
& we had not been  
down there for 2 or 3 days  
They had some sort  
of terminal - with  
boat races etc  
that has just descended  
across a pass for  
Cecil's trip home as  
well as across the top  
of this town - for a few  
miles - Had a terrible  
day but frightfully quiet

was a pistol and then - for the first time  
and perhaps he should be very strong  
to help in my judgment to have a  
look at the table for some body -  
He has promised me a number of  
the table a more good soon  
but he thinks we should be  
right some thing what becoming  
a change? just if not for a more  
change anyway - I think it of some



find a cool spot  
some where

Walter how long to  
be gone -

but not angry over  
Long Beach trip very  
much

Nancy has been  
at Hallen for a wk  
expect her this PM

Then tomorrow she  
goes to Nida to make  
up C - for last semester

love to you + Nida  
+ the children + Mother

San Diego, Sept.  
1957

Dear Helen -  
if you would

like a short visit from  
father I think he  
might be persuaded

He as well as can be  
if he's only careful  
I would like to have  
have see you all, once  
in your lovely home  
& that wonderful lake  
I'd like to be all  
covered up in it  
the lately PM



Of course he says to  
see not go - but  
he can if he tries!  
If at all things he not  
mention my suggestion  
to not hang around  
as I did for lunch  
a long time, till you  
get tired of me! I enjoy  
but such a grand  
but it never expect to  
know you are busy  
with the college work  
hope children are better  
they'll soon be out

see them old? - Roger's becoming  
more comfortable my the feeling of the  
and me or least them have them.

the mother, starting to do every thing  
in what time - that's not the way help  
they are more people - not every  
more after them. To good!

My thanks & love are not worth  
specification & must try to





Strong has been waiting me to go  
down and then - only 5 or 6 days -  
that he thinks I should not!  
The part of the matter is that right to  
get ready from the old furniture  
things of ready for a house or so.  
There is my supply - the goods & materials  
are being sent from America. We have some  
cash ready since the last year when - after  
they were more useful. The business was on

March. It was a down  
on the bank except being  
satisfied with being more at  
right - wanted not the 25th  
then I should enjoy  
leaving B.P. till of the  
European trip!  
Do you suppose you'll  
agree to all together again?  
The trip to N.E. the last  
year of - March and 25th  
to stand it - do not  
willing I should go. But you  
then think I should  
not take a short trip to  
the business



Put this away & read  
on boat - get bound to by Sept 22 - 27. (✓)  
Much ado about nothing.

My dear Helen, -

Glad as I am that  
you are going to have such a  
fine trip - I feel lonely to have  
you go so far away. What a man  
of the world - Mr Jeff will be  
and what stories he'll have to  
tell the family when he returns.  
I wish I could stay with Priscilla -  
nothing would suit me better  
However my job is right here -  
Father has his up & down days  
& I can see it's best I should be here  
Hope this gets to Montreal before  
you leave. - Was not sure about

ship<sup>2</sup> name or know so am  
sending to #302 M.

Mary took me out on a buying  
trip day before yesterday and  
altho I enjoyed very much the  
ride + Mary's company - I do  
not feel very well satisfied  
with purchase - one of which was  
a hat - with a tail!, over one ear  
Dr - that is very airy + becoming  
but - did not have Ned to  
pass his opinion + his sense  
that's always necessary! He is  
laid up - (red) with Lumbago  
and that makes him very anxious  
for every day of absence counts up. -  
Rogers people were here last week



for dinner - Father had decided  
wrong & our dinner had to wait  
2 hrs - not very pleasant & hard  
on meal - However - its all over a  
life time & they proved to be very  
nice people. & Norma is so fond of  
them, - Father & I are alone and  
go out for a meal occasionally -  
Its easier to wash dishes than  
to do many other things. -

Do send me Carries letter - I have  
not heard from her - for so long  
Paying me up in my own coin  
I guess. - My friend Mrs Proctor has  
passed on - with a stroke - She <sup>was</sup>  
has moved on to the Beach house  
she always loved so well. at La Brea

Having a time to get high shoes which  
I am compelled, not to wear - The  
firm do not keep them now - &  
can not get them under 3 weeks  
made to order - if at all - so no  
doubt must go bare foot. -

It must be a busy time at your  
home now and no doubt you'd  
as soon I'd stop. God bring you  
& Mide & Jeff - all safely home  
to us - well & with an account  
no doubt. - With very much  
love from us all especially to  
dear little Priscilla -

Your mother

M. C. H.



20th 10) 1937

Dear Helen -

Did you receive my previous

letter? I hope so - It was a genuine little letter  
I had to write - Father is in bed again and  
I am afraid of a small spot that seems  
beginning to bother him - on his back,  
right down from his heart. -

He has no pain - and it is not difficult  
to take care of him - Nancy would  
not be available anyway as she is  
taking her last semester in L.A., J.C. -  
and at any rate she dislikes me more  
than her presence assists. -

Father has sleeping while I write - have  
had no chance (as of course) to do as before  
to sleep with - night and day - Roger spent  
day - he - helped a lot & was good company  
Mary is visiting today who had his bundle  
removed last week - Dad will open - between  
his hope - is really very busy - just at present

fighting off a touch of headache. hope it goes  
as quickly as it came. —

~~My~~ <sup>My</sup> ~~dear~~ <sup>dear</sup> friends. —

May is coming to spend a day with  
me & Maria stay with Father so I can  
have a day off. — Have been so long home  
on holidays & think a change would be fine  
we may take 25 to Kalamazoo Id. or some  
such "giddy" trip. — I have just had  
a dress a hat & a bag! Am I not gay?  
It is like a dark blue. — Not being gay  
up on one side & swinging a travel!

They say she is becoming but it sure  
difficult to guess! — I shall be very  
glad to get some nice long letters from  
you, old globe walker. what you are  
did Priscilla mind being left?  
Love to wife, Jeff & your own self  
Mather.



How do all these  
wonders you are doing  
our poor Jeff - hope  
all is well with yourself  
& the Colleague! -  
we hope we may  
receive just our  
letter while you -  
are away! -  
Any way - love to  
you, Mabel and Jeff.  
Ever  
Mother.  
Not doubting he read all

nothing wrong?

Wanted to write from Florida  
last night

Dear Mother, -  
Well - I suppose  
your time is all taken  
up - but for all that - have  
been looking for a card  
at least - It is having  
lovely fall weather, but  
in Fla. - the no maple  
leaves! Father is just moving  
his - well enough to  
be about the house -  
can not draw - however  
if water is cold May  
we stay absolutely at home

However - our next time I've had  
and that was a trip to Catalina  
& a dinner at the St Catherine - on  
the shore. - The ocean just as smooth  
as our sick and it was surely a trip  
Papa & I. called yesterday on  
best relation from a 'Breakfast'  
at Mary's & Kenney's - The day before  
we had a small dinner - just fancy  
we at Kenney - Some furnished like  
one of Dickens might have been  
have a new dress - new hat with  
a lacet on one side! & new coat  
just for wear. This -  
Suppose you had all sorts of  
wearing apparel for your boys



Statement. — Mrs May  
writes you - she wishes  
to take a position in  
a medical office  
I have my doubts  
if this good enough  
in short hands - I think  
but perhaps - I think  
I did not approve  
but you know - how  
the salary is better  
in she wants to see if  
Nancy is by no means  
position in a medical office  
after purchased the house  
to it you. Will you

Dec 21 1870

Dear Mother -  
I think that - not a  
line from you since  
the first word in New York!  
That what? would call  
indifference to say  
the least. — No might  
all to be said & no say  
the more. I did think  
with would treat me  
at least to a card.  
But you were coming  
back this way - then

perhaps we'd get the  
high points before  
you had entirely  
forgotten them! How  
sure it must be a  
fine trip - have always  
hoped to go there &  
to several England  
do not so much about  
Father is up & down  
the slightest effort  
and has had to  
lie bed for a rest.  
The real black & red

because I do not want? No doubt  
this will come I should be might  
but I guess the determination may  
come from that - to the 20<sup>th</sup> part  
I hope so. - I hope the children  
and all things mostly in your  
absence, so if some things are -  
Hoping the parents they have. The  
rest is I am sure they will have



I am always calling  
Fishes - "Grandmother"  
to Mother. He seems  
to find we have  
secured a good parcel  
of home at last.  
Nancy is studying  
hard on her last semester  
& Mary has taken a  
position with a Dr's office  
for more freedom &  
more money - I wish go  
love to all.

Mother

Nov 17 '07

Dear Mother &

I surely would  
love to be at the coming  
of party - but that  
is impossible - Mother  
expects me to be with  
her all the time and  
my place is with her  
at a long pull we is  
bad and not much  
improvement but  
hope he will be on the  
gain after awhile

Paul is going all the  
time he can - his  
hours are many on  
the R.R. - Roger has  
offered to have Thomas  
stay with me part of  
the time too - he is not  
comparing to his best  
It would be a source of his  
care to give out & cultivate  
his soul a little & then  
go to bed - Thomas -  
he has a fine room to

keep & is a reliable  
man who comes over  
a week or so - all is  
well I am enclosing  
a clipping from  
New York paper about  
Thomas Caldwell. who  
has just passed away.  
Am glad Jeff has proved  
capable of obtaining  
great thoughts. - How  
about ready to give the  
Book of Evidence to &  
turn his talents to  
the good of our dear  
Mell - here I go to get dinner



I wrote you about, I said  
on the card's well proved  
about for some.

I have about lost  
my memory - indeed  
am in serious doubt  
of my right name.

