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VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 3. 1924

Dearest G —

Your very nice letter came this morning and was a great joy to your aged party. I have been getting on better than the last time but do not average very many effective hours per day. Consequently accomplishment lags behind desire.

Mr. Hannah is sending you your O.T.P. com. dividend today and the balance I will pay when I come down. Saturday night is the probable date.

With love G.

May 3. 1924.

Dearest G -

Ann has gone a-picnicing with Nanny and her mother and as it is Sat. afternoon nothing is doing. I went to T.T. the day before you sailed and received your letter written on the ship before sailing while there. You did not say anything about a letter from me sent to the ship or flowers (roses and snapdragons) selected by Ann. I made the mistake of giving the name Duillio instead of Conte Verde but corrected it by wire so you should have received the flowers. I am not sure about the letter and I am afraid I gave the wrong name to Mrs. Thayer also. I was a week in T.T. and got back last night. Ann looks very well and appears cheerful. The Midwest purchase

did not come through. We are now working on a half loaf proposition with which we shall have to be content since we can't fit the whole loaf. It is not by any means certain that we shall fit the half loaf or even the crumbs so it is just as well to decide in advance to be contented anyway.

The season is backward but not uncomfortable. While in F.T. I went out twice to the golf links and think the exercise is good for me. I shall probably continue the practice.

You should be somewhere near Gibraltar today and I hope the sea and the air and the ~~ship~~ ship and the ship's company are all good to you.

With much love

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

121 CLIFTON AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dearest Grace -

May 9, 1924

Your cable from Capri came this morning, -
forwarded from T.T. - at the same time
my letter addressed to the Duillies, Pier 95
was returned to me. I hope you got the
telegram and Ann's flowers.

Ann and Nancy and others ^{are} ~~are~~ a party
at the Howells' this afternoon. Ann continues
to thrive and grow busting. I have a letter
from Phos. saying he has a two weeks vacation
commencing June 1, and asking what he shall
do with it. I infer that he would like to
come to T.T. and I think I shall offer him
the chance. Cy fits through June 3, but
since T's time is so limited I will ask
him not to wait for Cy.

Mrs. Stanley has had a hard week on acct of
the death of Harry Harding which upset Mr. H. and
gave her a head ache. She has made a
statue of the statue. While waiting for Mr.
Savage and other business I have had the
foundations prepared for the fountain and expect
to set it up the next time I come back to N.Y.

I shall be here now only a day or two more, but shall come down again before it is time to take Ann to the lake.

The Hodgings do very well with Ann. They are somewhat casual as to housekeeping from your stand-point but they don't neglect her. The con from Africa is here for two or three days. He is a nice fellow and Ann takes possession of him in her own fashion. The cat disappeared and has not come back. The loss was not as deeply felt as in the case of the puppy.

I wrote you a short letter and sent it to Villa Trinità which should arrive soon after you. May has turned winter again. It is wet and cold - almost to freezing - and the furnace is almost on winter schedule. Boris has been upset in his digestion and much scared. He has been x-rayed at the Abbott Hospital and put on a pretty strict diet. Apparently they have not told him whether there is anything serious the matter with him.

Much love to you and Lucy
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

May 18. 1924

Dearest -

I am again in Wpts. and indeed have been here much more than I had expected to be. It is all due to the Savage - Midwest business which at last looks more favorable than it ever has. I mean favorable for the half-loaf - not for the whole. Mr. Kennedy and I are going to sit with them tomorrow morning in what we hope will be a final deal.

Ann continues to bust in health and is cheerful but not always clean. At this moment she is making ready for Sunday school. I shall be glad when we are installed at S. Lake. It is said that cleaning is a minor matter this year because the dust has not blown in. I hear that Geo. B. is going to sea but will come out early for a short stay and leave Margaret and the children at the lake. Also that Elsie will go to the lake with her. Chas. Rolla has regained boyancy. I think there is hardly sufficient justification and it makes me

feel queer. However it is a more comfortable
state of mind for him. He has just taken
one of those long auto drives with Clara such
as he used to do with Florence - driving all
night. I haven't seen Mrs. Hannah or
Mrs. Adams. Elmer E. is again a candidate
for the legislature. He enjoys politics more
than banking.

Mrs. Thayer is going to take Elsie and Studia
and Mary and her children to some place on
Cape Cod only a few miles from Fiume for
two months. Boris is better but on a pretty
strict diet. The acid phosphates or what-
ever he took several times a day have been
ordered off the list. I have not yet received
anything except your cable from Capri.
My love to them and L.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 25. 1924

Gracie dear -

I am in Fergus again and will arrange with Mrs. Gray for the cleaning of the cottage. They say cleaning is easy this year. Then I plan to go back and get Ann and come up for the summer. As it turned out I have been in Wpls much more than in F.T. Just after I sent J. his money to come West he received notice that he could have the last part of his summer work in F.T. which means August and Sept. so he will stay East now until that time and perhaps he can then have part of his vacation with his mummy. Cy leaves June 4. I have taken up Golf - observe the capital G. Mrs. Hannah has asked me to tea today.

With love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

June 1, 1924.

Mrs. Gray and her colored assistants have put in two days at Swan Lake and are going out tomorrow for the last day. I go to Kepts. today (Sunday) and expect to bring Ann back with me on Thursday one day before Cy arrives. I think I wrote you that Thos. will not come until Aug. 1. but can then stay for two months.

Mrs. Hannah leaves F.F. today and Mr. H. will follow in about a week. She spoke again about hoping to see you in Scotland. The fountain statue is ready to be moved and the foundation is built but I am going to postpone moving until the fall because I don't want to give the time to attend to it now and because of safety. It could be very trying to have anything happen to it while we were away and before we had had a chance to enjoy it.

Lina has been in the hospital again with her bad leg ~~to~~ but it does not appear to be so serious this time and she expects to be at home again in a few days.

Will you please sign and acknowledge the enclosed deed before a U.S. consul and be sure to have him get two witnesses. With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear Aunt -

June 7. 1924

Ann and I came up to F.F. Thursday the 5th and went directly to Swan L. with Mrs. Gray. Cy came yesterday and Theresa is expected this afternoon (Sat.) The house had been cleaned so we are settled. It is very cold - almost freezing nights - like late September or Oct. Cy's first act was a dip in the lake but not for long. Geo. B. and Margaret will be out Monday the 9th with their children so Ann will have playmates. I saw them last night just as the cleaning was finished. Geo. B. can stay only two weeks but as he goes to sea I suppose Margaret will stay longer with the children. Elsie is also cleaning house for her family. Cy saw Mrs. Hanley and Harriet Thayer in Wpts. H.T. is just recovering from a severe cold. I don't know when she goes to Cape Cod. I have had two letters from you - one written on ship and posted in Naples and the other written just after your arrival in Florence. The contrast of May in Florence and May in Minnesota this year is some. Love to thee and L. - V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest -

June 12, 1924

all is going well at Swan Lake - even the weather has warmed up and Anne is beginning to want to get into the water. Cy has been in a number of times and it is still quite cold but Anne can go in some for a dip with his assistance to pull her out if she doesn't want to come out.

Billy and Lucy and little Charles are now established and Anne is likely to put in much of her time with them. I asked Lou to go down to E. Orleans and report on the house and now he has done so and I have just written to Captain Charlie asking him to get someone to put on a new roof and make such other repairs as are necessary to make the house weather tight. It remains to be seen what the result will be. Mr. Hamish has gone and sails today I suppose.

My love v.

Swan Lake, June 22, 1921

Dearest V —

I have been thinking about you a good deal all day which made it particularly cheering to receive your message this afternoon. Miss Bess Underwood came last night and Agnes has taken Mrs. Gray in to see her — it being now after six p.m. All day long the sky has threatened so that it looked too dangerous to go in earlier but now the wind has turned into the north and the sun is shining. I had built a fire again while Ann and I have supper in the living room. We generally eat in the north piazza now. It is convenient and well protected — even from the north-west wind. The houses are beginning to fill up. The servants are here. Ann will have another playmate in John Heins, son of Ruth Eggleston who is a very cheerful young person of eight years and a few days. Mayonic has gone to Milwaukee to bring Sandy who has sleeping cough and is to be kept isolated — I think in town. In a few days I shall be going to N.Y. and shall take Ann to Dr. Pike. He supplied

a wrench with instructions for its use twice a week and I have been doing the job.

Ann's hair is fitting long^{and} into her mouth and something must be done. Mrs. Gray says she has'nt self confidence but thinks Miss Bess may be willing. If not I may try it myself.

She is at this moment down on the dock with Theresa catching rock-bass and sunfish with a short line and no pole. She has caught several pickerel with a trolling hook - are of them quite large.

Will you please go into the cathedral of Fiesole for me some day. You have probably been there already - perhaps more than once - but another time will do no harm. There is probably nothing in your neighborhood less like F.T. and nothing, so it seems to me, more desirable.

In some respects it holds over even the baptistry, but probably would not have continuous acquaintance so well. But just at present a single friendly call would take the place of continuous acquaintance.

Many returns of the day - or of the yesterday - but somehow the 22nd has some points over the 21st.
Much love y.

Otter Tail Power Company



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June 27, 1934

Dear G.

Things are going very well with your baby although it is a very hot afternoon. Baby is still at the lake with us and coughs a little but not too much and feels well. The big girls seem to get on satisfactory. Anne is certainly thoughtful of my contrails, if that is correct.

I am going up to visit my other grand children presently. I have not yet seen them.

When you come will you please bring along the drawing of the stand for Lucy's cedar chest which is tacked up on the wall in my office. Also two very small black handled benches in the front of the drawer where tools are kept under the said drawing of Lucy's trunk stand.

Best love
V.

Swan Lake

July 12. 1924

August 9.—

It is Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Gray and Marion have gone over to Spider Cottage to visit Miss Katy and Francis. Ann and Billy have just returned from the same place and are now starting on an exploring trip. They roam the Club grounds and seem always able to find new interests and experiences. Billy and Lucy usually arrive while we are at breakfast and perhaps stay here for a while or more often go back with Ann to their own home. The pitch and tune are always supplied by Billy I think but Ann plays up and apparently satisfies him though he is now eleven and the right and a half.

