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VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 12. 1922

Dearest V -

Today I have been working on all sorts of odds and ends without fitting anywhere in particular.

I visited the work on the dam for the first time and was glad to see it actually going ahead in good form. The concrete pour is very hot and is in large masses so that concrete poured Monday is still warm on Thursday. It sets very fast when hot if protected.

I have seen none of your friends yet but I understand Mrs. Adams is home. Murray has been up to meals since I came and seems pretty well but has apparently accepted the role of back number for himself. Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 13. 1922

Dearest -

I saw Miss Welch on the street with Miss Spencer. She said she would like to have me come up to dinner without naming a date and when I did not enthuse she told me of Tommy staying most of the afternoon and when he was ready to go she asked him if he would come again and he replied "he did not know." Evidently he came honestly by some of his freaks. The town is torn by two important questions. The new charter and the raising of dues of the Chippewa Club so as to allow the club to rent new quarters to be arranged in the 1st bath bldg. I hardly know which is more important. The wind is blowing but it is not too cold. Mr. Whitney of St Cloud died suddenly. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 14. 1922

Dear Sir -

I have just written to Cyrus that I thought he ought to pay his book bill of \$27.⁸¹ because it has been the custom and understanding. There may be extenuating circumstances! If so he can produce them for inspection.

Business proceeds more or less and I shall plan to come down on Thursday unless something prevents. Murray and I and Mr. Mac dine with the Adamses tomorrow. It is almost a blizzard outside but not cold.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 15. 1922

Dearest -

I have just come from the Adams' where we stayed until half past five. Mr. Adams was in his best form as a conversationalist and kept it up for three hours after dinner with observations on the running of the city government and the Commercial Club - two of his favorite themes. Mrs. Adams says they are considering Europe but have no plans. The babies are well and Dorothy is "pretty well" My love to them. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 16. 1922

Dearest -

It was pleasant to get a note from thee telling that you are progressing. I think that you should sign the application of Old Col. Dr. Co. if they are acceptable. It is not clear from Mr Carr's letter how many heirs he has talked with but it doesn't make any great difference. I am sending meal ticket money to Cy. and will ask him to divulge the depth of his pecuniary embarrassment. Will try to remember jelly.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 17. 1922

Draught C. -

Most of this day has been spent in chasing down a stupid error in my cash account and so I am cross. I don't usually have difficulties of that kind.

Otherwise it is a plain good winter day with temperature just above zero and concrete going merrily into the lane like summer. We use hot water, hot sand and heat the forms and it stays hot or warm sometimes for several days. So we are not missing like much. The stone cutters want details. C.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 18. 1922

Dearest G -

I have been trying to clean up today preparatory to leaving - I should say for "going below."

It is cold and snowing and sensible people should be either below or in Italy with Carlton and Hazel viewing the Dante pageant. It makes me quite envious to read his account. If the French don't want us we shall have to try the Italians.

Much love G.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 22, 1922

Dearest —

It is officially 97° in the shade this afternoon. Lucy came in with Margaret and saw Dr. F. again for more eye measurements and is now done. Her cold seems to have passed without making her sick. The Judge took them out again this evening.

Mr. Adams was beaten by 11 votes. Hammar K is in the running and has a good chance of election in the fall. Y.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 2, 1922.

Frank -

I had quite an exciting time
plowing about in the snow at
St. Cloud but the Ford brought ^{me} through
to the train which was unexpectedly
on time. Today I have sent
the monthly drafts and attended
a bank meeting at which the board
decided not to spend much money
in remodeling the banking room
but to go ahead with the rooms
for the Chippewa club. Murray
seems quite well. Mr. Kennedy
has gone to Detroit with Geoffry
and Mr. Larsson and I shall have
time to figure up income statements
Did you buy a pair rubbers at the
"Home Trade" on Sept 20. for \$1.⁴⁰ v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 3. 1922

Dearest -

This is cooking club night and according to custom I give Mary a vacation and eat at the hotel. Murray has accepted. He seems rather more normal. I have been working on my income Tax report. It fits easier year by year but there are questions which puzzle all the same. Next year Thos. and Cy. will both have to make reports but pay no taxes.

The cold spell was not very cold and lasted only a day. Now it is mowing again and rather mild.

The work on the dam goes merrily - not too merrily - just merrily enough along and the C.T.P. is still doing business.

V.

If you haven't read Mr. McFee in the Feb
Atlantic you ^{VERNON A. WRIGHT} should do so.
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 5. 1922

Dearest G -

The cooking club did Murray up.
He was sick in the night and has
been in bed all Sat. and Sunday
morning. I don't know whether he
will get up for dinner or not. I
go to the Hammas'

You probably saw Mr. Hanley's picture
in the N.Y. Journal this morning in the
"25 years ago" columns. I could not
find any reference to it explaining why
it was there.

My mother is in Long Beach, Cal.
again and I am wondering whether she
was sprinkled by the oil gutter which
broke out in the town a few days ago.
I think every here is well. I saw
Mrs. Adams on the street and she said
they were not going anywhere this winter
v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 6. 1922

Dearest -

It is cold again today and I have stayed in the office working on accounts - personal and company.

Last night I had tea at the Adams after dinner with the Hannahs. Mrs. Adams wants to go to Italy about Mch 15. by boat through Mediterranean. She doesn't fancy waiting for Mrs. Evans or travelling with her. I told her we were expecting to go July 1 and she expressed surprise.

She would like someone to go with but seems determined to go anyway. I tried to encourage to go alone and not with a party or even with Cook tickets. Miss Welch has given the same advice. There is a good chance that she would meet someone or ones at ~~the~~ unknown points who would chime up with her. I told her to write to Mr. Chandler at once and I will see him later. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 7. 1922.

Dearest —

To day it has been tax lists
which of all contrivances is the
stupidest for occupying time.
I want to get all the routine
things out of the way so that I
can occupy myself with the new
bldg. as much as possible before
sailing. Mr. Chandler should
have something by this time.
Let us hope that politics, coal
strikes and influenza will
not be able to disarrange our
plans and that the whole
family will cut loose for
a joy ride on July 1.
Mr. Kennedy is still in Detroit V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 8. 1922

Demist -

Mr. K. is still in Detroit which I interpret to mean that he has not been entirely turned down yet otherwise he would have come home. Detroit is very important for us at this time. I have been expecting to leave Friday or Sat. but want to see him first. Probably he will come tomorrow. Tomorrow the concrete will be poured to the height of the power house floor which does not complete the job by any means but marks a stage and means that we shall stop continual pumping and let the water into the new work. It has been a long pull. I notice that Bygones Opera has been given and I am hoping that you could and did see it. I believe there is no concert this week. The granite men have sent me a pink sample when I want gray and I am not going to accept it.

• VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 1. 1922

Dearest G -

I barely made the train which was slowly in time in spite of the cold weather. The snow is higher on Lincoln Ave than I have ever seen it before. But the work has gone on satisfactorily just the same. The notice of the election of your candidate for the B.M. presidency was in the Tribune; I did not see it in the Journal of Tuesday evening. All will be pleased. T.T. is still enjoying hibernation and all are well having colds which are prevalent. My love to her and them &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 2. 1922

Dearest —

Of course the item of interest to-day is Mr. Chandler's letter giving definite room numbers at the Antonia for July 1. I have sent the necessary deposit. Of course it might be more agreeable for the boys to have a room to themselves but I don't think we ought to jeopardize chances by refusing. I have said that every in times past and they can probably do likewise without injury.

My cold is wearing away and does not trouble me much. Colds have been common here

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 3, 1922

~~Transit~~ —

The Thrill today has been the closing of the new old dam and raising of the water in it for the first time in 11 months. It seems quite like jitting me though it will be from one to two months before we can start the machinery. Otherwise nothing in particular. Same old routine of work — same old food and the rest.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 4. 1922

Dearest —

You have probably noticed
that Madame Ponafidine is in
Washington with two sons. It
seems like a tale unbelievable
and also a great relief for her
letters gave me the impression
of personal acquaintance with her.
Tomorrow I dine with the Adams
family and Mrs. A. will discuss
foreign travel. We shall have to
begin on passports as soon as I
get back to home and the furnace.
We have made small cuts in
wages in line with others and are
wondering what will happen. I mean

the construction crew - not regular O.T.P. men v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 5, 1922.

Dearest —

I have dined with Mr + Mrs. Adams. She expects to leave F.F. for Milwaukee next Sunday and hopes to see you in F.F. or enpts. before she gets away. She sails with her party Mch. 28. directly for France and then pretty directly by rail to Italy. They will do Italy early and get back to Switzerland and perhaps Oberameggan before returning to France.

We spent most of the time discussing the bonus bill but there was no argument as we were all on the same side of the fence. I am still expecting to get back to enpts. Thursday and am rapping wood against the possibility of delay — with love &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Hannah will expect you
Sat. aft. unless otherwise ordered, March 6, 1922

Dear —

Mr. Kennedy has been away
most of the time since I came
to F.F. but returned yesterday for a
day or so. We are making plans
for the year and have been discussing
things today. We want to build
a lot of extensions if possible as
the conditions now seem right.
Incidentally I have spent an
hour with Dr. Chas. Aikens and
go again tomorrow.

It is raining and blowing
but is not cold. Mr. Chandler
lets me know he has improved
our quarters.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 7, 1922

Dearest —

The brick work has started on the power house of the old dam and it seems like the final stage.

Also I have a new tooth. That is, one made new out of old materials. It is as good as new anyway.

You see I am trying to keep up to Ann. If there is any change in your plans I hope you will let me or Mrs. Hannah know. She is so diffinite about her arrangements.

J.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 8. 1922

Dear —

I am expecting to leave
T.T. Tomorrow afternoon but
shall probably stop at St Cloud
for the night and go on to
upls. some time the next day.

It is possible that I may
go directly to M— but not
certain.

I enclose Cy's latest. The
vacation question does seem
a problem and I take it that
you don't want him to go
to Lincoln this time

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, - - - MINN.

March 17, 1922

Frank G -

I am forwarding 6 letters.

Ann coughed a good deal last night but this morning her temp. was down to normal and has remained there. She feels spry and it is a little hard to keep her down. Her appetite is good and her habits were satisfactorily reestablished this morning. She ate Irish moss for lunch with her toast and milk and Mrs. Waters is making the broth - I judge by the odor. Lucy has suddenly taken an interest in having a tutor for her arithmetic during Easter vacation. Miss Selden can't do it and she is going to apply to Mrs. Garthoff (?). I am glad you like the new house. The stone for the office bldg. is loaded for shipment today. There have been numerous tel. calls. Check found and endorsed with love.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Sunday, Mich. 17, 1922

Dearest -

Ann got up and was dressed yesterday afternoon for an hour before supper. As it seemed to cook well I let her get up again at 12:30 today and she had dinner with us. afterwards the house was pretty well deserted and she and I have been in the living room all the afternoon. Now it is a little after five and she is sitting up undressed on my bed watching me write to you. Her temp. is 98.4 but the house is rather warm and she does not seem feverish. Yesterday her temp. was just a bit below normal all day. Her cough still sounds as bad as ever but she does it very seldom and only one or two coughs at a time. I think I have heard her only twice today and I have been with her nearly all the time giving Mrs. Frank a rest. Lucy is drawing pictures. Marjory is away and I would not let Kate come. She (L.) goes to Miss Brewster tomorrow morning at 10:30.

(Ann) - Story of a Cuddly headed Girl - She lived in a little house close to the river side. One day when she was playing by the shores by her house where her mother called her to come in the house. Her mother saw something queer and she saw what do you think? She saw a big black cat that

over

was gnawing at a mouse. But the queerest way she was switching its neck with her tail and biting with her mouth. Then the cat ran at the girl and two cats were fighting together before the little girl knew it. And finally she sent one cat away and kept her own cat.

She ran out of the house to the beach and called her mother to come up too. And there was a big black whale. The whale was gnawing at a elephant which had its trunk around the whale's tail and was pulling him out of the water. And-a-the whale when he was not called for a knife. A little girl brought it but did not give it to the whale. She cut the whale's tail off and the whale went splashing into the water.

The elephant ran away.

This tale would have continued but was not sufficiently encouraged.

Now I must get Ann's scupper.

Much love from V.

Ann also sends love.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, - - - MINN.

March 20, 1922.

Dearest -

Ann got up and was dressed about 10 AM today and has been up ever since. It is now 4 PM. She seems all right except for her occasional cough. She has not been out doors yet. The practice teacher came this afternoon and experimented for about 20 minutes with Ann. It seems to me rather futile. Lucy has Eleanor here today. I have been starting passport business. The boys will have to have separate ones and must get them in Boston by personal application. We are all right so far. With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, - - - MINN.