It ~~is~~ very annoying  
if ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> one had the  
sense to'd laugh at  
some of my mistakes  
but very much love -  
to you all

Mother  
~~to you all~~

Nov. 21 32

Dear Helen, -  
I'm - we  
are getting along fairly  
well - Dr. looks thin  
& bad - but yesterday  
dragged himself down  
on his hands to the  
boat - saying that that  
had made the night of  
it about gone - time  
to read a book but  
order no head way.  
Rigger & had read often  
& are most kind

He has been sick a lot  
of his time both day  
& night - but he  
manages to do around  
etc. - Maria & Roger  
are not so well as  
they were - have recovered  
but are both coughing,  
for a few days.

Father works all the  
time planning how  
he is going to leave his  
property, but - he will  
hardly want to stay  
alone with him - as

has apt to go mad, anything - There  
I have not made some grounds in  
his up - around town - has built  
some - a good apartment - This latter  
we have tried to build - so this point  
is apt to have been - He then  
a little, long gone - a little before of a  
morning - about the most occasion to have  
of that thought "nothing" and "I don't any time  
to have - we have found the possibility in my time



would help a lot!  
What had you & M  
go travelling off to Europe  
for? Having your  
parents to?

Will nothing very  
change in the world to  
you I will show. —  
Let us know if you  
find a gift for M  
for some I mentioned  
Will send a card to  
P M's friends mother & Y  
Love Please explain to  
them & I believe will be glad

Dec 1917

Dear Helen, —  
Not much  
change in father —  
Thinner of possible  
& he looks terrible —  
but insists in nothing  
about the yard occasion-  
ally — even if he had  
to pay for it in his  
next day —  
Dr M's has insisted  
we have some one  
stay with us tonight

know he gave a hand  
about - that has  
arranged his R.R. work  
so he is able to be  
here some part of  
next night. He <sup>has</sup> helped  
on a great deal on  
that - and he really  
is a great help -  
though it's not easy  
for him to lose a great  
deal of sleep.  
He's had a long, hard  
year - but everything  
I order - as the town

your home - I am greatly indebted, particularly  
to you & Mr. - Don't forget your own  
business about a winter trip - good  
for your business - Don't make  
as lengthy but on good and solid  
the next steps for profits to return  
his eyes also on every last condition  
A look from your recreation office



I suppose you have been  
looking with some concern what  
would love to see them  
As you see - I have not  
could - for such things -  
Well - this is a second  
letter - so will bring  
it to a close - Please  
let me know the price of  
R. S. S. I want  
to pay - before it slips my  
mind - Thank you for  
getting it for me -  
Love to your kind  
hope she is enjoying  
and best love -  
Mother

I read Helen, Jan 1959  
to enjoy to  
get a new & fine  
one - I am  
trying to work out that  
part - The children will  
have a lovely youth  
to look back on -  
Perhaps the boys are  
being a bit over treated  
I am having a number  
one of the family as  
guard & helper - Roger  
& Anne are at the doctor  
today - looks very unwell  
but would not be long  
about top down from good  
then

I am feeling pretty well -  
but by a steady headache &  
not sleeping very well.  
Do you remember I used  
to wear sleeping pills? I  
have taken only a few  
days but worried about  
taking them for fear of  
habit forming. I wonder  
you what other means were  
used? The only I have  
"brain fag". I think I  
have spent just a bit  
bit of money that should  
be deposited to help you.  
It will be wonderful if  
you can use that to get  
that a long time since  
as a last resort I wish  
the man were enough to

take you - your children are with me for  
several of them - but you know  
the 20 years - because they will be  
fully 20 years - I presume will  
not amount to what we hope to do  
all. I want to avoid having the price  
paid for some other - I don't know  
what you're thinking - think much money  
will be used for business. As well as  
that you'll be having it a week  
later - in Canada I hope - will be  
not that very long in time -



Wed - ~~Nov~~ Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 39

Dear Helen

It was so nice to get your letter telling all about the coming 1st party but it hurt the tears - to think I could never have seen it - she must have been a protest and you, too - I'm sure - the dear girl. you'll never know how I've wanted to be with you. I am going to paste the articles about all the different festivities in my family record book & hoping you'll send me a picture of you & Heath & May taken together - do that & I'll expect no other Xmas present! -

Do has invited Roger & Norma to live with us - thinking, no doubt - I am helpless! - With my head is not so level as it might be but hardly in a condition to require that.

They have taken my room & I have  
a small one back a ways. Russ & girl  
do some part of work & Roger takes  
care of the car & uses it when necessary  
has his good position in Los Angeles  
with 2 days weekly vacation and  
with us - most of the time.

It has been too much of a pull  
for me I guess. - & he looks so  
badly himself - weighs only 100 lbs.  
He does not suffer much (takes aspirin)  
I guess. did not tell me so but Dr. Reiser  
told us so. - Don't consider a trip here  
for there's nothing you could do. -  
and we're living a nice quiet life

Roger has learned to drive the car & so  
we can get down town & to church once  
in a while. - They are all so kind & help  
as much. Vernon is quiet & dependable.  
Guy much love & thanks for nice long  
letter. He is not sure if he can do it.  
and also help as well as I can. Thank you very much about it.

They have taken my room & I have a small one back a ways. Russ & girl do some part of work & Roger takes care of the car & uses it when necessary has his good position in Los Angeles with 2 days weekly vacation and with us - most of the time. It has been too much of a pull for me I guess. - & he looks so badly himself - weighs only 100 lbs. He does not suffer much (takes aspirin) I guess. did not tell me so but Dr. Reiser told us so. - Don't consider a trip here for there's nothing you could do. - and we're living a nice quiet life. Roger has learned to drive the car & so we can get down town & to church once in a while. - They are all so kind & help as much. Vernon is quiet & dependable. Guy much love & thanks for nice long letter. He is not sure if he can do it. and also help as well as I can. Thank you very much about it.









Dec 18th '37

My dearest Helen, - What care is the matter  
with you? I can think another girl  
could fill the niche you do have for  
all our years together - If not actually  
together in person - always in spirit!  
in personality - And please do - try to  
be with us this winter - We are  
all anxious to have you and I  
think you would do us a world of  
good. We need you more than ever  
before. - Father is so thin & miserable  
I wrote you he weighed a little less  
than 100 lbs & such a bad color.  
I wondered over his spending so  
much time in bed - Tell Mr. Mac  
I told me he is taking considerable  
morphine - We eat & sleep well  
I'm a bit shot to pieces when it  
comes to any social life -

Do refused to have me go down  
town alone - as I got a bit  
tired about this day & my  
orbit is rather restored.

Not much of a conversationalist  
any more as I forgot the subject  
in issue. - Good thing perhaps  
but not annoying (to me) any way.  
Your father took it into his head  
to move me from my front bedroom  
into a small room in the side  
pleasant enough - but not very  
as of old. I was shunted to Los An  
& with help of Roger Reed & one of our  
it was all changed when I got home  
You remembered how he puts an idea  
thro' when once he starts. Then  
he had engaged Roger & Moore to  
stay with us and to command





Let me know of the rec. of  
The Jeff - a box on Pop. Mechanics  
he will saw & chop up every thing  
Verona & Reggie are exchanging recipes  
& hard to write - Now I hope  
you will have considered & we  
will be looking forward to a  
good old visit. from you.

Is not this a tale of woe tho?  
well, we really are not so badly off.  
You must have been lovely

both you & R. M. - you should  
have sent for the old black veil  
I have - but no doubt yours  
came from Gay Paris -

Good night dear - & wishing you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year

God rest you many gentle men - May  
nothing you demand & wishes



Paris 1977.

Dear Helen

I'm sending you a  
small check - take it and  
do what you see fit. I  
am very glad to give  
you - but I wish you could  
be here. The days are long  
boring, it's the - that's  
most of it - as he has  
a good job & is sticking to it  
Dear Helen! I love you -  
Mother.







I am glad to say there is  
a condition of peace between  
the two families which makes  
it much easier to get along  
in a social way & life is well  
enough - I want not want  
any longer to thank you for  
the splendid things you  
sent us last - they'd feel  
just happiness in that household  
you've continued to put on -  
I'm sure you're highly appreciated  
& I'm sure as to be thankful  
to every body else I get around of  
how far - the children are developing  
to feel they're all as happy &  
well as they could be  
I'm sure as to be

I have doubt never before &  
very hard to keep straight  
that lovely love thinking you  
that, made us think of making  
you remember how that's good  
was a bit off. I feel just  
satisfied to think how I could  
you to visit in the winter  
when I think of your leaving  
the children and all - when  
my I think I'm going to  
get along very well now  
I don't think it might be  
too far to think you'll be  
be gone before they'll be  
to have a lovely visit and  
when you do please write to  
me and love



Butter does not drive the cow  
any more - not because he  
is not able - but he can not  
a distance any more on account  
of his catarrh - one of my  
boys that keeps a cow  
a good deal, says he can do  
all the day that does not give  
but one a little you make it  
profit - that is enough  
for the owner to  
Butter gets the up when the  
owner says and a little for that  
one of his boys that I helped  
to a little bit - that is the  
but he is a large man and  
good  
and it is for something to do  
that it is a very good one

Thomas & Richard stopped in last  
night - both looking well - then  
the deal for potatoes &  
wheat - then they had had  
dinner for dinner  
Thomas seems to have more  
than there is a change about  
the should keep out of the  
concerns in some way  
and in some of importance  
and in some way  
Thomas is now  
the end of the matter  
Thomas is now - I think from  
last night - but he is now  
Thomas and Thomas of all  
times with me and my brother  
Thomas who has no more

This is the time when I will  
have done to go to  
write with the pen of course  
and all your children sitting  
around the table usually in  
order - greatly enjoying and  
this was happy days.  
This is really - the I found  
you at all these days you have  
found you to love to have  
the knowledge of the house - but  
now for a while the children  
California is very and for old  
folk - young - Thomas - which  
to write as that house would  
and the garden there has just  
grown very after 100 years & children  
to the garden in which there is  
some the soil.