I hope Nancy can come some after Billy and Lucy go. Ann plays with the little Adamses and the little Bommers but they are too young and I am afraid she will be lonesome without someone nearer her own age.

Ag has not yet written since he went back to Cambridge but a letter from Tom says he will be here on July 30 or about the time this reaches you. The Gatamalata pictures are

very satisfactory and the settings increase the effect. I shall not see them until next winter when I shall have time to work on the monument again. Now I am working on the Frying water power house again after several months of letting it alone. It will not be finished this year but it is quite likely that the foundations will be put in so I want to have the plans ready. After all there is nothing more fun than architecture - perhaps more so because I don't have to make it a daily grind. You have said nothing about your portrait. I am wondering if M. Mommars has changed it much and if it will be coming to USA. soon. The country is green and beautiful but today it is almost an October day. It has been a cold season so far. I am going over to see Elsie and Myron now. Elsie looks pretty well but rather thin. She must be a lot lighter than she was a year ago. The children look well and have two collie puppies to help them pass the time.

Love to you and L. J.

Swan Lake

Aug. 17, 1924

Dearst G.-

Tom has gone to town with Ann and Nancy and Francis and Marion Hulbert. Mrs. Gray is either away or in her room and Thresa has vanished so I am alone. Ann and I went to Mpls. Tuesday and came back with Nancy Thursday. Dr. Pipe took the extraction off Ann's lower teeth and put something comparatively simple in her upper back teeth - spreaders I think. He says she has responded properly to treatment so far and it will not be necessary to go again before school time. Nancy got homesick at the Knott's and I am a little afraid she may here also. Harry Thayer was to drive the Howleys up to Swan Lake after we left and leave them there for a few days. They both need it. Mr. Howley seemed to me quite jumbled in his conversation and very talkative. Miss Korling was married the day we left and was to start immediately for Pasadena or some other place in Cal. She marries a little dark man who will keep her in her place according to best Scandinavian traditions. I think Mrs. K. will stay and keep house for us after school begins until you get back. Cy. should arrive again tomorrow or next day and will probably go right to work at Hot Lake in construction work or setting up machinery - same as Tom. Wages are high and I shall be glad to keep some of the money in the family. The Midwest deal is all over with at last

and we have possession and are operating and at the same time building transmission lines to connect them. Crops are nearly all cut, except corn, and are thought to be above average and at the same time prices are better, so the period of discontent is partly cut from under the farmers and we hope some of them may decide to vote for Coolidge instead of La Follette who is running independent.

It has been cold all summer. Occasionally a hot day would make us think that summer was really here at last to stay. But the next day would be cool again. In some parts of the East and Middle it has been extremely hot but not here.

Your last postal was mailed from Bibbiena and told about Urbino. I always wanted to see Urbino and suddenly I felt that I must. As I remember, Bibbiena is in the Casentino and I almost every year that too. I drove up the valley of the Pelican River yesterday and it was beautiful in yellow and green patches of fields and in low hills and woods. But it wasn't the Arno and Elizabeth was not Bibbiena. We are getting along. Tom seems to thrive on hard labor. And we shall be mighty glad to see you again.

With love
J.

Swan Lake
Aug. 24. 1924

Dearest G -

Fan and Cy (back again this week) have gone off with the Dodge to take Marion Gray and some other girl up to Hoot Lake where I will take his weekly pictures showing progress of the work. Ann and Stacey are playing at the harbor built of stones over where Capas used to keep his boat. Mrs. Gray is in her room and it is quiet. After a cold summer, today it seems quite like a real summer Sunday. Most of the people have gone in. Elsie is still here but for Tuesday School begins early this year - Sept. 2. I believe. The girls sit on pretty well most of the time. They quarrel some but on the whole do pretty well. Stacey has had a little cold and has cut her leg by banging her shin but she is all right. Ann must have grown a lot and especially in weight. She is getting too fat but she exercises enough. Theresa has gone back so as to have a few days vacation before school. Mrs. Gray thinks she can get another foot bed in the summer time. Cy is assistant. I would rather put him to work with Fan but cannot until Theresa's successor arrives. That may be never. Cy understands that he got an A for his summer work but has not got a report yet. I hope so. I read your Venice letter to the family and then sent it to Mrs. Hawley. Boris is a genuine Russian. I am sure after reading of your girists. I think he has not been very well this summer and has been discouraged. On the whole your Thurbrian excursion is the thing that has most appealed to me and I wish I were with you there this minute. I have just finished Hawthorne's Blythesdale Romance - an unusual thing for me to be doing and it will last quite a while - The thing that impresses me is the pessimism of the author. His people and his tale are not quite real but they almost might be. He must have had a deep dislike of reformers and took it out on them unmercifully and where he finds that "their besetting sin is moral obliquity." Miss Spence is in

L. F. for a vacation and has been at the Whitelocks. She came to dinner with us Friday night. She seems quite cheerful. Her job is the charge of the hospital in connection with the State School for orphans and dependent children at Cantonville - not the job she first took, I think.

The Old Colony Trust Co. sent out a report for you to sign and return to them. I wrote that you were abroad and probably would be in Boston in October and that I would ask you to call on them and sign them. It is the same kind of report which they have sent before and has to be signed by all beneficiaries and then be filed with the court.

The O.T.P. is juggling along as usual and so is the figure head trust who needs his love. V.

Dearest G.

Swan Lake
Aug. 31, 1924

The whole family, which still includes Nancy, has just returned from Hoot Lake where T. goes every Sunday for his weekly photographs. He will have a pretty complete set showing the progress of the work on which he has been employed. Mrs. Gray stopped off at Mrs. Kemmer's where her mother is located since Miss Tess returned to Upl. Schools open early this year - Sept. 2. After the snap shots had been taken we drove on up to Tribeg where the dredge is at work preparing the pond for the new dam. It has been long contemplated but I think it will now be built next summer. Cy and I took a two days trip this week examining the river between Wahpeton and Fargo. The first day was the hottest of the year and we were glad of a tub when we got to Fargo. Mrs. Gray now has an assistant in Theresa's place and Cy is released and will start work with Sam tomorrow evening. They leave before 6:30 so as to be at work by 7 A.M. Sam has stood it well and seems to me in better condition than a year ago at Opri. It is rather cool again today but the girls have just taken their swim and seemed to enjoy it. They are allowed to go in only every other day. Do they don't like to miss a day even if it is cold. I hope Nancy can stay till Sam goes down. Miss Stenett's opens Sept. 22. and Mrs. Hanley says she has definitely decided to send Nancy. She says she will take both girls when they come down but I think it will not be necessary. I think Mrs. Korking will keep home for us. You know her daughter is married and gone to Pasadena. Most of the people have left the lake but a sudden hot spell has brought some of them back. Nothing will go again. and the Wheelocks will be our only neighbors. Miss Kemmy's girls are leaving. Ruth has gone to Iowa. Francis leaves tonight for Upl. and Marion goes soon. I am looking forward to getting up the fountain figure when we get back to Upl. The foundation is all in place. Mrs. Gray says "Tell her I am drying some corn for her". Your postal cards are very cheering. The last one was written on the boat for Chioggia. My recollection of the trip with Lucy last year is very distinct although nothing happened and the afternoon tea was very mediocre and the chocolate worse. It is a necessary part of acquaintance with Venice - like Forcello. - much love V.

Swan Lake
Sep. 7. 1924

Dearest G -

The difficulty of long range correspondence was born in an envelope yesterday when I got your letter urging me to keep Cy in Boston and at same job. He had already been home two weeks. He said he didn't think he could fit a job in Boston as many of the boys were having difficulty in finding them. The first week he was here he helped Mrs. Gray. Thurma had just gone home or back to Wf. But then a successor was found and he immediately took a job at West Lake with Tom and has now been at it a week, earning \$3.75 per day. I am quite pleased with the results of the experiment. Tom has stord it well and is learning how a boiler plant is put together. I think he takes interest in it also. Cy is cheerful as usual although 6 AM. now seems earlier than it did when the days were longer. The fair is just over. They had two good days and one rainy day and probably did better than usual. We all - that is - all except the boys - went in on Thursday. The children were not interested in the ball game but took kindly to the white wing shows. On the wing-forsound Ann was as easy in mind as if she had always ridden bucking broncos while Nancy held on rather tightly and looked sober. But in the Ferris wheel - a very respectable and well managed affair - Ann at first covered her face and while she soon braced up and looked about and talked yet she wasn't quite happy and didn't want to go again. Nancy on the other hand seemed entirely fearless and wanted to go again - and did - while Ann took an extra wing-forsound. Chas. Roller and Clara worked hard at it again and made a creditable show. Mrs. Gray says that as usual Mrs. Kemmer

got first prize for dried corn and she (Mrs. G.) got second.
Such are the homely amusements in Q.T. County. I should
prefer international giving myself or even national. However
we can't all fire and we can't all dry corn. Your share (1/2)
of the last batch is 3 1/2 pounds, which we will take to Mrs.
Mrs. Hanley writes that Nancy may stay until the 20th if
things go all right. School begins Sept 22. for Ann + Nancy.
Today it is cold and wet and they cannot go out. The blocks
are a perennial resource. I had not supposed that anything new
could be done with them ^{but} the construction of 1924 is quite an advance
on former years. The great purpose of furnishing rainy day occupations
remains just the same however.

J. and C. have just
returned from Ft. with
dinner. The Adamses



Warren Gray for
are still here but
communication
as a result of
all of Dorothy's

there is little
between our houses
whooping cough.
children have it.

Alex. is here for
spent the evening with them not long ago. Also Maud Leonard
has been with them for several weeks. If you sail Sept. 30th
this may be the last letter which can reach you in Florence
but I will try another in case of Costa Rosso, Genoa.
Your hints about Lucy are very gratifying to a parent who will
be glad to welcome her even if correspondence has lagged. I
am going to try to get the reliable Mary Kendra to help Mrs.
Korling clean house so as to have it in good condition.

My best love for you both
v.

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

Oct 11. 1924

Dearest G-

Your message came about 5:30 and brought joy to your man. Ann is off on a picnic with Fanny and Mrs. Hanley. She has just come in. She has wished much for her enemy lately but is very well. Mrs. Shaper has found a practical nurse named Royce who looks to me like a good person and she will undertake to get the house running with a cook and second maid and stay as long as you want her. Mrs. Gray can't very well come on acct. of her mother. I go to St. tomorrow but will be back again in a few days. I assume you will go to Boston to see the boys.

