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MONTREAL QUE JAN 3 1934

DR E P KERMOTT

621 N EUCLID AVE, UPLAND CALIF.

HELEN IS IN GOOD SHAPE BUT HAS PNEUMONIA. SHE IS AT FARM. I AM STAYING WITH HER. SHE HAS SPECIAL NURSES AND ALL NECESSARY SUPPLIES ALSO MONTREAL PHYSICIANS. THIS IS THE SIXTH DAY OF ILLNESS AND SHE IS BETTER TODAY THAN ANY DAY SINCE ONSET. TEMPERATURE IS STILL HIGH. WILL BE HERE TWO OR THREE WEEKS LONGER. ADDRESS MANSONVILLE QUE ROUTE TWO. CHILDREN HAVE GONE HOME. WILL WIRE ANY CHANGE .

WIDE

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HEARD TO BE GOOD NEWS BUT HAS CHANGED. SHE IS AT HOME. I AM STAYING WITH

HER. SHE HAS SPECIAL BUSINESS AND WILL BE BACK IN MONTREAL VERY

SOON. THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH AND SHE IS GOING TO STAY THERE

ANY DAY SINCE SHE IS IN MONTREAL. SHE IS HERE TWO OR THREE

DAYS LONGER. I AM GOING TO STAY THERE TOO. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN WORK

ING WITH ANY CHANGE

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MANSONVILLE QUE JAN 6 1934

DR E P KERMOTT

621 NORTH EUCLID UPLANDOCAL

HELEN HOLDING HER OWN TEMPERATURE REMAINS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THREE
RESPERATION THIRTY EIGHT PULSE ONE NOUGHT FOUR MIND SOMEWHAT CLOUDED
RECEIVING OXYGEN AT TIMES PHYSICIANS STAYING WITH US AND PROFESSOR
OF MEDICINE CAME TONIGHT THEY CONSIDER SHE HAS IMPROVED TODAY HAVE
NOT HEARD FROM YOU WIRE MANSONVILLE IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY THREE
TELEGRAMS .

WIDE

930am

your mansion
In that you hold
Helen holding you

Temp rem - 103

Resp 38

Pulse 104

Mind somewhat cloudy

Rec. oxy at times

Phy. delay with

+ Prof. of med. case
They say she has
improved today
Have not heard from you

Dr W. G. Peng

Greent's Farm

Munsonville

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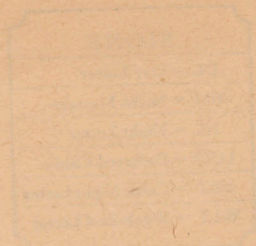
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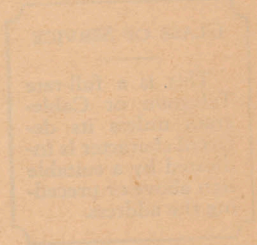
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MANSONVILLE 28 RING 33

Jan 8, 1934.
12th day.
GREEN POINT FARM
MANSONVILLE R. R. NO. 2
P. Q., CANADA

Dear Mother & Doctor.

Helen seems a little better this morning. She is less delirious, her temperature only went to 103 instead of 104 and she slept quietly last night. She is still getting oxygen but is taking nourishment better. Six glasses of milk yesterday and this morning a little bacon. The nurses are splendid & she takes a lot of water in the day.

Maximus thinks there is either

resolution beginning on the right or
some fluid. They may use a needle
today some time. Dr. Selster Lewis is
coming to join Meakin today. These
Doctors have come down here on their
own initiative. They have evidently
decided among themselves not to
leave Helen to me during this time.

All I do now is to lift her + dispel
her fears about the children who
she thinks are still here. This morn-
ing she thought Jeff was in Calif-
ornia.

I have wired you her exact cond.

ition because I wanted you to ²
know how things stood as you might.

Ruth Mary has been in bed
with a cold since returning to
Montreal and Jeff has a sore throat
but they are better now. R. M. will
be back in school today I suppose.

I shall stay down here regardless
of practice until Helen is out of
danger and through the serum
sickness, if she gets it. Then I shall
go back and leave her to convalesce
at least two weeks after normal

temperature.

Mother K. your lovely kimona
came. I went to the customs. There
was \$10 duty on it so I phoned
Helen and she said to send it
back. I have regretted doing it
since. If she had seen she never
would have let it go. And now
it would be just what she
wants. Why not send it to the
following address. Mrs. Mather
Cleveland, Riverdale-on-Hudson,
New York City - "Hold for Mrs. Fairfield."

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I shall be going to New York to
lecture in February, or one of the
Riversdale group might possibly
be able to bring it up. You had
better write to Susan Cleaveland before
you do. It is exactly what Helen
will want most in these weeks to
come.

What weather we have had. -
42° the day I came, It has rained
the last two days + last night
Pinches of snow fell + the wind

is coming cold again from the west.

This Finnish couple has worked beautifully down here. We get them for the price of one cook but in a place like this he is certainly useful and he goes skiing + tobogganing with all the pleasure of a boy.

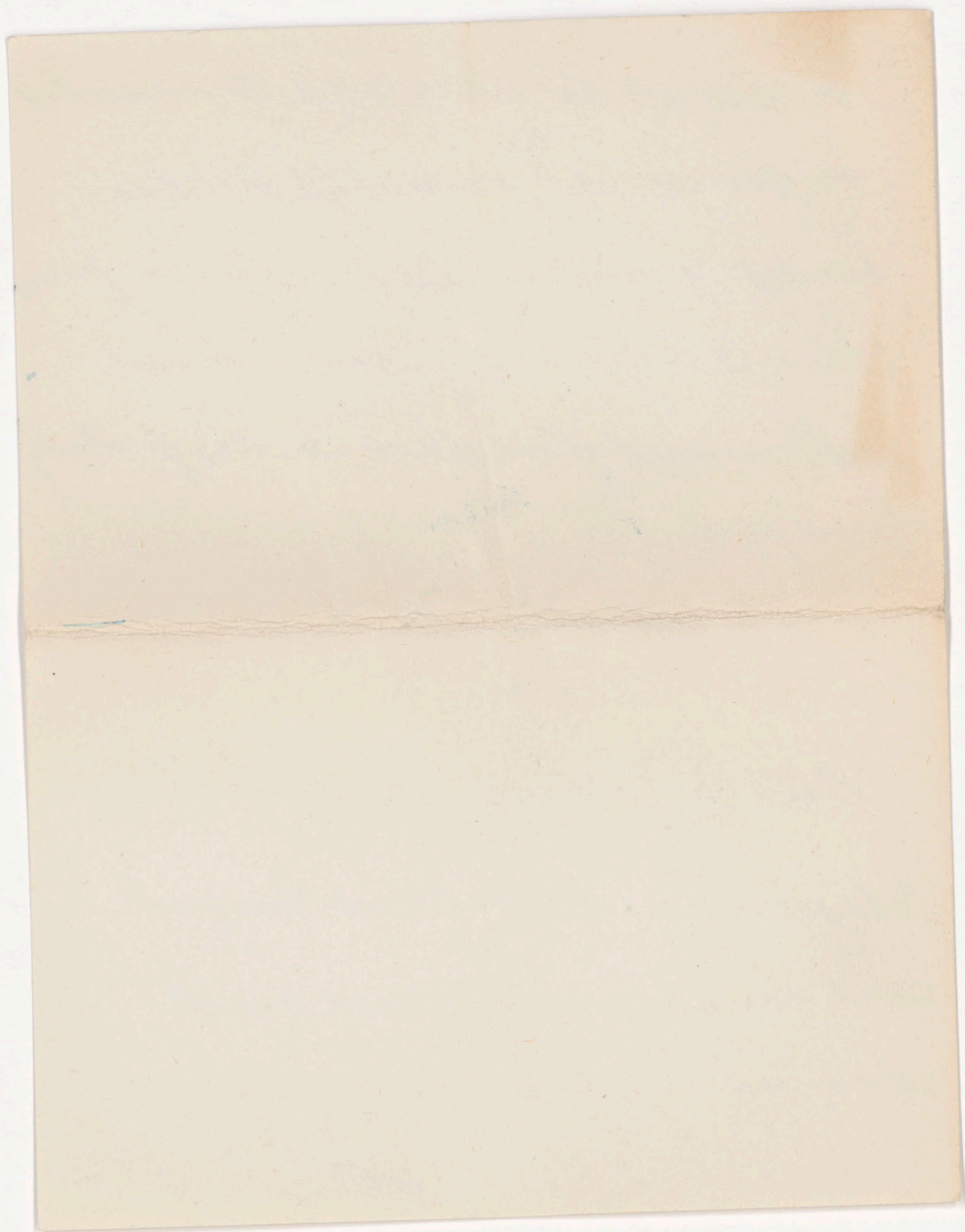
I wrote you yesterday of Bill Conis trip down here by airplane. He is a great fellow to fly. There was not much necessity for the trip but he is very fond of Helen and he would not be stopped. He had to come and

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to come in his own way. He insisted
on going over, ^{her} himself, checked
her eye grounds and reflexes, found
them all normal. Took a blood
culture and flew back. He was probably
home for lunch!

Yours
W.D.

While Dr. Gordon was here I took him
tobogganing. He put out his foot
so it caught in the crust and
sprained his knee badly poor man.

W.D.



Green Point Farm
Route 2

Mansville P. O.

Jan 11, 1924.
14th day.

Dear Mother K + Doctor.

You will think it queer I have not wired the last few days but things have been so uncertain & at times so critical I did not know what to wire. During the last three days her temperature has been quite irregular and she has been ^{rose} morde-
lirious than ever and respirations ^{rose} between 40 and 56. Mackinn + Lewis punctured her lung thinking there might be an inter-
lobar suppyema but got nothing say before.

yesterday. They find evidence that the
consolidation is clearing though she seemed
worse. Today we arranged to take her to
Montreal by plane and I sent Wilder,
Cotie, Sylvia, one nurse + Dr. Lewis home. We
waited all day but the plane was delayed.
It is scheduled for tomorrow morning now.

(I am "spelling" the night nurse just now.)
And curiously enough her temperature has
remained down to 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ tonight and when I
went in just now she seemed clearer than
at any time. She asked me "where is mother"
I said "Calif." She said "is she enjoying herself?"
Mekins is in doubt now, as I am,

Whether we should not cancel
the plane + remain here. We can take her on
a sled down to the lake lift her into
the big heated plane + then to the
hospital ambulance at the Montreal
flying field.

As soon as we decide or rather
as soon as we do something I shall
wire you that it is done.

There would be no point in your
being here now Mother K. What we
do for her convalescence I will depend
on many things. It might be best to
come to visit you in California if you

want her. In that case if you could
come on to be with her a week or so and return
with her it would be fine but not necessary.

The children are all right except that
R.M. is in bed again with a cold.

Well I think I'll take 40 weeks

With love

Wife.

Air Mail

MONTREAL
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CANADA



Mrs. E. P. Kermott.

621 N. Euclid Ave.

Upland

Calif. U.S.A.

GREEN POINT FARM
MANSONVILLE, P. Q.
R. R. NO. 2 CANADA

Jan 7, 34

Dear Mother & Doctor

Just a note to send back by Bill

Con to Montreal. He flew down
here landing on the ice in the bay.
He is flying straight back with
a blood culture. His trip was not necessary
really but he couldn't stay away any
longer.

Helix is about the same. No
further advance of the pneumonia

Dr. Meakin, the Professor of Medicine
is staying on as long as I want him.

Dr. Brown is going back today.

Helen fears when she is stimulated
but she will not remember all this.

The two nurses, day + night are fine.

I plan to keep her down here to convalesce
with the cook + her husband and
one nurse. I can not stay over in

convalescence. I wish you were near

here so you could be with her

during convalescence

Love
Wido

I have
missed 3 times.

GREEN POINT FARM
MANSONVILLE, P. Q.
R. R. NO. 2 CANADA

Jan. 32, 34

Dear Mother K.