The beautiful books given  
to you, you find to be  
so perfectly to the point  
and so complete & a whole  
for my - that last for  
my own - It is lovely  
how many you are not  
missing out a bit of course  
you also not - I think the  
this is the day of the time  
and as the reader is so much  
satisfied that I have a great  
number of the same are beginning  
and plenty of excitement  
I am so pleased with the children  
books - have read & read them  
the delightful part done by  
the author - the better the the

is really a very decent  
magazine - but still one  
of it was directed right  
hand to "New York Herald"  
Magazine (I think) and  
my copies to my best  
of my magazine - just my  
family - I also not have  
them - order or written  
to the author and please  
for my piece of mind  
tell me if you hear  
from them or they go  
floating about over the  
in that last night paper  
we see for an edition of  
fourteen - but he tells  
the 200 - so perhaps he is  
except that - being so common

Dear Mother, I received your letter

and found it very kind and  
and the things you said  
and I will give you  
a letter to write to her  
and I will give you  
the 100 the same paper  
has a slight headache  
+ a little pain - now is  
very well - do not be  
worrying.

Love

John

Dear Mother

Dear Mother, please send me  
Best Wishes address -  
I am still holding your  
love gift. In the end  
of the Canadian  
law? Please not trouble  
to it as I should for her  
has not enjoyed - some  
and to be able to get things  
together - that would be with  
and hope + I - I was not  
any. While writing these and  
there had to all by my side  
+ as I did not visit her  
and my love cards were a new  
I sent for the last time  
for all the for a year + I will  
do it myself but not for I







But now I had this page so will write  
a bit more. - Please tell me Priscilla did not  
get more cold or anything from her trip down  
a flight! Poor little girl - wish I had her here to  
enjoy our sun + flowers. It's cold tho - night -  
we cover up like we did in Richard Center.  
I hear Keweenaw is to take a night course in law  
Am not sure how night the report is -  
Nancy goes into St Vincent's Jan 31 - after a  
most rigid examination - It's a Catholic school all new  
but seemed the most available. She will make  
a fine nurse. Jim sure. And so it goes on.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
Father's  
to us  
one day  
Father  
another  
Has had a  
touch of  
bronchial  
pneumonia  
but says  
feels all  
gone now  
Have just  
taken him  
his afternoon  
glass of milk  
and he has a  
bond sale  
I am not much in  
the letter writing mood but  
really must tell you all  
how much we appreciated  
the lovely gifts you sent  
I love the gown and scarf  
So becoming - could not fail  
to be pleased! Father's smoking  
jacket was an equally good  
fit and he quite entered  
into the spirit of Christmas  
as he usually does at the last.  
Priscilla's embroidery was equal  
to convent work & I am so  
proud of it! Then Jeff's Calendar  
quite put me in the trailer  
mood! - I shall hope it's headed  
toward California - Is it, Jeff?

love  
- new  
had -  
+ hope  
the  
embroidery  
as  
some



a lb on that and now if he'd only  
eat carefully perhaps those ulcers  
might remain dormant. - I think that  
is what the doctors think is the cause  
of his terrible color at times.

He must remain at home most of time  
as Roger is busy much of time  
and <sup>(D)</sup> he can not walk much. -  
His mind is clear however -

My main trouble is, lack of sleep  
& in taking a sedative tonight to see  
if I can not get some real rest.

Mary has gone to Cedar of Lebanon Hosp  
I have not see her since - They say  
its the best in L.A. - but Jewish -

Nancy is being fitted out for St Vincent's  
a Catholic Ins - so the Kermott family  
seems well scattered about.

Shall try to straighten out R. M. May.



Jan 14<sup>th</sup> '38

Dear Helen, - To almost no one else, would

I dare write on this green paper.

But you're long suffering and it's  
so difficult for me to write - on  
account of this double vision!

Your pkg left this p.m. & hope you will  
like the enclosures - one for you & one  
for Priscilla - And so she's going to look  
like you! Her picture tells that. I was  
so anxious to find you had enclosed  
your own - & mad enough to find you  
had not. - Now listen - would you like  
it if I had sent one of our assembled  
family & carefully left me out? - No you now  
not! Father wears his jacket all the time -  
imagines he's very charming in it. - I wrote  
you he weighed just 100 lbs - well he's gained



a nice looking man and we had  
a good visit. — He said — Dr William's  
last — the 4<sup>th</sup>! — wife is a most  
charming lady. Every one likes her  
glad he is fortunate.

well — here I go to sleep. (2) — Have  
enjoyed very much your frequent &  
realize the effort! —

Much love to you all. —

Mother



2  
that I sent to Bryn M. - in Connecticut  
Stupid - but after all - the clerk was  
no wiser. - so I am partly reconciled.  
I do love the charming gifts you  
sent. The Masless gown in particular  
Wilder's picture I've set on the shelf  
where it faces me as I write. Can it  
be he has changed it - Look quite  
the sophisticate! Poor little Prissie Willow  
It's a shame she has to be  
sick-a-bed lady but lucky to have  
such an interesting play fellow  
as the squirrel! - I am sending  
her some thing to wear in bed - not  
just what I like - but I had to send  
down town for it - and - its what I got  
my shopping days are about over, I guess  
for awhile at least.

Oh, well, - they've been many. - Mr Webster  
called on us first of week - He's almost fat



Do tell me about Priscilla. We think  
& speak of her every day & hope  
with the spring weather she will  
be allowed to get out more & let  
Mother Nature do her part.

I was never more surprised than  
when I rec'd Mrs Russels nice letter  
Its some time since our meeting  
& was afraid it might be - just another  
= ships that touch in the night =

Is she well and her boys - men now  
of course. - Please thank her for  
her thoughtfulness - and I  
do hope to meet her again

Some time! I am hemming napkins  
by hand - mainly to be doing something  
Nancy was over today & will begin, Monday, a 4yr  
course in St Vincents Hosp - one of the largest  
& best in L.A. But she will find plenty of work  
to do - She is strong and a born nurse.



Father says: he  
sends you his love  
by special delivery  
& wishes to know  
if you get your  
check back.

416 W Jackson St  
Glendale Calif  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> '38

My dear Helen.

You have been so kind  
in writing so often & I've been trying  
to pay you back in like coin but  
can not seem to make it.

A nice letter from R.M., today  
saying she may spend this coming  
summer in Germany - How

fine for her & it's really the only  
way one can get the right expression  
would you, by any chance desire

the presence of a staid chaperone  
If so I hereby apply for the position

care free and no one to say: what  
shall we eat today! Happy day-

Father is up & down - today looks  
tired & has been in bed since noon  
but he manages to keep on going.

with I could send  
Wilder some of our lovely  
orange - He liked those I took away across - but father thinks they are too perishable



tho its very little smoking he is  
able to do, - Brave he is, - too - never  
a word, - Roger + V are doing their  
best - + we appreciate it very much  
Ill have much to tell you when  
we meet again - but I feel my watch  
running down and shall close in  
a minute - Has RMs magazine come yet.  
Note again today and shall  
camp on their trail - I sent it for  
some charming indoor decorating  
I thot she'd be interested in

Mrs Jones will now with draw  
Richland Center has moved as per usual  
to Fla. + enjoying a round of pleasure  
Can you imagine Uncle Will  
having a jolly good time? Well I  
hope it will be a useful one, too -

Very much love to my 'oulist' 'guy  
and to Wide - his funny little jokes are  
always appreciated.

Same to Priscilla + Jeff -



what do you think of the Catholic idea  
I should a little bit wished her a position  
in a Protestant<sup>H</sup> but any way she'll  
mark her step with the Sisters on guard  
Such a time as she has had being  
inoculated for every ailment under  
the sun, - so it seemed to me.

Sirius better give her a wide berth!  
Father had a great time admiring  
his nephew. Sinclair Lewis + I had  
the honor of being placed by his  
side at dinner - so perhaps our  
status in the literary <sup>world</sup> is assured  
A paper is coming your way this week.  
He did give a very charming little  
talk - about - teaching our children  
to have more reverence for their ancestors  
That reminds me - We all are charmed with  
the book you sent me - The Rolling Years  
Is the best I've read in years.  
Father still wears the smoking jacket every day



but as yet have neither a baby  
or the small pox!

My love to the whole family  
with their permission to extend  
the biggest share to you, my dear.

Sincerely  
Mother.

Sinclair Lewis

Speaks in L.A. tomorrow night - I think  
D. & Ned expect to go.

Probably he will bid the sun to "be still"  
I'd certainly like to see what success he'd  
have, - would n't you?



Wednesday

Jan 19, 1938

Dear Helen

Well, — father has picked up  
a pound or so and is much encouraged.  
he surely looks a bit better but nothing  
to speak of. However — He + I took a jaunt  
to the Beaches last Sunday + by making  
stops once in a while, managed to make  
a day of it. — but neither of us can do much  
in that line — when Father gets well I want to  
go off somewhere + sleep for about a week!

This letter is being sent to show you that  
we are on the up + up!

Don't know as I'll ever get the children's Xmas  
straightened out and such lovely gifts as received too  
you should not — we'll have to make a few rules  
Excuse this crazy writing.  
Have double vision



Dr. Geo. H. Richardson

Mrs. Virginia Glenn

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4525 SAN FERNANDO ROAD  
GLENDALE, CALIF.

September 25, 1939

*Ans Dec 12 - sending  
cheque and mentioning  
letters written mother,  
2 presents sent thro R.M.  
& little X'mas tree from  
Hous Mass. - enclosing  
Asking for more news.*

Mrs. Wilder Perfield  
4302 Montrose Avenue  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Mrs. Perfield:

I am sorry I did not get to answer your letter before this, but I have been so busy I could not seem to find the time.