March 21, 1922.

Dearest -

Your Sunday letter with Sunday
checks came this morning. I have
talked with Mrs. Watson and she thinks
she can manage. But I don't
believe I shall come before Saturday.
That will give them two nights to get
over without authority.

Ann is pretty well. She went out
today for the first time but I didn't
let her go to music lessons because it is
a little too far to walk both ways and
I didn't want to put her in the car.
Of course she fell down and got me
by pretty wet. It was changed quickly -
I don't mean the leg - and I think she
is some the worse. Lucy had Jean
here today and goes out to Jean's on
Thursday - with her or

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, . . . MINN.

March 22, 1922

Dearest -

Ann has continued to improve today and this afternoon Nancy was here for a couple of hours without disastrous effects. Mrs. Hankey came and I let her have Dante's and Henry Adams' Chautau. She brought back the Greek photographs. The dress for L & A.

Came this morning. Ann immediately tried on hers. Lucy goes to Doris' tomorrow afternoon for the night - and Jane for the following afternoon but she keeps up her tutoring and is planning to give Mrs. Hankey time on Friday and Sat. I went to the Loring funeral. The last words before friends were dismissed was an urgent request to keep our hats on so that we shouldn't catch cold. Very typical but it spoiled the effect of the ceremony. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
121 CLIFTON AVENUE
MINNEAPOLIS, - :: - MINN.

March 23. 1922

Dearest —

Lucy was on her way to the Holbrooks' when you telephoned. I have talked with her since and Mrs. Truitt has talked with her and with Mrs. Holbrook. Lucy insists that she feels entirely well again and Mrs. H. will keep watch and not let her go out and get wet or be too strenuous in any way. I will talk with her again this evening and if it seems advisable will go out and bring her home. I do not think you need to come home or change your plans. There are doctors and nurses if necessary and she will be very carefully watched. Anne seems quite herself to day and is going to practice ^{today} with the practice teacher and go to Mrs. Harding tomorrow.
with love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 30. 1922

Draught —

It is not quite so cold today and I have been standing out all day getting the front brick laying started according to my fussy requirements.

The brick has a good deal of color and will look pretty well in contrast to the plain light stone. It is not the brick I chose but it much like it and will do very well. I am told that Alderman Olson will be defeated but it remains to be seen. 2.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 1. 1922.

Dear —

This is a dull day. It snowed this morning large enough to stop work on the building and as it is Sat. the men did not come back this afternoon. I have been going over heating and plumbing and I think it will be hot water instead of steam. The checks are as follows —

Standard Gas + Elec. bonds —	\$ 15.00
O.T.P. Co. bonds —	18.00
O.T.P. Co. preferred stock —	7.00

I have sent the boys their April money \$210 each. raising Cy. to the same amount as Tom. He seems to need it. — My love to thee and the little folks &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 4. 1922

Dearest —

The dental work goes on. Two sessions today — two hours this morning and an hour this afternoon. I have no idea how long it will take time. Mr. Chandler has sent no word concerning return passage in September. If you go that way it might be a good idea to inquire what is doing.

Election is today. M. Benson bobbed up at the last moment as a candidate for mayor and there are five in C. R.'s ward among whom is Harry Page. Elson's fate and Angus's are of most interest. p.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 5, 1922

Dearest —

If you read the Journal you may have seen the communication the evening before the election in which the O.F.W. Co. was lugged in. So I have been writing a letter to the Editor protesting against the habit which seems to be growing.

Any way Alderman Olson was snowed under and Henry Page and R. Angus were elected which should leave the Camp. W. Benson is in a jam & which I have no objection.

It is drizzling and I have been standing out watching the setting of the deer cap stone — in of the heaviest of the lot. It is now in position. One of the patches dropped out as soon as it was touched but it can be replaced. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 10. 1922

Dearest —

Plumbing and heating have been in order to day. There is no lack of bidder. It is quite difficult to put some of them off. You cant tell them you wouldnt have them at any price so it becomes necessary to go over the whole matter with each set of bidder. Geoffrey is back today after a week in N.Y. He tells me they found nothing organically wrong and they dont want to operate but he must be careful and follow orders. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 16. 1922

Dear G -

Yesterday Mr. Kennedy and I went to Alexandria by local train and back in the afternoon. We are looking for business of course. There are so many possibilities on the horizon but they are not coming our way very fast so we have to go hunting. I accepted the return passages for Sept. 4. from Naples but did not make the advance payment as Mr. Chandler did not say how much it would be. The prices have been advanced since we began negotiations for the return. If Dr. Nihon gets through with me I will come down Tuesday. v. *W. A. Wright*

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 26. 1922

Dearest —

a short note from Thos. this morning enclosing statement of acct. of vacation's expenses but no news and nothing about passports or photographs for same. I have written asking him to get at the passport business as soon as he can. Most of the day has been given to details of plumbing and such like things which have to be arranged in the job before the floor slab is poured. We shall be ready for pouring tomorrow if ~~the~~ we are not held up by failure of certain wiring conduit boxes to arrive by ex. Mr. Hannet is back and Mr. Mac has a bad cold. Mr. Jewett looks remarkably well groomed when I meet him in the street v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 27. 1922

Dearest —

The chief item of interest today is that the concrete second story floor slab is being poured and should be done by tomorrow night.

My iron window on which I worked at home will be built by the local iron shop from materials furnished by Mr. Sewall's company. The electric lighting is intended to be an advertisement of the business and will consist principally of large ceiling units of strange but scientific shapes so as to diffuse evenly and without glare etc. etc. This doesn't sound wildly interesting but it is V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 28-1922

Dearest —

I had my picture taken today and nearly broke up the photo man, Mr. Hugo Stoltz, when I refused to take a coy position looking sideways into the camera.

3"X3"-light backgrounds and no hats are the requirements. I am getting a half dozen - all unmounted - so as to have a few for the several governments we may meet and get chummy with. I think it is 40 years today since my father died. Mr. Adams has got out some old files for his comments and I am going to look over them.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 8. 1922.

Dear —

It has been raining most of the day and outside work in the building is halted. Sometimes it seems good to have a chance to catch up on other work and this is one of the times.

Mr. Wrenham seems to me to be a proper candidate for a hospital. He has been going about for three or four weeks without much improvement and today I tried to persuade him to give it up get himself taken care of. I have not yet seen Margaret Wright. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 16. 1922

Dearest G.

I had to hustle to make my train after staying too long with Mr. Seybold. Otherwise no incidents.

The new wheel is turning round in a very satisfactory manner and that job is nearly out of the way. Mr. Carlson still has to do some dredging and Mr. A. Vandyk (very distinguished) will plant the pounds more or less in course of time.

Yesterday was annual holiday at the G.T. P. Co. which means the opening of the fishing season. Mr. Taylor was here with Pearl and Maxine Yarnall to take part in the opening. I have not seen them yet. Dad.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 19. 1922

Dearst -

My last bridge is now in place
and nothing remains to be done
except tipping a bicurpid. I
presume it will be good practice
for one intending to travel
abroad where everything has
to be tipped. If you don't
let me know I shall go to
the 11: PM train on the chance
of meeting anyway but I
suppose you will let Mrs.
Hannah have some warning.
That is the way it is done
I understand. With hopes
v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 29, 1922

Dearest -

I heard from Thor. this morning. His passports are applied for and he now is waiting. I have told him about the visa requirements.

It has been a busy day with more or less meager results. We had a directors meeting at Dayton Hollow. The brick laying on the front was begun again and I had to be at the scaffold for some time and then the iron windows demanded attention. The window is taking shape and will look very well I think. Mr. Zernant paid 75.00 and wants your list of supplies left in the house so he can pay for them - coffee etc. &c.

I will get a draft to send you instead of Mr. Zernant's check.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 31, 1922

Dearest —

The brick layers are on the front again and as the cornice parts are easy to go wrong as I have been on the job most of the day.

Across the way the Davidson boy case is being tried. He is the son of a father with few brains and a mother without any. The family was therefore large and most of them below par. The boy was burned 7 years ago but not seriously injured but they base their claim on his loss of mentality due to the shock. Dr. Patterson says there is not a case on record of minds being afflicted by electric shock, but we shall probably have to pay for his parents' sins. The question is how much.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

June 18. 1922

I arrived at 10:30 of dawn and
put in a couple of hours at my
desk before going up to the house
for breakfast. Lucy has a
hoarseness and is having Dr.
F. treat her throat. She feels
perfectly well. She has gone
to the lake with Margaret for the
afternoon and I believe she
is going out there on Tuesday to
stay. I have given Dr. F.
Lucy's prescriptions for glasses
so he can note if any changes
are going on in her eyes.
With love, V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 19. 1922

Dear V —

Miss Tumaant wants to know how much for the china. She has taken curtains from Mrs. Bakke and I have paid \$2.⁰⁰ for washing same.

It is circus day and Lucy has gone with Louise and Mrs. McWhorter. Lucy seems perfectly well in spite of her hoarseness but she doesn't do her hair respectably. I forgot to read the gas and electric meters and will write to Dr. Reed concerning same. Life is a bustle.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 21. 1922

Dearest G.

Allow me to admit that I
remember that this is the day.
Many happy returns of it.

The adds and ends are getting
tucked away but there are
still a lot of them to be tucked.

The excitement today is over the
election returns. Mr. Adams is
about even with the colossal Putnam
for State Senate. The unofficial
count put Adams ahead and the
official puts Putnam ahead. The returns
will be gone over again to decide.

I am reminded that you will need
money to take your family to
Montreal and possibly for other
purposes. I enclose \$150. check
on Old Colony - V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 23. 1922

Dearest —

It was 102° in the official shade yesterday and nearly as high today. This evening it seems to be cooling off. Nothing in particular has happened in my young life. The wedding is tomorrow evening and Murray is stewing about the necessity of going and dressing up. Ruth Burlingame has arrived. Lucy is going to be waitress. I judge she is willing. I had 'nt any more money in Boston but if you see your own I will make it up to you. With love U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 24. 1922

Dearest -

The chief event of day up to this hour is the purchase of a pair of white shoes for Lucy to wear this evening at the wedding.

They looked to me nearly as large as the shoes of Marie Kitten's Mr. John.

I have been getting figures for plastering and painting which seem like getting toward the finish but I do not expect the building will be occupied until I get back in September. The terrazzo floors are being put in by a person from Venice. &

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 25. 1922

Dearest —

The wedding is said to have been successful. Lucy was going with only a rubber band in her hair but as it was Sat. night the stores were open and she and I went down and purchased a black ribbon.

Margaret Wright invited Murray and me to dinner at the lake today (Sunday) and we went and enjoyed the bunch of children. The Parsons family, all except Maudie, came out to make a short call as K. was going back to Nfld. and then we took an automobile ride with all the children. I suppose we shall get away from Nfld. Wed. evening and hope nothing will happen to prevent it.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 26. 1922

Dearest -

This will be the last of this series. Lucy and I will go down on the night train Tuesday night at 2 A.M. so that I can have all day Wednesday in Mpls. and Saint Paul.

Lucy got her glasses today from Dr. F. She seems very well and has had a good time in F.F. She was in at Helen's today and I took her out before dinner. She wanted to get back instead of staying to dinner at Mary's. Mrs. Hannah is mending her washing - but not mine v.

you should leave directions to have
your mail forwarded to this hotel.

There was no mail from
London but as it could not leave
London until yesterday there has
been hardly time.

If you find it will not be
best to move Anne for several
days I wish you would let
me know by your amanuensis
Cy. as of course I shall be
more or less concerned until
we come together again
With love

V.

St. Malo, July 19.

Dearest —

We arrived Today (Wednesday) at about
lunch time, having stayed overnight at
Mont S. Michel. The drive was one
of the best ever. Not through towns of
much importance but through the real
country of France. The buildings are
chiefly farm and village architecture
and often interesting in shape. Many
walls are covered with vines and
trained trees — perhaps pear trees. The
smell of clover and new hay abounds
and it is good to be in it from the
beginning to the end. The cathedral
of Coutances is just what Henry says
it is. St Michel has been taken over
by the civil administration and you
have to go through with a party and be
pushed along by a guide. I carried

my Harry thinking I could sit me
in the sun and read but no.
It is not done that way any more.

The beach this afternoon is all
that one could wish - hot sand -
cool air - rocks to get under for
protection from sun or wind. The
part we have seen is not fashionable
but is much occupied by French families
attending to their own affairs with
their children who are numerous.
I wish you were here with Ann.
The Hotel probably is not quite so
good as yours at Chelmsbury.