Much love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 14. 1924

Dearest G -

I came up Sunday to be here
for the annual meeting of the
O. T. P. Co. on Monday. Leaving
Ann in care of Mrs. Kooling.

I go back tomorrow (Wednesday).

Sunday evening I met Mrs.
Hannah at the street with a basket
of mushrooms which she had been
gathering and got a bid to tea.

Perhaps you know that they brought
a niece - daughter of brother John
I think - who is a very nice person.

This evening I go to the Adams for
wild duck of which I shall par-
take sparingly. Mrs and Mr. Field
are to be there. It is warm and
pleasant - no killing frost yet.
Love - V.

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

Oct. 19. 1924.

Dearest G -

I am becoming a proficient nurse maid. This morning in addition to the ordinary shower bath I washed Ann's hair. She makes such a fuss about it that I could not let anyone else attempt it unless I was sure of the person. My own tell you how it went at Sevan Lake. In justice to Ann I must say that it goes better now however. Some time ago she said she wanted her hair to grow long. As I am quite willing, it has not been cut for several weeks and is now neither one thing or another as to length. I think it will be just as well for you to use your letter of credit when you want money. Registration of voters closed yesterday and I am sorry you will not now be able to neutralize Mrs. Hanley's vote for La Follette - "that brave senator from Wisconsin"

with love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 22. 1924

Dearest -

I came up to Ft. again yesterday expecting to go back Thursday night. Mrs. Kurling and Boris were packing up when I left and will be gone before I return. Mrs. Royce and a very good second maid are in the house and she is expecting a cook. The house should be in order so far as I can see by the time you arrive. The first symphony in the rebuilt auditorium will be Friday this week. The program includes a symphony and a number of songs by a German lady - nothing else. Love to you and Lucy
V.

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

Oct. 31. 1924

Dearest G. —

Your letter announcing postponement came today and we are all much disappointed. Ann has been in bed with a very slight cold for a day and a half but is up now and going to a Halloween party at Ann Magill's. Ann's own party was to take place from 2 to 4 today but did not come off. Ann says she can't remember the dog's name but if it fits fixed I am sure she won't be able to forget it.

The house seems to me to begin to run rather smoothly. Cy's room is shut up but I have been sleeping in Tom's room. As I shall have to sleep there when you all get back I should rather not move now. Your room is cleaned up and I don't want to disturb it. I am sorry you dread coming back. If you can only let go the house responsibilities I think it might not be so bad. My letters have been interrupted but the series will now begin again. Thank Lucy for her letters which I don't answer. Y.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dearest G. —

Nov. 2, 1924

We have been vaccinated and both are taking. Everybody is advised to be vaccinated and I think you should have yourself and Lucy done before coming West. I do not think there are an unusual number of cases but they are reported to be more virulent. Even if you have been rather recently vaccinated it is advised to try again. The party at Ann Magill's was a great success. Our Ann came home at 9 o'clock by order but the others stayed later. The cold did not seem worse for the outing. Ann will probably go back to school tomorrow morning, but there will be no school on election day — just why I don't know. Alice Winter is out this morning in the jufts. Journal with an appeal for Coolidge as the man of safety and security which women need. I am sorry you will not be able to neutralize Mrs. Hanley's vote. But the reports are said to be more favorable for Coolidge in Minnesota. We shall soon see. Don't worry about the tree house. It had a grating test during construction with the men working on it than the children can ever give it. V.

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

Nov. 4. 1924

Dearest -

The voting at St Mark's was easy - no crowd, plenty of rooms. It is a fine day and the vote will undoubtedly be heavy. There has arrived a large package from Mary Lunt, New York. I think I forwarded a letter from her. A registered letter for you was also forwarded today.

Mrs. Hanley and Nancy have colds. Ann's is not all gone but she is well and playing out of doors. My vaccination is taking well but Ann's seems to be dying up. The whole city is being vaccinated and the authorities say they do not expect an epidemic. Still the mortality has been 25% of cases and it is important to prevent the spread of the disease. As usual practically all fatal cases are people who have never or not recently been vaccinated. You need not be alarmed but don't delay the prevention with love V.

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

Nov. 11-1924

Dearest Y.

Your telegram just received. It is disappointing to be disappointed. But we will look for you for sure Sat. morning.

I had planned to go to Fergus Falls Thursday noon and return Sat. evening which would give me two whole days there. I have to be there Friday evening. Now I am going to leave Wed. noon and take the night train Friday which should bring me into the Station a little before your train arrives. Mrs. Hanby and Miss Lehr will use the Symphony tickets Friday. The Auditorium is now a moving home - a very good moving home but I liked it better for parents as it used to be.

Much love and anticipations of a pleasant time to be had by all. v.

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Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Nov. 14, 1924

Dearest G -

When I expected you on Wednesday I planned to come to T.T. Thursday because Mr. Kennedy wanted me here before Friday. So when you changed to Saturday I changed to Wednesday with the intention of coming down on the night train which arrives a little earlier than the North-western train Sat. morning. I had a suspicion of a cold Wednesday morning but it did not develop until the evening after I arrived. The next day I called Dr. Freedom and he said I had a pretty cold and some bronchial roughness and had better go to the hospital for a few days. Today I seem much better and am quite comfortable. He is a cautious doctor but I do not think he will keep me here many days. I am unable to go to a meeting with Mr. Kennedy this evening but I had a talk with him this morning and he can get on alone. I am sorry not to meet you and I am also sorry not to be on hand to solve the ash-pit difficulty. There

have been difficulties in the boiler room,
the last of which is a jammed revolving ash
machine. I could not get it fixed before
I left Wednesday but thought it would wait
until Saturday. One plate on the top has
to be taken up to get at the bucket which
is jamming and the plumbers were not
equal to the job. The screws which hold
the plate are rusted and I wanted to try
soaking them well in kerosene. If this
will not loosen them they will have to be
drilled out. If possible to dispose of the
ashes I wish you would not bother with
the job until I get home.

Mrs. Hanby offered to take Ann down to meet
you and I hope she did as Ann was
very anxious to be there. My love to Mrs. J.

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Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Nov. 17, 1924

Dearest -

Yesterday, being Sunday and nothing else to do, I lay fallow. Not even the Sunday newspapers except just far enough to learn that Minn. had beaten the great Illinois football team. Today I am quite prime - sitting up and dressed and expecting to go out tomorrow if everything goes well.

There is a lot of mail of secondary quality in the right hand pigeon hole of my safe. If you don't know where the keys are Anne can tell, as she sometimes finds it necessary to go there for a pencil when all other resources fail.

The Symphony tickets are also in one of the pigeon holes - though I hope to be with you before Friday. U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 5. 1925.

Frank G.

I should have sent your check on Sat. but was busy with Rollie's affairs all day and did not get to it. Yesterday I saw Cousin Myra and Elsie. They look like last roses of summer and are willing to agree to anything. They will have to mortgage most of the remainder of their land in order to give time to sell off as much as possible. There should be something left for them eventually but the outcome will depend much on the management which is Rollie. I shall be here for a few days more.
With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 8. 1925

Dearest G.

I am going out into N. Dak. with Mr. Kennedy for three or four days and so cannot come home this week. I have been very busy but seem to be keeping well. Mummy arrived in N.Y. which is a relief. The Cfw. family is pretty depressed. Chas. R. hasn't a smile and Myra and Elsie are much the same. I hope and think that they will recover after a bit.

With love,
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 25. 1925.

Dear G -

Mr. Hannah sent down a check
or draft for \$309.¹² yesterday
which you have doubtless
received this morning.

I am now expecting to
come down Thursday evening
by the usual train but
may possibly be delayed until
Friday. With love

V.

I am glad you wrote to Cous
to cheer him up and I have also
asked him to cheer you up by writing
because I have'nt the gift.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

March 8. 1925

Dearst G -

I suppose Dr. Ulrich knows but all the same I should feel like having another set of pictures taken before allowing their teeth to be pulled. If the ^{negatives} were perfectly clear there is probably nothing else to do, but sometimes it requires considerable imagination to interpret x-rays.

I cannot well get back before the end of the week. From Valley City on Wednesday I have to go with Goffey out to Washburn on the Missouri river and the train connections are rather difficult. I am going to Mrs. Hannah's for Sunday supper. v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Me. 9. 1925

Dearest G.

Dr. Freeborn touched up my eyes,
nose and throat today and asked
about you. I told him you
had to have three teeth out.

Being a professional man he made
no critical comment and I did
not feel that I should ask him
whether he approved.

Tom's letter is enclosed. He seems
to think the 6th year is entirely
a financial matter which it isn't.
But it can wait until next summer.

I expect to come directly from
Bismarck to N.Y. so that letters
should not be forwarded to F.F.
after receipt of this.

Love to you all V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

April 21. 1925

Dearest G-

I meant to send you some money Monday and didn't get to it and again today and now I mean to do it tomorrow. It has been a very busy time with me. There have been a lot of resolutions to get up in connection with the bond issue and the purchase of Midwest Co. It might have been left to Mr. Field but I am more familiar with the details of the transactions and can do it in half the time he could. Also there is urgency. I think I can get away on Thursday but shall have to be back again soon. Lucy Adams has a 9 lb. daughter. She was taken with a bit of influenza just before but apparently both are getting on all right.

With love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 23. 1925

Dearest Y.

It is an hour before train time and for once everything is ready and I shall not have to run to make the train.

The whistler "lecture" seems to me one of the most beautiful things I have looked upon. The card copy may not be the color of the original but it is most satisfactory to me. Fortunately it was not stamped on the picture side and came through in good condition. My love to you and the boys.

V.

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

April 24. 1925

Dearest G -

The family seemed to be getting on satisfactorily when I got back last night. This morning Ann took Glebiska to school and in a short time a telephone call came to Lucy to come and get the dog. As soon as the telephone was taken down the bark was audible without a loud speaker attachment. This afternoon Ann has gone to Lake Minnetonka with Mrs. Delator and daughter. So her day has been a full one. Tomorrow she is invited to lunch with Nancy. I wrote you from F.F. yesterday before leaving and left the letter on my ~~desk~~ desk. It is hot.

Love V.