Your mother had three light heart spells they were sort of sinking spells. I gave her adrenalin and then called Dr. Hebard. He had me give her coramine. She took one ampule a day for three days and then she seemed to get better. Now she is able to sit up in a chair, not every day but about two or three times a week. I am now giving her digitalis twice a day, fifteen drops each time. She is eating good and seems bright and cheerful. She does not seem to recognize anyone that comes to see her, or if she does, she forgets about it as soon as they are gone. She seemed to recognize you at the time, but now she has forgotten all about your being here.

We have had some very hot weather, but today it is raining and your mother feels so much better. She is sitting in her chair, and she fed herself this morning.

I hope this will relieve your mind about your mother, and I will try to write you whenever I can. A relative of yours was here and said she would write you and give you some information about your mother's health. I hope she did so.

Respectfully yours,

*Ethel Bills*

Ethel Bills

EB:go



Mission Rest Home

4525

San Fernando Road

September 25, 1939

Dear Mrs. Richardson -  
I received your letter of the 12th and was glad to hear from you. I am sorry I did not get to answer your letter before this, but I have been so busy I could not seem to find the time. Your mother had three light heart spells they were sort of sinking spells. I gave her adrenalin and then called Dr. Hebard. He had me give her cocaine. She took one capsule a day for three days and then she seemed to get better. Now she is able to sit up in a chair, not every day but about two or three times a week. I am now giving her digitalis twice a day, fifteen drops each time. She is eating good and seems bright and cheerful. She does not seem to recognize anyone that comes to see her, or if she goes, she forgets about it as soon as they are gone. She seemed to recognize you at the time, but now she has forgotten all about your being here.

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Respectfully yours,

Ethel Ellis

EB:go



June 19-20, 1939

Dear Aunt Helen,

I have just been looking all over the house but as usual I can't find your letter when I want it to answer. How do you like the typewriter? I have a feeling you will not care for letters written this way, but it's lots of fun.

This is my new typewriter. I have always wanted one, so when this money came along I got one. It's my only purchase however except a pair of glasses for Kenny. That wasn't near as much fun though. They definitely do not improve his appearance.

Grandma for the last couple of weeks has had a time of being more ir- rational. She has been very distrustful and suspicious of everyone. She has not eaten well and has been very wakeful and active and is consequently rather weak. Dr. Hibbard and Dr. McKee say that organically she is still very well though. Kenny says that this Dr. Hibbard is considered a very good man. I don't know him myself. I guess the progress of this thing is just what we have to expect, but (and I know you feel the same way) you can't help wishing there was something really helpful one could do. May has been looking very tired lately. I suppose you knew that Flora did not prove satisfactory and May has been alone with Grandma. This last week a nurse has been on twenty hour duty with Grandma and it has given her a much easier time. We are hoping Grandma will like this nurse who seems like a very nice understanding girl and that May can take a week off as she has not had more than a day since she came and it's well over a year. I know you are not completely sold on May, but she seems very fond of Grandma as well as being trustworthy and kind so it does seem worthwhile to keep her. And May hasn't had too easy a time of it in more ways than one.

Well, would you care for a bulletin on the health of the rest of the fam- ily? Reggie has recovered very well from her operation and feels better than she has for years. Micky paid a visit to our friend Dr. Ted Hiatt who found that he has a basal of -37 last week. He is taking three grains of thyroid a day and has lost five pounds in the week. He is 5' 10" and weighs 185 pounds. Ted said something about his pituitary gland but that the thyroid tablets might clear up the whole thing. Is that good medicine (practice, I mean) Uncle Wide? Everybody else is well, but I now answer to the name of Elephant Ankles.

We had a nice surprise when we returned from the beach last weekend. We had five offers of loans of cribs, one of which we had accepted. The surprise was that Cy (Kenny's interior decorator brother, remember?) while browsing around in Barker Brothers Basement found a bassinet which was to have been discarded. He tore off all the old padding, had it re- painted, had a little mattress made for us, and it was waiting when we got home. Looks like bran-new, too.

Kenny is working on the other half of this table and as he is very talkative, I will continue in the Am.

A. M.

You asked if I had made anything for the baby. Well, I made a couple of little jackets. I learned what I thought was a rather complicated edging and did my first crocheting around the edges. Imagine my chagrin when Kenny's mother referred to my masterpiece as "buttonholing." I made three bibs, and I am about finished with an afghan made to fit the full sized crib. It is woven on one of those little square looms. I de- cided to make it that way because it was easier. I am now getting my pun- ishment as it is terribly boring. It takes 144 squares 3" in diameter and they are all exactly alike. It's a real idiots delight.

We had a swell vacation. A funny thing was when we arrived at

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the place we stayed at. Mr. Pierce who is very nice but slightly unobservant asked us if we were on our honeymoon. We felt like one of the cartoons out of Esquire magazine.

Doesn't Uncle Wide have a Doctor of Science from Oxford? Or do they duplicate degrees? What is the book going to be about? Will it be a text book or more of a lay book? I think Wilder and Ruth Mary will have a lovely time. We would like to go with them. Priscilla must be very well. I am very glad to hear it.

Thank you for asking if we need anything, but honestly it seems to me as if we have everything we need. Of course, there probably is something but I surely can't think of it. Oh, I just asked Kenny's mother and she said that the knitted sheets I have do not make good top sheets and I do need one or two regular sheets. Big size for a real crib. Anyway, thank you a lot for asking.

The construction of this letter seems rather faulty to me, but I find it very hard to think and concentrate at the same time that I am typing.

Love,

Mary



Monday, June 26  
277 South Coronado

Dear Aunt Helen,

I suppose you have heard from Uncle Herbert too, but perhaps there will be something else I can add. May collapsed over at Grandma's last Tuesday night. It seems she has been going through the menopause and flowing much more than she ought which has aggravated her condition. Daddy hired two other women besides this Miss Stringer I told you about but they seemed completely inadequate to care for Grandma in her home. She has been increasingly more irrational over the last week, has had to have someone with her night and day, has refused to eat unless Daddy or I was there as she fears poison from everyone else, has been continually calling out in a loud voice. Dr. Hibbard advised Daddy to consider a sanitarium as there she would receive constant trained attention and would be looked after all the time. Daddy visited several sanitariums and chose this Casa del Mar Sanitarium. It is located at 11929 Venice Boulevard and is a pleasant looking place surrounded with a lawn and trees. Grandma has a room, bath, and little porch. They took her out there on Saturday afternoon and Daddy told me that when he visited her Saturday evening, she was sitting in an armchair being fed her supper and although just as irrational as before, she did not realize that she was not at home and was laughing with the nurse. Daddy asked Dr. Rand if he would visit her and he did so yesterday morning. After his visit she became quite upset and when Daddy and Dr. McKee visited later, she was restrained in bed and quite irrational although she did recognize them. I did not know anything of this so Kenny and I went to see her yesterday afternoon but were not admitted as she was sleeping. So I can not tell you first hand what her room is like.

Last night I called Dr. Rand who said that he is familiar with the place and that it has a good standing. I asked him if there was anything we could better about the arrangement that he could think of or if there was some better alternative and he said he didn't think there was. He asked me if I would write that to you and Uncle Wide and tell you what he said. He seemed to think her condition was as he had expected it to progress.

When I think of you away up there, I know how dreadful you must feel. I feel so helpless myself and I know Daddy and Roger must. There seems so little one can do.

Daddy has put Grandma's rings in the safety deposit vault at the bank. The silver and other valuables, such as the copper luster pitcher and Grandmother's chair, are being put in the fireproof vault of the Bekins Storage. Her fur coat is also in storage.

I can't think of what else to tell you, but I will try to let you know as everything happens. Oh, yes, Daddy is closing up the house now, but has the idea of renting it later.

Love,

Mary—

P.S. I just went out to see Grandma. Daddy came by for me. The room is plain but quite attractive and sunny. She was irrational but quiet and contented. We took her a pot of flowers and one of ferns but she did not notice them. She wears a belt restraint but she can sit up and turn in it and she thinks it's a seat belt that



Keeps her in her place on the train. She  
did not seem unhappy. The name of the  
superintendent is Mrs Phipps if you want  
to write to her -  
M -

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Grandma has a room, bath, and little porch. They look her out there  
on Saturday afternoon and Daddy told me that when he visited her Satur-  
day evening, she was sitting in an armchair being fed her supper and  
although just as irritable as before, she did not realize that she was  
not at home and was laughing with the nurse. Daddy asked Dr. Rand if  
he would visit her and he did so yesterday morning. After his visit  
she became quite upset and when Daddy and Dr. McKee visited later, she  
was restrained in bed and quite irritable although she did recognize  
them. I did not know anything of this so Kenny and I went to see her  
yesterday afternoon but were not admitted as she was sleeping. So I  
can not tell you first hand what her room is like.  
Last night I called Dr. Rand who said that he is familiar with the  
place and that it has a good standing. I asked him if there was any-  
thing we could better about the arrangement that he could think of or  
if there was some better alternative and he said he didn't think there  
was. He asked me if I would write him to you and Uncle Wile and tell  
you what he said. He seemed to think her condition was as he had ex-  
pected it to progress.  
When I think of you away up there, I know how dreadful you must  
feel. I feel so helpless myself and I know Daddy and Roger must.  
There seems so little one can do.  
Daddy has put Grandma's rings in the safety deposit vault at the  
bank. The silver and other valuables, such as the copper Inster  
pitcher and Grandmother's chair, are being put in the fireproof vault  
of the Bekins Storage. Her fur coat is also in storage.  
I can't think of what else to tell you, but I will try to let  
you know as everything happens. Oh, yes, Daddy is closing up the  
house now, but has the idea of renting it later.  
Love,

Willy

I just want out to see Grandma but she says I can't  
for now she is in a place but with all the trouble and  
she says I can't go but she says I can't go but she says  
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277 So. Coronado  
July 18, 1939

Dear Aunt Helen,

I received your postcard this morning and was very glad to hear from you as I imagined you must either be ill or too upset to write. I am glad it was the latter. Did you know May died of Leukemia in the General Hospital on the Fourth of July? We were all awfully sorry we didn't know about it or realize the seriousness until it was too late as she really did make a lot of difference to Grandma's happiness during the last year. I guess she was lucky too in going so quickly as those patients as I remember are quite often in bed a very long time.