If you came by auto as I hope
you can you should stop at
Coutances for dinner but you will
get nothing there for Ann to eat

and you will have to bring water in
your Thomas bottles and food for
Ann. I do not think you
should stop at Mt. S. Michel with
Ann as she could not climb the
winding stairs and it would delay
you too much. By cutting your
stop in Coutances to a good look
at the outside and inside of the Cathedral
you should be able to make
Sain Malo by about 6 P.M. if
you get started promptly by 10 A.M.
but it would be better to start
earlier if possible. The trip is
a little long but perhaps Ann would
sleep part of the time.
We are at Hôtel de l'Univers.

want to plan to go away
without knowing when you
can come but of course
I understand that you may
not be able to make any
plans except from day to
day.

I am also forwarding something
which started in Paris and
has already been up to F.F.
and London.

V.

St Malo.

July 20. 1922

Dearest G -

The London mail came this
morning and included a letter
of June 18. from Signora Gaggi
saying she would be delighted. I
immediately forwarded the letter
and it may or may not reach
you before this one. I should
think that we need not worry
about the chance of staying with
her. She is evidently counting on

having you. The day is ideal and the long long beach with its dots of color is just like the French pictures of beach scenes. This morning we walked along the beach wall over to Paramé to investigate and I think that we should be better over there for Ann. Here it is a little too busy and too noisy. We are between two rival café orchestras and have movies just outside our windows. Lucy

finds it entertaining but Ann might not get to sleep as early as she should.

If it were possible to know when you can come I would try to make definite arrangements for a new location.

If by chance you should come unannounced you would have to come directly to the Hôtel de l'Univers.

The five miles of beach for Ann is here and the sand is of the right kind. I don't



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RÉGINOTEL-MARSEILLE

Tuesday, Aug. 22 '22

Dearest G.

We expect to be in Italy tomorrow afternoon so I will try to give you an account up to date. You can buy tickets at St. J. de Luz direct for Toulouse but you have to change at Bayonne. At Toulouse it is convenient to stay in the Hôtel de la Compagnie du Midi or Hôtel de la Gare. There is another small hotel across the "place" called Hôtel de la Gare so you must distinguish. The R.R. Hotel is unusually clean and modern and the plumbing seems real. We didn't hear a train all night but it was rather noisy in front. The trip from St. J. to Toulouse is rather long but I think you had better make it in a jump. The Train leaving Toulouse at 9:17 according to the "indicateur."

and about 9:30 in reality gets you
to Carcassonne in about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Note - The hours in the indicator are
often the hours of arrival instead of departure
at Carcassonne take the omnibus of the
Hôtel de la Cité. The hotel seems to
be so good that it is worth going to on
its own account but don't stay too long
or you will break the bank account.

Lunch is 18 francs and I suppose
other things in proportion. They all
seem to speak English and the plump
head waiter or Waiter d'Hôtel said
it would be better to write in advance
or as he said - just send a card stating
what you will require for accommodation.
You can leave Carcassonne at about
2:30 P.M. and you should try to get
in a through car for Nîmes which
is off the lines of the "Midi" company
and on those of the P.L.M. - Paris, you



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Mediterranean. There is at least one through car and perhaps more - marked, I think, "Aiglon" which is beyond Marseilles. At Marseilles the ⁴⁰Hotel du Luxembourg is probably the best. Excellent cuisine and lumpy beds. I don't think you need to stop over in Foulon at all unless you want to but you must stop in Marseilles. The arena and the "Maison Carrée" are better Roman buildings than you will see in Rome. The garden is also well worth seeing. Sunday afternoon we got an auto from the Concierge in the hotel (75 fr.) and drove out to the "Port du Gare" which is also worth while but not necessary like the other things in Marseilles. We did

not go to Aiguon for we did not
have the time. If you go there I
think you might take the train
afterwards directly for Arles. If
you go from Limas to Arles you
had better go by auto as the
wait at Tarascon is tedious and
not to be recommended for Amos.
I rather think you had better go
by train from Limas to Aiguon
and then by train to Arles. The
roads are dusty and not too
interesting for driving. It would
hardly be necessary to go to Arles
after seeing Limas if it were not
for the cloister but you should see
that if possible. At Marsilles
we are at the "Regina" where they
speak English and you would be

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comfortable - Room with
two beds and bath 35 fr.
and upwards. We have
one at 35 which is
excellent with good plumbing.

You ride up on the ascenseur but
not down. If you have time
to kill here in the afternoon
you should take one of the many
boats which go out to the Chateau
d'If. where Monte Cristo and the
man of the Iron Mask and other
important persons were imprisoned
in a picturesque "Chateau fort" on
an island. The concierge will
tell you where the Italian Consul
is and you will probably drive

them. We went a little after 9 AM.
and I think we should have done
better to wait till say 10:30.

There were many Italians in
the room and the man behind the
window has no manners. The
only difficulty is that you have to
to wait after passing in your
papers and paying your money -
125 fr. per pamphlet. It may be
125 fr. per person but I think not.
We waited an hour without seats.
There is one bench but it was
occupied. The entrance is at
the small door just beyond the
large one at #15. I will tell
you about the R.R. trip from
here to Genoa after we have

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done it. They told me
at the station that all
trains finish at Venti-
niglia and there are no
through "voitures". Of course
you have to get out there anyway
to pass the customs.

I am not going to try to tell you
about the things which you will
see yourself.

We are well and not too
tired and looking forward to being
in Italy. With much love
V.

I will send you the little guides
of Limes and Arles.

GRANDE ALBERGO SANTA LUCIA

Quai Partenope

NAPOLI

I. ORDINE

PIETRO CAMPIONE & C., propr.

Sunday, Sept. 3, 1922

Dearest G - We are in Naples and expect to sail tomorrow afternoon. We arrived Friday evening and went immediately Sat. morning to get our letters. It was a welcome bunch. The last time I wrote you was a week ago in Venice. I was just beginning an attack of indigestion which was unfortunate for you as it kept me there until Thursday evening. As a result he had to leave Florence entirely and out Rome to four hours on Friday. I was able to drive around with him and we saw St Peter, The Pantheon (closed until 3 PM), The Roman Forum, The Colosseum, and St Angelo's. Was in San Pietro in Vincoli. It would have been necessary to get up early Sat. to go to Pompeii and we wanted to get letters and do business which could not be done on Sunday. So I planned to go Sunday but there was a heavy storm and it was also necessary to give that up. You saw the Aquarium yesterday afternoon and I think he can see the Museum tomorrow before we sail. He does not seem to care to go

about much without me and I have been unable to do much. I am now sitting in our balcony after a lunch of hot goat's milk and trout and a part of Capri is visible. I hardly like to look at it. It is too beautiful in its color, self sufficiency (perhaps that is it) and then I am sentimental. I would rather have your help to look at it.

But all Italy is too beautiful. I don't know what it is but there is a fetching quality in it which beats all other countries. If I try to analyze it I can't see that there is a real difference between an Italian hill slope and a French hill slope and I am inclined to think that the lure is in large part a result of our literature and education. It gets deep into you and as Mr. Crowsfoot says "What are ^{real} facts when they have to encounter real prejudices" or something like that. When the prejudice for Italy has taken root you can't see straight any more.

A man in the train told me that our steamer

will stop several ³ hours in Palermo and I hope to make up in part for depriving you of Florence by sitting him out in Montreal and the Norman Duke's architectural legacies. There was a letter at the ship office directed to Elys. Ames but we have not run across her. I don't know whether the Zeddy is sailing now or not. His mother seemed to expect it and Leslie thought not.

Naples would not be Naples without its street singers and we have had the best I ever heard at the door of our hotel. They do the same thing in Venice and every body sings in the little streets to keep in practice but it is only in Naples that the real quality can be heard.

Tom wanted to get some coral and tortoise things but I can't remember where we got your necklace. I think he has found what he wanted or nearly so.

I will attend to your errands in Wflos as soon as possible but I think that

I shall feel like going straight through from Chicago to ~~Wflos~~ so as to have as many days as possible there before Oct 1.

You may be sure of one thing. I shall try to arrange so as to be with the and the family just as much of next winter as possible. There is no use of trying to make plans now as I cannot foresee what may turn up.

One half of Cyrus's passage will be repaid to me in N.Y. if it is not resold and 88 % if it is resold. As there will be three in the room in any case I shall not mind much if the fourth person does not appear. It had not been sold yesterday.

I will write oftener when I get home and I hope you will not keep yours too long before sending. It is nice to have big ones but also nice to have ino often. Much love to the and the children. Thy V.



FABRE LINE

MARSEILLE

on board S.S.

Providence
Friday, Sept. 15. 1922

Dearest G. — It is such a long voyage that dates are difficult to establish but I think I have it correctly. We left Naples Monday Sept 4. in the evening after being on board all the afternoon. Your last letter was on board and greedily devoured. I wrote a postal card and gave it to a coral merchant who agreed to mail it. Eliz. A. and her friend Laura Dean are on board. Tom has met a lady returning from Syria who met Mrs. H.T.T. There are a lot of interesting Italians aboard who seem to be musicians returning to U.S.A. The usual ship concert was therefore remarkably good but the interesting thing is the perfect ease and grace with which they carry off such a performance.

No trace of effort or strain for effect except in one American girl who gave us a Spanish dance to point the difference. We stopped nearly a day in Palermo and went out to Monreale which was charming but somehow not quite up to the standard which I expected at Gibraltar. There was a fog so that we could not see the Rock although we were right under it and could distinctly hear the guns which were fired at regular intervals just as a fog bell might have been sounded. But Fayal in the Azores was delightful. There is ~~nothing~~ nothing whatever on the island or rather in the town which was of special interest but the total effect was to maintain the impression of "Fairy Islands". The little harbor of Horta is very suggestive of Charlotte Amelia though not so well land locked. The

town is strung along the foot of an amphitheater in much the same way as at Charlotte Amelia and is of about the same size. Along a ridge on one side were eight wind-mills solemnly grinding corn which is the principal sustenance of the inhabitants. But the great thing is the perfect cone of the old volcano of Pico rising just across a narrow channel directly in front of the little harbor.

Pico does not have to yield at all to Kenosha. Now we are in the Gulf Stream and about three days from N.Y. The sea has been remarkably calm nearly all the way and the weather for two or three days has been exactly what we had in the West Indies - being damp and rather too warm for comfort. The ship is slow or

at any rate it goes slowly - about 350 miles a day and we do not expect to land until Monday, the 18th just two weeks from sailing at Naples. Betty and quite a number of passengers have been on board since Aug 31. from Marseilles.

After quite an extended detour my innards appear to be settled. I am going to endorse the label of the tinned milk which I got on board ship. You punch two small holes in the top of the tin - one to pour out of and the other to let air into. You drink it like ordinary milk and I liked it. It is a bit sweet at first taste and must have been boiled, but if you have occasion to use it it probably is entirely safe. We have seen a real whale spouting near enough to see most of him. The flying fish are very numerous and the sea is full of yellow sponge-like vegetation from Central America.

two weeks from Naples - and I
had a good rest. The weather was
as perfect as one could ask all
the way. I am met some very
nice N.Y. people who have asked
him to come and see them if
he comes to N.Y. and I hope he
will. I think the people were
more interesting than usual but
of course I did not become intimate
with a large number of them.

I am dressed up in his pelarine and
a very good orange turban made by
an artist acquaintance and went to
the costume ball. Quite a show.

My love to them and it won't be so long.
- J. V.

Monday - Sept. 18. 1922



Hotel Pennsylvania
New York

Our ship arrived at Sandy Hook
early this morning and we got
away from the S.S. pier at
about 11 AM. and came directly
to this hotel. After lunch we
took a subway car for the
Battery where all the steamship
offices are because I wanted to
collect for the unused passage which
had been cancelled in Marseilles.
You might ask Lucy if she remembers
a substitution known as Borough Hall.
It is somewhere over in Brooklyn

and I have acquired the habit of going there whenever I start to go straight from 33rd St. down to the Battery. So of course I went there this time and then took innumerable trains in attempting to get back. The trouble is that the train men give you such different opinions as to the way to get back. Well we descended and ascended stairs and escalators and crossed and backed on our tracks but finally arrived. Tomalitis was required and it will be long before I get my money back. Then we hurried to Moore Bros. and got some money and got on an express for

64th St. where we had about an hour and a half at the Metropolitan. You may know that Henry Weile is in Europe and has been there all summer. We spent the whole time in the Egyptian rooms. The quantity is large and we could only look it over hastily. At the moment of sailing I had a letter asking me to stop in Chicago and my time is very limited so I feel obliged to go tomorrow morning. I will see Lane off first at his station as he says he would rather put in his time in Boston than in N.Y. The trip was long - just

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Dearest G. -

Sept. 24, 1922

Aug. 31, 1922

I came straight through from N.Y. to F.F. taking the Oriental from Chicago and did not stop in W.F. But I shall be going down before long.