This letter will reach you after
a telegram which I shall send in a
few days about Helen's illness so
I will start in the middle or rather the
beginning.

While I was west Helen worked
every night until late - 1-2 o'clock
caught in the Christmas fever and
wanting to get every thing done on time.

She planned two large teas and then
because of Sir Arthur Currie's death cancelled
one and made the other larger. Thursday
before Christmas we had a dinner - the
"Perogee party". On Saturday we had the
"Feggiwig Ball" in costume for all the
Laboratory workers + hangers-on. It
was a grand success and every one
went home tired out. All this time
Helen kept on working late after everything
and Christmas eve we finished the
stockings at 3 A.M. Then she turned
to preparations for the trip to the farm
with the same feverish intensity.

All this time she seemed to feel very well & was gay. The last few nights she felt badly, & unknown to me, went to bed after taking gripple capsules.

Wednesday morning they started for the farm early - all four children, Sr. Bergmann & Colie + Sylvia & the dog. It was below zero and a bitter north wind. They waited $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours in a windy town in Vermont (North Troy) & then arrived in South Bolton at 2:30. They came over the mountain in the bob-sled but were deep in straw & covered with robes. They say she wasn't chilled

then but she went to bed with pain
in her side that evening and a chill.
Thursday she stayed in bed. Thursday
evening I called up. Wilder had been trying
to call me to tell me they were worried
about her although she had forbid^{idden} him
to call up. Fever, pain and rapid respiration
he told me about was enough! Every road
out of Montreal was blocked with snow
so I had to wait till morning, ~~on~~ Friday,
when I got a train to Magog & was met
by a sleigh which carried me the 14 miles
to the farm. It was 42 below in South Bolton
that day. You see the train Helen had taken
only runs ~~twice~~ once a week.
I found her pretty sick, with pain in

her side, eating nothing and talking very little. That night I phoned to Selater Lewis who has looked after Helen before. He arranged for a special nurse and Bill Cone fitted out a big suitcase full of supplies which she brought down on Saturday. I got ^{Dr.} Ellis down from Mags and he made out some consolidation in the right lung posteriorly a small area which I had been suspicious of the day before.

Sunday, Monday and today we have pegged along, her fever running up to 105 and dropping suddenly. I have given her anti^{pneumococ} mening. coccic serum with some evidence of improvement. She has been confused & unable to separate dream from reality & worrying about finances & the children's problems etc. Today she was clear as a bell but tired. Tonight she is confused

Again and temperature shooting up
so I have been phoning Montreal again. Lewis
has is in bed with a cold & can not come
but he is arranging for some other consultants.
He had previously spoken to Meskins the
Professor of Medicine but I would a little
prefer A. H. Gordon of the M. General Hospital.

A call just came and Gordon is coming
and for consultation with Brow of the
Victoria who will stay over a day or two.
I shall be very glad to have them take the
responsibility. These are the best in Montreal
and very decent men.

The children have been very good
tip toing about - (some of the time!) and

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Kilder gets up 3 times each night
to stoke the wood furnace. He are warm
& tight here and she is getting good care.
I have wondered about her early pneumonias.
This is not altogether a typical case.
She coughs but has ~~not~~ no sputum
whatever and also her temperature
seems to be of the septic type rather
than a sustained elevation. These details
are for Doctor of course.

Bill Cone called tonight and
wanted to come after Helen in a
plane equipped with skis which
can land on the lake! If it is necessary
to take her in later this might be

possible of course but it would
be worse than foolish unless something
had to be done to her in operative way.

I am sure I should have
stopped Helen from coming to the
farm. I should have prevented her
from working so hard over the Christ-
mas time. I should have done these things
if I could have.

I should have written to you
before perhaps but hoped to be able
to tell you she was ~~all~~ on the maid
before disturbing you. She just spoke to
me now + asked if I had written you

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She said - "I think you ought to."
That followed a confused disoriented
time.

There are many things I could
say about your daughter but you
know I think them and I guess I'd
better stick to historical facts.

Yours

Wilde _____

Fr. Bergmann, R. Mary, Jeff + Prisc.
return to Mill. tomorrow on that
Wednesday train. Wilder + I remain
with Collie + Sylvia and a second trained
nurse comes down. h.P.

DEPARTMENT OF
NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

6th February, 1934

Mrs. E. P. Kermott,
621 North Euclid Avenue,
Upland, California.

Dear Mother K.

Helen is getting along well. They have not let her out of bed as yet because there is still some sign of consolidation but she has improved a lot and is now beginning to be obstreperous which is a very good sign in her case. People are still very nice to us, call up and want to come in to read and do all sorts of things but so far she has not seen any visitors outside of her family. I think this has been a good thing too. For the time being she is sort of out of the world. She has a radio beside her bed on one side and uses that in a way she never has before. She goes to sleep at ten o'clock, wakes up about eight and gets a nap in the afternoon so you can see she is loading on a good deal of rest. She has certainly gained back some of her weight and her face looks better all the time. Her color is quite good. She is not able to read yet because she cannot focus but can read for a few minutes. Miss Winter reads to her a good deal; we still have a day nurse.

~~The~~ Doctor's letter was a very convincing one about the landlady at 621. I know about her already. She is the finest landlady on the Pacific Coast and I know of no place where it would be so pleasant to be. Helen says she will not go away anywhere. I think it would be the best thing and am willing to send her. I cannot force her to go, of course, particularly as she would have to go alone. I could get Bill Chester to meet her in Chicago to make the change, however.

She looks forward to your letters. When the mail

DEPARTMENT OF
NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

22. February, 1934

Mrs. E. P. Kennell,
621 North Pacific Avenue,
Upland, California.

Dear Mother:

Letter is getting along well. They have not
let her out of bed as yet because there is still some sign
of consolidation but she has improved a bit and is now be-
gining to be comfortable with her feet good sign in her
case. People are still very nice to her and she wants to
come in to visit and do all sorts of things and so far she
has not been very ill. I have not been to see her and
she has been a good thing too. For the last few days
part of out of the world. She has a rather heavy bed on
one side and one that in a way she never has before. She
goes to sleep at ten o'clock, wakes up about eight and gets
a nap in the afternoon so you can see she is doing on a
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McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

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comes up she usually asks if there is one from you, so don't forget to write. She has not written herself yet and I suppose I have been rather a poor correspondent. As a matter of fact I never think of the really important things. Let me see, what is important in her case. Well, Miss Bell McLennan gave her a pink shawl which goes over her shoulders and is really very becoming. I cannot think of anything else important.

Ruth Mary is getting on pretty well in school now. The other children are all well. Wilder went into a target contest the other day and got the highest score of any boy in the last three years at school, so he probably has a future shooting squirrels.

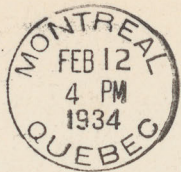
You asked about the Institute in your last letter to Helen. It is moving along. They have got to the point now of coloring the walls. I had planned on getting Helen's help in judging the color schemes but have had to call in other people.

Don't forget to write whenever you've nothing else to do.

Yours sincerely,

Wilder Penfield

WGP/WS



Mrs. E. P. Kermott
621 N. Euclid Ave.
Upland
California

ought to live on bread and
water and never have any more
new clothes! - Let alone go any
where.

Wilder has been such a dear.
School seems to be going well and
he writes me regularly. Ruth Mary
has grown up a great deal. She
presides at the table and manages
Kally with a firm hand and
she is so much sweeter tempered.
Priscilla loves school and is full
of surprises and energy. They
are both getting quite expert on
skis. F.B. is blooming and not
the least bit overworked. She is
much upset to find that here they
cannot find a ski which is broken
and tell him his
Father my love and tell him
I had to the sign of a cold who
advised I should
Dear Mother -
before
I was
before
the

Dear Mother -

I am going to write you
a real letter - I've started
the first thing after breakfast
so as to be sure to finish
before dark! Two days ago
I asked the nurse for writing
things for I wanted to write
you and Wilder. By the
time Wilder's was written
I was all tired out! I sent
it disgusting? (Tuesday Wed since I
went to bed!

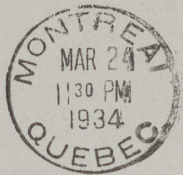
Monday Feb. 12.
What a winter we are
having! They say it is
the coldest in twenty years.
I am dying to see some
of the snowbanks in
Montreal proper - We are in
Westmount you see, and
so well taken care of that

the snow is scarcely allowed to fall to the earth i.e., in the streets.

My greatest blessing now is that I can see. I was so afraid I never would see properly again. But for nearly a week I have been able to read and now I have to be careful not to overdo it.

Wide is awfully busy - directing the fellows in the laboratory, deciding on courses for rooms in the Institute, giving lectures, besides seeing patients and operating and trying to keep some time for me and the children. But he is a dear about that. When he sits down to talk to me you would never know he had a care in the world. (Of course I would for I know the little tell tale signs.)

He wants me to go to Atlantic City for two weeks when I get up and I am still struggling against it. When I think of the expenses for the five doctors who came to the farm, the oxygen tanks, the expensive serum, the nurses, the aeroplane in which Bill came down for some test or other I feel as though



Mrs. E. P. Kermott

~~621 N. Euclid Ave.~~

1040 N. Harper Ave

~~Hyland~~

Hollywood.

California

4302 Montrose Avenue
Montreal, Canada

Saturday March 24

Dear Mother,

It is a long time since
I have heard from you - I
wonder if you are still
writing to Atlantic City? You
must have been satisfied
with my loquaciousness
there - especially one
six sheet letter. ^{Did 2 sets of} hankies come?

I meant to write a lot of
other letters while I was
there but I was scarcely
ever alone. It was lovely
having company, if I could
ever get over the urge
to do things.

I wrote Mame as you
advised me - though of
course not suggesting

that she invite me down.

However I could not have

gone even if she had

for the two little ones

were ill again and this
time they were quite flat.

Priscilla's went to her

ears and for two days we

have thought they might

have to be punctured. Jeff's

went into bronchitis as

it did last summer.

Today they are much

better though Jeff is

coughing very hard.

Wildee fell down stairs

at school and had a

very bad sprain. They

telephoned us that they

had taken off 2 ounces

of blood and Wildee immedi-

ately thought it must

4302 Montrose Avenue
Montreal, Canada

be a slight fracture. However
a friend of his from
Toronto happened to be
there and assured him
it would be all right to
leave it until he gets
home next Tuesday. So
Wilder is now in the
hospital taking his
examinations.

Ruth May is well but
too busy and does not
get enough out of doors
I think.

Another slight matter
has been demanding my
attention. Rally and Sylvia,
our Finnish couple, think
they must leave and I
have been trying to get

to the bottom of the trouble. One thing wrong is that Sylvia has a bad ingrowing toe nail and they are taking a month off at least. So, in less than two weeks I must break in another pair.

Also, Frau Gaertner is leaving. She has taken a job cleaning a school near her home and I think it is very wise for her to have such a place. But she has been with me for five years and it will be hard to have someone else.

In the meantime I am almost on my feet. I have gained back a good deal of weight but my muscles have no "tone". I am about

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as comfortable in a bath tub as a flea on a hot griddle, and I can get out only when the tub is full of water. I have been out riding once and the sun is nice and warm but it is hard getting in and out of the car. Stairs too, are quite a bugbear. But I can sleep without medicine and can see almost perfectly so life doesn't seem so difficult as it did.

Now, I am so anxious to know about the new house. Please make a plan of it and tell me about the grounds and everything. It is hard for Nancy to change schools in mid. term. Will you be

near the Penfields? I
wonder when you move
shall I send this letter
there? Yes, I guess I will.

Oh, I hope your packing
goes forward satisfactorily,
and nothing breaks.

I think I'll keep this letter
to show you what you
think of it when next you
feel you must move.

Winifred Greenfield is
the daughter of Dr. Godwin
Greenfield of Queen's Square
Hospital, London. She is
four months younger than
Wilder, plays tennis well
and swims, etc. It will be
a little extra trouble for us
and splendid for our
youngsters to make some
friends like that.