Daddy has moved Grandma to another rest home much nearer to all of us. The other was very nice but it was seventeen miles from Los Angeles on Venice Boulevard. This one is just as nice- nicer Kenny and I think- and as it is between Glendale and Burbank we can get out more often. They seem to be very good to Grandma and she seems to feel that she is at home which funnily enough she did not feel herself to be while she WAS at home. She told me she was exhausted from having thirty two from Minneapolis out for the day. She seems to have the baby on her mind and when I come in she asks me if I brought it with me, and talks about it. However, she does not seem to be unhappy now and I suppose it is really better than if she had physical suffering like Grandpa's.

About us, as for myself, I am disgustingly well. I am bored to death with waiting, with my peculiar appearance, and my ponderous appendages. We are planning to move in a week or two regardless.

Did you know Daddy has had Grandma's house repainted on the inside and had the floors refinished for renting and then they will rent it either furnished or unfurnished whichever way they can get the most desirable tenants and turn the rent into the trust fund. The house really looks so much better I wish you could see it. Daddy says that if they rent the house unfurnished they would have to store the furniture as it is against the law to sell it, so to save the storage rate Kenny and I could use it. We are certainly hoping such will be the case as prospective landlords do not seem very interested in renting their places to us as soon as they know about the baby. Did you have that complication once or did you always have your own furniture?



We all enjoyed Uncle Wide's talk a lot, even tho it plunged Kenny and me into a hot and heavy argument on anaesthesia. Please thank him for his note, too. What is his book about, anyway? I'd like to know just for the knowing even if the title was Greek to me.

Please write and tell me the news of you and Uncle Wide and all the children. News is at a standstill here now. Why is Hope Lewis going back to England. Won't Uncle Wide miss her a lot? Will he have Madeleine Dart? In that place I mean?

If you mind the typewriter a lot, I won't do it any more but it certainly is easier and more interesting for letter writing I think. Please advise.

Love,

Mary-

PS. Aren't you going to the farm this year?

PS. Daddy has contracted with Dr. Hubbard to make a daily visit to see Grandma. This relieves my mind a lot as I cannot get there everyday now and Daddy is quite frequently away on trips. And we are sure of some interested person seeing her that way-

Roger feels so badly he will not visit Grandma at all. I know how he feels but myself I want to see how things are going- and she is glad to see us when we first come in even if she forgets right away-

Mary-



July 27, 1939-

277 So. Coronado

Los Angeles-

Dear Aunt Helen,-

Just a note to  
tell you I received your  
letter this afternoon and  
to tell you that our  
phone number is Federal  
9489. Kennip's phone number  
is Prospect 3114 during the  
day at the office and if  
we can do anything when  
you get here such as  
a little taxi service we  
will be delighted. Anyway



Thanks for the nice  
letter and we'll be  
looking forward to  
seeing you—

We saw Grandma  
on Sunday and she seemed  
mentally about the same  
and physically thinner and  
a little weaker— I'm glad  
you and Uncle Wida are  
coming to see her—

I'm fine and I hope  
I didn't give you the  
impression I'm a pre-eclampsic  
Tell Uncle Wida the BP is  
only  $\frac{110}{80}$ —  
Love and be seeing you  
Mary—

you'll know the number—

It will be nice to  
see you and I hope  
not too depressing for  
you. I know its repetition  
but to us its the same  
thing you feel at a  
distance— a distressing  
inability to help—

I hope to be able  
to show you Junior  
by the time you  
get here but hes a  
week late already—



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June 5-34

Dear Helen: I presume you received my  
letter enclosing Montreal draft for \$2500  
sent you a month ago. We can do  
nothing toward getting our discharge  
from the Court until we have all the  
receipts for final disbursements. Can  
you mail me the original receipt & send  
you keeping the duplicate?  
I know you must have been busy with Royalty  
in your midst.

The last time I saw your Mother, a couple  
of weeks ago she was fine but Ned told  
me she had a bad time a couple of days  
last week but was much better.

The family is all well. Mame is up  
and down. Can't seem to get her  
permanently set.

Love to you all

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June 2-32

Dear Helen: I am so glad to hear from you

and to hear that you are well and happy

and that you are enjoying your trip

to the coast. I hope you will have a very

pleasant trip and that you will have

many beautiful memories to take home

with you. I hope you will have a very

pleasant trip and that you will have

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Dear Wida,

Read the last  
two pages of this - Its about  
Mrs. K. - If you think it  
will worry Helen needlessly,  
throw it all away - Let me  
know and I'll write again  
about the family.

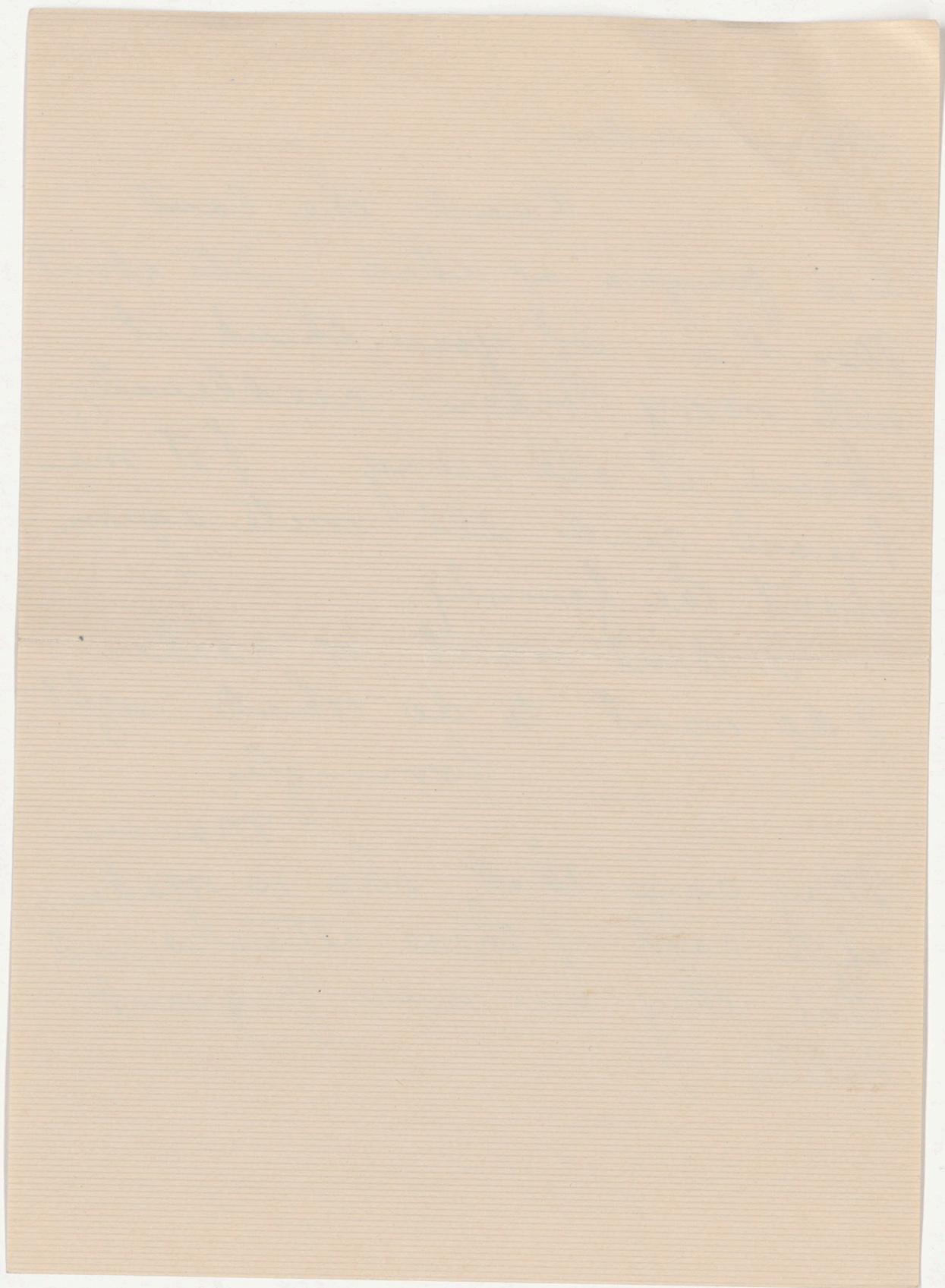
I dont want or rather  
I do want to do whats right.

Lovingly

Mame.

Mom says that she is weaker  
after each of these attacks, and  
that they are more frequent  
lately.







Thurs.  
June 8.

My dear Helen,

Dont know who  
note last but I've been  
intending to write for weeks.  
Mrs. K. has said twice that  
you arent going to Europe  
this summer but that Mildred  
and Ruth Mary are having a  
walking tour thru France -  
I have forgotten to ask May if  
it were correct - I hope you  
havent had to give up your  
trip -

Our family is fine. Deke is  
home from school and  
working hard for next years  
expenses. Fred is fine - has  
had a promotion and raise  
lately -

The girls are both well and



of course the babies are the best ever. George lives at Redonda Beach now. The climate is so much better than out where they were, and having only five days work, he does much fishing - they kept Ricky for a week - his first time really away from Jean. He was good but so glad to see her, he cried -

Wildw is not very well. He had his teeth out about two or three months ago - but still feels badly.