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

Apr. 26. 1925

Dear G -

It is a windy, sunny Sunday, a little cooler than other days lately but quite acceptable. The children went to Sunday-School and Ann is playing in her house with Ann McGill and Barney who came to dinner. In a few minutes I am going to take Lucy, and the little girls if they want to go, out to see Doris Holbrook in the sewing machine. Mrs. Hanby has finished the cast and is looking for a stone carver. I posed for the full size head yesterday. She looks thinner to me but perhaps I am no judge. Did I tell you that Sam and Lucy Adams have another daughter. I had a short letter from E.E.A. written in Florence and it seemed that Italy was penetrating just a little through his tough skin and that he was seeing things he hadn't seen before. Best love &c.

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

Apr. 28. 1925

Dearest Y -

Household business is getting on all right as far as I can see. Harry has sawed and split a large part of the logs and the resultant wood pile is getting large - too large for the little room. It is all out doors! Ann's house at last has a lock and three keys. Most of the dolls have been left there lately but none has been taken. I am expecting to go to T.T. again tomorrow or more probably on Thursday and shall be gone over Sunday. Other Tail business is still active and will remain so for some time. Will you want more money. I hope you will take a day or two off for unnecessary things. With love
V.

There is some mail but nothing looks readable.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 30. 1925

Dearest G.

I left the family in good condition and spirits last night and came up on the morning train. Miss Hale telephoned asking about Harry and he was going to see her today for odd jobs principally out of doors I think.

The Midwest office has been moved from St. Paul to F.F. although the actual merger has not yet taken place. There was quite a lot of good furniture, chiefly metal filing cases which have gone into Geoffrey's office. I went to the new room with him today and found things fitting well started. He builds things better than I used to do and incidentally they cost more. I hope Cy won't get expelled for not paying his Term bill. The money was sent immediately but could not possibly reach Cambridge in time. My love &c.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 3, 1925

Dearest G. -

Last night I had dinner with the Hammahs. They asked about you and were wondering what you were finding out about schools for Lucy. I shall be here for two or three days more from present indications. It seems to be enormously difficult to write up a few resolutions and get them correct as to facts and satisfactory to lawyers as to form. The dam is beginning to grow and I wish Jane could see it in all its stages of development. Geoffrey does a workmanlike job. I understand Miss Welch is back in Boston or should be about this time. Love
V.

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

May 12. 1925

Dearest G -

Your Telegraph message from Boston came today when we were expecting one from Phila or Chicago or some other place. I have a meeting which I must attend in St. Paul tomorrow and cannot come back for three or four days - probably Sat. night. I have paid the telephone and gas bills which are subject to discount and have left some money with Mrs. Peck - chiefly to finance Harry's use but incidentally for any other purpose. Mrs. Peck is keeping account. I am sorry not to be here when you arrive and will come down as soon as I can get away. Much love to thee V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 14, 1925

Dearest G.

I was sorry that your train was late and that I did not hear your voice this morning. As usual of late I am up to my neck in affairs and do not expect to be back until Sat. night. The train however now gets into Uffs. at 9 instead of 10 P.M. We are to have a meeting of stockholders of O.T.P. Sat evening and I wish you would sign and fit a witness to the enclosed proxy on Friday here so that it will be here in time. Your daughters' shadows have not grown less since you left Uffs.

With love

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 22, 1925

Draught -

With the money which I gave to Mrs. Cook I spent about \$50 on household expenses and I am sending you draft for \$100.⁰⁰ now.

I will see Mrs. Hannah as soon as possible about a home cleaner.

The colored postal card of Whistler's "Southampton Water" continues to be ~~very~~ ^{most} satisfactory. I keep it directly in front of me when I am here and put in a drawer when I go away. It is hard to think the original could be any better than the little copy. At this point Mr. Dennis who is designing an addition to the High School wanted help in his main entrance. The additions will be greater than the original. With love,

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 24. 1925

Dear —

There is some dust on the floor of Swan Lake house but not as much as sometimes. The water is turned on but it will require a plumber to make the faucets tight. The electricity is all right. The drain pit has been cleaned by Peter. He removed all the stones as he says it is impossible to get out the accumulations otherwise. It looks clean to me. Peter will paint the boat. He has already built the dock. I have not yet seen Mrs. Hannah. It rained Friday evening and last night there was a Perham Mill meeting which I attended. There is a notice to call Mrs. Adams on my dock and if she bids me to supper I shall not see Mrs. Hannah tonight but will do so as soon as possible. Most of my spare time is passed signing bonds. It is always surprising how much time it takes. I have now been at it a

good part of yesterday afternoon and this
morning and have done a little over
one half of the job. This afternoon
on the way in from Swan Lake I stopped
to see Mr. & Mrs. John Simke, parents
of Clare. They claim damage from
the O.T.P. for raising the water. We
are not guilty but that makes no
difference - price \$100. and lucky to
get out without trouble. Mrs. Simke
remembered and asked about you and
Lucy and Cyrus. Clare is in Racine
Wisconsin and married.

The storm Friday night was the most
extensive the O.T.P. has encountered. There
was considerable damage but nothing
very serious. Repair men worked all
night in the rain. Yesterday it was
almost cold enough to freeze - a drop
of about 60° from the day before.

My love to thee
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 25, 1925

Xraust -

Mike Kondes can have a job at the
Tajlin dam if he wants it. The
wages are \$3.⁷⁵ for 10 hours and
if he lives at the job, as he probably
would, the board and lodging will cost
him \$1.⁰⁰ per day. He doesn't
have to live there and the men
who own their own automobiles
drive in and out. So he would
be apt to stay there.

Judge and Mrs. Parsons came in to the
Adamses last night. They are going to
have 6 weeks in England and France.
Maynard and the children are not coming
to dinner. I am sorry on Ann's account.
Mrs. Parsons wanted to be remembered to
you and Lucy, and particularly to Ann
on account of her grandchildren.

If I am not here please ask for Mr. Welch at the office of the Co.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 26. 1925

Ernest -

There is still quite a bunch of cards to be signed but I am expecting to get things cleared away so that I can leave tomorrow - (Wed.)

The cleaning woman Mrs. Hannish has in mind is the sister of her maid whose name begins with E.

She is looking for a job at the State Hospital and doing odd jobs meanwhile. Mrs. Hannish thinks well of her but she was so tired last night that I didn't like to talk much to her and she went off to bed early.

I have been to the Laphin dance and it is going along finely.

Love
V.

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Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dearest G,

Sunday

Sept. 20, 1925

Here am I still in captivity but on the mend. The days are very long - also the week. But they pass and gradually I get better. It has taken a week to "let down" although I didn't know I was particularly strung up at the beginning.

Your card written just after leaving Mpls. came yesterday and I was glad you had not decided to stay on my account. I shall go to Mpls. as soon as Dr. F. will let me and get the furnace matter settled. It has suddenly turned cold here but probably only for a few days.

Mr. Hannah generally comes in once a day to bring mail and news if there is any. The Fair opens tomorrow. Long may it live. It seems funny to have so much of the family in Boston and only little Anne at home. My love to you all - U.

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Sept. 21. 1925

Dearest G. —

Today the seven days beard came off.

This ceremony always indicates satisfactory progress. Also this morning came your letter mailed in regis. last Friday and with it the postal card from the Mich. Cent. Station. The latter cost me 1¢ out for deficiency in postage. Only plain government p.c.s. now for 1¢. Picture cards require 2¢. Your letter was the first information that Ann is really in the Kenwood school. I hope and expect to be with her over the next weekend. Dr. T. tells me to go to Dr. White of the Mic. Clinic and have my heart photographed to see whether there is anything wrong with it. I shall do so between visits with the gas furnace man. Very love to you and the brood. V.

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Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Sept. 23, 1925

Dearest G -

The recovery is progressing and I had hoped to go out for a short time today. But Dr. F. didn't come to the hospital this morning and I don't like to go out without his permission.

After a sharp cold spell the days are now beautiful. The County Fair is in progress and there can be no complaint or acct. of weather.

I am glad Lucy does not have to begin school with a feeling of reluctance. It might be hard to overcome and might give her a wrong start. School in Concord seems to me ideal and I hope it will live up to what is expected of it. The Rump have sold their goods and Mr. Hannah wants to know what to do with the

Piano. Miss Jessie said you would like
to rent it instead of sending it to
Susan Lake so I told him to take
it to Anderson's and leave it there
for rent. It has to be moved
immediately as they are planning to
get away at once.

I understand Miss Keraus would like
it for the Burns Home but I don't
suppose she would want to pay
for it. I was in doubt what
to do and if you have definite plans
you might let me or Mr. Hannah
know. With love v.

Dr. F. has just come in and he says
I may go out. So I shall post
this myself. v.g.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Sept. 25. 1925

Dearest G. -

Yesterday afternoon I went out to Swan Lake with the epigrammatic plumber and turned off all the water which is becoming a complicated system. It was warm and beautiful and nobody was in camp. Tomorrow night I plan to go to Minneapolis to visit daughter Anne and the fence man for a few days.

The County Fair had three perfect days - something unheard of previously - and that's all the news there is. The O.T.P.C. is putting on an employees stock selling campaign.
Love v.

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

Sept. 27. 1925

Dearest G. -

Miss Bess greeted me at the door last night which was quite a surprise. Anne seems well but I am told that she was in bed one or two days with a cold last week. Mrs. Bergen watches her like a cat and probably nags her too much. I judge that the relations between Mrs. B. and Miss Bess are not cordial. Miss Bess wants to go home and there is no reason why she should not. She is self sacrificing as usual and this afternoon is taking Anne out for a bus ride which Anne has never had. There is no fire in the furnace but there is hot water and with fire-place fires we are comfortable. If you will draw on your own bank acct. for what you need I will reimburse you. Don't hurry but we shall be glad to see you. Love,

The Wasp of Life
 Prof.
 Richard Swanwick,

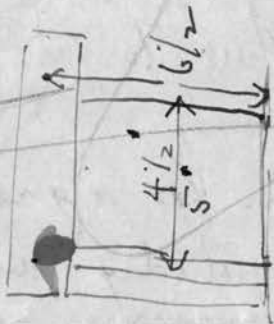
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Harvey's
 31 October 1925
 Long Street

Dearest G.