It is nice of you to

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say such things of your visit to us last summer. But oh, why can't it be repeated?

I am so thrilled about the Book of the Month Club. It will be such fun planning which books we shall have.

About the letters from Ned and Roger. I had a lovely letter from Roger and Verona and I mean to answer it very soon. And I have been conscious of no active feud between Ned and me. I am sorry if he feels so unfriendly toward me.

The padded robe is a great joy to me. It is so warm and so light and

Several
feet of
snow
over
the
lawn
has
been
hard
6° below
zero.
Still
several
feet
to
6
feet.
Such
a
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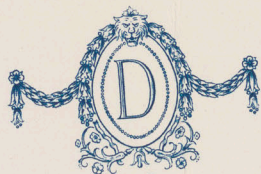
just right in fit as well
as being very beautiful.

Mrs. Andersen had a
cancer for which she
had been having treatments
for several months. No, she
had no operation just
before her death and
very little pain, Mary
said.

Lorry Mame has been
so blue. I'd love her to
come and visit us if she
would. I wonder why
she doesn't try to sell her
property and go to New
York to live. Wouldn't that
suit her?

Jeff is coughing terribly
and they won't let me go near
them. It is so worrying.
With much love

March 24, 1934 Helen.



HOTEL DENNIS
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

March 11th, 1934, at 8:15

SACRED CONCERT

The courtesy of silence is respectfully requested

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| 1. Fantasia, "Samson et Dalila" | Saint-Saens |
| 2. Miss Dea | Fiaconne |
| 3. Ave Maria | Gounod |
| 4. Lucille | Friml |
| 5. Vocal Solo---
"Beyond the Dawn" | Sanderson |
| Community Singing
conducted by L. POWELL EVANS | |
| 6. Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | W. B. B. |
| 7. Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy | Bliss |
| 8. Throw Out the Life-line | Stebbins |

HOTEL DENNIS ORCHESTRA
J. LEONARD LEWIS, Director

These are the kind of songs
they sing in the Dennis every
Sunday evening. It is very
folksy - not to say stuffy

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tenderest care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us, when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus,
We will early turn to Thee.

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From His lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

Chorus:

Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
You may rescue, you may save.

Dark the night of sin has settled,
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.

~~Trim your feeble lamp, my brother,~~
Some poor sailor tempest tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.

Throw out the Life-line across the dark wave,
There is a brother whom some one should save;
Somebody's brother! oh, who then will dare
To throw out the Life-line, his peril to share?

Chorus:

Throw out the Life-line! Throw out the Life-line!
Some one is drifting away;
Throw out the Life-line! Throw out the Life-line!
Some one is sinking today.

Throw out the Life-line with hand quick and strong:
Why do you tarry, why linger so long?
See! he is sinking; oh, hasten today,
And out with the Life-boat! away, then, away.

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the Life-line and save them today.



Mrs. E.P. Kennell
1040 N. Harzer Ave.
Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

Richland Center, Wis.
November 11th, 1933.

Mrs. E. P. Kermoll -
Upland, California.
Dear Della, -

I haven't been "at large" on our city streets yet; and when I went to the hospital my desk was bare of social stationery; it was "bare" upon my return, and until last evening. I had asked my two men, individually and collectively, more than many times - in fact - repeatedly, to bring me a box of regulation size, conservative, unlined and undecorated writing paper. But they forgot! - all the times and repeatedly - until last night Billy brought in the goods. - So my last excuse for procrastination - save one - [referred to later] is gone.

First, - and shamefully overdue, - I want to thank you for the lovely flowers that came with your name in the early days of my hospital experience. There is more than I ever dreamed of in this philosophy of flowers; and your bouquet "said it" - in fact, was quite talkative and I heard all you wanted

pushing me and Will culling circles
all about us.

I would be an ex-convalescent now,
if it wasn't for the swelled legs [yes,
just plain]. A swelled head doesn't bother
one much, - not so much as it does other
people, - but swelled legs, or in Latin -
"milk-leg" - just puts one out of business.
I don't write with my feet, to be sure,
but if you have them stuck out in front
of you, slightly higher than your base,
all your sitting-minutes, you don't
feel like writing letters.

It's so long ago since I was at my
worst that much is dim and distant now.
and, as Carrie probably wrote you
particulars when they were happening,
I'll not recount the details. You have
been in a hospital and know all about
it, anyway.

Will and Billy had such a scare
that they yet are being very kind and
respectful in their manner to me. When
I "left" leg gets normal again, I suppose
I'll lose my hold, - and have to put up
the old fight to get anywhere with them.
But [gee!] a sudden illness like mine
brings out a lot of interest, concern and
affection! I hope, in the future, I shall
be able to be as nice to the sick and

to say.

Second; as if you hadn't trusted the flowers to "say it", you followed them with two letters, as a result of your lack of confidence in horticultural conversation, I gained by those two letters; - and letters were about all the entertainment I had for quite a period of "repression".

Third: you follow all this kind interest by mailing to me "Tarring Topics": The implication suggested by the pamphlet is that "I" or "we" tour West. But "I" or "we" cannot seriously consider any such expedition at present. - We're in a milk strike here now, - dairy plants all closed - and, really, one dares not leave home, N. R. A. or no N. R. A. - and, personally, I am in favor of "no N. R. A." - for all the good I can see the movement has effected.

All this letter, so far, is a sort of abasement for not telling you know before Armistice Day how much better I am than I was on a certain July 31st I believe you were wheel-chairing around at the Progress Fair with Cousin Charlie on that date, weren't you? Five weeks from that date I had a wheel-chair-ride, too, - home from the hospital. - with Billy

weak as all my friends and acquaintances were to me. A leaning toward Science as a means to combat sickness has made me careless [or shall I write "callous"] of illness and pain as a phenomenon. - and I am going to be more considerate as a result of my experience.

I was able to move myself to Virginia Pier for our 32^d anniversary dinner on October 15th. Had a lovely time, - as the dinner was at 10 o'clock [it being Sunday] and her three girls came home for the occasion, - Marian from Milwaukee and Elizabeth + Virginia II from Madison. - The first time in a dozen years that the original eight sat down together. - No in-laws or fosterity are allowed at this function. Alice and Virginia are both sobered and saddened by the condition of the Betty Park. I hope the "waivers" and the "segregated fund" will work out all right, - but have fears. Billy is on the Committee of the Fund, - and there are bonds in default and notes unsecured. - so am afraid a year won't improve conditions to any appreciable extent. - especially if we go on strikes every quarterly or so!

Mabel Smith - was in yesterday and said her mother was fine and glad to get home in Florida again. The Smiths plan to drive there during the winter as they haven't seen Carolyn's two children for about three years. - and according to Mabel, three years make a great difference in grand-children. I don't know anything about ^{it} you do, of course, and Virginia - who happened to come in at this time. - agreed with Mabel; Virginia has four of them now. - but sees them often. Elizabeth-Pier Mac Donnell moves to St Louis in February, where the husband has a job as feature writer on a newspaper.

Duron Pease has been appointed as city treasurer in place of a Mr. Morton who died last week. The appointment holds until the spring election. - but he'll seem very pleased, as a bit of steady income is a prize at this time. Duron has been doing "insurance" since he had to give up his place in the bank four or five years ago.

Rose is as usual, though blue about business. Has been with Fidelia at Evanston the past week.

Blauche D. - has been in Chicago for about a week. Took advantage of low R. R. rates to fair to visit Mabel. Haven't seen

last week]. bouds, banks, and
movies. As regards last item mentioned, -
he went to a wild Western last evening
just to relax - as he had just completed
some long legal complaint paper and
wanted to think of something different.
I went with him and was bored.

To amuse myself the last three, no, $2\frac{1}{2}$
months I am piecing quilts, - a
pair for the twin beds, a beautiful
rose pattern and I'll probably have
them done to show you on your next
trip east-to-here. I kept free of all
the rug, petit point, and quilt business
till now, - but have fallen hard - as
the "die-hards" usually do. Did not want
to read, - couldn't concentrate, - so lost
out on improving my mind - and just
sew blocks and blocks of cut pieces
together.

Reena keeps planning a trip to
Cal. - after Christmas - so get the latch -
string out, or polish the knocker or
what you have, - as she will be sure
to look you up. Visiting with her is a
vice. She went to the World's Fair
three separate times. She isn't happy
unless she's on the train, or getting
ready to get on one. She was in Montclair
with Maryie while I was in hospital.

her since her return. Haven't seen or heard
of Mrs. Ferebee for ages; and see Mrs.
Waller often. She is her usual self, -
and now, if I mention Lelia M^{rs} Colburn -
who is, also, well and busy with Federated
Club affairs, - she being its President, -
I have given you the latest about the
Shakespeare Ladies. Shakespeare
defaulted "until January, - and I hope
we can start in strong at that time.

Of course, Carrie has told you of the
necessary departure of Miss Drumsticks.
She is no better since being in Watertown
with her niece: so worse, - as they write
she is practically helpless now. Miss
Manning leaves soon for Florida -
and Carrie is on watch for a woman -
as she will be lonesome with just
Fanny around. Fanny is a good
sport, though, isn't she. Really, she
is younger than Carrie in her view-
point and her attitude toward life as
it is lived to-day. Carrie looks to the
past for goodness and the virtues; but
Fanny finds people of to-day about
as right as the older generation.

Will is busy about farms, mortgages,
real & chattel, [drove 23 cows off a place

If there were more like her the rail-roads wouldn't have to borrow money from the R. F. C. She was home in Leticia, though, to bring me some good eats at a time I needed tempting things to increase my daily consumption, - so why should I crab about it.

Helen McTea and Mrs. Edwards each wrote notes to me after seeing you. - Kind of them and I appreciated the attention. If you see them, pass the word along, - as I shall not reply, - as consider them not what you would call negotiable paper. -

Gene & Belle are the same, and Carrie has them on her mind, - so that let's us out, -

When I have time I will again take up the family tree job, and if I gain any new information I will forward it to you, - I must get the address where I possibly can find the "Gun" plaid we could use it as drapery material, - and the address was in Canada - might be Helen could buy some in person. Thank you, Delia, for all your kind and pleasant letters, -
I am, with love -
Educa D. McCorkle

April 14 1934

Dear Mother.

I am drawing a breath of relief for this afternoon I have straightened out the bulk of the bills covering everything from December 1. Can you imagine it?

I have had two tables and my desk full four weeks. The Danish couple we have now are rather a question but at least I can get my breath before getting some one else. They are so slow that it is a torment not to do their work for them. But if we must entertain

they must learn.

I have been making a dotted swiss dress for Ruth Mary but it is too bouffant. Think it will have to be washed before she wears it to make it limper.

Wilder had a good vacation, considering. He read a good deal because his cast was heavy to carry around much. He worked in a garage for a week and went to some movies.

Jeff & Priscilla are quite well and very peppy.

Ray has been exposed to mumps by her brother

Wide plans to put up the pier for winter since it costs so much to run and keep the Ford going.

and so has been living with her grandmother - or here. She and Ruth Mary are as inseparable as ever.

Can you believe it? - we have sold our old Buick for \$75 and bought a new Ford cabriolet - that is, we haven't the Ford yet but will have it as soon as it comes to town. They took the Buick at that - "sight unseen".

I am trying to persuade Wide that we can afford at least one little shack to take the place of a tent but I guess that will depend on how "things" go.

Sorry I did not return this letter of Aunt Edna's

before. just slipped my
mind. Isn't it amusing?

What have you heard
from Mamma? It is rather
worrying, isn't it?

Wouldn't it be fun if I
could go out next year
after Christmas? It is still
far enough off to con-
template, at least. Wide
still says we are all
going abroad in 1935 but
I somehow doubt its being
possible. He has to go for
two big meetings.

It was very funny
about ordering those
Handkerchiefs. Besides
yours, I got one for
Ruth Mary, one for Pricilla
and one for Gunhild Torkildsen
The man held up his hands
in dismay and said he had

never had such a customer. Not one name was already made. But in the conversation meant to mollify him a bit we found that our mother's birthdays were both Jan. 31 - (which seemed to him almost unbelievable and delighted him!