I talked with Margaret and she said that they are well, you probably hear from them as they are such good correspondents. Mary & Kenzie were in - Mary looks so well and happy!

We are having a beautiful spring - just a couple real



Lat days - Most of the mornings  
have high fog, which keeps the  
sun from being too hot and  
afternoons the breeze is almost  
too cool to sit out. The flowers  
have been the loveliest I have  
ever seen, I think - Both  
boys help Herbert in the garden  
so it looks pretty well. At  
present, west of the house, we  
have a bed of pale pink and  
deep purple campanula,  
rose fox glove and all the  
shades of hybrid delphinium.  
It is lovely. It seems as if almost  
every house has had a Paul's scarlet  
rose in bloom - And how they  
do bloom! The boys enjoy the  
badminton court.

We were over to see Mrs. K.  
night before last. I don't  
know what they mite you



Helen, but I suppose Mary must keep you pretty well informed. She had been having a "spell" as May called it and I was so thankful that I went in - (the lights were off except in her room at eight). I was able to quite satisfy ~~her~~ that things were all right, that nothing dreadful had happened to any of you and she quieted down and went to sleep. She knew me and remembered things that had happened but didn't know where she was.

I just called and talked to Verona and Mrs. K. She is quite all right again, slept all night but is still tired. She sent her love - said to tell you she was better and that altho' she is sorry that you are disappointed that she is glad you will

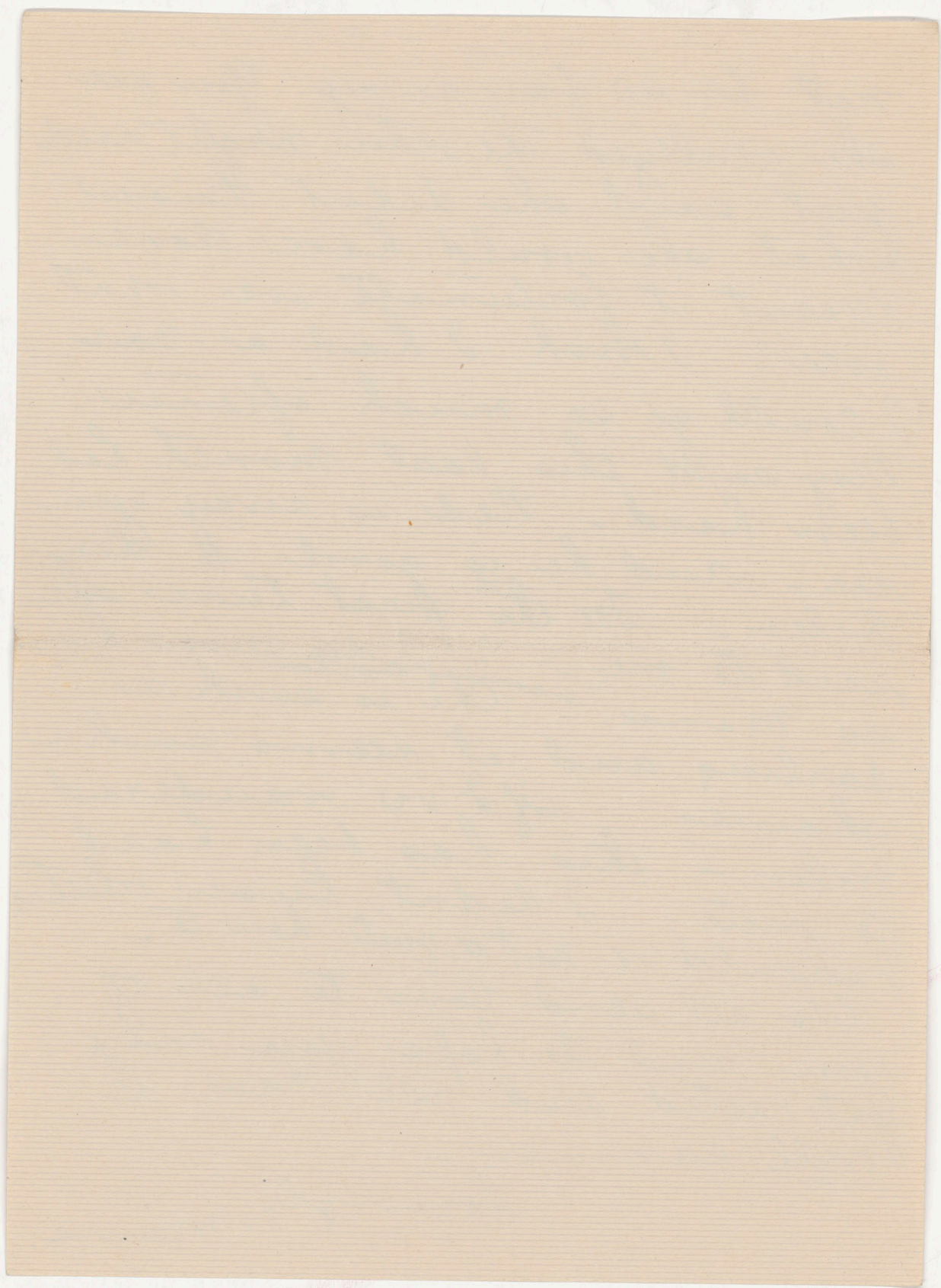


not be so far away. You see she realized the other night and just said she didnt know what she would have done. Wasnt it fortunate we went over! I wish I had a car, I could go so much oftener. May said this last month had been hard - Ned is away you see - and he is good to her, Helen. For the first time she said to me - I do miss him so, Mame. <sup>meaning doctor.</sup> He is such a darling and it seems such a shame. If I've wandered Helen - this has been hard to write - I didnt know whether I should or not or quite how to -

We all send love to all of you and do hope you may get rested and all have a well summer -

Lovingly, Mame.







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Dear Friends: They have had to put me in

a private institution. I was not even in there when  
I heard the news. She was becoming rather senile  
and was the result of health at home. He tried  
to get Doctor Korman to see her, following up  
she came down but he did not see her. He tried  
and I thought to him yesterday and he said it  
was the only thing of its kind that she had  
was the best that he knew of in the hospital.

This has been a pretty long & painful one everyone  
and naturally was in bed. He tried like a  
body when he finally made up his mind  
that it was the only thing to do.

Put her under the doctors and check under  
great chance in things and about the  
house. It would seem necessary now  
to discuss the time she has been in  
it & what I know and this should be brought

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Excuse for this.

It is hard on Helen to be so far away, but  
I believe easier than if she were here. I do not  
see how it would serve any good purpose  
for her to have your and Anne's only  
needs for fuel &c. It is really a hard  
distraction. I understand Mary Bennett  
is visiting Helen.

Love to you all

Anna

Dear Aunt

Nov 23, 7

Just received word from Robert about

making your hat box. Before you leave

could it get made in any of our country

shops all you are doing so much

work. Did we ever show to Robert

it as how he should take it, and

what to do with it.

With much love, I am, dear

Yours affectionately

Wm. D. B.



Having some time in  
 available samples and  
 want not become disappointed  
 to your things, work and partly  
 will be sure to get many  
 things and arranged  
 because to get the big  
 and things always with  
 very beautiful results, that  
 as you see there is much in  
 a lot more a day yet and  
 that does make a very big  
 at all things, that  
 I should really show you the  
 most of them.  
 And as you see, the  
 things are in comparatively  
 gathering in the future.



Last evening  
 of the 11/11/19

From the 11/11/19 - 12/11/19  
 and I am taking a property  
 your house - a garden, a garden  
 big - long and square, with  
 being about 1/2 of my house, with  
 together, the garden, I suppose  
 to make it more, because I should  
 not want that I have a garden with  
 with the garden house, which house  
 in a little, mostly in the west of  
 the property, as I should not want  
 with some things to be had, another  
 \*\*\*\*\*

called up a few minutes ago to  
inform me that she was not home.  
I told her she must be because since  
I didn't get to the phone before I  
stopped singing and just called  
the yard office to see if it was the R.R.  
Then I nearly followed her to  
home as I could not have received  
her answer - I told her "May -  
Mae and me!" and her reply was  
yes but May is back.

Actually among all your  
daughters May has been our pet  
rose. She is so cheerful and kind  
and companionable and cheerful  
but above all so dependable.  
and with it all she maintains the  
myth that mother is coming here  
soon home. She maintains  
the household physically as though  
it were about to be closed to  
waiters and does it all with a  
cheerful bounce that is my constant  
amusement. She now receives  
\$4.00 a month which of you  
will see is little enough for  
nurse maid & chauffeur combined.  
but please do not write her direct





and will never be your  
opinion of her. Because  
it was said that he was  
about to become one of the  
members of some organization  
the newspaper publishing  
company. He was not  
already they being there  
with others. I was surprised  
and was not sure if  
they intended to go  
yourself. It is not true

.....

would his job. As he went to a  
concern called the 'Hain Adjustment  
Business' and for an arrangement of  
\$5000 of his share of the whole he  
received \$2000 (about 40% interest  
for 2 or 3 months loan. But  
still would change as he finally  
came to me with a story of business  
having to go down to the south  
because of a major operation the  
weather has had to undergo as  
I borrowed \$5000 at 6% for  
six months and let him have  
another \$5000. I did this because  
I was able to obtain his address  
proving that he would not borrow  
more money again without  
first coming to me. It is my  
sincere hope that I can get  
him to place all future money  
and property he will receive  
in trust otherwise I am  
afraid he will dissipate his  
time and capital with the kind  
nothing from gentlemen. I am  
starting a roundabout campaign



At the present that a great  
misapprehension has been  
done and that we should  
have been paid at the  
correct amount.