Sept. 29. 1925

My little paper has given out
 so I borrow from a convenient
 source. Am continues well
 and I am improving and
 am going about my business
 to some extent. Am had a
 letter from Ruth Hurlbut
 yesterday. She must be getting
 better as Am says the letter
 was funny. Your postal from

Walter Henderson just came and I
am wondering why you had
to go there to get your ticket
stamped.

The order for a gas furnace was
given yesterday and delivery
is promised in about two weeks.
I have not done anything about
a hot water heater and will
wait till you get back. It
has not been necessary to start
a furnace fire yet.

Love to all b.

Dearest G.

Sept. 30. '25

There is considerable mail for you but most of it is of a kind which will wait. There is one letter from Florence but as I don't know when you will be leaving I will not send it.

Miss Woodward has gone and are are getting on very well. Ann seems to like her school. I have not yet seen the statue and shall not be able to go today. But very soon I hope to see it.

The furnace must be taken out
to make room for the new
one and if it turns cold we
shall have to make the best of
it with fire-places.

I have seen no one whom you
know except Walter Eggleston who
is as ever amiable.

Gleb seems to be getting sober like
a real grown up dog. He doesn't
bark so much as is quite
unamiable.

Love to you all
v.

Oct. 6. 1925

Dearest -

It was quite a blow to get your telegram this morning but we really are getting on very well and there is ^{no} need for you to hurry back. I shall have to go to Ft. Sunday to be there for the annual meeting of C.T.P. Co. and shall probably stay a week. The last time I saw the new power house I had an unusual experience of a thrill on seeing my own

handiwork. It was unfinished but the part which showed seems to me real architecture. It may be quite something else when finished. Indeed it is certain to find its place among the not more than "pretty goods". The experience never was mine before so you must excuse the station. It is harmless.

I have not yet seen the statue but expect to see it before I leave. Mrs. Hawley told me Sunday that Nancy will have to give up full school time and probably drop back a grade so as to make the work easier for her. Dr. Schlutz

has given the order.

I shall do nothing about the hot water heater until you get back. We still have coal to burn up. I saw Dr. Reed a day or two ago and he says June has been getting letters from Lucy which are entertaining and he thinks we should see them. Mrs. Harding called up to know about Lucy.

I forwarded a bunch of letters today which had been accumulating. I have ^{paid} the water, gas and tel. bills. The others can wait. We shall be glad to see you but don't hurry.
Love - Uau

Dear G.

Oct. 8. 1925

I have engaged two seats in the Orchestra in the 13th row just free of the overhanging balcony. The balcony seats seemed to me very uncomfortable and crowded.

The children's concert tickets are not yet for sale.

One crew of men is pulling out the old furnace and another is putting in the service pipe for the new one. The gas furnace will not be here until the first of next week. Meanwhile the temp. in the house is like Swan Lake late in the season when we depend on the fireplace for heat.

I forwarded a bunch of letters yesterday after receiving your telegram and letter. I have seen Mrs. Hanby only once but

she did not seem to me unusually
tired or low in spirits. She goes
some times a week to work on the
statue and I am planning to
go tomorrow while she is there
to see it. My latest idea in locations
is the end of the Mill St. bridge where
Ole Torsen's office was before the mill
fire. If you want to go to
New York for the Rockefeller clinic
why not do it now? I have
been going through the Nicotinic clinic
on Dr. Freeman's suggestion and, as far
as I can see they find me a perfectly
well man barring two teeth which
are coming out.

With Love

Oct. 10. 1925

Harriet G. -

This will be the last of this series unless I hear that you are going to stay for a longer stay. It is Saturday and Anne has gone to lunch with Nancy. Yesterday Mrs. Haulby took them to a movie show of medicinal amnion at the Art Institute. Amnion in motion or action was something new and seems to have pleased all.

Yesterday I saw the statue but Mrs. Haulby had just gone. It was a cold windy day and she could not work outdoors. Herman says she is plucky and knows just what she wants to do. There is still a lot of cutting to do but it has a monumental character and I liked it. Today it is sunny and a little warmer and the forecast is for warmer weather. So we shall persevere until the new furnace is in. It should be here Monday and they have promised to put it in at once. I am sorry to leave Anne tomorrow but shall have to go to T.T. Much love to
B.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 15. 1925

Dearest V. -

Back again from Trage where we walked about in the cold wind to look at a little water power possibility. I didn't know a sewing machine could go so fast. The good roads Hooffing held it at between 45 and 50 miles and the shuttle bobbed considerably.

Mr. Hannah completely forgot about the loop until he heard from Lou which was just as I arrived in T.T. I am very sorry about it.

I don't think there is any such thing as a vaporizer valve in the house. In any case it is not upstairs.

Expect me Saturday night.

I sent you \$500. check by another letter this A.M.
Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Oct. 15, 1925

Dearest G -

I got your unexpected letter
just as I am hanging off
with Geffrey for a trip to
Tracy (50 miles).

I expect to be down Sat. night.

With love
V.

Dearest G.

Oct. 30. 1925

Barring a cold wave which took the temperature down to 14° this morning we are thriving.

Ann's cough seems to me to be wearing off. She has had no bad spells since you left.

There is to be a party at the McCills' but the children are not to dress up for it.

Ruth Hurlbut Lyphard to ask about Cyrus this morning. She is in Minneapolis and

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HONG KONG

Says he walks about five blocks
and is doing well.

I was much relieved to get
your telegram about Cyrus and
as I have not yet heard
anything more I assume that
he is recovering satisfactorily.

Is not this the time for you
to go to N.Y. for the examination
and treatment or suggestions for
treatment for your aunt?—

I have not yet been in T.T.
but should go the coming week
with Mrs. C.

at the Institute which will include
work by Benbowen and Arthur P.
Davis. The last time I
looked at the local modernists
I found them void for all
including Mrs. Goodman.

The childrens concert tickets
are here and I will arrange
for Ann and Nancy to see
them if Nancy is well
enough. I am glad to hear
that Cy is recovering so
properly and hope he will
continue. Much love from
Ann and me.

v.

Nov. 11, 1925

Dearest -

Your letter asking for your mail
came this morning and I am
forwarding seven letters which look
as if they might be the kind you
want. It is a disappointment as
I had been hoping to hear that you
were starting for home. But we
are really getting on very well.
Ann has about stopped coughing
and she seems very well. She is
generally a little hoarse in the
morning. The weather is warmer

healing. Of course Mr. Rowe can do nothing until the contraction has taken place.

Harriet Thayer went East last Sat. night. On Sunday am. had been invited to dinner at the Hamby's as I expected to stay over Sunday in F.T. But something turned up which required (me and Mr. Kennedy) to be in N.Y. so I came back and was asked to join Ann.

Mrs. Hamby says she fitting along well with the statue and will want me to see it again soon.

There is going to be an exhibition

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again and she is playing out doors this afternoon wearing a sweater and no hat. This is armistice day and she is at home. Nancy has sore throat yesterday so she is not allowed to come to see Ann. I was in F.T. last Friday night and did not hear the concert and as I thought there would be no concert that night, nobody else had the use of the tickets which was too bad. I like the seats pretty well. They are at least comfortable. I have been having teeth out and have not been too chipper in consequence. The last one has to drain up hill and is slow in

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 22. 1925

Dearest G -

The beautiful compassionate Buddha
is ~~not~~ now along side the Whistler
Nocturnal - not that they particularly
belong together but they are both
real things and therefore they
homologate.

I am planning to come down
Tuesday evening and will try
to go to Swan Lake if the
weather is not too bad and put
on a few pad. locks.
Love to Ann &.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 1, 1925

Dearst G -

Mr. Kennedy is away again
after a session yesterday and
he will not be back again
until some time Thursday.

If possible I will go home
Thursday evening but it may
be Friday before I can get
away.

I haven't heard of anything
new in F.F. but business
is going on as usual. The
C.T.P.Co. is spreading into two
of my rooms and I am pushed
back into my old office.

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 2. 1925

Dearest G -

Mr. Kennedy will not be back until late Thursday and not surely then. It is not likely that I can come down before Friday. So I am sending check for December allowance. Mrs. Hannah has asked me to dinner tonight.

Love to you both
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 3. 1925

Dearest -

Mr. Kennedy got back this morning
but I shall not be able to leave
until tomorrow (Friday)

I thought you would have heard
from me sooner. I wrote Tuesday
and again Wednesday. All is
well. Mrs. Hannah says she
will be ready to take you in
at any time if you come up.

Mr. Hannah is sending Tom
remittance for three R.R. transportation
today. I enclose Jan's letter.

with love
G.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Jan. 3. 1926.

Dear G -

I am enclosing check for
\$750. --

I looked for you on the rear
end of the Train as we
passed at Dalton.

Mr. Kennedy is sick with
grippe and it is not likely
that I can be home before
Sat. night
With love

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 1, 1926

Dearest G -

I don't know yet whether
it will be Friday night
or Sat. night.

I am sending a draft for
\$1000. out of which you
may take your \$750 plus
the amounts which you
have advanced on Lucy's
account and make a check
to me for the balance. what
is left will go to assuage the
necessity of the Gas Co. I
have sent drafts to J. & C.
so their strained feelings will
be relieved. with love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Apr. 28, 1926

Dear G. -

The dusky queen of cleaners says that she and her assistant will be ready on Tuesday morning. Sam is planning to have the water put in on Friday and Sat. of this week. He is not sure about the telephone yet but will attend to it. Pete told him that he had begun painting two days ago. Everything is going all right and I expect to be home Thursday or Friday night - more likely Friday.

Love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

May 22. 1926

Grand Y.

The first night has passed
uneventfully. Ann and Meredith
seem to get on well together
and are enjoying themselves.

It was pretty cold during
the night but I don't think
they minded it. They were
well covered and began the
day cheerfully at 6 A.M.
Now it is getting warmer.

I am sending another letter
from Lucy.

With love
B.

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May 26, 1926

Dear Grassy -

This is written at Swanney Lake and will be taken in to post by Mr. Hannah. Mrs. H. is out here with cleaners and he will come to take them back to town. I am up and dressed and feeling pretty well but am not going to town. Instead I have been lying in the dock in the hot sun and cool breeze - a very good combination. After thinking it over I don't believe I had better start the heating changes yet. You might want the heat some cool morning and there is no special reason for doing the work until the summer is really here. Also heating even in the house would be one more thing - or perhaps two or three more things. As usually happens, I don't feel quite competent in the head to begin business for several days after a slump. Fortunately this particular slump however is just "such a little one." I had a nice letter from Lucy yesterday in which she also rails at the new Dodge. Pleasant sailing however. Ann is thriving. Also Glebitshek. Accept a slice of the love of an old party. B.