Tom was to stay another day in N.Y. to see his friend Dorothy sail on the Celtic but when he found the Celtic did not sail for three days he preferred to go to Boston the same day I left for the west. It was just as well as he telegraphed me that Collyn would open the 26th instead of the 28th or 29th as he had thought. He was able to go directly to his new dormitory in Holyoke House or he may have stayed in Boston one night. I sent him immediately a draft for his delinquent last year's bill plus the first term for this year and he should be able to get his reinstatement without losing much if any time.

Just as we were sailing from Naples.
 I had a letter asking me to stop in
 Chicago and as I had to stay a few
 hours there anyway I called on
 the party and found just what I
 expected. He wanted to buy out
 O.T.P. Co. as usual. I have not
 much appetite for selling even if
 it could be done at a considerable
 profit. If I can keep it going
 without too much strain on my
 caperocity I think it would be
 rather better to leave the boys a
 job to which they would be tied
 down than a lot of investment
 securities which would be equivalent
 to ready cash. It is sometimes
 easier to hold on to a job until
 you get reasons than to hold on to
 liquid assets while the process
 of seazuring is going on. So I
 don't think I want to sell unless
 I have to. I am glad I had

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no letters from F.F. It has been an almost absolutely dry summer and the river is lower than at any time since 1910. The new steam plant is carrying three quarters of the load and we shall have all we can do to get through the winter.

The price of coal is high as acct. of the strike but I do not think that it will go higher. The building program has been going on about as planned last spring which means some hundred miles of new transmission lines. We shall be short of power soon and must begin in the spring another power plant - either water or steam - I don't know which yet. While I remember it the F.F.'s Shaffer Oil dividend was a mistake and belonged to Grace S. Wright.

Mr. Hannah will return the amount.
 I met Miss Gffie Rummy on the street.
 They are closing the house in a few
 days. She goes to Victoria. Miss Katie
 goes to Oregon to keep house for K. V.,
 I think, and Miss Jessie sails soon
 for Europe and may be in Italy
 part of the winter. Tom will be
 disappointed and I don't know
 whether he will want to come to T.T.
 for Christmas. Murray is home
 and seems pretty well. He is talking
 of going to Rio Janeiro for a world's
 fair which is on now for several
 months. Geo. B. was here for
 about 10 days and Margaret is
 still here. I have not seen her.
 Mr. Barrows was here when I
 arrived but he goes today.
 The country has had fairly
 good crops hereabout but prices

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have gone off still lower. Still I suppose it is better to have a crop with a low price than no crop like last year.

I try to imagine where you are but have to conclude that you may be anywhere from San Juan to Florence and I suppose you will be in Florence by the time this letter reaches you. But I will address it to London and hope to hear from you soon saying you are settled. I had forgotten that Betty Ames was at the school which we want Lucy to go to and that Mary Ames is one of the American reformers but I think you talked with Mary about it. Betty thought that 18 yrs. was younger than any of the girls whom

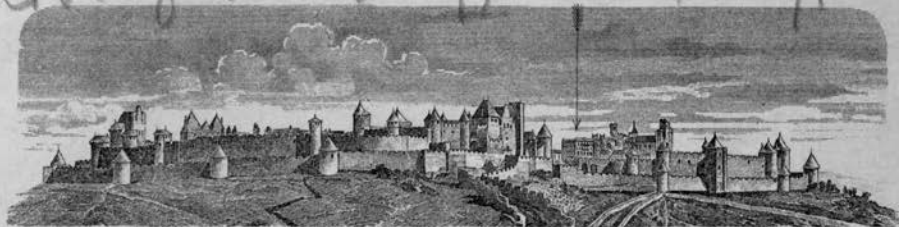
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She was there. I have not seen
Mrs Adams yet to ~~sleep~~ stories about
travelling in Europe but of course
I shall do it soon.

I have not more than begun to
straighten out accounts and business
matters of my own yet but
will try to attend to all your
commitments as soon as possible.

Just to keep up old traditions
I bought a jug of common
red pottery in Puyal to add
to your collection. The price was
9 cents. By crumpling it full
of coiled clothes I was able to
fit it into my suit-case though
I was fully determined to carry
it in my hand if necessary.
My best love to thee and the
children. v.

View from Lucy, Ann, & Co.



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DE LUXE

DIRECTEUR:
MICHEL JORDY

Cité de Carcassonne, le 25 Sept 1922

Dearest:

We are almost ready to
leave Carcassonne. We
left St. G. de L. Friday a.m. for
Toulouse. The day was hot &
bright & the day tedious though
interesting. The children were
good & our compartment not
too crowded. We never had
but one or two extra & only
for a short time. I enjoyed
the country. The distant Py-
renees are inviting & call

to the dwellers in the prairies.
Paris looks as if it might
be pleasant.

Toulouse was cooler. The
Hôtel de la Gare ~~des~~ Midi was
full up. So we went to the
Regina across the square,
clean & fairly quiet, serving
only petit déjeuner. After
a café dinner Fri. night, we
all went to bed. to be ready
for Sat. a.m. to Carcassonne.
We took the 9:17 a.m. train.
Toulouse wasn't expensive
for us. To-day, Monday, we
are off for times. Two days
at Carcassonne has given
us time to walk about the
inner Ceinture, the Lices &



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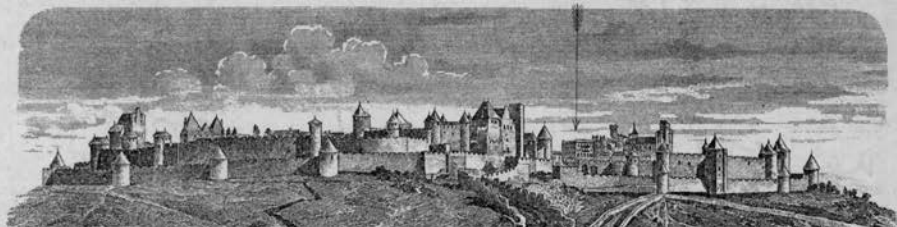
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outer ~~inner~~ Ceinture, the
latter two in one walk,
on the wall or on the
ground as seemed
most interesting for the moment.
We also did some walking
about ^{outside} the outer Ceinture.
We "did" the Church, on Sat.
p.m., & also went in times
on Sun. for a few minutes
each, to hear the organ &
see the service. The organ is
the oldest in France. The houses
in the Cité are not up to the
walls, but the crooked cobbled

narrow sheets are. The views
in all directions are lovely
& ~~much~~^{well} remembered.
This morning the Black
Mountain with its long
zig-zag ribbon of white road
is clear & a good offset
to the Pyrenees on the other
side. And the Basse Ville
lying in the sun-shine,
below us is not without its
charm.

I wanted to go into the
two churches in the Basse
Ville, but owing to Ann &
our distance from them it
was impossible. It's hard
to leave Ann with Lucy
alone, & it isn't as much



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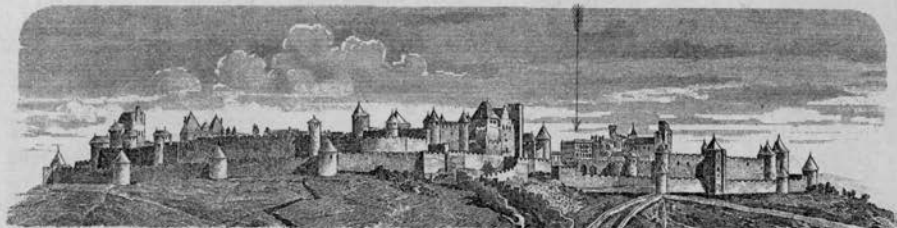
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fun joking off by
my wild love, we
could have gone down
this a m., but that means
losing luncheon here, & on
the whole it's better to keep
our quietly here until
train time than it is to
have ~~here~~ eat in a less
clean & restful place.

3 1/2 hrs. to home isn't much
but I shall breathe one, two
or three, large, house-clearing

sighs of relief when we are
safely at Florence with Ann.
The others I don't worry about
as they don't get as tired
& don't have to be kept
happy on trains.

I am still anxious about
you. It's a long time without
letters. I should have begged
you to send a cable to me
at St. Jean de Luz. That
would have eased my mind.
As it is I shall not hear
I suppose until I reach
Florence, Oct. 3 or 4. Such
is distance, accompanied by
moving. We are all
well & good & the children



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look very well.
Ann's wheeze is gone
tho' she still has a

suspicious whoop once in a
great while. It's a sort of
left over habit, nothing
more.

(My best always to thee)

Carcassonne is even better than
I had hoped & gives me
ample room for working an
imagination over its past
history. I like just now to

work my imagination over
you present me.

Give my love to those
I love in F. F. As soon as I
get to Florence I shall ~~begin~~
to write often.

Yours ever

Grassie

Uncle Joe's money was [£]270.
in Sept. I don't want to de-
duct any advances to Lois
from it now, as it's none too
much for her. I was to
deduct [£]50.- & Mr. Hannah
sent [£]50.00 too, to Lois, Dan'l
deduct it yet. [£]540.- for 1/2 yr.
is a bit meagre with me here - 9.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

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Sept. 27. 1922

X. 11. 1922

Dear G—

I am enclosing some Feb. rights which I think should be sold and it will be necessary for you to sign the assignment and have Cyrus witness the same.

The warrants become void on Nov. 1 so you should sign and return them immediately in the addressed envelope.

I am trying to do only the most urgent things first but will get to all your requests as soon as possible. You have itemized them pretty well in your letter which I have.

Either this week or next it will be necessary for me to go to Uplo. to find money for the O.T.P.Co. which is enjoying its usual condition of hard-upness. The weather is fine but there is no water in the river.

I don't call this a letter. I mean to keep up my usual sketches and recommend the practice to you. Much love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1922

Dearest G. —

This is such a beautiful autumn day that even an owner of water-powers can not entirely overlook its superficial quality. Is it better to be pleased with a blue sky that brings no rain to the water-wheel than to be pleased with a cloudy drizzle that turns the wheels and also wets your feet and makes your throat soar. I spelled it that way unconsciously which proves that I am related to Geo. Miles of disinfectant fame.

I am enclosing 1st bail vouchers and statements. Also a few announcements but no real letters. I have paid La Salle Ice Co. ^{5.00} - Wpls Plumbing ^{5.10} - Thomas & Miss Gifford's and ^{12.75} - Chippewa Springs ^{0.64} - Lamucci's Laundry ^{1.50}
I have not paid College Club of Boston or Town of Orleans taxes or College Women's Club. Wpls or E. W. Burt

and I enclose bills for these but if you want to send them back to me to pay I will attend to them and you can repay me.

I am planning to go to N.Y. Tuesday afternoon Oct 3. and shall probably be there for three or four days during which I shall try to do your things.

The Renny house is closed and I did not call on them which I regret.

Margaret Annus Wright has written to me asking for a contribution to a collection of personal recollections of Ches. Annus which they plan to give Mary on Christmas. I am dumb. Cannot think of an incident in forty years of acquaintance. Could not write it if I could remember anything.

The N.Y. Journal says that at a recent exhibition of N.Y. & St. Paul artists Mrs. Hawley had first prize (\$50) for a "Study for a Stone Fountain."

Do you want me to bring back "Charters

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and Mont St Michel which I read
on the steamer — except the last chapters
which are difficult.

Mother wants \$3500. to rebuild Ed's
house which ^{he} has had torn to pieces
without knowing where the money was
to come from to rebuild it. Apparently
the idea is to make two rentable flats
out of an old house. I think I must
turn down the request even if it results
in a considerable loss. as there are
no funds available for such a
purpose and I cannot loan so much
myself. I can see no way except
to sell the house in its present
condition for whatever it will bring.
Mother will not like it at all.
She is now in Oakland.

Murray and I go to dine with the
Adamses today and I hope they
will invite us to ride afterwards.

Mrs. Adams and I will have to swap stories of the things we saw and didn't see and Mr. Adams will have to make oblique comments on aesthetics etc. etc. etc.

He is much engaged in his campaign for State Senate. I think I told you that while he was just beaten in the primary election count, he won by two or three votes on a recount of the ballots. Mr. Putnam is therefore grieved and not supporting him as a loyal republican should do and there is considerable danger that the non-partisan opponent will win at the November elections.