Tuesday - April 17 -

Sunday was busy as always and Monday I stayed in bed all day - just tired and with a suspicion of a cold. Today all right again. I've decided to keep on this couple because they are so decent. They will do for the country at least and if we must entertain much I'll get in someone extra.

Please draw a plan

of the house and yard
or have Father do it.

I must be able to visualize
you. And please send
some snap shots.

With love

Helen -

P.S. Is the Miss Brennecke
Aunt Edna speaks of the
one who gave me such
a splendid start in Latin?

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H.K.P.'s
letters
to Mother



Mrs. E.P. Perrott
1040 n. Harper Ave
Hollywood
California

April #4

Dear Mother,

Where are you? - I have such a queer feeling about you. Weeks ago you said to direct my next letter to you at Hollywood and then a few days ago one came again from Upland.

Ruth Mary loves her pansies though she doesn't believe they are pansies.

→ Also, I have been meaning to tell you for ages how much I like that underwear you gave me last summer. It is much more comfortable than anything I can get here.

Now - about my thinness I'll speak about it once and

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Mrs. E.P. Kennett
1040 N. Harper Ave
Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

July 30 -

Dear Mother -

On a morning such
as this you and I would
be off for a swim
- were you here! Come on!
Ruth Mary and Winifred
are out for the night
The morning is lovely
and still and warm
but I hope they had
enough covers for the
night.

Wilder and Jeff are
beginning to rouse over

in the tent and I can
hear some one pounding
in the barn. There goes
a cock. No other sound
but birds. This certainly
is a lovely spot.

Has Ned gotten his
job? I suppose Roger
is back from his vacation
now? Is Mary all
through with her training?
Nancy does seem a
nice girl.

Wide did not get
down this week end.
More complications than

be completely worn
out by the time the
Institute opens.

I have a lovely surprise
which has just arrived
- a new mattress and
spring for the bed in
which you slept and
which is now mine.

Do you remember its
queer angle? We
got them very much
wholesale from Simpsons
who are furnishing
the new hospital. |

usual have arisen
as far as the institute
is concerned and he wanted
to at least begin his
vacation on time i.e.,
August 1st. He says he
will need to be in
Montreal only for two
or three or four days
in the middle of the
week - not longer than
from Tuesday until
Friday! A nice vacation
that. And oh! how he
needs it. I fear he will

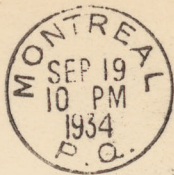
wish I knew exactly
what we would need
in the next few years -
but our principle
now is just to spend
as little as possible.

Francis Hall has
not been well. We
may try to go to
spend a day with them
in Maine - not far
from here - soon.

Heaps of love

Helen





Mrs. E. P. Kennott
1040 N. Harper Ave
Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

Love
Helen.



Wed. 19th

Dear Mother,

I know I have not written as I should but these days are so hectic. And now I have a bad finger which Wide thinks is broken and has put in a splint - But we haven't time to get an X ray and find out. However, it is on my right hand

meet her father on
the 14th and Ruth
Mary off for a whole
year - or till next
June on the 16th

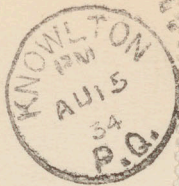
Unpacked on the
17th and cleaned rooms
for new guests - Dr
Gordon Holmes of
London arrived today
- and from now until
the 29th, there will
be little time to breathe

I'll write more later
Enclosed samples R.M.'s
winter coat & one blouse.

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and horribly in
the way.

Last week = Auction
for farm things on
Sat Sept 8, Packed
up and sent one
load of things to
town on 9th - sent
people and luggage
cleaned farm house
and came on myself
10th - worked with
passports, tailors,
dressmakers, shopping
and packing all next
week. Sent Wilber
off 13th - Winifred, in
new clothes etc to



Mrs. E.P. Kernott
1040 N. Harper Ave
W. Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

Return for next winter. She has been very well. Business is looking up. We are again in the land.

Ten days ago we went to a camp in Maine to see the Halls taking Piuselle along to get acquainted with the twins who were just her age. It was a great success.

Mary Andersen and Betty with Jean Howard stopped over two nights with us last week on their way to French Canada where Mary plans to pick up information for

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feeding and sleeping them without their noticing the jolt. We cannot afford to double up on help just now.

But Mary must be prepared for school for which she leaves on Sept. 15 one month from tomorrow. We have the sewing machine at the farm and F.B. and I are sewing

steadily between
times. She is finishing
3 slips which I cut out
and fitted before leaving.
The we are making
several blouses and two
or three more dresses,
one a lovely flowered
liberty silk for
Sundays -

Wilder goes back
Sept. 11 or 12 but
of course his clothes
are simple. However,
he succeeds in

getting everything new
by growing inches
every month. Wide
won't admit it yet but
he looks taller than
his Father when
they stand together.
Ruth Mary on the
other hand is $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
shorter than May 1933
(Her having been so
long in bed accounts
for her increased
height then, Wide
says).

We are bringing Winifred
Greenfield + Wilder
along (Ruth Mary has
a guest coming, poor
child!) Dr. Greenfield
arrives from London
here on the 30th. On
the 31st we shall
return to the lake
for 10 days and
then in some way
I must unostentatiously
move my family to
Montreal and continue

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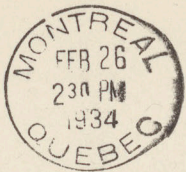
Dear Mother,
I haven't very much
time but I must write
you on this stationery!
We are up here for
just over night, Wilder
to see a patient, Lady
Garnau. On our
way home in a few
minutes.
We have the most
beautiful room over.

looking the St. Lawrence
and Lewis on the
opposite side and
the river traffic is
lively enough to
keep even you
satisfied. The ferry
whistle sounded
every five minutes
all night I am
sure.

Last night
after Wide had
seen his patient, we

After looking up the room we
dined until 10 and then walked
on the Promenade - A lot of

went to the Kerkhulen
restaurant and had
a delicious meal, all
French. Then we
looked up some
rooms which Mary
Andersen had heard
of for an expedition
we are planning to
make up here the
last week in August
when Wide delivers
a French lecture
before a French Congress!



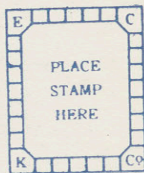
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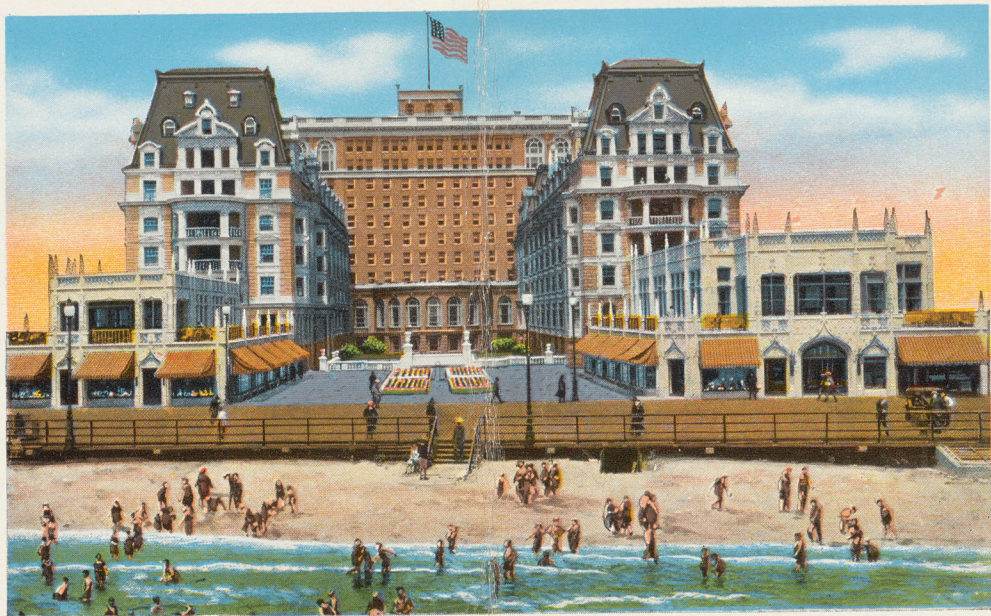
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HOTEL DENNIS
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Monday March 12-

Dearest Mother-

Thank you for -
thousands of things - I
can't really enumerate
them all.

In the first place,
the dressing gown came
down, via Alice Lewis
and it is lovely - no
wonder there was duty to
pay on that (I think Wide
said \$15.00). It fits me
perfectly and I look
like a dream therein! I am
trying to make it look
used so that they will

I wonder how she is?

Then on the day of my birthday, forwarded by Wide came a letter from the Book of the Month Club - I thought it a circular and didn't open it at first for I knew how I would be tempted. And when I opened it to find I was to get a present of \$10.00 worth of books - wasn't I thrilled! It is a lovely present and I really don't deserve it but I am so pleased. Thanks a thousand times

never suspect me on the border.

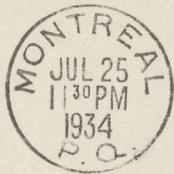
Your telegram was very cheering. I am staying at the Dennis, you see, though I hope I'll be leaving before you can write me again, i.e., Saturday or Sunday night, March 17 or 18. I found a card which I sent to Mother Jean for her birthday which is also this week—three little dogs dressed like the little pigs, with a threatening wolf among the decorations and the verse—“Who's afraid of the big bad birthday, big bad birthday?”

This is a very quiet
two weeks in one way and
in another, very occupied.
Alice Lewis arrived 1½ hours
after Wade left and Mae
Myers from Washington
came two hours after
Alice left. I have scarcely
been alone and that
is why I haven't written
you before. But I'll
manage to write again
soon.

I am so upset about
your moving!

Love

Helen



Mrs. E. P. Kennett
1040 N. Harper Ave.
Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

July 24-

Dear Mother-

I should be having plenty of time now - but somehow, I just haven't. If I am not actually struggling with my offspring, I am worrying about some phase in their characters or trying to plan something that they will like.

Do you remember the Mrs. Stairs who was so ill last year when you were here. She finally died and we had the youngest, Bobby,

with us for some time.
For the last few days
we have had two boys
and a girl of the
family and our youngsters
have enjoyed them so
much. Wilder is a
strange wayward colt
especially with an
attractive seventeen year
old girl about. But he
is a great dear.

Winifred Greenfield
(of London) fits in very
well and she and
Ruth Mary seem to be
becoming fast friends.

Priscilla is at the stage where she says tactless things on purpose so that she surely gets the attention she seeks. And Jeff is as lovable and wayward as ever.

Ruth Mary is suddenly more amenable and sweet. It is so hard not to be impatient with girls of this age.

I must go to Montreal today for some further committee meetings for the Institute decoration as well as to get some

material for school clothes
for Ruth Mary, F.B. and I
are trying to get started
on things down here.

Also, I mean to stay here
as long as possible in
September for Dr Greenfield
and Dr. Gordon Holmes
will be guests and
entertaining is so much
more complicated and
expensive there.

Ruth Mary goes off
about the 14th and Wilder
about the same. The
"opening" comes on the

(3)
27th and then everyone
gradually departs.
In October I shall
take a few long
breaths and have
breakfast in bed. In
other words, - have a
vacation.

a few weeks ago
when I was at home
and we were out at
a dinner party, Wide
suddenly looked up
at me and said - "Oh,
by the way, Jeff's
tonsils must come out.

Did I tell you this Spring?²¹
How everyone laughed!

You talk about your
arches hurting you
so much. You know
what the real trouble
is, don't you? I do, for
when I get especially
heavy my feet hurt
me too.

We cannot all
go abroad in 1935-
that was just a
pipe dream. F.B. is
half-planning to
take a vacation then,
however.

4.

Those are fine pictures and the place looks very Spanish. I hope you are going to like it just as well as your old house. If I get some worth while pictures this summer I'll send you some.