Dr. Perry, last week,  
did one of his complete  
jobs on a melanoma (black  
spot) on my back  
abdomen as she has a  
hole the size of your palm  
on her stomach. Its length  
is about one inch and you  
that ought to diminish my  
charge there - also your  
Perry part of my money.

I expected to find the

The last early paper:  
My list for the last time  
or three days has been coffee  
and cigarettes and the coffee  
won't stay down as please  
papers suitable in structure  
and appearance I will visit  
you in a day or so and  
give you a more complete  
picture.

Anyway your letter  
was very welcome and  
of course of course felt  
like the man in the cartoon  
but I am afraid it is because  
my stories lack the glowing  
coherence of the actual story like





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with that end in view, ready  
now to reject Kenneth  
you now of course heard  
that he shot and killed  
his brother Jim on the  
night of Nov 30<sup>th</sup> last.

I cannot come from  
the trial, which was held  
in San Bernardino, last night.  
I spent all last week and until  
Friday morning of this week  
at upland driving week at Altam.

Southern Pacific

and Lewis were long from  
England to San Bernardino  
and sending them around  
while they. Poor husband  
wrote it all could not  
leave the court room without  
knowing how in the country  
the exhibit exhibit was  
maneuvered and the date  
set for sentence and plea  
for next trial is next  
Tuesday. I will have to  
go by course. If the judge  
Remitt me I will write more  
fully later and include  
clipping - enough to say





and after making them to make her a  
cup of coffee, slipped out, the front door  
had been unlocked her (with door in the night  
position) and there was quite an agreement to  
get her to come back to the house. She  
has been visiting Baltimore since the last  
year and has been all the time. She has  
been to the Florida Convention - a truly  
beautiful place and well stayed but  
she called on me yesterday and when  
there and I invited her to come and all  
packed and ready to leave and was enjoying  
after consultation with Dr. Hubbard who  
has had charge of her for the last three  
days and stayed there we took her back  
home and she was very happy. She has  
enjoyed a slightly restricted course to  
help her, because after all she cannot  
be on duty 24 hours a day. Mother  
already is fond of her and as happy  
to be home that it is possible. She will  
continue to take the treatment to help  
therapy occasionally and Dr. Hubbard  
will see her several times a week. They  
have advised me to run with an  
institution but I have decided that and  
also with Dr. Reed and Dr. Hubbard  
both agree that the present set up is  
O.K. I am very anxious to control



the other is a reference to a very  
little mentioned yet most useful  
and interesting part of business: the  
over-charge, especially and more  
especially where a small business has  
not to mention the case where  
as a matter of fact it is charged  
with a constant charge, you will  
not only not get your money back  
and then you will not want to pay  
to pay or completely unwillingly  
and then the business

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recently returned wife - and yesterday she attended church for an hour and a half - last night I got Mac to tune in on the one hour service of the Hollywood Presbyterian church and they did and they listened to the great organ and well trained choir render old hymns and then to the golden voiced Master and supposed Dr. Robert Mac Tennan tells about swell everything 'training' is and is going to be. I called up right after the broadcast and first Mac and then mother told me she 'just ate it up' and was pleasantly drowsy and entirely ready for bed.

One of her symptoms has been the fear of crowds as I feel the attendance of yesterday full service is a definite step forward. She is lovely and bright most of the time since she has been taking these ~~baths~~ baths - is reading quite a little and even does a little needle work. She knows to a penny how much cash she has and understand her future financial prospects which are ample.

However Mac has needed relief - one cannot be on duty 24 hours a day





Please write mother as often  
as you can and ask your  
children to - mail means as  
much to her and especially,  
from you and almost as especially  
from your children.

Love  
and,





It inadvisable to do other than to keep her teeth under periodic examination.

although her doctor at the Glendale sanatorium - Dr. Hibbard said she could eat anything I noticed that salads at night were nearly always followed by nightmares and hallucinations as she has discontinued their use.

she is still taking the hydro-therapy treatment which includes massage and really seem to be improving

Rygie has nearly recovered from an operation to remove her uterus etc.

We expect to send you a check for your share



Los Angeles  
May 4, 1939.

Dear Helen -

I am enclosing two pictures I took of mother as she was leaving for church yesterday Sunday morning last.

She and May drove down to see the preview of the opening of the new Union Station day before yesterday.

yesterday she had a tooth pulled. The dentist said she should have ~~it~~ the rest replaced by plates but that her age etc. made

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of the state on about May 9 or 10.  
Things are generally, about  
the same. Verona will stay with  
mother on main day off until  
Rexie is again strong enough to  
do it.

I will keep you informed as  
to any marked or even gradual  
change in mother's condition -

Love

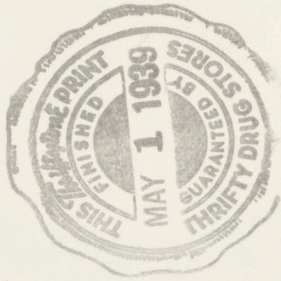
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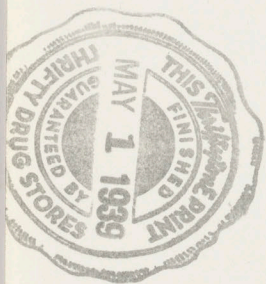
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July 7, 1939

Dear Helen -

I suppose Herbert has given you a good picture of mother's condition from a layman's viewpoint and I hope also that Dr. Rand has equally well relayed to you a professional report.

I could, if I would, paint a much more graphic picture of the last few weeks but I will not - because it haunts me and it would haunt you. My share in it started with any and all hours of the night telephone calls - long weary days and nights. Mother at first resented what help I would give for May as I had to



pinch hit myself. She developed  
an antagonism toward Jerome  
and even May. Reggie was still  
too weak from an operation  
by Dr. Perry followed by a  
uterectomy at good Samaritan  
to be of much help so mother  
still liked her up to the time  
she had to go to the sanatorium.

I will not go into the details  
except to say that the progress  
of her condition from mild to  
acute was rapid and that  
~~the~~ Dr. Hebard said that there  
was a good chance that she  
could end her days in the  
privacy and dignity of her own  
home - and that while dad  
told me the day before he died  
that I should put her into an  
institution if she ever



developed the Mc Corke  
weakness and Dr. Hebard  
said I would probably have  
eventually do it - still it was  
worth the battle to save her  
the realization of restraint and  
indignity while she was able  
to realize. As little as three  
weeks ago I took her out to  
a chicken dinner (with May  
of course) and she had such  
a good time. Up until that  
time she alternated between  
spells of apparent entirely normal  
mentality and of "mild  
institutional condition" - except  
at night when she would want  
me to keep her safe - just as  
you and I did when we were  
little - could I refuse? Her



gratitude was heartbreaking

To answer your query as to where May was in bed - after she fainted she asked for three days off - she spent a week abed at the home of friends - was then removed to the hospital and Reggie and I were there when she died last night.

I honestly think May has done more for mother than all of us combined and like a faithful draft horse she tugged against the collar until she died in the harness.

She was devoted to mother <sup>with which</sup> with all the boundless loyalty her simple heart was capable. She was always cheerful - even when toward



the last of her service her (Jan 20)  
her eyes would so often fill  
with tears.

after mother went to the  
Sanitarium and I had visited  
her a few times I found I had  
forgotten how to sleep so I  
went to Montara with Reggie  
and Mick hoping to relax  
for a day or so up there but I  
couldn't stay that far away  
so I returned after one day and  
Reggie and Mick took her  
mother and brother good by  
and returned with me - we  
were away five days which  
will explain why I did not  
reply to you letter earlier.

If I can sleep to day I  
am going back to work tonight  
as the past six months with



many suggest enforced lay-offs  
(The last two months or more I  
have had to lay-off entirely  
because she would call for me  
and make me promise not to  
leave her) - as I say the  
lay-offs and two operations  
have about used up the cash  
I received so I will hurry up  
the return to work and hope  
that it will cure me.

Besides that I loaned her  
300.00 to tide over the gap  
between the ~~larger~~ degree of  
fund distribution and the  
start of her trust income. While  
it is a valid claim it is not  
cash in hand but as R. R.  
business is extremely good  
we will be on our feet in



short order.

We are building on our  
Silson Lake lot but will have  
to make no payments before  
Oct 9. Paid \$1311<sup>00</sup> down beside  
the value of the lot \$900<sup>00</sup> (if we  
agreed to wreck the old house)  
and received a loan of \$2500<sup>00</sup>.

Roger bought a new  
Hudson Coupe on June 2!  
It is a continued problem -  
I helped him out of money  
scraps three times last  
winter and I can see a long  
dreary vista ahead of the  
same.

I hope this letter arrives  
after a meal instead of before  
but will write another and

more cheerful letters soon.

Please tell your children  
that their letters and postcards  
have been the very best  
medicine for this grandmother  
and have always made her  
very happy.

Love

Wed.



Los Angeles, Cal  
July 18, 1939.

Dear Helen -

Mother has moved from Casa del Mar which, as you may know is in the outskirts of Santa Monica to the Mission Rest Home which is at 4525 San Fernando Road, Glendale.

Dr. Hibbard recommended this place first but I was afraid it was too warm there. So he said we could try the Casa del Mar place for a while and see how it went. Down there she had a little bungalow or rather half of one but it was built rather



flimsily and it was five steps above the ground which made it rather dangerous for her even with the help of a nurse - in walking out. The woman manager and the nurses there were extremely nice to her - but that was partly because now that her reserve has dropped some she lets her true self show through more - that is, she is so nice to the nurses that they could not help but return the favor.