I sent you some telegraph rights to endorse and return to Morse & Cabot and I hope you received them.

My best love to thee and the three — are and all of you
v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 8, 1922

Dear -

I have been in N.Y. for four days and found your Caracaras letter as finding back last night. I saw the amers in St. Paul and had dinner with them. They all seem well. Selie was just leaving for the East where Linda now is. I saw the Harbys and Miss ~~Lake~~ and they all looked pretty well. Nancy had hoped that I was bringing back the animals from St. J. with me and (was probably) disappointed but she behaved. The "Study for a Stone Fountain" is an exhibition at the Institute, in the middle of the room next to the East room where the St. P. and N.Y. paintings are on view. It looks very well and will be there until the end of October. After that it will be cut in lime-stone.

The Reds asked me to dinner and afterwards I saw Harriet Thayer. Mr. H.H. being in bed with a cold. She talked about the East and I think she had a very interesting time. She was in Smyrna not long ago.

and she was also in Chubbory before
you had left. She arrived there one night
late and left early the next morning
so it would have been difficult for you to
see her. Mrs. Fannie B. Ames is in St. P.
and will go back to Alice's as soon as she
gets back from a tour. They were at
dinner at our house with the Winters
a few days ago. I got the Leighton Co.
started on the attic door but they did
not do anything before I left although
they were to do so. You remember
the key sticks in the door of Cyrus'
room and cannot be drawn out. The
door of I's room is locked and the Reds
have no key to it. I think you
said that they were to have the use
of I's room so that Minnie would
~~not~~ give up the guest room when
they have guests. Now she sleeps there.
Do you remember about the key or have
you it with you? The house looks
well and I think they keep it in good
condition. I bought a steamer trunk
to pack my winter clothes in for

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shipment to F.F. I did not get to see Hazel but I saw Carlton a few minutes at his office. He says they have not yet settled down to feeling at home and still have the wander spirit.

Dr. Saut says you may follow the directions on the bottle for one month and then stop for a month at a time. He says we should not expect to see immediate change but there should be no further development. He also said that there would probably be a noticeable difference in different days.

If you get out of Tablets you may get more but the dose should be from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ grain — Now I am not sure enough so you had better disregard this part. Anyway he said he had already written to you.

I had my eyes examined and the tension is now considerably below normal instead of above.

I told him that I needed glasses to prevent eye-strain in galleries and museums where I should be using my eyes rather intensively. By test he found I could see remarkably well at distances of 3 or 4 feet without glasses but finally concluded that my eyes were accommodating to an unusual degree for my age. The effort probably produces strain and he has given me special bi-focals for distances of about 2 feet and six ^{to ten} feet. On the streets I don't need them. I may not see quite so clearly but should have less fatigue with them - price \$20.00

I think of you as now established in Florence although you were still two weeks away when you wrote from Pansarone. With love to all. J. writes that he is settled and wants money to board around instead of going to Memorial - V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 10. 1922

Dearest -

The cooking club is meeting tonight at Mrs. Adams' and that always means that I take my dinner chez Kaddatz. Mrs. A. asked me but I declined.

It is a busy time. After a long period of tranquility we have problems with the City of F.F. - 3 of them. Tomorrow night Mr. Kennedy and I meet with our old friend Louie, Straub and Les or I should have placed Straub first as he is chairman. I think I can manage it without violence either to myself or to them. At any rate I shall ^{try} not to argue when it appears that arguments are of no use.

I went to Swan L. this evening with Mr. Mc and drained all the traps and pipes.

The house looked very natural and the whole place quite beautiful. It is warm and still - the best of autumn weather if you don't happen to be in water power business. Mr. Tait gave us a couple of much welcome

from his garden, that is, the garden which the Adams family are allowed to use. Some one came in and took away 100 water melons just at the right time. I don't know whether the loss was in Zeit or the Adams family. I had a letter from the credit man of John W. Thomas & Co. in which he says you told him you had allowed or authorized Miss Gifford to charge her purchases to your account. I replied that I thought he must have misunderstood you. How was it? If you allowed her to charge other things which were for your use I suppose we cannot expect them to discriminate between purchases for you and purchases for herself. I think we are legally liable if she was allowed to charge for the family or if you made no objection to paying for things which she ordered for the family.

I had a long letter from Lois this evening mostly about herself. She seems pretty well.

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She is planning to take her "really old silver" to the Art Museum to see how old it is and then send it to me. I suppose I had better let her send it and I cannot store it in the First Natl Bank vaults if they have room. Afterwards she will send the less valuable "flatware" till it is all here and she will be relieved of the care of it.

Thomas writes that he prefers to eat around and I have sent him money to eat on. Also instructed him to go to Kinsley & Blake 6 Beacon St. for a Juxado suit. It remains to be seen whether and when he will go. Jennie Hardy expects to go to California about Nov. 1. and has asked for funds which fortunately she has to her credit. I hope to hear from you before many days. It will be a week tomorrow since you were due in Florence. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 12. 1922.

Dearest —

I enclose a letter with a career.
I can explain its being sent to
me from Nimes as I left my
Fergus Falls address there in
the post office.

But I don't understand the
Tunis, Tunisie, which I
understand to be Tunis in
Africa.

The meeting came off last night
and Mr. Loney was true to form
entirely uncompromising in his
demands for the last pound of flesh
or water or ^{dollar or} etc. or any old thing
he was pleased to desire.
I was able to remain seemingly U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 15. 1922

Dearest -

It is fourteen days since you were scheduled to arrive in Florence, and I am beginning to hope for a letter from winter quarters. Your two drafts from St. Joe arrived only yesterday - three weeks from the time they were drawn. And last night I dined with the Hannahs and a letter from Lucy to Louise posted at a table had just come so I know you must have got part way on your journey. Dr. Walsh and Mrs. McWhorter were there. I don't think anything startling was said or done. Mrs. Hannah wants information concerning the new Stanley Hall in N.Yts. with Miss Florence Harrison as principal. I asked Mrs. Red about it when I was in N.Yts. but she did not appear to know anything except that Miss Harrison is now the head of the school. The weather has been a little cooler

but is still warm² enough for Indian
summer. There have been only one
or two frosts. Today is the day set
by Mr. Adams for a grand meeting at
Inspiration Peak. He has got Mr.
Wagon to go out to address the pilgrims
on "Why men worship on Hill Tops"
or something like that. It promises
to be a good afternoon and there may
be a lot of people there.

The moving into the new office of the
O.T.P. Co. was practically completed
yesterday. The building is not quite
finished but is ~~quite~~ habitable. The
furniture is nearly all new and
looks ~~quite~~ like an up to date office.
I should not be easy in it and
prefer to remain in my shabby old
quarters. They are quite deserted now
and I am alone in three rooms
and ~~quite~~ ^{very} comfortable. Mahogany desk
tops would inhibit the play of my
faculties - also their work. I seem
to be using "quite" quite hard on this page

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Tom has not written since I sent him food money but he will have to write when he needs more so I am sure to hear from him. I have a letter for Mr. Berger which I am unable to forward. If you happen to remember any address which would reach him you might send it to me.

The times are very busy for me. I always think they will get less so but they don't.

With much love to the children and thyself and with hopes for letters. V.

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 17. 1922

Dearest —

You will be pleased to know that Mr. Hannah has paid the last of your Bryn Mawr subscriptions.

I have replied to Miss Burbank that she is contrary. When in the west she spoke Eastern and now in the East she talks Western.

Do you know the Cowi cult of auto-suggestions — "I am getting better and better every day" Minnesota is just now stirred up over its prowess as a dairy state, so I should like to suggest the formula for the Minnesota "Cowi" "I am getting better and better every day" — v.

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 20. 1922

Dearest —

Letters from Lucy and Ann written in
Nice arrived Today — 15 days in coming.
You were then having a cold and expecting
to leave in about two days and I shall
be anxious to know when you finally arrived
in Florence. Lucy's letter was full of pep but
not very much news. I learned from it
that you had been to the "Pont du Gard" which
makes a bond with an otherwise unfamiliar
family for I. and I had a very good afternoon
out there and I climbed to the top also.

More or less literature comes in addressed
to you but the more part is generally
an announcement of an opportunity to buy
riding breeches or other up-to-date clothes.

I gave Mrs. Hawley your Florence address.
Tonight I have another session with a
committee which has authority to regulate
our power rates in F.F. We came out
satisfactorily from the last meeting and hope
for the best from this one.

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 22, 1922

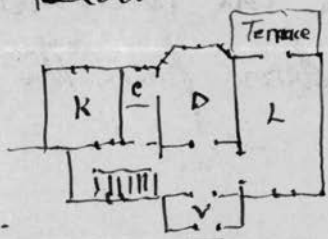
Dearest —

The time wears as pretty fast and I am very much occupied. The electric ship is navigating satisfactorily in spite of low water but even the present is taking care of itself we always have the future to provide for. And it is the future which we are now occupied with. The thing seems to have acquired momentum and momentum is an unpleasant fellow unless he is steered. We have to see that the road ahead is clear so that he won't bump into something. Just here I seem to have changed my figure of speech from a ship on a wide sea to an automobile on a narrow road but anyhow you will have to decipher the meaning. To provide a constant and reliable

source of new money to build the necessary power plants and transmission lines required by the growth of the business is the great problem. We seem to have reached our limit of local possibilities in financing and we have got to find a broader market for our securities. This seems to mean the refunding of our entire outstanding bonds - over a million - and we are now considering ways and means to bring it about.

There will be a lot of correspondence with the holders of our present bonds in an effort to have them exchange for new bonds and the details will I think fall on Sam to a considerable extent. It will give him a chance. Just now he is trying to get a house finished before winter. He is building on Teneau Ave. just opposite

his father's garden and Alex has made them a very good plan with the long side fronting the street and set back farther than the other houses on each side. It is something like the sketch.



and is shingled.

The roof is high covered with green

The lower story

is plastered and the second story is clapboard with wide boards stained dark and projecting slightly over the lower.

The political campaign is hot. One of the stories is that Elmer has obtained a majority interest in the Otter Tail Power Co. and is going to the Senate to advance the interests of the company. The number of reasons for not voting for him is growing and he is making a list which will be entertaining reading by and by. Dr. Reed writes to know if they cannot have the use

of Lou's room. I wrote you some time
ago to see if you knew where the key
is. The door is locked and they can't
get in. I hope your letter is on
the way by this time. If they can't
open the door I think they will have
to go in through the window by ladder
and unlatch the door from the inside.
With love to you all.

Your long letter from Rice came yesterday.

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 24, 1922

David -

I am going to Upl. again this afternoon to see if there is business to be done with Wells-Dickey & Co. and the Upl. Trust Co. in the way of refunding our bonds. Mr. Adams is pleased to call it "going to the Jews" I do not feel that we are obliged to throw ourselves into their hands. We can accept an offer if it looks favorable and we can turn it down if we want to. In the latter event we shall have to curtail our program for next year which can be done if necessary.

I went to the new Court House last night for the first time to hear Frank Eddy make a campaign

speech. He is still good speaker
and quite entertaining but I think that
no votes were gained or lost. Mrs.
Adams says she would rather have
Elmer lose on her own account and
take a tour to Palestine which she
would prefer to St. Paul. In some
moment of illusion E.E.A. has
remarked that he might be willing
to do something of that sort.
I am enclosing your Club bills.
v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 29, 1922

East -

It has been a busy week. Last Tuesday I went to Mpls. again. Before I went I ran across two keys and it suddenly occurred to me that they might be the missing keys of I's room. So I hustled up to 121 and found that my suspicions were warranted and the door opened. Mrs. Reed was a little disappointed to find the room somewhat encumbered with our belongings but I think she does not intend to use it all the time and can manage when necessary to use it. She has covered the wing-chair in the living room with a cloth or something which looks like it and the chair is much more respectable.

Then I called on Hazel. She was alone. Carlton was in Chicago and she didn't explain what he was doing there so I concluded it was none of my business. They are at 2412 Aldrich Ave. So. in the second

story with 2 2 and a very comfortable
apartment. Hazel said she was writing
art criticisms for the Journal. I did
not see Mrs. Hamby. Her letter which
I enclose arrived just after I got back
to T.T. I suppose it was returned to T.T.
because I gave that address for mail
directed to me. I think you should
notify them ^{Brown, Shipley} if you have not already
done so. I will also write to them
and ask them not to confuse Mr and
Mrs. My mission in Upl. was to get
money to refund all the outstanding bonds
of O.T.P. Co. I could get it but the price
was too high and I have declined the
proposal. We shall have to curtail
our program or find some other means
of grubbing along. Just before I went
to Upl. I had a telephone call from the
party in Chicago who would like to
absorb us. He appeared Friday after
my return and was large and affable -
complimentary and appreciative - in fact
quite German in his too apparent tactfulness.