We have had lovely weather this summer and few hot days. When it is I try to manage that they spend the whole time at the beach.

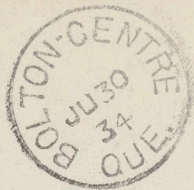
There has been nothing in the paper recently about the Institute. I will

remember you when there is.

Our cook and butler-gardener are not so good as the Whitakers excepting that she knows her place better. But it will be much easier to move in to town with them and much cheaper. She is not really clean and that is the greatest trouble. She hasn't the remotest idea what supplies she has or needs. But she is a good cook.

Well I must get on the job!

Love
Helen.



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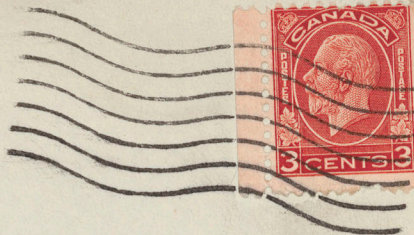
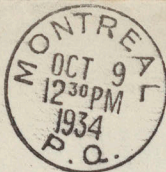


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Oct. 7, 1934

Dear Mother -

As usual, Wide's head is in the clouds and I am stewing in the midst of bills and such. Just now I am trying to get him out of the study where he has been working since Goodness knows what hour so that he will be bathed and shaved in time for breakfast.

Jeff will have

Oct 8 - evening
Jeff did have his first real boy's suit on yesterday and how pleased and proud he was! He could not pass

a mirror with pausing
to admire himself. He did
look darling with his
tousled red head and
dancing blue eyes and
his warm brown tweed
trousers, vest n' everything.

It was just such fun
having no company all
day yesterday and
sending out Wm & Ida
& F.B. and getting our
supper just when we
wanted it. But W & I
brought home four to
tea this afternoon.

This last week we
sent off the first batch
of finished products
to Peru, Oslo, Norway,
London and San Francisco
New ones have arrived
from Madrid, British

Columbia, Boston and
somewhere in the South.
A man from Australia
arrives soon. They
number about twenty
four now - a very
interesting group.

Priscilla must now
have a few clothes -
I can't remember when
I bought her anything
but shoes! certainly
not for three years -
We have made over
R.M.'s and she is
quite satisfied. But
she must have some
socks, a school tunic,
and some blouses - at
least.

I am going to Boston

with Wide next week 16th

Did I tell you? After his lectures we shall have a week-end with the Halls. The Myers & Chesters will also be there.

Ruth Mary seems to like school very much and I think they sound like a very nice kind of girls without too much money.

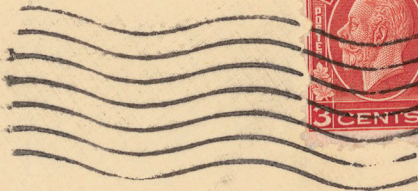
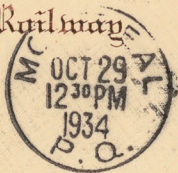
Wildes is very keen on school this year.

I am so sorry things are so hard for you at home. How I wish Ned were fitted for something real. It is very hard for every one of you. I wonder how Herbert is getting on.

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Dear
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Canadian Pacific Railway

EN ROUTE



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with Jackson. The woman next door has the keys and will go over it once a week in exchange for the use of a very good field. For the summer we have engaged a good young man who will give us all his time and not be taking care of a farm which does not pay for itself. We have not sold any land but would do so to the right person.

I love it winters there too but only wish to take short walks for exercise. It is marvelously cozy and sunny - that little house and so easily heated. But Wide is "off" that now.

How I should love to come out to be near you sometime this winter.

but I don't know when
it would be.

At Christmas time I will
go to Ruth Mary and Wide
will take my place here
- very well. I do hope we
can get here through the
winter with no colds. She
had already begun to
feel her joints here in
early September. Where we
shall go I don't know. I refuse
to visit anyone because
it is a time for families
only.

What does Father do
now that the "repairs" are
all finished?

Thanksgiving? - Wide
disapproves of our celebrating
the American one and ours
was long ago - the second
Monday in October "to
make a long golfing weekend"!

I should think you ought to
have a woman at least one
day a week. Does Nancy help
a good deal? Where is Mary now?
Don't let them get married!

do that when he comes home.

Wilde is becoming a Canadian! I have not been persuaded that it is necessary yet —

He began operating this morning (Sunday) at nine o'clock. So I must go off alone with the children.

His resident, a fine man from St Paul, is coming home for lunch — and some one else.

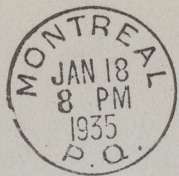
There is a very interesting man from Madrid, a rough diamond from Australia, a smooth southerner from Charleston S.C.

a Bostonian and several others whom I have not become well acquainted with yet. Love
Helen.

I don't know what the
Inglis and Penfields
can think there is in
it with such prospects
as all but Margaret
have chosen!

From Ruth Mary we
have most happy reports.
She is getting a good deal
of exercise and leading
a very happy life.

You know, don't you
that it is a ruling of
the city of Montreal that
no children under 16 yrs
are allowed in movies
accompanied or unaccom-
panied? Of course we
have broken the rule with
Ruth Mary and Wilder
occasionally but the little
ones have never been. We
have our own however. This
year's has not yet been
"edited" but Wilder will



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aeroplane and stayed just 24 hours. It was a great reunion but we could not do much. The men went sailing on the ocean. and the last day was pretty rough. That was impossible for me for I was having twinges of rheumatism and didn't want it to get any worse. Wide's knee, the one that was knocked out on the Sussex, has been giving him a good deal of discomfort and he cannot exercise or walk any distance. It is

some sort of obstruction between the joint bones so that it only hurts when he moves it or has exercised too much. He is going down to Boston to have it looked at in a week or two.

I have been reading about your political situation in California - Have you read this week's "Time"? It sounds like a "pretty mess." You surely do not want that freak for a governor, do you?

I had very little news for the opening. A plain brown silk with white collar brought in mid-summer at a sale was planned to do for

any warm days. Then I had a plain brown wool with velvet collar and vest and a red evening gown very high in front and low in back and a velvet jacket with immense sleeves to go with it and to make it into an afternoon dress for winter if that were necessary.

The farm we have been planning to give up for over a year. We dared not have the uncertainty and expense of it with all the extra expense the family in California are and have been ever since we have had anything to give. And we fear the worst has not yet come. Also the administration of a farm meant that even on a short week end Wide had to spend several hours

Canadian Pacific Railway

EN ROUTE

Dear Mother-

I have carried around this sample of Ruth Mary's winter coat for ages meaning to send it to you - just as though you would care!

I did write you about going down to Boston with Wide - didn't I? He was giving two lectures and then we had one of our reunions with the Halls, Myers, and Chesters. Paul arrived late on Saturday - by

and to see if I cannot persuade
you to make a little more
sensible plan of living - at least
as far as you are concerned.

There is a blizzard out
tonight - It has lasted all
day and the world is beautiful.

It is midnight and Wide is
still at the hospital. I have
a bad tooth and must be at the
dentists at 9:30! Jolly! Love
Helen.

Thursday Jan 17.

Dear Mother,

I was so relieved to get your
telegram. My mind has been
full of premonitions for several
days - Then tonight came a letter
from Mrs Lee at school casually
mentioning that the measles Ruth
Mary had been having "were a
mean experience". And only yester-
day I sent off to her a scolding
letter for not having written me.
I had not heard since my return

I suppose if all were not well now she would have said.

If all goes well then I shall be with you on your birthday or the night before. I have not straightened out exact times yet but will let you know. However, I think I had better just get myself to the house. Don't try to meet

me.

The reason I asked you to get me a room outside is that I think it will be best for us all. I find it hard to keep my equilibrium this winter and it will give you a place to escape to. I will spend as much time as you want me to at home but I am not coming for a gay visit. I just want to get reacquainted,

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At the Farm

September 30 1934

Dear Mother -

On Sept. 27th the Institute was opened as you will see by the papers we sent. I think everything went off very satisfactorily. Wide entertained the mayor and Chancellor of the University and many other notables at luncheon, they formed in procession in their beautiful academic gowns - unveiled the statue at the entrance, and marched to the hall where the opening proceedings occurred. A thunder storm in the meantime brought the temperature down 39° within an hour! Tea followed the inspection of the building and then Wide entertained the staff and many notables at a banquet while I kept the ladies for dinner at home. The next day golf - luncheon and tea and then we had twenty out of town guests for dinner. (The official luncheon and banquet did not come out of our pockets!)

^{before the opening}
drop of your money & pay
but it was rather a long
ordeal and I have dragged
Wilde away for 4 days supposedly
to rest - but really - what?

Jackson and his family
leave tomorrow and
arrangements must be
made for the winter as you
can imagine. We cannot
come down this Christmas.

But Mary cannot return
at Christmas and I may go
down for a little while to
be near her and to get a
vacation from the cold.

Her address is -

Chatham Hall.

Chatham - Virginia

and I think she is pretty
lonely still. She left two
weeks ago tonight.

Wilder seems to be
quite happy and contented.

Sorry your life seems so
complicated just now. I do
hope something will turn up
for Ned. But it must be better
than in this country isn't it?
How is Mame? Shall I visit

For whom the
leave had the
winter visit -
in the South
I have purpose
to leave
to come
to me

and one guest had gone
off to parties we sat
around the library fire
and read aloud and talked
and sewed. Ruth Mary and I
shared a huge high ceilinged
room with a comfortable bed.

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the people in the many portraits
the old furniture and silver.

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as soon as Mate wrote her.

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from Milwaukee, have a beautiful
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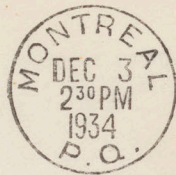
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I think I can leave Ruth Mary a day early at school and then I must stop off a day in New York to interview a woman who is applying as Headmistress of the school Ruth Mary has always attended in Montreal. Then I'll



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Sun Dec 2.

Dear Mother,

"It never rains but it pours" -
Jeff's tonsils and adenoids were
removed yesterday morning and
he has been in the hospital
since - though he returns
this afternoon. He looks a
little "peaked" and feels very
sorry for himself but I hope

Yes, I had to leave. But I do
hope it will mean he has no
more colds.

Wide is getting on quite well -
is trying to hobble about without
a stick or anything and looks
very well. That is part hoax
for he is taking baths under a
sun lamp so that he won't
look too washed out. He is

accomplishing a lot for he works many hours a day at his desk or on his bed table.

We had a bad snow storm before we went to Boston but the snow has all disappeared and we have had very mild weather. That was why we seized the time for Jeff's operation.

Ruth Mary is very busy and happy. Her vacation begins on Dec. 19, and I shall meet her on or about that date at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Then we shall look for a nice place to board and hope it will not be too cold to stay on for two weeks. Wilder is to have a guitar or banjo and lessons for his holiday. They will get on well enough with Wide here but Ruth Mary and I will be "powerful" lonesome.

I met a nurse named "Miss Rogers" who said she nursed Mame R. in N.Y. two years ago.

We can do very little as far as Christmas is concerned - so you must not either - must go now. Love Helen.



JUBILE DU ROI GEORGE
AIDEZ LE CANADA
A COMBATTRE LE CANCER



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California

— Have you lost your breath?
I have. But you can very
well see there are busier
days ahead. However, we
are both going to write
regularly once a week, aren't
we? Please don't scare me
no again.

We have just stopped
to see Wildee and found
him very well though
in a dreamy state. There
is no doubt in our minds

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS



Wednesday Mch. EN ROUTE

Dear Mother—

I shall be so glad
when your address
is changed but
anywhere that you
and Father live
will always be really
home to me. There's
hoping Father soon
finds that he can do
nothing more to those
grounds!

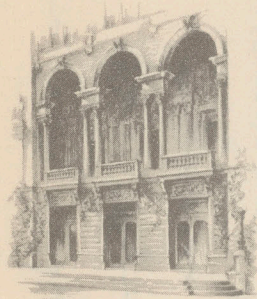
We really had a
good visit and I am so
glad I went although
there was every reason
but two against it i.e.,
that you wanted me and
that I wanted to go.