Dear G.

May 27. 1926

Another day has come along and I am still staying at the lake — getting along very well but not yet husky enough to do things. Ann is having lunch with Mrs. Wheelock and her sister. Last night or rather yesterday afternoon, Clara and Mrs. Gray came out to fit their cottage ready for a party Friday night for Clara's sister Doris. I suppose it is a graduation party. Margaret has decided to stay with Leona & Erikson. It seems that she has ^{or had} already been there two or three weeks. She will fit \$60.

instead of \$50 with a promise of \$80 in two or three months. Clara does not fancy the hospital job because she does not like the group for staying with and the distance is too far for not staying. She wants Doris to fit into O.T.P. now that Margaret is not going to take over job. This is all the news which I have heard.

Love to thee
G.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 7, 1926

Dearest G -

Arrived duly and proceeded to
Mt. Faith Ave. Nobody in
except maid who permitted to
take away my car. Ann
seemed well and was having
a good time with Meredith.
The house looked neat and well
kept to my unobserving eye.

I have written to Lou that his
Letter of Credit and S.S. tickets
were coming soon and that
you might be leaving Wednesday.
I saw Miss Underwood on the way
to my train and she had just
heard from Tom saying he was at
Simp. Love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 14. 1926

Frank G.

The family seemed to be in good condition when I arrived. Ann was waiting in her red bathing suit for me to appear and promptly jumped into the lake. You will remember that the day was hot. I have sent Cy funds for the return tickets for himself and Lucy, assuming that Lucy will come with him in or about the 20th. The statue is about ready to be hoisted into place. Otherwise the same old grind is grinding.

with love

Jennie Harding writes that her mother has been seriously ill but appears better.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 15. 1926

Dear V.

The Howells Florist man has begun writing to me demanding immediate payment. I have tried to turn away wrath with the soft word but have not paid him. If the check you made to him was in May it should have been returned with your May checks but if it was made in June we shall have to wait until the June checks come in. Can you let me know what date the check was made? This is wash-day and the colored ladies are on the job. The arrangements have been made for lifting the statue onto its pedestal at 2 o'clock this afternoon. We are all well.

With love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 16. 1926

Friend G. -

I do not like to bother you about business matters but can't well avoid it. The Am. Tel & Tel. are going to issue more stock and Mr. Haimah wants to know whether you will take your allotment. The answer will depend on whether you build a house, or alter a house, on Cape Cod. If you do that you can hardly buy more Tel. stock and if you don't build you should not miss the opportunity to buy. So let us know by July 1. if possible which you will do.

Ann was immensely pleased with her new doll although at first she protested that the hair was too dark. She is invited by Elsie for the week end in town and is full of anticipatorial jags.
With love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 17, 1926

Dearest Y-

Your tel. announcing Quill's sailing was very pleasing. I assume that you have the remuneration from Chandler and I have written to them about it.

The statue is up and looks fine - better than I had expected. I am going to tell Mrs. Hanby that it is dignified and monumental. It is not overdone as to detail and finish and in fact seems to me just right. The pedestal seems satisfactory for it also.

The ceremony will be late in June or early in July - after the children get here. Henry Page (now an alderman) will be speaker. I really did not care for John Masan. Of course Mr. Benson will have to accept the statue on behalf of the City. Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 18. 1926

Dearest G.

It is a beautiful day after several dark and wet days. I am going this afternoon to take light treatment #1 at Dr. Furber's. May it not depress my blood count to 0 or thereabouts.

Miss Kraemer has become painter in extraordinary. She is now doing the front piazza floor which needed it and I don't know what she will do when there are no more worlds to paint. Perhaps she won't want to paint after her sister gets here all goes well.

V.

I congratulate Lucy on her report.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 19, 1926

Dearest G.

You own 26. shares of Am. Tel. & Tel.
and are entitled now to subscribe for
4.25 shares at \$100. per share. (\$400.+)
If you build I don't think you
ought to subscribe and if you do not
build you should subscribe because it is
a good opportunity.

In regard to Horst bill if your check
made to him does not come in with
the June checks I think I should pay
him. How am I to know?

Anna is at Elsie's today and Miss
Kraemer's sister comes tomorrow. She is
now at Wadena and will drive over.

The front piazza now plasters with two coats
and an attack on the back piazza will begin
soon. The mastery of painting seems to
have taken a firm hold. Ann has
finished her class work and there has
been no more pictures. Love, V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 21. 1926

Dearest G. -

It is a sunny bright day after a rainy Sunday. Miss Elizabeth, as she is to be known, arrived in the forenoon. She seems to be a likely kind of person, if you know what I mean. (I don't).

I did not come in this morning but brought Ann in to see Meredith this afternoon. She will walk down to my office. It seems rather far but she wanted to. It seems hard to realize that Zora is now almost ready to land and you are to sail. I have not heard from Miss Spack yet. My first seen bath under the violet light turned my abby to a beautiful cherry color. I was forewarned. Many returns of the day V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 22. 1926

Dearest G. -

Miss Spae sent me her statement today and I have asked Mr. Hannah to remit so that is fixed.

I am wondering whether the children will come straight through to T.T. You spoke about Cyrus seeing Dr. Rowz. We want to have the ceremony about July 1. or not later on account of 4th of J.

Dr. Nelson is highly recommended for teeth troubles by this member of the family. I am going to get Meredith this evening as a surprise for Anne. She needs society of her own age. Miss Ruess and Ruth moved into their house today. U.

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 24, 1926

Dear G -

Yesterday I skipped my daily one because I had to sit in a meeting until late. We cut down Meredith's visit to two nights and one day and the result was satisfactory. They didn't get tired of each other and wanted the visit prolonged but I thought it safer to cut it. Ann is looking forward to the coming of Bill and Lucy. The Journal says Mayant is going to sea with Geo. in the Pacific so I don't know about the children. Mr. Tom Dyk is doing the grounds around the statue. It will all look new but at least cared for. Nobody expresses any opinion about the statue, so I infer they don't see it or don't like it or feel doubtful about it. Perhaps it is too new, that is, modern; but it could hardly be less so in this year 1926

V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 25. 1926

Dearest G -

Just received your wire saying children will be here Sunday. It is good news to me but I shall have to go to Impls. Monday afternoon and stay there for about three days. Ann wrote two postal cards to you this morning which she forgot to give me and I forgot to bring in. I will try to send them tomorrow.

I called on Miss Katy + Ruth. Miss Katy looks as natural as life. Ruth looks to me well but thinner. She has had to bob her hair because it was coming out. Miss Aggie will come to Swan Lake later with K. father who is now (or about to) visit her in Victoria. No other cottages are occupied yet. The weather has been cold most of the time. The temp. in the morning is usually 55° to 58° and we use blankets and some of us wears a flannel shirt. Love u.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

June 28. 1926

Ernest G.-

The children did not arrive Sunday afternoon so I called up in the evening and Lucy told me they will come up today. (Monday). Unfortunately I have to go to Wpls. this afternoon before their train arrives and I told Lucy I would wave to her at Dalton. Sam will take my car to the train and deliver the kyp. I have to be away about three days and will get back on Friday the day before you sail. I received your bunch of bills this morning and just looked it over. I think there will be no difficulty in settlement of all accounts after I get back. I am sorry you sent back the \$500. check for Boston expenses and shall

be glad to make it up to you.

Jennie Hardy writes that her mother is not improving. She has no pain but sleeps most of the time and her kidneys are not functioning properly.

Ann is altogether enthused by the coming of Billy and Lucy. I have left word with Miss K. not to let Ann go up before breakfast or after supper. If it is too warm we shall have to cut down the time she spends with them but for a few days we shall let her do about as she wants except for before breakfast and evening visits.

Much love

V.

mother so she must still be alive.
Jennie did not write very
hopefully.

Mr. Kennedy and I have been busy
here for two days. He goes back
tomorrow while I stay until Friday.
I shall try see Mrs. Hamby
tomorrow morning. Little Frank
has been here and they went
off somewhere to the woods for
a few days. There should be
time for one more letter to reach
you but in case of failure -
Buon viaggio to you
with love V.

June 30. 1926

Dearest G.

I got a glimpse of Cy and Lucy
as our trains passed at Ashby. They
were in the dining car but were
on the watch for me at the tail
end of my car. My train had
a hot box somewhere in the engine
and their train was about $2\frac{1}{2}$
hours late. I had arranged
with Sam to take my car over
to the station and deliver the keys
to Cy. My train was so late

Tomorrow I have to appear in the Court of Conciliation (should there be only one l?) to explain why I should not pay for a foundation built on a lot of mine in F.T. ~~mine~~ eleven years ago. It is a court where people appear without legal counsel and dispute before a judge informally. My defense is that I have paid and have the man's receipt. I don't know whether that is an adequate defense or not. It seems as if it might be.

I have heard nothing more from Jennie Hardy concerning her

that I stayed at the Y.M.C. Club instead of going home the first night. But last night I slept at home. Mr. Miller is having his vacation and so was not gone when I came down. I am not eating with them though they very politely invited me.

The Hunter heating man came back and after looking over the job decided he could do it for \$2000. So today I have had another man there with Mr. Allen to steer him and tomorrow I hope for a very much lower figure. The original installation including the boiler cost only a little more than \$2000.

in a Court which will have to
take at least time enough to
read the receipt in full which
I hold and supposed to be a
settlement of the matter.