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His name is Baehr and he doubtless considers himself entirely Americanized. He will in due time make us a proposition which we will in due time decline.

The summer weather has continued and the thermometer stood at 76° one day this week. The golf season is still open and the duck season has not begun. But today although it is warm enough the sky is overcast and the air is damp and the winter cold surely be here soon. I shall be somewhat anxious until I hear from you again as the last letter from Alice told of your upset and delay in starting for Italy. I want very much to know how you arrived and what you found at 1. Via Apollino.

With love to all my family
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 31. 1922

Dearest —

I cannot tell you how pleased I was and have been all day by the receipt of your letter telling of your arrival in Florence and the very nice rooms which were waiting for you. I wanted to take the first train and boat.

The political campaign overshadows every other issue and I feel like an ingrate because I do nothing for EEA. To be sure I should'nt know how anyway but that doesn't make any difference in the feeling. The trouble is that public service people cannot with propriety have anything to do with helping or hindering Candidates. I have put myself on record for that view and cannot change it and do not think it should be changed. Still the feeling is there. EEA will probably need all the votes he can get. Mrs. Adams says he does not expect to be elected. U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 3. 1922

Dearest —

I enclose some more of your
correspondence. Are ^{we} to be inflicted
with Howard whether we will or
no? I have paid your Institute
of Arts memberships but not the College
Women's Club which appears to be a new
thing. There was a very good picture
of Mrs. Hawkey in the last Sunday Journal
in connection with lectures she is to give
at the institute.

Your telephone rights came first in time
and were worth some eighty odd dollars
which have been turned over to R. H.

Business continues to be fairly thrilling
— if thrill can be only "fairly" —
and the weather continues warmer and
cloudy while the political ^{campaign} gets faster
and faster. Love to you all
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 5. 1922

Dearest -

The heart of V is gladdened. For two days it has rained - altogether about 2 in which is not much when we are 8 inches behind schedule - but a great deal when we had given up hope of any more this year.

It generally freezes up about Nov. 10. 00 we have only 5 days more to go and every little is appreciated. Two inches is also about 5 times as much as fell during the past four months.

I spent all day Saturday conversing with a pleasant young man from Boston who would like to purchase our bonds if we would pay sufficient commission therefor.

Much to my surprise Thomas not only is willing but apparently quite pleased to acquire a furs. He received an invitation to a real dance and that was the cause of the changed point of view. I have just received notice of the order given for the clothes - for the modest price of \$150. I have (over)

written him to go to boys' ~~man~~ for
shirts and fixings and to let them tell
him what he should have in his
present condition as Sophomore.

The campaign goes vigorously but not
always quite merrily as. For instance
Mr. Mac. said this morning that he had
always voted for Dr. Cole but would not
do so this time because the Dr. had been
innocently bumping into people with the
inquiry "what is there in this story that
Adams has been operating two automobiles
are are licenses?" No accusation of course
but only a pleasant suggestion appropriate
to the last days of the campaign when
it is getting too late to make answers
to all the floating rumors. I shall be
glad to hear about schools in Firenze
and about the quality of guitars on sale
there and any other matters which may
be of interest to distant U.

If enclosed bill in correct please approve and
I will pay it.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 7. 1922

Dearest —

Election day and it is misty and rather crasy without being cold. I am told that the vote will be rather large in tot. in spite of weather.

I am sending you an Institute Bulletin with Mrs. Harkley's fountain. I do not think the photo shows it to advantage.

My contribution to the Volunteers was made some time ago so I am sending you your opportunity. I am working on a modification of the O. & P. mortgage and it keeps me pretty busy. I expect to go to St Paul Thursday (Nov. 9) to see the Rev. Suit Co. but probably only for a day. Every body went to the rally at the new Court House last night to hear Mr. Adams. He is no orator and wanders dreadfully but he made a pretty good impression I judged.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear —

Nov. 9, 1922

I have been hustling all day and now am about to make the train for Wfs. or St Paul.

The country has turned everything over politically. The democrats have made large gains. Senator Kellogg is defeated in this State and Senator Cabot had a very close call in Mass. and the vote will be recounted. Kellogg is beaten by a boss-partisan. Adams was snared under by his non-partisan opponent. Harwich Knepper is probably elected but I don't know yet. The U.S. Senate will remain Republican but the house is in doubt and may go democratic.

I don't believe there is any special reason but every one is wanted to vote against the government anyway
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday, Nov. 12. 1922

My dearest -

Before trying to write you I have again read over your last letter written Oct. 20 - that will be ancient before this gets to you - and I feel ashamed of the scrappy photos I send you in comparison with your nice ones. This are told of the beginning of school for Lucy and Ann and of studies by Cy. Tom has just written that he has his Exp. It ought to be a fixed one at \$150. He was not extravagant in the matter of shirts - I mean shirt for he only got one. I have advised him to get another for reserve. He does 'nt pay so I think he will do so.

I am just back from upls. where I saw no one - except Harry Thayer for a moment. Your cable message was here awaiting me. "Don't rent boys rooms" That seems to mean the boys rooms at 121. Clifton. It was my understanding that the Reds were to have the use of J's room but not Cy's and that was also what they understood when they asked if I could find the key to J's room. I have

already written that I finally found the
keep which you had given me and gave
them to the Reeds. I can't be quite sure
what you mean unless it is that you don't
want them to see I'm new. If this is
your meaning I don't think we ought to
go to them and say they needn't use
it any more after saying that they could
have it. Perhaps I am on the wrong
track entirely. While an disagreeable
subject Mr. Pauley has sent his bill
with request to send remittance. I have
written him that you were away and I
proposed that he wait until you get back as
you were not satisfied with the transaction.
The fact that he did not use good judgment
in sending all those things in separate Ex-
shipments is probably not sufficient reason
for refusing to pay his bill although it is
sufficient cause for criticism. He can
undoubtedly collect it if he wants to. The
other matter of buying the chair for his
own use at an appraisal much below its
value is more serious and he ought to
pay up what it was worth if there is

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any way of establishing the value of the Chair. It is not a matter to be easily settled by correspondence and should be reserved for an interview by you or by me — preferably by me for I should hate to have you fuss over it with him. I will let you know what he replies for he probably will reply. I may offer to pay him \$50.00 as acct and wait for the balance.

The last Tech. Review has the article & announcement which I enclose. The same number announces the election of Gerard Swope as president of the Genl. Elec. Co. He was also a Tech man. While the office is not the highest in the company, for there is a Chairman of the Board who outranks the Pres, it is an important advance and is hailed by the Tech Review as another success for the institution.

Mrs. Hermann says the Women's Club are counting on a letter from you at some future

meeting. Do you mind if I read him
such parts of your letters as are proper
for him to hear. Mrs. Adams also wants to
hear them. Now that Elmer is beaten for
the State Senate - ~~snored~~ under - she
will be likely to try to hold him to
his promise given in a rash moment
that he would go to Palestine with her if
not elected. I don't know why he picks
on Palestine. Perhaps bible history is the
only kind he ever read. He goes to church
quite often I believe to hear Mr. Morgan
whom he seems to enjoy.

I am working hard on the refinancing of
O.T. P. Co. and don't know whether I can
accomplish anything. I have made no
definite headway yet. Also the bland
Germanic person from Chicago wants to see
me again now about swallowing the O.T.P.
The project strikes me with little favor
and does not improve with further con-
sideration. Jobs for the boys instead of
coupon bonds appeal to me more forcibly.
My very best love is.

I wonder if you get all my letters. I have written almost
every other day since the latter part of September. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 14. 1922

Dearest -

Your postal cards of the Certosa and the
Pazzi chapel awake me hungry for some
of Florence along with you and the children.
There is nothing like them in F.F. and I
need them. I don't suppose I shall know
when I can go until the time actually
comes. But in the winter there should
be no difficulty in finding rooms on any
ship that is sailing and I don't think it
will be necessary to engage passage long
ahead of sailing.

Mrs. Adams says that Mr. A. is now
begging off and thinks California a
better place than Palestine. She thinks it
much the same as last time and prefers
something new.

I am still working on a trust deed for
the O. & P. Co. I want to get it right and
it takes a lot of time and mentality -
some of which I have in stock. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 16. 1922

Dearest G -

Cousin Myra telephoned me this morning that J. and I are invited to Christmas dinner at her home. She also will be glad to have J. stay there as much of his vacation as he likes. I was just sending him a ck. for his second term bill so I included the bid. It may be rather dull for him without his girl friends but it will be a change at any rate.

Today the sky has been clear all day for the first time in several weeks and the temp is above 40°. Quite a record for November and I suspect it of being a weather breaker. Murray has been laid up for two days but is out today. I think his teeth bother him and he doesn't like to have them attended or perhaps pulled. Otherwise everything is tranquil and I wonder whether Italy under Fasciste government is equally so. Reports at one time were threatening for Florence but I discounted them

VERNON A. WRIGHT

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Nov. 17, 1922

Dearest G -

I was just writing to Mr. Pauly when your cablegram came. I immediately wrote to Dr. Rud apologizing as best I could for making the mistake. I hope they will not leave the house.

My letter to Mr. Pauly will show you how his matter now stands. I hope I have got the facts right. If he insists on being paid the full amount there is no question but what it will have to be paid as I can't allow my bank acct. to be attached again as in the famous McWalter episode. My letter will undoubtedly make him angry

but if I hear the facts correctly
he ought to be made angry.

Still I don't see that there
is anything to be done about
it and there is no use of
worrying over spilt milk.

In any case please do not
take a hand in it yourself
by writing him directly.
With love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 19, 1922

Dearest —

The effect of rain in your truly is probably a good example of a perverse self-centredness. I ought to be low in my mind like others who live under cloudy skies and in seas of wind but instead I am the cheerful guy. All because some 3 inches of rain have made it possible to reduce the proportion of steam to water-power from 80% to 50%. As the change has come after we had given up hope of more water until next spring and after the time when the ground by all precedents should be frozen tight, the effect aforesaid is lightened by unexpected contrast. So if the sun should come out again I hope I can remember that we have had 3 inches more than we expected, and not become too low-spirited under his well intended effort at cheerfulness. You ask about the new building. As I am not well pleased with it as architecture,

It shows just how it was produced.
Much study and effort and little talent.
It didn't come easy and show it. It
is neither one thing nor another but
probably escapes better commendation,
^{without being spontaneous,}
and that is as much as can be said for
it. Inside it is well built and
suitable for its purpose. But its bareness
and hardness makes it echo rather badly.
Before the furniture was put in it was
a talking gallery and even now conver-
sation is rather difficult in many places.
Mr. Kennedy says he will have a house-
warming when it is all done. There
are still hand rails on the stairs and
landings to be put in ^{-and elec. fixtures}. I am to move
into Mr. Parson's former office and
have a fire-proof door cut through into
the new building so that I shall be
accessible without being in it. I prefer
the "inclusion which my cabin grants".
I took your long letter to the Harbors
and read most of it to them and I am
invited there to tea this evening.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Yes I think Mrs. Adams enjoyed her European trip. She is in Milwaukee at this moment. The women's club has just had a meeting devoted to Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Barnes. It was a little belated but intended to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the club. Mrs. Hannala asked me to remember something about Mrs. Barnes but I could not say more than I could about Chas. Ames.

The weeks in Florence with the and the children became more and more enticing with every one of your letters. The time goes so rapidly that it will not be long now and I shall be mighty glad to be on board bound for the old country. This may be a land of contrasts but I like well in a while the contrast of Italy which still has some points to give us U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 21. 1922

Dearest —

Yesterday I received two postal cards which again gave me an acute attack of "go quick" I want to be gone already yesterday.

Otherwise nothing has happened.

I go to work and go home and go to bed with much regularity and there are no picture parlors or vistas or panoramas except the same old ones which get too familiar to notice.

I had a pleasant evening with Hannahs Sunday and am invited to Thanksgiving along with the Doughtys and Dr. Welch.

My love to you all
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 24. 1922

Dearest -

The genial German-American has made his bid and the wheels are still whirling their wanted wheels. It was interesting to observe the thorough German attention he gave to the psychological factors. He analyzed my feelings to his own profound satisfaction and provided for every contingency. But I am not convinced, that is, not convinced that the O. V. P. Co. should become a cog in the wheel of an enormously organized Minnesota Co. which in turn would be controlled by an immensely over organized Delaware Corporation whose control should be vested in an enormous Germ.-Am. I don't think the public would like it that way and I don't think I should either.