We are on the home
street now - shall be
there in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours and
oh, I shall love being at
home again in spite of
several disagreeable jobs
waiting to be done. First,
I must get new servants -
then straighten out bills
and budgets, get the
sewing for Priscilla planned
do the spring clearing before
Franklin D. leaves, finish
up with the others this
headmistress business, do
some very neglected entertaining.

On Christmas Eve we were entertained with much dignity and ceremony with several other guests. Having offered to us egg nog - made with good rum - by the host "and a few darkies" and very black fruit cake made by an old family recipe by the hostess "and a few darkies" - and coffee. Everyone was very much dressed up and it was all very formal.

On New Years Eve Mrs Cary and I had been making curtains

Read first



The JEFFERSON
RICHMOND - VIRGINIA

Dec. 23, 1934

Dear Mother,

It doesn't seem possible that we are here and that it is Christmas time. It seems all the more impossible because this evening we have heard a radio program from Montreal -

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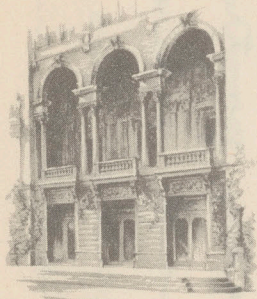
Oh dear Oh dear -
I am sorry this was not finished before but as you have probably surmised we did not

die of loneliness but much more nearly of hospitality. Ruth Mary had two friends from here, Mary Maxwell Ellett and Helen Cary both of families with their roots firmly in Virginia soil. We had a delicious dinner at the Elletts on the first Sunday and she sent us a big plate full of fancy Christmas cookies which she made herself - "with the help of a few darkies." They are all very proud of their prowess at cooking and always anxious to exchange recipes.

The Carys live in an old home built in 1732 by Archibald Cary of whom our early history has much to say. George Washington was a frequent guest in the house as well as many other famous men, and the house is full of interesting portraits and old furniture and silver. We were out there several times but the most interesting were Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

on an all day trip to Williams-
burg where Rockefeller has
done as much splendid restoration
work on the old colonial capitol
buildings. Everything is just
back where it was in about 1680!
William and Mary College is there
too, you know.

And then Dr. and Mrs. Coleman
have been equally kind and
hospitalier - talking is sightseeing
and entertaining us in their home.
Tomorrow we go off to Durham-
where Duke University is and there
we shall visit the Parisons: The
was an old classmate of W. J. X



The JEFFERSON
RICHMOND - VIRGINIA

for the girls' room, (Ruth
Mary and Helen Cary
are to room together
this term) and the tail
end of a northern blizzard
suddenly swept by.
They urged us to stay
all night and since
it is the kind of
household which is
never upset, we yielded
and enjoyed ourselves
famously. When four
of the seven children

and one guest had gone off to parties we sat around the library fire and read aloud and talked and sewed. Ruth Mary and I shared a huge high ceilinged room with a comfortable bed. And next morning we were told many interesting things about the people in the many portraits the old furniture and silver.

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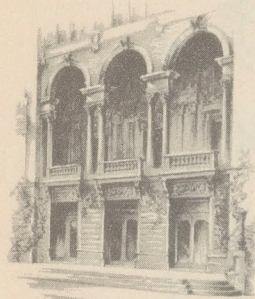
me home to get a
peek at Wilder before
his vacation is
quite over - also
probably sew on a
few buttons etc.

He and Wide have
been having a wonder-
ful time skiing with
the Stanley Cobbs in
the white mountains -
Yes, skiing and he
has arrived home
safely -

Love

Helen

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The JEFFERSON
RICHMOND - VIRGINIA

Dear Mother -
my! my! my! - why so
much? - I am so pleased
over all my new silk
underwear and then to
have the slip come
along afterwards. I surely
am grateful and I
can easily get it in
without duty this way.
I have been especially
needing underwear and

Wilde said I must get some things like that that I needed. But I found Ruth Mary needed so much more than we had counted on that I haven't any left for myself. So it goes.

It is so nice getting your letters. Please keep it up. However we are not so

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there are some real im-
provements. Mr. Young me
met on the street. He has quite
a tremor but looks fairly well.
Mr. Crary looks quite well
also. They all asked about
you. At last I consented to
looking at our house but
how awful it looked.

In the evening Stephen,
(looking like his father) Helen,
Berrie Betty (looking younger
than 20 years ago), Alma

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS



EN ROUTE

but that he should
be moved if possible
I told you how much
we liked the other
school.

In Milwaukee we
arrived on Billy
Chester's birthday and
had a good visit
with them all. I went
out to College, met
Miss Driggs the new
president who is a
very fine person but

lacks Miss Sabin's fire.
The latter, at 85 is still
president of the American
Association of University
Women and very active
in many affairs. Miss
Tomson - Miss Belcher -
Miss Rossberg, Miss West
we saw and talked to
and I saw both rooms
I lived in in 1915-1917.
A big new Science Hall
called Sabin Hall has
been built and the
campus looks very well
indeed. They welcomed
me very kindly

Fred Andersen met us
in St Paul and we had
a great visit with them
for several hours, then
went for a tour of
Hudson which was rather
heart-breaking - though

Took us over for the
midnight train.

I shall write within a
few days but not
immediately.

We both
send heaps of love. Please
thank Mary for her nice
letter with the enclosed
telegram - love

John



CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

EN ROUTE

and Babe and Carl
Lovett, Cecil Jay (without
Genevieve who is
suffering from a nervous
breakdown). Emil Nagel
and Mable looking just
the same excepting that
Mabel has white hair
and best of all -
Marion and Buddy.
Marion used to look
old when we were
youngsters, don't you
remember? Well, she

Hasn't changed a bit!
Buddy looks much frailer
than Ned ever did but
Marion will make a
weakling of him if she
possibly can. He seems
like a nice lad - incessant
talker and always about
himself and that quality
will continue if somebody
doesn't knock it out of
him. He won't even be
a success with all his
egotism. However, I can
see he is a very lovable
lad and will probably grow
out of the other difficulties.
He is 15 years old this
spring.

Fred and Isabel have
a lovely home and they
are such nice people.
We went through the
factory and were amazed
at its intricacies. Fred

track of two very strenuous little
souls. Jeff has done quite well
with his violin and Priscilla
on the piano.

I am enclosing this notice
about our new money which
will be started in circulation
tomorrow. I thought it would
interest Father.

Have you kept your promise
of having a woman one day
each week? And how about the
dressmaker? Get her to
make you a morning dress first
please - With heaps of love
M. G.

Sunday March 10.

Dear Mother -

Two weeks ago we
were taking a drive through
sunny southern California.
When we arrived here
I looked out to see
if there was still snow
and looked astonished
at a telephone pole
buried up to its middle
in snow. It was several
degrees below zero. However
the sun is much stronger
and yesterday we had
quite a thaw, though
not enough to spoil
the skating. In Port Hope

where we stopped to see Wilder, it seemed quite like spring as it did in Milwaukee and in Hudson. That is, the back of winter was broken.

I have been filled with aches and pains and running a slight temperature ever since our return so that I have been one day up and one day down. But it will subside.

Yesterday we had sixteen here for tea to meet a man from Boston who is here to give a lecture. He was professor of surgery when Wilder was at Peter Bent Brigham as interne, and after the others had begun to go he pulled me aside and said "Well, you two have proved that it works sometimes. - I used to think you were fools to think you could do what you had set out to accomplish." This explains why he was always such a bear to me before, i.e., when we were in Boston.

We are having some people for lunch today and then F.B. goes out so I shall have to keep

4802 MONTROSE AVENUE
MONTREAL, CANADA

March 18.

Dear Mother -

The enclosed is for your convenience. Just send her a post card and have her come to the house. Let her make something for morning at first. We big people simply must have our clothes made right.

My brown skirt is finished and has turned out very well.

Wide was fearing exactly what you say is going on with Mary & Kenny. He

said the other day, "I hope
you got that letter off
to Mother - Remember what
happened while we were
deciding what we could do
for Faiths!"

Will write more later

Love

Helen

P.S. Mrs. Penfield is
failing we hear. If you
can, go over for a little
visit - don't seem to make
it too snappy - and report
to us.

4302 MONTROSE AVENUE
MONTREAL, CANADA

March 24, 1935

Dear Mother -

To date your letters.

We laughed so over your trying to drown out the opera singer's voice, and consoling the woman whose son sells "Good Humors".

Rotten about Ned but try not to let it weigh on you too heavily. I am inclined to agree with Roger that it would be cheapest and best in the long run for him to have an allowance - just barely enough to live on - and if he wants extras let him get jobs. Of course take the money from his possible inheritance. I do not feel too badly for

Reggie - She is not very different
really.

Now why do you pay that
Gov. Bond of \$500 - I know it
will make your income a bit less
but it is fairer to you to take
it from Ted again. The rest
of us don't want you to
suffer for that folly.

Are you all right now
from your fall? That was
a shame.

Yes, the rug came through
without duty for wide had
forgotten about it & didn't
declare it.

I have a butcher and his
wife now and it seems
they will never do -

All the furniture on the second
floor is in the two rooms on the
east while shelves are put in
Such a turmoil!

Love

Helen.

4302 MONTROSE AVENUE
MONTREAL, CANADA

March 27th

Dear Mother -

Wide took both children to walk when he took Don out this morning and as always brought the dog back to the door and shut it in his face. That is he always does this when he takes the children with him. I get so fed up with his absent mindedness sometimes. He goes gaily off to the hospital and I spend the day whistling up and down the streets, calling up the police, following up false reports and finally about five o'clock find him at last. - so far - Wide arrows

home at seven and doesn't even ask if I have found the dog.

We could not quite make out your reply to our invitation. We expected that if you and Father thought you could get her ticket that you would tell Mary about the scheme and see what she thought of it. As far as we are concerned, we made sure that everything could be arranged before we said anything about it. And the reason we rushed our letter was because we wanted you to be able to start to break up the situation at once. We

would be glad to send her
our invitation but do not feel
free to 4302 MONTROSE AVENUE
MONTREAL, CANADA until we
know it can be carried out.

It was nice you could have
such a fine visit at Will
Piers. I remember the name
but who is he?

Did you inform the land-
lady that I might have
been writing letters when she
thought I was lying down?
I wrote over a hundred in
her little house.

What seamstress did you
enquire about? Do get busy
about it before it gets too
late. And if you do not
~~ask~~ Father about having
a woman to help I will do
so - It is ridiculous not
to have your house clean

just because of a few
dollars each week.

I cannot eat breakfast
this morning - I am so fed
up over the dog and I suppose
I had better not take any
more out on you

As ever

Helen.

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MONTREAL, CANADA

Sunday March 31

Dear Mother-

Well, Spring is coming-
The pile of snow in front
of the house is little more
than a foot high now

And April Fool's Day passed
as well. I helped clean the
walls in our rooms where
the carpenters and painters
had just cleared out. It is an
awful job cleaning walls with
this patent fluid - Don't ever
try it - For once started it
must be finished.

Then the Garden Club met
here in the afternoon and I

was so completely fagged
that I went to bed at 5:30.

Today I have a dinner
party for Mrs. Allen, wife of
the Secretary for the Rhodes Trust
in Oxford - all women - for the
husbands are at a banquet.
This new couple give me the
jitters for they are always
sure they know everything and
never will say when they don't
understand directions. I get
some surprising concoctions.

Tomorrow I am entering a
two day Y.W.C.A. conference
mainly to convince myself
that we who are not among
the paid secretaries are of
some use!

And so life goes.

Your street car letter was
very welcome. Give my love
to Roger and Verona when
you see them.