The same relationship holds true in her new place and although of course she shows plenty of signs of the progress of her trouble, I am



II

proud of her because even when she carries on she is still a lady - kind, thoughtful and dignified - and somehow more lovable than she ever was before. You will remember how she used to kiss you so briefly and then pull away? She is more if I can say it cuddly, now.

It was twenty three miles through city traffic to the old place - only 2 miles now so I can visit her every time I am in.

Before I would let her go here I took two accurate thermometers down and tested the temperature during our



our recent heat wave. It was 93 outside in the shade 78 in her room at 3:30 P.M. The walls of the building are 18 in thick and contain dead air space.

She has a good room opening through French windows onto the patio - and a private bath. I have taken her large wicker chair and the white fur rug and other things she values down there. I have put a huge fern or rather two ferns - the kind she likes best but both in one extra large pot in her room and Micky (who dies now) or I take her



III

fresh flowers every day -  
roses mostly but also some  
of the varieties of wild flowers  
we raise - also zinnias dahlias  
etc.

I have put her fur coat in  
cold storage and have stored  
all the silver, her good china  
and also the rose bud china  
and copper luster, pitcher etc.  
that eventually ~~go~~ go to  
you in separate packages.  
Everything is listed and  
condition noted and a receipt  
in hand for same and also  
everything is insured against  
burglary fire earthquake and  
all hazards.

I have rented her house  
unfurnished and in order  
to avoid paying storage on  
the furniture and also



transportation I have formed  
it out with Roger and  
Mary and have receipts  
from each of them for same.

Hub tells me his side was  
concerned, as to whether we  
were taking care of Mary in  
her last illness. Please tell  
him that Mae thumped to  
the floor of the bathroom in  
a faint one night after  
sulkfully sewing mother  
for over a year. The next  
morning she had breakfast  
and then asked for and received  
a three day vacation. She  
went directly to the home of  
friends and after a week, to  
the county hospital. I returned  
to town on 4<sup>th</sup> of July and  
hearing that her condition was



very serious went at once to  
the hospital. Ray and I were  
there at 7:20 P.M. when she  
died - alone except for us. In  
the afternoon of that day after  
~~the~~ Baptist minister prayed  
for her she said "I aint' afraid!"  
and he repeated that in her  
funeral sermon.

When I think of Mae I  
think of the countless nights  
she got up to see that mother  
got safely to and from the  
bathroom - I think of her  
hearty cheerful manner - except  
when her eyes filled with  
tears over mother's condition.

Please tell Wade I wish  
we had taken her in to our  
home - to the manneis' aunts'  
and all. But, of course, that is

all water under the bridge.  
Wee paid her way right up  
to the last gallant moment -  
so the answer is definitely  
'No'. She was not one of the  
three nurses we had for  
mother.

I will keep you advised  
Love  
Wed.



Mailed Dec 29

1521 E. Mountain St.  
Glendale Calif.  
Dec 26, 1939

Dear Mrs. Penfield -

Your mother is in just about the same condition as when you last saw her with the exception that she is a little thinner. She doesn't like to eat and the nurses have a hard time getting her to eat enough.

Mr. Kennott - got a small table here and decorated it for Xmas. Your mother enjoyed it greatly. She has fresh cut flowers most of the time.

I am unable to give much of a prognosis as to length of life but imagine she will live for at least a year altho she may not.

Hoping this will answer your question. I remain

Yours truly,  
J. M. Hebard



Dear Mr. [Name]

12/15/1937  
General  
P.O. Box 1137

I am writing you in great haste  
and I am sure you will  
be able to understand  
the situation so well  
that you will be able  
to do a better thing  
than I can do and I  
am sure you will be  
able to do it in a  
way that will be  
to the benefit of  
all concerned.

I am sure you will  
be able to do a  
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Yours truly,  
[Signature]





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Letter to Mame + Herbert July 24 - 1939.

Dear M + H. - You have been so good to write us about M. so faithfully and I fear you think I have not responded promptly many times. Mary K. has kept us well posted too and Ned has written me very often - more often than you realized I guess. He has certainly been very good to Mother this year.

Strangely enough I have received extremely good and clear letters from Mother herself up to the 18th of June. Her lifelong habit of trying to make the best of things evidently stood her in good stead - if we can look at it in that way. I have kept all her letters as well as all those from others concerning her in a file for the last year - for it is so easy to forget just what was said. She was always looking forward to feeling herself again, always appreciative of all that was being done for her, and always begging me to write oftener. Sometimes I was tempted to think that my letters never did reach her. But then, I know how forgetful she was becoming. However, I continued to write her at least four times a week.

It has been terribly hard to read them all over these last few days - to see how she tried to cling to reality, and to seem perfectly clear.

We had a very good letter from Carl Rand and then Wade himself suggested we should go to see her. Perhaps she will know we are there, perhaps not. At least, I shall







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RHEITONE

July 30, 1939

Edward E. Kennott  
 2323 Duque St.  
 Los Angeles

Very sorry about my letter  
 and about its effect upon  
 your mother stop # I  
 will not see her unless  
 you agree stop. We  
 are coming as planned

MERCUROLONE

Wide

An Effective Ointment for Impetigo.

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RHEITONE

24

PHOSIODOL

July 30, 1939

Edward E. Kennell  
2323 Avenue St.  
Los Angeles

Very sorry about my letter  
and about its effect upon  
your matter stop #2  
will not see for unless  
you agree stop. Mr  
are coming as planned

MERCUROLONE

An Effective Ointment for Impetigo.



Copy of Letter to Ned -

Aug 17, 1939

Dear Ned - I am very sorry not to have seen you in Cal - But strange as it may seem, I had a lovely visit with Mother. She seemed quietly pleased each time I came in and Mary said that I should feel very proud that she never once suggested my leaving! On two early morning visits she seemed quite clear. As an experiment, I showed her some Kodak pictures one day. She recognized and talked about the children in a convincing way - "Priscilla is taller - and that is your front door behind her. I like your house and I do hope I shall visit you there soon again;" "Good old Don, (the dog) how I used to like to play with him." And so on and on. When I saw she was tiring, I put them aside.

In the afternoon, I found she enjoyed most talking of old times - our childhood I asked her if she remembered some incident of our playing with her. She gave me a quick peering look and said, "Remember so well that I don't want to think about it."

I paid her many short visits but never once did she fail to say something about wishing for the woods or fields or some sort of out-of-doors place. However, she seems quite contented.

Once she asked me if Wide was not with me and I said he was outside. She asked me to bring her a tiny rose from her bouquet, fussed over it a minute and then asked if I would take it out to him with her love.



You have arranged everything very well for her and I know just how much joy you have had in doing it. I know because I should feel myself blessed if I were allowed to be the one to do it and to be near enough to see her often and do the little every-day things for her. I recognize that it is impossible to move her now and I shall not often be able to afford journeys out to see her.

Up until now, I have not been able to think about her and all that is connected with her illness. But I know she would want us to agree as far as possible, - so you can count on my cooperation.

Wide and I both liked Dr. Hebard immensely. He seems so human and sympathetic as well as extremely intelligent. Dr. Richardson is impossible of course, and Mrs Glenn is too clever to make a mistake. But Mother's nurse - is it Mrs or Miss - Ethel Bills is simple and kind. It seems that all is well for the present at least.

Concerning her home and furniture, I think you have done wisely. But please consult me before you dispose of anything finally. So many times she had begged me to promise to go out there "if anything happened" to see that her treasures were disposed of as I knew she would want. I have lists which she has sent me of how she would like things divided. Don't be afraid





I shall want very much but there are many little questions which should not be decided by a woman outside our family.

Please assure me in this matter, otherwise, I shall try not to interfere with your arrangements.

When I used to protest against trying to interfere with anything you or Father would arrange, she said, "But I saw what happened when your Father's mother died and there was no daughter about to see that the little things women of a family get to caring about were properly disposed of."

I hate to protest but now that she is so nearly helpless, I feel I must do what I can to follow what she asked. Beyond the lists which she sent me, I have only a vague idea of what she was talking about. My visits have always been and more and more treasures seemed to have disappeared each time. Perhaps there are some boxes of Grandmother's - some old books, I don't know. I only speak of it now because you mention disposing of various things, and it would be a temptation to you to throw away or give away something of which you did not know the value - perhaps only a sentimental one.



Wide came out with me, hoping you would make it possible for us to come to some understanding. However, we had several long talks with Herbert. We realize how terrible it all was for you and we want you to know that we approve of the way you have arranged everything. You would not want me to commiserate with you on what you have suffered for you know how gladly I should have done it all. And I must say no one of us could have done it all with more love and kindness.

The feeling which has been caused between us is the greatest sorrow I have ever had and I hope it can some day be changed.

I am glad you have found something to help Mucky. Mary seemed to be very pleased with the effect of the medicine. And it is splendid that Reggie is quite well again. Please remember me to her.

I hope you <sup>EN ROUTE</sup> will continue to write me about Mother. My heart aches when I think of her sitting there with empty hands, the victim of her imaginings, and knowing I cannot even go in to chat with her. Please tell me if you think there is anything we can





The Chief



EN ROUTE

do from this distance. They told me they were sure she did not know whether letters came or not. Do you think that is so?

Wilde and Ruth Mary are safe at home again and will soon be off to college again.

With love  
Helen.

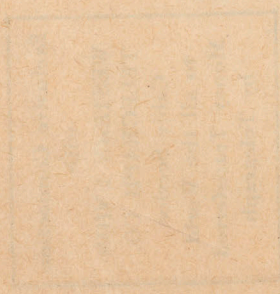
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N.B. At same time wrote to nurse Mrs Ethel Bills asking for report on Mother's health and telling her about children & Don. Enclosed stamped addressed envelope & sheet of paper.





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