Tonight Mr. Kennedy and I attend a public hearing in F.F. at which power consumers are invited to express themselves as the subject of rates. Only a few are affected and one of the few is Mr. S. M. Brown

As I expect to meet him at Cousin
Myra's Christmas party I shall have
to be polite. I have another letter
from Mr. Pauly in which he is not
so violent as I had thought he might
be but he declines to reduce his
bill and wants it ^{paid} immediately.

The Nept. community chest is empty
and is being filled this week. The
first reports do not seem as bad as
last year and I think they will get
the limit they have set.

I have subscribed also to the Greek
Relief though I don't know anything
about the organization in charge of it.

You probably don't hear much about
Relief funds in Italy as I don't
suppose they are being asked to
contribute. with love v.

I have not heard a word from Dr.
Rud and I am wondering if he is
deceased.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1922

Dearest —

The hearing on rate matters was not so bad. Nobody likes to have rates raised but nobody was violent about it. It was rather ~~gross~~ ^{gross} to hear D. W. Brown state his case. He said that since the "flu" had swept over the country, this part of it had had a death-rate only one half of normal, and consequently the competition for what little business remains has become desperate.

I should have advised him to organize the doctors and druggists to see if they could not do something about such an abnormal death rate. We are to meet again this week.

Yesterday we drove down to Dayton Hollow for the annual meeting. Five of us met. The roads on the East side of the river are frozen rough so that we had to go across the river and all the way around. Today it is milder. The temp. is nearly

up to freezing and during the night it rained a little. The river is still open. Think of it. The last of November or nearly and no ice.

Mr. Adams has followed Mrs. to Milwaukee for Thanksgiving week. Minneapolis is having a so-called "Upl. week." It seems to consist of meetings of several scores of commercial organizations who resolve that Upl. is "it." The idea was started by the Journal which is taking great credit to itself therefor. As announced the purpose was to get acquainted with Upl. and receive suggestions of improvement. But so far as I can see it is in the hands of commercial artists who never had an idea in their lives except to boom real estate. It is the dearest case of unimaginativeness imaginable. Sometimes I lose interest in my native town. You may have observed it. At any rate I would rather be in Firenze at the present moment. If Cy needs or wants money the best way is to draw on your letter of credit and let me know how much is to be charged to him. With love U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 28. 1922

Dearst —

I received Lucy's letter telling of Ann's cold. It was good to hear from L. Her letters have not been very frequent. Tonight we have another meeting with the commission which regulates rates. I hope it will be the last. Mr. Mac has gone to Forest to be with Lynn for Thanksgiving. Otherwise I know of no news.

The weather is still mild — above freezing today. Tomorrow there will be a meeting of the Swan Lake Club. I suppose for the purpose of raising or ~~levying~~ levying the annual assessment. I have not replied to the Colonial Dames in your behalf. Much love.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 30. 1922

Dearest -

It is after 4 P.M. and I have just come from the Thanksgiving dinner at the Hannahs where were Dr. and Mrs. Dought with Berpie and Helen and also Dr. Welch. We talked of the various children in Northfield and Providence and Cambridge and Florence and had a very good time - All were pleased. Then Dr. D. had to go out in the country and I came away to write to you. Later Dr. Welch and I were to return for tea or something which Mrs. H. and the Dr. were to get up together. It rained in the night and this forenoon and when we went to dinner the temp. was well above freezing and there was a fog. Suddenly the wind shifted to NW. and the drizzle changed to snow. Now there is a genuine blizzard raging and the winter is at last here. Mrs. Hannah tells me that Louise was with Miss Welch for birth-day and Lou was invited in. I took them both to the Symphony later. I don't know where

he is today but his ² food money must be
getting low and I shall doubtless hear
from him soon. I got your cable
yesterday (3rd message). I had already
written you that I had notified them
that I had been mistaken and you did
not want them to use I's rooms. I
do not doubt they will do as you wish
but I don't feel like going up to ask them
if they are staying orders. Probably the
Dr. will mention the matter when he
sends the next check. He usually
writes a line or two with the remittance.
I have again written to Mr. Parley that I
wanted to hear from you before taking
any action and also asking him to make
a definite statement of what he was going
to do about the Dutch chair. We shall
have to pay him any way but I want to
see if he cannot be got to produce the
chair. The wind is howling outside my
office window and I can hardly see
across the river. As I came out of

The Hummel house there was robin seeking shelter on the protected side of the house. He looked pretty much out of place. Mr. Hummel says he has been there for some time and he is going to try to keep him fed to see how long he will stay. I will send Jan his travelling money right away so that he can engage his berth early and avoid the rush. Louise was to come with Mrs. McWhorter who is in N.Y. but she will not be ready to come until after Christmas and L. may stay with her.

The Swan Lake meeting yesterday was to consider the lgt. matters which are all in a tangle. We meet again soon.

I wonder if you hear as much about Mussolini in Italy as we do in America. Clemenceau is here to explain France to us. He does it by criticizing us and is stirring up considerable feeling. It does not seem as though he were gaining much sympathy for his country at the present time. He has not yet finished however. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear Sir -

Dec. 3. 1922

As I take out my paper and pen I realize this letter goes in the last envelope of the kind done from the steel die. They have lasted well and for several years have been used only for letters to this.

The work goes on slowly. This week I have busied myself with calculations to be submitted in a rate controversy in F.F. It is not great importance but we want to have it done right as a basis of possible future cases of the same kind. The financing business also goes slowly. I have been signing some hundreds of letters to be sent to bond holders in an attempt to have them agree to certain modification of a Trust Deed which will be all for their benefit. But of course they have to be shown and it is quite an undertaking.

Mr. Adams is still in Milwaukee. I suppose he will return soon and then Mr. and Mrs. Jewell will go to Texas. When there are

so many other plans to go to why should anyone want to go to Texas - at least more than once. Yesterday a circular came from the boarding house in Bermuda, the name of which I forgot, where you stayed after I left. They announce strawberries and cream as a specialty. I suppose that means that the little Jerry calf that Ann used to play with is now giving plenty of pure cream. At any rate I should rather be there than in Texas. But Florence strikes me more and more as a desirable place to winter. I think it must have some advantages over either Texas or Bermuda.

The winter came on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, the last of November, and now the river is frozen.

May it be not too long until we meet again v.

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CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 9, 1922

Dearest -

I came in last Tuesday. This is Sat. and I am practically cured. Just a regular digestive upset and I think Dr. F. thought it would be well to give me a change for a few days from what he calls "Mary's strong food". It has been a restful and not unpleasant sojourn. Your letter containing one not to be sent to Mrs. Reed came the first afternoon and I have read it with present and anticipatorial pleasure every day. Of course I mean the parts which tell of your walks and stumps in Florence. It must have been about the same time that you were looking over Florence from San Miniato, but perhaps a week later. That I took a Sunday afternoon walk to the top of Mt. Pisgah. It was clear and cool and getting dusk and the view was good in its way but I remember thinking how much more interesting the sky-line of Florence would be. Now it is real winter. The ground is covered with snow and yesterday the sun-drops shone all day long and the temp. did not get above zero. Today it is bright and still and a little warmer - a beautiful winter day. I didn't suppose I was acting on my own judgment at all in the 3d story matter. I thought I was simply carrying out the instructions you gave me with the key to J's room. Anyway I am glad you wrote Mrs. Reed although my letter of explanation and prohibitions must have reached them several weeks earlier. I should've had the courage to face the fierce lady or the gentle Doctor to see if they were obeying orders. I sent J. his R.R. money some time ago but have not heard when he can leave Cambridge or when he has to be back. You express a hope that I may be on my way by Jan 1st. But I have a vivid hope of getting away very soon after the first - possibly going East with J. I don't think it will be necessary to engage passage much in advance.

in January. Mpls. is having a great "week" getting acquainted with itself and putting over a few items like an auditorium. To me it seems like substituting mob-psychology for common sense and common judgment. It seems impossible to get anything done now unless the Liberty Loan Drive method is employed. But I am not progressive or forward looking. For instance, I know you would enjoy hearing an Elks concert in the Art Institute. Just the place for it, to be sure. The love of art must have ^{been} greatly stimulated by the antlered gentlemen. You will also rejoice to learn that one of the prize essays was contributed by one C.H. Kohler of 2000. Humboldt Ave. The subject was of course how to make it a bigger and better etc. though probably otherwise expressed. I was much interested in what you said about the Fascisti revolution. I hope he is the man to make good. They seemed to have arrived in a political impasse and needed a Deus ex machina to pull them out and give them another start.

Jennie Hardy is probably in San Francisco by this time. She went via Panama. Mother is in Oakland & the whole family are in the same neighborhood. Jennie has plans for taking her mother to Los Angeles which mother doesn't seem to fancy. She says Los A. is too busy a place and she can hardly go out in the streets on account of the traffic. The O.T. P. Co. is getting on. The rains which came in Nov. long after we had a right to expect them have helped considerably. We shall take on a string of 8 or 9 towns on the West coast after the first of the year and 3 or 4 on the N.E. about the same time. Geoffry has gone to Mpls. for a semi-annual examination of his stomach. Sam is mostly occupied in getting his house finished. It is a very pleasant little house to look at and I think well planned and convenient for living. I remember a picture of the front of the Savanoti house and shall want to see the inside of it with you. Very love to all of you. V.

The Gen. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 13, 1922

Dearest G.

I thought I was following your directions. After receipt of first message by cable it did not seem to me that you should or would want me to go back in any word to the Reds. I so wrote you. Then a receipt of your second message I saw clearly enough that you wished to insist and I immediately wrote the Doctor that I had been mistaken and asked him not to use the rooms - either of them. I also immediately wrote you what I had done. Then I naturally thought the incident was closed as I took it for granted that the Reds would comply. But it takes so long to get return letters or else you never received mine.

Dr. Freckman has done for me what I never could have done for myself i.e. called up Dr. Red to ask if they were complying. Dr. Red was nice about it and said that the doors had been unlocked only for putting in storm-windows and the rooms had not been used and would not be used. Today I cabled you substantially that message. It seems ages since I first notified them not to use the rooms. I cannot tell where

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I think I have already written that I intended to have you supply the simplest and cheapest method of credit. That is the simplest and cheapest method.

it was. It is evident enough that we do not use the same yard stick in measuring the relative importance of things and consequently I have failed entirely to grasp your point of view in this matter as in so many others. I am not unconcerned about your wishes and do not mean to be inconsiderate. But it so often happens that the thing you expect me to do seems to me wrong. I am truly sorry. And I hope you will want to have me come to Florence and be with you for a while. Dr. Frohman thinks I shall pick up enough to go by the first of the year. Being cautious he advises me to do no more business this year. That probably means the loss of most of the work I have done or tried to do in connection with financing but I don't mind now. That can wait or never come about.

I have not been very sick and have not lost strength as much as sometimes. This is J's birth day. He will be here the 23^d and stay just a week. It was a very nice letter from Ag. Dr. F. thinks that Anna should come out all right and takes it for granted that you can get competent medical advice concerning her. Of course it makes me worry and believe me my very dearest, dearest one my thoughts are with thee.

Mr. Pauly wrote that if payment were not received by Dec. 15 U. he would put the matter into hands of his attorney - Well works the difference.

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 15, 1922

My very dearest -

It will be impossible to write all I feel and if I could the result would be such a jumble that no one could understand. After floundering about for three days it is perfectly evident that the important thing in our relations is that I should love you and you should love me. I have been all up and down the scale and nothing else. ^{Others} Differences are bound to occur as long as we remain human and not saints and anyway if we are to be individuals it is undesirable that we should try to be or want to be alike. But the problem is to adjust and regulate the differences and there is no formula except the above one. Explanations or even apologies do not reach the point. Your views will always be at times inexplicable to me and my conduct will probably fail to merit your approval. I have had no peace of mind since receiving your two letters outside of the plain leading that our love for each other must be superior to and not dependant upon our likenesses or differences. Of ~~my~~ our love for you I have no doubt whatever, and when I ask myself concerning your love for me in spite of all my failings - Ah there at last I find the solid ground which has been escaping me for three days. I repeat "you love me - you love me" and find peace. It doesn't stay with me continually for though I am sure of the bottom of your heart there are so many strata above the bottom and I am not sure when the bottom is on top. I hope you will not think this is mendacious

sentimentality. Probably allowance should be made for
a head that is out of repair. But I am sure the
basis of my feeling is right. I have been in the hospital
ten days. My physical condition is much better than
usual under these attacks. I eat better and have not
lost my strength as I formerly do though of course I feel
tired. My nerve system is more or less down and out
and does not pick up as fast as my digestion but it
will follow in due time. By the time this reaches
you I hope to be sailing or ready to sail.
You are all and all with the children Love V.