The substitute heating man has
submitted a bid of \$435. in
place of \$2000. and I have
told him to go ahead. He
cannot begin for about ten days.
This is not a nice letter but this
stuff was on my mind and had
to come off. I am going to see
Mr. Hanley's work in the morning
before going back to T.T. Much love,

Sent to SS. Duilio

July 1. 1926

Draust -

I am sadder but no wiser.
I went into court after being
advised that there was no case
against me. The Court is one in
which parties appear without legal
counsel and state their own case.
The judge then does the Solomon
act and pronounces judgment. In
this case the plaintiff stated his
case. The Judge asked me what
my defense was. I told him I

was eleven years old which would
outlaw it and I think I heard
him say that the verdict would
then have to be for the defendant
(me). Then not liking to
get a verdict on a technicality,
I began to say "In justice to"
when he cut me short with "There
no justice in it. You are trying
to keep this man out" and called
the next case. I don't know
where I am at now. If I won
it was on a technicality which is
unpleasant. If I lost I can
appeal and then present my evidence

held a receipt in full settlement
of the claim. He then asked
or two questions and apparently
forgetting about the receipt
announced judgment for the plaintiff
without going into the evidence
at all. I think I made the
poorest possible witness and he
signed me up as trying to do
my victim who appeared to be the
under dog. The Court's whole
business seemed to be to get through
the calendar. I was so rattled
that I couldn't talk. Finally
I remarked that the claim

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FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dear Sir - July 5, 1926

I think of you at this moment as
somewhere off the Bermuda Islands
and very likely sitting down to dinner.
I hope the sea is not too boisterous
and that you are able to sit up and take
sustenance. The Fourth of July is
double barreled this year. Ann had
all her fireworks last night. Billy &
Lucy could not come as they were
put to bed early which was a disappointment.
But she had a glorious time with
Lois, Ruth and Francis to watch in
addition to the family. She got a little
too tired and stayed upstairs this
morning but is nearly normal again
this afternoon. I do not think I shall
let her go up to Billy's fireworks this
evening. The rest of the family
may want to go to the Pageant of

Abraham Lincoln at the Fair Grounds
this evening. If they do I shall
stay with Ann at home.

My step-mother died Thursday
July 1. Jennie wired that she died
peacefully. I was in N.Y. and did
not get the message until Friday and
the funeral was on Saturday. I do
not know yet where she is buried.

It may be in Vermont. She was
at Port Henry, N.Y. which is not
far away. Jennie was with her.

I am glad I could not go to the
funeral as the weather is very hot
and it would take a good deal out
of me. Of course I don't know yet
whether there has yet to be trouble over
her estate. The trust continues but
the distribution of the income hereafter
will not give her son more than he
has been having which will disappoint

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him. He may try to overturn the whole arrangement.

I received your long letter mailed just before you left. I don't ^{know} how to say anything about it. The only thing that is clear to me is that I hope you will get some rest and relaxation and I hope that if you find Tom is going to be a burden you will ship him off to some other locality.

With love

V.

I saw Mrs. Hanley. She had cold and was not very well, but she ~~was~~ had just had a tummy at Dr. Schlutz's and he gave her a very encouraging report which pleased her immensely.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 8, 1926

Dearest -

It was a surprise to receive your two Telegrams the morning of July 7. four days after your boat was supposed to sail and I don't know yet the cause of the delay. I had already written one of my short ones and had sent it to Poste Restante, Capri, as a chance. This one I shall send to Naples and the next one to Florence in the hope that some one of them will reach you. In my other letter I told you of seeing Mrs. Hanby in Mpls. She had a cold and looked rather worn but she was much relieved by the very good account which Dr. Schlutz had given her concerning Harry. I also told you that my step-mother died on July 1. and was buried on July 3. I did not fit the

message until July 2nd except of my
absence in N.Y. She died gently
without pain.

I am working on the accounts. They
are somewhat confusing to me because
I don't know the circumstances and
have to follow or trace out the cases.
When I get your July 1. bank statement
from N.Y. it will be easier. For
some reason it has not come and I
have written to the bank and to Mr.
Wilbur to get track of it. But I don't
want to bother you about acids.

I shouldn't have the nerve to ask Mr.
Parrons to speak at the ceremony. He
has too much overload to carry now.
Mr. Page is the son of one of the old
settlers who came here on my father's
invitation. I guess that is his only
claim. He will make a historical
address but I will make the presentation

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myself. Mr. Benson will probably accept on behalf of the city. Mr. Van Dyke has made a good job of the planting and the spot no longer looks neglected.

We are all getting on well. Ann came in with Lucy this morning and got off to visit Meredith. Lucy comes in five days in the week for Latin. She seems to take kindly to it. I shall be glad when it is over. Her estimate is four to five weeks.

It is fiercely hot in F.F.

With love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 9, 1926

Dearest G. -

This morning the letter which I wrote to you from Wab. on July 1, addressed to the S.S. Duilio was returned to me. At the same time came an omnibus letter from you to all of the family post marked July 6 but written on the ship just before starting on July 3. Your telegrams to Ann and me were sent from N.Y. July 7. and arrived the same evening. Lucy and I each had letters posted in Kingston, N.Y. on July 3. at 4:00 P.M. So altogether we had decided that your boat was delayed until July 7. but now we have to rearrange our minds and to conclude that you really sailed on the 3rd on time and that the postal facilities did not function on the 4th or 5th and only caught up with their job on the 6th and 7th. The W. U. telegraph had assured me that the message was not sent until the morning of the 7th.

If you sailed on the 3^d we have to think that your letters from Kingston were postmarked after you had left there.

From the Geography it appears that K. is well up toward Albany. altogether it has been confusing and I hope you did in fact sail as scheduled. In that event you should be now opposite the Islands of the Blessed otherwise Agass or perhaps near Gibraltar. Otherwise you are in the Gulf Stream off Bermuda.

The family are all well. Anne stayed in town with Meredith most of yesterday and had a fine time wading in a near by swamp up to her knees in mud. Most of it came off in the evening. Louise and Mrs. Hannah have, I suppose, started on an auto trip to Duluth and a few days stay in Isle Royal.

I don't think there is any more news
with love

v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 10. 1926.

Dearest G -

Revised plans have just come from Miss Howe and they seem to me a very good solution of the problem of reducing costs. The house should be very livable when finished.

Ann has been estranged from her Wright cousins for a day or two but I think is on the way to a renewal of relations. I can't make out just what happened but I presume she was not allowed to have her way or that Billy was too dictatorial.

Otherwise things go on as usual. Lucy works at her Latin and Cy at his boat painting. He seems to me a little "gier" but the Renny girls are helping to keep him going. with love
V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 14. 1926.

Dearest G.-

I am enclosing letter from Newport, N.S. and one from Mrs. Burge which she sent me with a request to forward. I have written her that you made arrangements with Howard before you left to cook next winter. I also said I would forward the letter but that it would be so long before she got a reply that she ought not to wait if she got another opportunity.

Things seem to be going smoothly at the lake. Miss Kraemer takes her responsibility seriously but somewhat German. I should say, being much concerned over clean piazza floors and such conspicuous evidences of good house-keeping. Lucy and I are having light treatments. Lucy has also had violet rays pushed up her nose for hay fever. She is apparently no worse and does not show the effect of her malady. She studies diligently and I shall be glad when she has finished her Cicero course. Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 17, 1926

Dearest Y.

Your cablegram announcing your safe arrival came duly. All were pleased.

The ceremony came off last night. It seemed to be generally agreed that Henry Page did his job well. He gave me his speech to read over before the meeting and it seemed to me quite commonplace but as well as might be considering the lack of material available to him. But on the platform he quite surprised me. His presence was pleasing and his earnestness and convincing manner quite held the attention of everyone. He made a very good impression. His only experience has been as "Four Minute Man" in the Movie Houses during the war. I followed him with the actual presentation in about eight "well chosen words." Then Mr. Benson read a few remarks which were not offensive

but not up to the standard of some of his
state papers as Lord High Mayor. It didn't
take him long however, which was a merit.

The evening was just right and the band
played the only tunes they knew.

There was a fair attendance with a rather
surprising number of old timers in the
front row who had known G.B.W.

Did I tell you that Mrs. Barbeau turned
out to be the maker or rather assistant
maker of the buckskin suit he wore at
the ceremony. She was employed by a
tailor at the original, now defunct, town
of Otter Tail City and remembers making
the suit. She is Indian which may
account for her good memory.

Ann is having Margaret Gray's younger sister,
whose name I forget, out to day. Ann
doesn't play with Billy and Lucy any more.
I don't know whether she will begin again
or not. Remember me to Mr. Mannings if he
is there and love to you and J. V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

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July 20. 1926

Dearest G -

A few days ago Lucy asked me if I still objected to her cutting her hair. I said I didn't object enough to count if she wanted to very much. She was so pleased that she almost wept and wanted to start for town immediately. Thus I told her she had better wait until she could hear from you. She sat down at once and wrote to you.

I don't feel as though I should make any further objections unless you want me to. She is so anxious to cut it.

I am sending Lou's report to him at Am. Exp. Co., Florence. He goes into the 5th year with no deficiencies and with credits. Cy also makes his grade without deficiencies in spite of oversleeping another exam. Last night we had an old fashioned thunder storm from 1 to 2 A.M.

Chas. Roller has got to the end of
his resources again. This time Mr.
Adams thinks there is no help for
him except to put his and the family
property in trust so that he can't
contract any more debts. The trouble
is not all with C.R. He has played
an uphill game and I am not
sure any one could have succeeded.

Mary has been ill but is better
and Elsie is at the lake with her children.
C.R. is as depressed now as he was
elated a few months ago.

We are all well. Anna is in town
this morning with Eleanor Gray.

I am ordering one letter and forwarding
another.

With love

U.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 21, 1926.

Dearest G-

It was necessary to open the letter from Miss Lile because the envelope was in very bad condition. I looked at the picture of Miss McLean and thought it showed her at her best.

Nearly all the cottages at the lake are occupied. Dorothy has arrived with her four and Helen Jewett with one. I haven't heard Lynn's voice so I judge she is not here. Ruth goes this afternoon to Valley City for summer school. I understand she may come back occasionally week-ends. I will get photographs of the G.B.W. monument as soon as I can get Mr. Oshy. He is away for several days. We are all well. Cy scans the mail every morning and gets nothing. I am glad he got through his year without deficiencies. Love v.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dearest G.

July 23. 1926.

There is nothing startling to report today. The O.T.R. is still running and building more lines and plants. I have not yet been out to the new power plant on the Missouri River but shall try to go soon. We are beginning to get my mother's estate matters in hand. There is a report to be made of all transactions during the last 23 years, and then settlements of bequests, and then the trust will run along again. There was a will but apparently it does not dispose of anything as all her property was in a trust with final disposition already provided for. Yesterday it was hot and I went out to lunch with the children after Lucy's morning Cicero lesson. Mrs. Hannah and Louise had been invited so there was a party. Love, V.