What does Kenny think

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of the Montreal proposal?
Does your speaking to Mary
mean that you have decided
you can do your part? As
far as our side is concerned,
you can be very sure that
the matter was thoroughly
looked into by Wide before
the proposition was made.
If you have decided to let
her come let her make
inquiries there or if she would
be better satisfied we can
make inquiries of Dr Rand.
Wide says that in New York
City Canadian trained nurses
are the ones sought after
for the highest positions. The
heads of the Training Schools

in all the big hospitals
there are Canadians. They
are quite a different class
of girls you know from
those who take up nursing
generally in other
countries.

Now I have to take Jeff
to his violin lesson for
F.B. is off today -

Love

Helen.

The enclosed is for
Father, I am sure he
will be anxious over
the result of their request.



Log Chateau
Seignior Club, P. Q.

April 20, 1935

Dear Mother -

One of my excuses for not writing is that I am in the doldrums - I got a sacro iliac strain from trying to hurry the housecleaning and everyone from Wide down treats me as though I had done it on purpose and I hate them all!

Moreover, it refuses to get better. How I hate not being well!

It happened while Wide was away and so Bill & a nurse came out and strapped me up and they did not get it quite right. Wide tried to improve it when he came home but did not dare to remove the plaster. When blood began to ooze out he decided it was time to take it off and there were discovered 20 large blisters all filled with pus and many more small ones. Splendid!

I was not warned in the slightest about my activity continuing and the thing got suddenly very bad. Yesterday I got a special corset to help matters a bit - but went to bed almost unnerued by the continuous nagging pain.

About Mary - I think I will not try to talk any more. I cannot make out what you mean to do or what you have told her. I trust you have not told her that we may let her take the Mc-gill course since I asked you particularly not to. It will all depend on circumstances. If my first letter is not clear please send it back and I will rewrite it.

So you have loaned your sewing machine after all - I think you may regret it. Do send the woman a post card to come to you to get a dress made - She will be a great comfort to you if you once get the habit. I shall expect to hear you have done so in your next letter!

Mary's dress is very pretty. Nancy should not go on a milk diet - she will ruin her



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Health much better to make out a list of things she can eat and stick to it and get some exercise. Why don't you encourage the lessons in driving? Then you two could go to the beach any time and she could swim for exercise - for one thing.

Quite exciting about the elephants in the bog. Have you written Dr. Williams?

I don't know anything about cures. Father probably knows more than any of us.

Mother Jean is very bad. Takes almost no nourishment and has occasionally bad pains.

If Mary should ^{come} ~~could~~, please do not lead her to expect too much at the farm or anywhere. If she should like it, it will seem much nicer if she is not expecting too much. I always remember how disappointed I was that you did not like it.

more than you did. She may
mind the loneliness too.

The steamer trunk ought to
be large enough and she won't
need a place to keep her things
in.

Wilder is going to take
his matriculation examinations
this spring though I don't know
how he will do. Ruth Mary
finishes hers this year but
we have very little hope that
she will be allowed to go to
college here. She is a very
good student and anxious to
go on with her work. Sweet Briar
is an attractive college but
does not stand very high. We
may let her go to Bryn Mawr.
It is an expense we had not
counted on and I am not
sure we can do it.

We are planning to move
the barn nearer the house &
the farm if it does not cost
too much. The tents are wearing
out and I should be glad to
have it possible to have
Wilder & Ruth Mary under a
roof. Wilder will be working
in the laboratory for at least
six weeks this summer.

Love Helen

Have some friends to see about
the dinner table & the theater
tonight. I shall open
back on Monday morning.

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MONTREAL, CANADA

May 12, 1935

Dear Mother K.

Your letter before mother's ^{death} letter was very welcome. This is the first Sunday I can remember when I was not either with mother or owing her a letter. Of course I didn't always write it but I had a twinge of conscience, at least. Perhaps I'll drop you a line again while on Sunday, just to let you know that Helen and I are not yet divorced. There is always hope of course. I read of a woman in the State of California who divorced a husband of 72 when she was 90.

May I switch over to talking to Dr. on this side of the page? Your letter of the 2nd gave me a clearer picture of mother near the end. Clear mind between lapses into coma. The only explanation I can see is the one you gave "steadily progressing exhaustion made slow by an iron will." Her heart must have hypertrophied enormously. I enjoyed writing up that sketch of father's early days. Doing it and learning a lot that was not recorded made it easier to understand him. I always considered I was 99% of mother. I was as far as loyalty was concerned but like him in many ways that I had not realized. Thank you for sending the flowers to the funeral. Enclose #5. We are hoping Mary will come to us for a while as we are both keen about her

Love W.P.

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Sunday May 12.

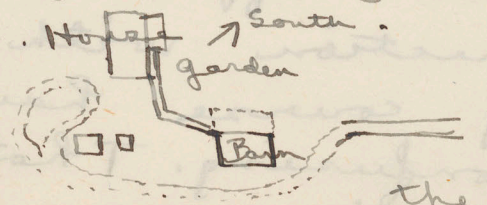
Dear Mother,

This has been a sad week for Wade and today I know he is thinking much of his mother. It is a beautiful bright day but quite chilly.

We are beginning to wonder why we do not hear from you or Mary about what she can do. I hope you have not misunderstood my letters. I think the different names in connection with her nursing course have been confusing. That is, McGill University - Royal Victoria Hospital and so

on. We want her to come just as much as we ever did and I think it is getting more and more important that she break the spell, especially if Father is showing favor. I should not wonder if part of Father's feeling ill just now is an effort to keep her there!

We were down in the country last week end and made plans for some simple changes which will get everyone under

cover.  We will connect with the barn the house by a simple arcade and run

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the driveway behind the barn
What do you think of that? The
barn will give us four
good bedrooms upstairs
and a sort of playroom
downstairs.

Well, we seem to have
many changes going on
in the house. F.B. finally
sailed for Germany on
Thursday and on Monday
evening when we arrived
home our lusty German
couple announced that
Betty must leave a week
later because of the serious
illness of her mother. She

sails at dawn on Thursday
next. And, although I have
searched all week I can
find nobody to take their
places. They are either very
poor or very fancy, or fairly
good and afraid to tackle
it. I am at my wits end.

Wife and the children
have gone to church and
I have been sitting by
the telephone interviewing
possibilities. I have a
Swiss German couple
coming in a few minutes.
Most of the people have
been Finns and very few
can speak English. The
trouble is that no immigration
at all have been allowed
for nearly six years.

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Your printed dress is very
gay and pretty. I dreamed
that I dropped in to see you
and that you showed me
three pretty morning dresses
that you had had made. Is
it true?

My back is better but does
not get perfectly well because
I cannot completely relax
during the day these difficult
times. However—

I am glad that you got
in to see Mother Jean before
it was too late. Wade was
pleased, too. And he was
very glad to get Father's
letter. The day of the
funeral he spent most

of the day writing out
what he knew of the
details of her life, in a
book which he got for the
purpose.

I am so glad you remember
only the good in your visit
to us. You have always had
the happy faculty of doing
that. But what I meant was
that you must not let Mary
think it is a grand place
because I should hate to
have her disappointed.

With heaps of love

Helen.

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MONTREAL, CANADA

June 6 1935

Dear Mother-

Yes your letter did arrive today. Many thanks for your felicitations. Accept ours for a like occasion in your family. Ahem!

Please forgive my not writing. May and June are always terrible months because of school closings, plays, etc, medical conventions with the attending wives and preparing for the country - out with F.B. on holiday and a newly arrived couple my hands are hopelessly full. I get so tired I feel I cannot keep it up another day

but so it goes. And I seem
to thrive on it.

Letters just don't get
written.

I have just written Mary
suggesting she arrive here
^{in Montreal} on the 17th which would
mean her starting from there
on the 12th or 13th. Will a week
be enough time for her to
get ready? I should think so.
And you will want her for
a little extra visit.

What do you think of
Father coming on with her
for a few weeks. It seems
pretty bad that he has
no desire to visit us. We
have some plans he might
help us out on. Sound

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him out.

We go to the farm for good on June 14th - if all goes well. You should write me there next -

Mansenville R.R. #2

P.Q.

Then the cottage we rent must be put in shape and return to town first for Wildee on the 25th - dentist consulted and Ruth Mary on the 1st - again the dentist - Then Dr and Mrs Lee of Chatham Hall arrive on the 2nd (Ruth Mary has a scholarship, you know & this is one of our privileges) Wide leaves for Europe on the

12th and I return to town
on the 17th or thereabouts.

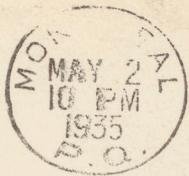
We go down tomorrow to
see how the barn repairs
are coming. We can do
nothing to the house this
year because of funds.

Sorry about Ned.

I must get to bed. 12:40-

Love

Helen.



Mrs. E. P. Kennett
1040 N. Harper Ave
Hollywood
California



Log Chateau
Seignior Club, P. Q.

May 2 -

Dear Mother -

Well, my back seems to be really on the mend now and a good thing too for F.B. leaves tomorrow or next day and is already "off duty".

The back by the way is not lumbago which might be improved at least by heat. This was the slipping out of a joint sacro iliac, with which I have had occasional trouble since

before Ruth Mary was born. This is the first time it has slipped out for two years nearly - Now I have a corset which I shall wear when tempted to lift heavy things.

This week end we are going to the farm but plan to stay next door for night and meals so that I shall not be busier than Wida.

About Mary. I am glad that Miss Flannigan wrote. But Mary could not take the examinations until after she finishes her course could she? I thought she would have to take them in January when she returns from here. Or can she take them before having finished the full three years' course?

I am pleased about the print dress but I shall not be satisfied or quiet until you have at least two simple morning dresses which you enjoy putting on! And

the cleaning woman comes at
least once a week?

Do keep at Father to have
Nancy run the car. She can
give you many nice rides and
save you much trundling as
the really hot days come on.

I understand you went to
see Mother Jean at last. I
am so glad. She will not
live very long we feel sure. We
have daily letters from Herbert



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or Mrs Mills. We are so relieved to know that her mind is a little hazy. It will help her bear the increasing weakness.

No, I don't remember "Tug" Bowen. Who was he? The name is familiar.

The weather is only just beginning to warm up. There are signs of buds on the trees

and a few sheltered bushes
have leaves. We have a
nice old Scotchman to help
in the garden this year and
I am sure things will do much
better.

This is Thursday night - cook
out - and W. I. de of course
has invited in three men to
work up a song to be sung
at the yearly dinner - next
Wednesday night. He will of
course write it all - as he
always does - and make
them sing it the way he
says, whether they want to
or not.

He went to New York on
a consultation last week
getting a very much needed
addition to the budget.

Glad to hear Ned is
sticking to his job. Has he
a thought about Mary's
coming on?

Love

Helen.

TELEPHONE
MANSONVILLE 28 RING 33

GREEN POINT FARM

MANSONVILLE R. R. NO. 2

P. Q., CANADA

June 29-

Dear Mother -

I shall try to be more regular from now on but I have been busy so incessantly that I have had scarcely six hours in bed every night and sometimes too tired to sleep. It is all this new business here that makes the difference for we did not even make the plans until our first trip down. We

are doing it all with
local workman at
\$1.00 per day excepting
two carpenters at
\$3.00 per day. They
do the work very
well as long as they
are watched and
directed every minute.
Then it all had to
be furnished with
care and abstinence
but as permanently
as possible. Mrs Hardy
and I had it all cleaned
before we came down
excepting the attic
which we did yester-

day. What a job! But
luckily we started at
7:30 and were all
through by 12:00.

meantime I have been
going home about
once a week and
working there with a
woman to get that
house clean. As usual
corners were left in
a filthy state.

You will probably
let me know when
Mary arrives. Anytime
from the afternoon
of the 17th on will
be all right. The Lees

Dr and Mrs Lee and
Duncan arrive on the 2nd
and stay until the 15th
~~and~~ ^{or} 16th, Ruth Mary's
birthday, and I should
not like to go to
Montreal to meet her
that day. She would
otherwise have to arrive
on the 10th or 11th for
there will be some
fuss about Widi's
sailing for Europe on
the 12th and I thought
that would give her
very little time after
the 4th. But do not
fuss about getting her
ready. We shall be

(3)

living our usual simple life here during the summer. And in the fall we will fix her up.