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CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 22, 1922

My dearest -

It is a long time since I wrote you but things have gone very well with me at the hospital. I never was sick so long before without losing strength. In fact I can hardly say I have been sick physically since the first three or four days. But I must have been more tired than I thought for it has taken my head and nerves quite a bit time to catch up. For several days I have been walking out in the afternoon without difficulty. Yesterday I had Sam and Mr. Kennedy for half an hour and got through it without too much strain. I cabled you that I would sail about Jan. 1. Dr. Frohm is cautious and thinks I may have to postpone it a few days but he says I would be physically able. Of course I have been disturbed over my failure to see and act as you would have me. I call myself all sorts of names - a favorite one being "super righteous cad". I could not read your letters a second time for a week after the first reading and then I noted that you ask me to get the keys. Dr. Reed's letter is enclosed which corresponds to his statement over the telephone except that he said they had only been asked to put on storm windows. To ask him now to give me the keys would be equivalent to saying I don't trust his word and I can't believe that you

would want me to go so far if you knew the circumstances.
I hope I am not going wrong again.

I do so want to be in Florence with you and you
may be sure that I shall come just as soon as
possible unless you suddenly decide to return which
I hope you won't do.

Tom comes tomorrow and Louise is due today.
The Dr. thinks I had better stay here at the hospital
on acct of the better food and hours. If I stay until
the middle of Jan. I should hope to be able to arrange
so that I would not have to come back again until we
all come. That would be my wildest hope but before
you get this, plans will doubtless be cable to you.
My very best to thee and the children.

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 23, 1922

Dearest -

Thos. arrives this afternoon and I shall meet him at the station though still staying at the hospital. If you will advance by money I will repay it as soon as I get to Florence. That seems to be the simplest way.

Mr. Parby has put his claim into the hands of an attorney who has written me a courteous letter. I have replied that I was waiting to hear from you and hoped he would not press the matter at present.

Mr. Hannah has reduced your note at the bank to about \$150. The O.T.P. Co. is contributing to its final extinction - Oh happy day - at the rate of sixty odd dollars per month. So you will soon be out of debt.

As soon as J. arrives we will send you a cable conveying, as does this our love

B.

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 25, 1922

My dearest —

Your message of greeting with the family cryptogram signature came this morning about 10. and brought joy to your old party. Tom is at Cousin Myra's for Christmas dinner and has not seen it yet but he is coming in to see me later this afternoon. I hope you received our message sent the day Tom arrived.

Since I had your last letter I have been casting about for someone to go over with me who could be a helper for you. If Emma Kranski were here I should have tried for her. Finally Mr. Hannah suggested to Mrs. H. that Miss Spence had just resigned her position at the State Hospital and might be open for the job. Mrs. H. got her address in Wheeling, W. Va. and sent a long message to which Miss S. replied today that she will gladly come for not less than \$50 per mo. and all expenses. Mrs. H. thinks she is the right person for a responsible job and I shall cable you today to see if you want her. I do not know how much use I shall be but I don't want to increase your burdens so I hope you will think well of the plan. Of course I have in mind that you may possibly have found just the right person in Florence. J. and I had a long walk yesterday afternoon. He looks very well and it is a pleasure to have him here. Love to you all.

V.

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 27, 1922

Dearest —

There have been a number of Christmas cards and such like, some of which I shall bring along and others not. Those deserving transportation are — Oh well perhaps it will be as well to bring them all.

O + H. miles — Mr. + Mrs. Geo. Welch — Robt Lundy, Mont Royal, Bermuda — Susan Kiesen — Dr + Mrs. Reed — Robt. Hardy — Mr. + Mrs. Elbert L. Carpenter — Nancy Hawley — R. A. E. + J. Howard — Mrs. Ringer — Mr + Mrs. C. S. Kennedy — K + H. Wehle — and a photo. of Hardyholm in Berkshire in a calendar.

There is also a personal letter of invitation from Mary Ames to Elizabeth's wedding to Morris Jackson on Dec. 30. We must bring her something from Florence.

Yesterday I went to the office in the afternoon and with J's help did a bit of clearing up of the accumulated mail. Most of it went into the waste basket. Later we took a long walk stopping a few minutes to see B. Underwood and her mother at the Grays. Today J. has a party at Saxon Lake with B. Underwood, Louise, three Daughters and I think one or two others — possibly also some Gray boys. They go out by evening train — have lunch — and walk in in the afternoon. The day is overcast but not cold and the road will be all right for walking.

Your cablegram has just come and I have wired Miss Spence (of the State Hospital but now in W. Va.) to begin fitting passport. I am glad it is so.

V.

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dec. 29, 1922

My dearest -

It seems to be impossible to get away as soon as I had hoped. Even if Miss Spence were not going I could not get my affairs ready to go by Jan. 1 as I planned and cabled to you. The ship I should like to take is the Majestic (56,000 tons) sailing Jan. 6 but it is not likely that Miss Spence can get her passport in time and it is unlikely that I shall be ready. I want to get my personal business in such shape that it will be possible to stay abroad until we all come home together and it seems worth while to delay starting on that account. The next ship that I should want to take is the Paris (Havre) sailing Jan. 17. and then Olympic Jan. 20. I really do not want to spend 10 days on the Atlantic in Jan. as I should have to if I took the Saxonian Jan. 12. By delaying until Jan. 17 or 20 I can undoubtedly get my own affairs so that they can be left.

The O.T.P. Co. is a more doubtful quantity. It will be necessary to leave in Sam's hands the business I have been trying to put through and I don't know what he will do with it. At any rate there would be a fair chance that I should not have to return in the spring. I shall wait a day or two more until I hear from Miss Spence and then I shall cable you as definitely as possible our plans.

If Signora Gaggini loses anything as a result of our erratic plans I think we should make it good to her.

You will doubtless be pleased to find the note for \$1000. which you gave the bank and which is now paid in full. Your dividend as G.T.P. Co common last month was \$75. and some cents. It grows a little month by month. You asked me not to pay Mr. Parry until I heard from you. In your last letter you said my letter to him was all right but did not say whether he is to be paid or not. I think that delay will only add to the expense if he decides to push the matter. I think I already have told you that he has placed the matter in his lawyer's hands.

My one desire now is to be with you in Florence as soon as possible. I am getting along well but rather slowly. My legs are fine and my head hurts a little. Tom leaves tomorrow night and will have Sunday in N.Y. Very much love U.

{1923?}

501 GRAND AVENUE.
ST. PAUL.

Monday evening.

There is just time for a line
before hustling to the train
with Charles and Maynard.
They go to Kentucky where
M- is to spend several
weeks. It has been hot
to the boiling point all day
and I have been talking
to Plumbers and Elevators
and such people. It is
not easy to select what

me wants without an
amount of talking and walking
that seem truly unnecessary.

It is almost like going
home & go back to thy
letters and I look forward
to them with much joying.

Dear, these are days of
trial in a mild way but
they are leading to days
of joy. Hastily
Thy Wm.

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Jan'y. 1, 1923

Dearest G -

Happy New year to thee and many of them. I have just received and looked over a "Little Book of Sun-Dial Motions" from Lois. There are a lot of them but hardly one that I should want to use. Still the little book makes me think we should have a sun-dial and a model on it of our own. At the present moment it seems that the South wall of the house would be a very proper place for a sun-dial - rather than a pedestal. If you find or make a model don't let it get away. Yesterday afternoon I walked up to Coesius Myron's to thank him for taking care of Thos. He was there nights from Wed. to Sat - leaving Sat by 2 AM train for Upps. He had all his luncheons at the Hannahs' and as he was out most evenings they said they saw little of him. Friday eve. was Chippewa dance and J. went. I think he had a good enough time to pay for coming out. He looks pretty well. Today he is on his way after Sunday in Upps. I am waiting to hear from Miss Spence as to how long it will take her to get a passport before I can make any arrangements about sailing though the Am. Exp. has written that they can do well for me in Jan. I take it that this means there will be no trouble in getting cabins. My illness has been somewhat different. My physical condition is good and my legs are fine but my head still continues poor. Probably it will be all right by the middle of the month when I expect to leave. If I should be obliged to postpone sailing a little longer I should like to send Miss Spence and money for you - otherwise I shall bring both with me. Just now life is a good deal like watching a sun-dial but it will be different soon. My love, v.

I am the only living person who has reduced "double jump" to three piles, playing with two packs!!!

The Geo. B. Wright Memorial Hospital

CHARLOTTE KERANS, SUPT.

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Jan. 6, 1923

My dearest -

Miss Spence has not yet got her passport but I am going to apply this afternoon for passage on the "Corte Rosso", 18,500 tons, sailing Jan. 20. and stopping at Genoa on its way to Naples. I had expected to go by one of the large steamers to Cherbourg or Harze which would probably gain four or five days but it is probably wiser to take the Southern route and avoid the "excitements" of changing cars and passing frontiers. If I cannot get on the Corte Rosso the Olympic sails the same day for Cherbourg. I am making plans to stay away all summer without returning in the spring. The income tax is a chief obstacle. It will have to be made out abroad from data which I take with me.

Two more postal cards have just come and they fill me with longings which can hardly wait to see Italy and particularly Florence with you. Somehow they seem to go deep. I hope the Spence venture will make it possible for us to do some of the things and see some of the things we want to do and see. In spite of a poor head my physical condition seems very good except for temporary lapses which are reflexes of nerves. It is snowing and blowing but not too cold and I shall take my usual afternoon promenade by the "Lungottail".
My love to thee and the children. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest G.

Oct. 18. 1923

Here I am again. The
salient feature of the 77.
landscape and general
condition is that nothing
has changed. I forgot
the paved streets.

I send you draft for \$300
and have sent to the Banca
Commerciale Italiana 10,845
lire to be deposited to your
account.

I think everyone is well.
Dorothy is just returning to
Milwaukee with the Twins
and the new baby.

I saw Mrs. Reed and she

says the house will be ready
the morning of Nov. 1.

I asked her to write to you
and she said she would.

She was pleasant. The
house looks good. Let me
know in time when you
will return to Wyo.

My love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sat. - Oct. 20. 1923.

Draust —

Just at this point your letter arrives telling of your exit from N.Y. and arrival in Boston.

I am staying at the hotel Kadatz. Conditions are not very favorable at Mary's hotel and I don't think I should stay at the Hammah's, especially as their maid is out of service. She has had her Tonks out and is in bed. I dined with them — the Hammahs — last night and saw Mr. Barclay. We are bid to

Thanksgiving dinner. Mary Puffahl is going to Rochester again in a few days. The McMahons are in the house but Murray is away. I sent you draft for 300. two days ago.
Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 20. 1923

Dear -

The journey was uneventful and I rested. Consequently my stomach seems to have resumed normal functioning.

The Hotel Kadaty welcomed me with the glad hand and I have a warm room with two windows.

Nothing startling happened during my absence and I think everyone we know is so-so. I have met Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Lowry but I don't know whether any distributions were suitable. With love &c.

Have rec'd acknowledgment & receipt of 10.845 line
deposited to your acct. in Florida.
VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 23. 1923

Dearest -

The snow has come at last but
it is still warmish and the snow
may go. Last night I dined with
the E.E. Adams and the night before
with the S.P.S. Mrs. E.E. asked
when you were coming up and I told
her. Then she wanted to know
if you were going to stay with
her! The new Allis-Chalmers
steam turbine is now running. We
^{call} her Alice and the other one made by
the Genl. Elec. Co. we call Gene.
Both are behaving properly.
You will have to come up to get
the news. I don't seem to attract
it. Much love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 26. 1923

Dearest -

The train leaves Mpls. at 12:34 and arrives at F.F. at 5:01 and I shall be there Wednesday afternoon to greet you and your reduced flock.

This is a typical dull gray Sunday - quite English in the degree of its dullness, grayness and Sunday-ness. And quite useful as a rest day. I don't do much and am making some headway in catching up. I don't think I have overdone.

Yesterday afternoon I walked out to Hoat Lake to see "Alice" perform and got a ride back with Geoffry. He seems to me pretty well for him. I had a short note from Tom enclosing a tour bill and saying he is about to start on a period of outside work. He did not say what kind nor where. He sounded cheerful. with love V.