Wide is giving a lecture in Brussels and another in London but will be back about August 10. - After that he will be able to have only long week ends.

We have a lovely fence where the Hollyhocks would look well - Do send them

Before breakfast
July 26

Dear Mother -

While Mary sleeps until she can just make breakfast I am going to write just a line to see if perhaps you know that I am still here. It makes me jealous to see letters in your handwriting going to her. She vouchsafes a bit of news now & then but only when I worm it out. And

I suppose since she
is free as the air
from morning until
night and can
write you many
letters you will
continue to correspond
with her instead
of me! So that's
how I feel.

This week Tuesday
I had the last
set-to with my
Swiss couple, fired
them on the spot
and had terrific
difficulty in
getting rid of them

for they refused to
go unless I paid
them \$40.00 more
than their wages +
those coming to them
for two weeks notice.
Naturally, since he
is 6 ft 2 in tall and
weights at least
225 pounds I gave
him his check meaning
to cancel it as
soon as we got to
town. When I got
to town I had to
get Bill's help
to get them out of

the house.

I ~~now~~ have a new
country pair - very
restful. I dream the
most awful nightmares
Always the ~~threatening~~
person is this Henry
and I wake up
shivering -

So much for a
peaceful holiday.

However the others
in the house seem
to think it is still
peaceful - Perhaps I
am mistaken
Love
Eileen

purpose
you
nervous
my
wife

P.S. When in town
the other day I bought
many two "play" suits
shirt. shorts. and long
skirt. quite pretty.

By the way what
money has she and
how much allowance
should she have?

Please talk to me
about this.

H. K. P.

many guests over the
week end - ending up with
17 for tea and I had no
time to get by myself
until about 10 o'clock.

It is now 1:00 o'clock
but I am straightened out
a bit in my mind. We
go to Montreal ~~tomorrow~~
or rather today. I take the
Lees and Ruth Mary
for teeth. Had to plan
all the "jumps" for when
I am gone.

I have just received a nice
letter from Mary - delayed
by being sent to Montreal.
You will let us know
exactly when to expect
her?

Love

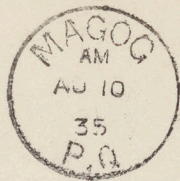
Helen,

About 210° in the ^{shade.} 2:45 P.M. July 5, 1935

Dear Mother -

Wilder and Duncan Lee are sleeping off their canoe trip to Newport - not having managed much sleep last night, for there was a thunderstorm and they had chosen a marshy place ~~to~~ camp where there were hundreds of mosquitoes. Dr and Mrs Lee went fishing but had not much luck for they have difficulty with the boats. They feel very lame today. Ruth Mary and I had to go to town -

Will I had gone down to take the cook for a cooling swim and haven't had a moment since.



Mrs. E. P. Kennett
1040 N. Harper Ave.
Hollywood
California

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TELEPHONE
MANSONVILLE 28 RING 83

GREEN POINT FARM
MANSONVILLE R. R. NO. 2
P. Q., CANADA

August 9.

Dear Mother-

I am so sorry you mis-
understood me again.

Mary should receive no
money from you now.

All I was trying to do
was to get an idea of
how much she was
used to having. She has
not spent one cent of
~~what~~ what she had left
from her \$20.00 ~~when~~ since
she came.

For her birthday
tomorrow I have a good

fountain pen, a lovely pair of silk pajamas, a satin partie set, another set much plainer, a flash light, a slip, a frilly collar to wear on one of the dresses we are remaking, some candy and a box of English biscuits which she seems to like better than candy. All the things are nice and ones she does not actually need. Ruth Mary says she is glad someone in the family can have these fancy things which

she is not allowed
(at school). Everything
they have must be
very plain.

I don't know whether
I told you about the
domestic upheaval
that we had about
ten days after Wide
left. With great
difficulty I persuaded
our Swiss couple to
leave, took them to
town and got them
and their belongings
out of our house there.
Why I ever stood it

so long I don't know.
Now we have a pair
of nice country wenches
who know next to
nothing but don't
mind being told! They
used to live in this
house for about two
years.

Now I have a country
seamstress (at ⁵1.00 per
day, if you please)
with whom I am getting
R.M.'s wardrobe in
shape for school. She
must leave before the

middle of September.

Wilder is still working in the laboratory at the hospital for another two weeks before he has his two weeks vacation - all he is to be allowed this summer.

We have been expecting Fräulein Bergmann for several days. She is coming on a freighter and they do not run on

schedule.

Wide arrives on
Sunday in Quebec
where we shall go
to meet him. I am
taking Mary with me
as a birthday trip
and if I find it will
not be necessary to
stay over night I
may take Wilder and
Ruth Mary.

I wish you could
hear Jeff play the
violin! Love
Helen.

Mrs. E. J. ...
1040 N. Harbor Ave
Medford
California

MONTE
APR 20
11:30 PM
1935
P.O.



Wilder is coming this afternoon,
and Daddy is coming tomorrow.
With love
Priscilla

P.S. P.P. I was ill half of my vacation
Tomorrow is Easter, and Monday
~~we are going to hear the Mikado~~
Don't you think that is nice? P.P.
April 20.

With much love
Priscilla.

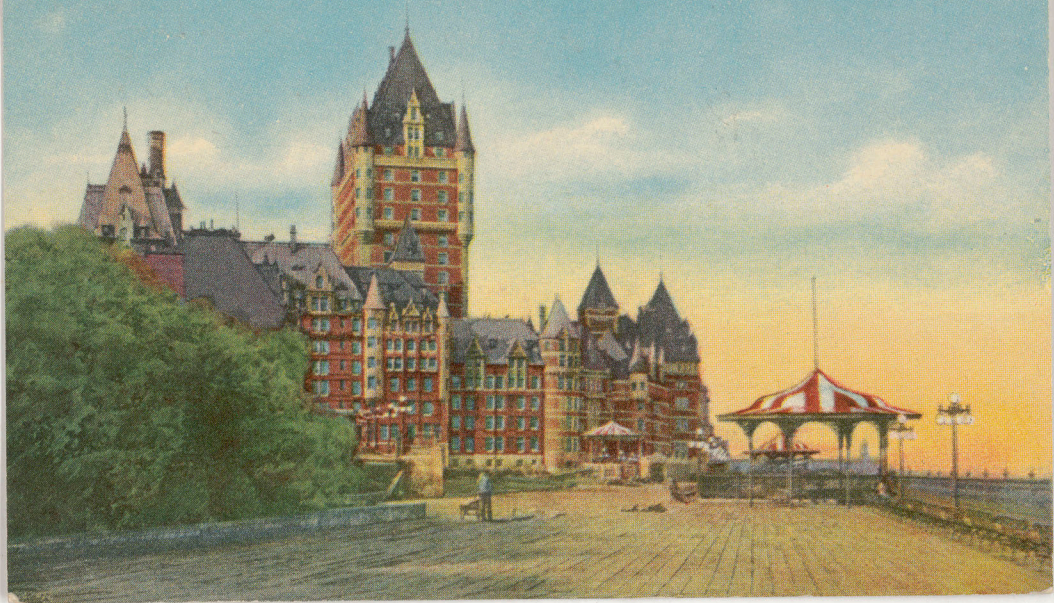
Montreal April 11 1935

Dear Granan:-

Thankyou very much for the other combination. It was very nice of you to send another. And thankyou for the nail file and the polisher.

Our Easter holidays begin on the 10th of April and they end on the 24.

Chateau Frontenac from Dufferin Terrace, Quebec, Canada.



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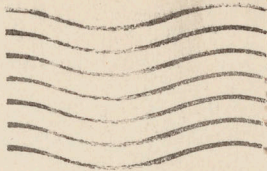
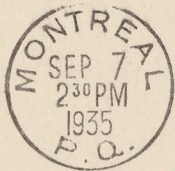
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California

No one expects me to
see the side off and
the two will go on
to Portland from
here. The side is taking
a new degree in
Oxford on the 20th
- D.S. which allows
a several year and
rest.

Later -

Such a great as
life is! Had your letter
at long last - the grand
arrival love them

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Mrs. E. P. Kernott
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California

{ Fountain Valley School }
{ Colorado Springs }
on September 16. Ruth
Mary on Sept 22. Meanwhile
the other two begin new
schools on the 12th and
14th. When I get them
all set and Mary gets
into the hospital I think
I shall run away somewhere
all by myself for a
little while.

Wife is too preoccupied
these days to help me
at all and the load seems
very unwieldy.

I have just been "doing bills"
which always puts me in
the blues. We are again
low in funds -

Other things too have
put me in low spirits

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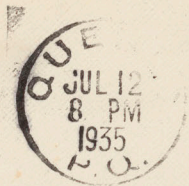
Sept 1, 1935

Dear Mother -

This has seemed a long
drawn out summer to me
and I have been so
continuously tired out that
I seem never to have the
energy to do what I want
to do. 1- - -

Sept 6, 1935

Yes - put aside again.
I came up on Tuesday to
get this house cleaned
and in order so that
it would not be such a
job settling the family
in. There are ten of us,
all told, this fall. Then
Wilder leaves for Colorado



Mrs E. P. Kermott,
1040 North Harper ave
Hollywood
California
U.S.A.

TELEPHONE
MANSONVILLE 28 RING 83

GREEN POINT FARM
MANSONVILLE R. R. NO. 2
P. Q., CANADA

Dear Granmar;

I am absolutely inconceivable,
Try to forgive my not writing to thank you
for the two dollars, will you? I had
a great time spending them. I decided
that I would buy me some luxuries, which
I did, in the shape of a new tie, tie chain
and men's cloth gloves.

I really am grateful, though
you might not suspect it.

I and Duncan see who
is staying here until tomorrow, paddles

to Newport VT from the farm, a distance
of 20 miles. We arrived after about five
hours paddling and pitched our tent
outside the town. In Newport, that
evening we saw a movie and I tried
to get a hair cut (in vain, as it
was the 4th of July.) and then returned
to our tent. Then the mosquitoes were
so bad that we had to decided to
strike camp and head for home that
night. So the Rhodes scholar and the
doctor's son left Newport at about 11:30.
About midnight we encountered a strong
head wind which we bucked in the
dark for a half an hour when a
thunderstorm came up and we paddled
for shore and along it looking for a place
to land. But for about 2 miles, precipitous
cliffs blocked our landing. Finally
we found a boat house, spread out our

TELEPHONE
MANSONVILLE 28 KING 83

GREEN POINT FARM
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P. Q., CANADA

ground sheets ther and there and went
to sleep and slept soundly untill 7:30
the following morning.

We had a capital Breakfast on
bacon, corn meal and french toast with
syrup, (slurp!) and started
home making it in three hours,
with a tail wind.

I wish you would come and
visit us Granma, I want to see you
badly. It is quite a while in
my short life since I saw you you
know.

With loads of Love
Wilder Jr.



R

July 21st

Dear Granar,

Thank you so much for
the beautiful pair of pyjamas! It
was sweet of you to give them to
me, and I have never had such pretty
ones.

Mary arrived safely, and is
so nice that I do not see how
you can do without her. I hope
that she will enjoy it here, and



I will try to make it as nice as possible for her.

we spent tuesday & wednesday nights in Montreal, while we saw the dentist, met Mary, and shopped. we had Thursday lunch with Mrs Cone and Miss Flannigan (head of institute nurses) in the Eaton's 9th floor restaurant, and left at about 4 o'clock that afternoon for the country.

Dr & Mrs Bazett are visiting us with their children, Hazel and Donald, & we must enter-

-tain them.

The weather has been very hot, but is quite comfortable now, and anyway, we swim a great deal. Dan & Knight are fine, & are "feeling their oats", since neither Donald nor Dr. Bazett could ride him with any success.

My pen is running out of ink, so I must bid a fond fare well.

Thank you a thousand times for the lovely pyjamas,

you are spoiling me hopelessly.

Much Love,

Ruth Mary.