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July 24. 1926

Dearest G.

I wrote you a few days ago about Lucy and her hair and that I had told her I would pass up any further objections. But I also told her she ought to write to you first. However she was unable to wait and a day or two ago she had it cut off as you will know from letters of both I and Ann. She looks very well bobbed and I am sure it is a relief to her mind to be like others of her kind. We are invited to the Hammonds' for dinner tonight and we had invited Mrs. Gray and Marian ^{for tomorrow (Sunday)} but they can't come. Marian is here for only a few days. On account of the impossibility of getting your endorsement on checks

Mr. Hamish cannot depart in the
N.E. Trust Co. as the checks come in.
But he will first deposit them here
and at the end of each month he
will send a draft for the whole
amount received during the month.
He is just now sending \$500. for
deposit to the Trust Co.

Day before yesterday it was hot.
Yesterday it was cold and we had
a fire in the living room. Today
it is hot again. with breeze.

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 26. 1926

Dearest Y -

Sunday was a very good day with nothing in particular happening. We were to have Mrs. Gray and Marian but they couldn't come. For supper we had Margaret and Eleanor Gray and afterwards Cy and Lucy took to the canoe. The last two nights have been perfect with a full moon.

They stayed out late but I couldn't object. Lucy always comes down late to breakfast and we don't wait. It would be difficult for all to dress at the same time on account of limited bath-room accommodations with two.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 27. 1926

Dearest G.

This is society day at the Swan Lake cottage. Mrs. Gray and Marion are out for lunch with Lucy and Cy and Meredith is out for two days and one intermediate night with Ann. I am in town where I have an expert accountant going over the records of the Calw. trusteeship for 23 yrs. I think I wrote you that my mother left a will. From present indications there will be nothing to divide up because the trust deed provides almost the same for people with a larger bequest. The allowance of the Calif. Son will not be increased much if any. v

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 29. 1926

Dear Mr. G -

Cy and I are just starting for
Br. Dak. and the new power-plant
at Washburn. Geoffry and Sam
are going with us and Mr. Kennedy
will meet us there. Lucy wanted
to go but there will be an entirely
inadequate supply of decent and
palatable hotel accommodations and,
mindful of Sarah Center, I did not
want to take her. Moreover Ann is
quite delicate and it would not do to
take Lucy away. Of course it would be
quite impossible to provide for Ann on
such a trip. The Big A mill and
Elevator have just burned to the
ground. No other damage.

Love V.

VERNON A. WRIGHT

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Drarest - Aug. 3, 1926.

Cy and I drove out to Washburn N.D. last week Thursday and got back Sat. night. The new plant is growing rapidly and will be ready for work about Oct. 1. Sam and Geoffrey went out with us and came back by train. I wanted to see some of the towns which we are operating in and which I had never seen so we drove back by a zig-zag route. It was hotter than hinges but not so uncomfortable when we were moving. We got along with a total of two punctures until within eight miles of T.T. Then we side-swiped a car driven by a woman who wanted to turn into a farm yard just as we were about to pass her. Both cars had fenders smashed up on one side but not otherwise damaged.

I don't think the blame was more than half our fault.

It was a pleasure to get the great bunch of cards from Fissile and your letter. I have seldom received postal cards from a Cantessa whose acquaintance I had never made. The photographs certainly do lure.

Maryant is back at Susan L. again and she brought home a beautiful little ivory ~~totem~~ totem, nicely colored. Anne has played once or twice with Billy again but she does not show much enthusiasm. She fits along well with Meredith.

With love v.

I sent a letter to you at Capri.
(Poste Restante) about July 11. v

VERNON A. WRIGHT
FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

Aug. 4. 1926

Dear G.

This morning Howard started on his vacation with two weeks pay and his Ford car. He said he was going to Upts. and would be in St Cloud at noon and have supper in Upts. So far he has not averaged more than a very few miles without tire trouble and we did not encourage him to try such a long trip. However his time is his own and it will make no great difference if he has to camp out on his way.

Love B.

Aug. 5. 1926.

Dearest G.

Ann's upset was of short duration though her headache made her quite miserable while it lasted. Today she up and quite herself again. There was to be a picnic but I didn't want Ann to go so come after being sick and the wind was very strong from the north so Miss Rummy called it off. Lucy has begun Latin composition after about two weeks' intermission due to absence of Miss Shei and delay in receiving text book. She (Lucy) looks very well and her hay-fever has not bothered her much and is now about gone.

Love V.

out. 2:15 p

Aug. 9. 1926

Dearest G. -

I think I wrote you that Howard was on his vacation and that he chose to drive to Neffs in his new Ford (his new to him). Nobody thought he could get there in any reasonable time, but this morning a postal card came from him saying he arrived safely and without accident at about 4:00 P.M.

Yesterday Lucy had Margaret Gray for the day. We had supper at the Hamnaks. Lorine is still away on Scout duty, but is expected some. Lucy is planning to visit the Reeds, either at Neffs or Cass Lake, leaving Aug. 15.

We shall miss her. She is now at work again with Helen Schei doing Latin composition.

Sam reports his family as doing well. The new boy may be named Samuel Philip, Jr. or possibly Elmer E. 2nd.

With love

V.

Aug. 10. 1926

Aug. 10. 1926

Dearest -

Your cable message was delivered last night
announcing your arrival at Villa Frinetta.

I have been sending letters to Haskard, Casardi & Co.
which is the last address you gave. Ann and I
had just sent two more. Hers are wonderfully adorned
and addressed by herself but it seemed legible.

^{4 Wrights, 2 Kraussers, 1 dog}
We are all going out to Friberg this afternoon. Lucy has
not seen the modernized Tomb of Theodoric. She and
Cy and I were in Ravenna together when I told her
the next pour-house was going to be plagiarized from the
Tomb. There is so little water in the river that
it - the pour-house - might as well be a tomb now.
I just met Mrs. Hannah in Elter's eat palace. She
apologized and said she hadn't been there for years. The
announcement of the marriage of Kathryn Kaddatz to Mr.
Willis MacDonald Kimball has just come. His pedigree
is not given. There is no other mail today.
With love to

Aug. 13. 1926

Dearest G.

Mr. Hannah has sold the old Chas. S. house to Frank Shay who will occupy it immediately but will not make any changes in it at present. On the 15th (Sunday) Lucy goes to Gene Reed's at Wpls. I have to be in Wpls. the next day so we may drive down. Ann won't like it at all to be left behind and I don't quite know what to do about it. She is in town today with Meredith. The principal event of the week is that Howard arrived from his vacation with his hair straightened. Some take trouble to curl it and others to straighten. We continue well and wish you many returns of the day - the 23^d day - of Aug. The new gas heater is being installed in the Wpls. house. No bills for your Cape Cod building have yet been presented. Miss Howe wrote that she would send them. With Love V.

Aug. 14. 1926.

Dearst G.

We expect to start for Upl. tomorrow morning and we are going to appease Ann by inviting Eleanor Gray to stay with her while I am away. It will be two or three days. Ann has gone swimming once or twice with Billy and Lucy but she does not really get back to former relations with them. It is Sat. afternoon and I am going out early for not much is doing in the office. In general the O.T. P. Co. is extremely busy in its plan of fitting new territory before it is all gone. Sometimes we get and sometimes we don't get. The competition for new business is active and we can not expect to get everything we want.

Cy looks over the mail eagerly every morning and gets no letter. He bears up cheerfully but I think he is not too happy. We are beginning to plan on starting back to Upl. for the winter.

With love

V.

Aug. 18. 1926

Dearest G. —

Cy and Lucy and I drove to Wpls. on Sunday and left Lucy with the Reds. They are to stay in Wpls. a week and go to Cass Lake for a week and Lucy will be back at Swan Lake on Sept 2 just in time to pack up her things for removal to Wpls. School opens on Sept. 7. in Wpls.

Ann had Eleanor Gray while we were away and got along very well. Eleanor was all right till we got back Tuesday afternoon when she suddenly developed home-sickness so we took her home at once.

There is to be a party at the Reds' Sat. night Aug. 21. and Cy will go down to that. I should be glad to stay in F.F. later this year for business is more or less seething. There has been rain lately and the yard in Wpls. looks very well. Harry has worked quite a lot on it under Mr. Milne's direction. The new gas heater is about ready for test but I could not stay.

Love V.

Aug. 21. 1926

Dearest G.

We are invited to the wedding of Lucille Bamard and Mr. Lester King Kirk of Detroit, Mich.

Cyrus left this morning by the Dodge route for Minneapolis where there is a party to-night at the Ruds'. They have some other function Monday which he will stay over for and will come back Tuesday.

Ann has been playing with the Brown children most of the time lately. Elsie seems to like to have Ann there and I think Ann is a help in keeping the children organized and amused. Also it seems to me a very good thing for Ann. She comes home after being with them a long time and does not show signs of exhaustion as she sometimes does after playing with children of her own age or older.

I have at last had Mr. Osby take pictures of the monument — from three points. They are not yet ready. Stanley Washburn is here today to negotiate with the O.T.P. concerning power for a coal mine in which he is interested and which is near our new plant.

Love from Ann and me V.

Aug. 23. 1926

Dearest G.

Perhaps at this moment you are reading cable messages from Ann and me in F.F. and from Lucy and Cy. in N.Y. At any rate I hope so.

This morning there came two postal cards mailed just after you had arrived in Naples and containing more promising news than any received before.

May the sun continue to do his good work.

It takes so long to make a round of correspondence that I am apt to think of you in terms of the last postal card. For instance I don't know at this minute whether Tom is in Capri or in Spain. Whichever he is I am glad he has enjoyed Italy. That is in accord with the family tradition. Ann seems to me more serene than during the early summer.

Much love and hope that Capri will do well by you. V.

Aug. 27. 1926

Dearest G-

Yesterday Ann played with Billy and Lucy and about dinner time appeared in white duck blouse and trousers bearing stencils across the front. "G. B. Wright. - 342." - The kind worn by plain "Gals." Margaret had given her a suit which sometime had been worn by Geo. B. and the astonishing thing is that except for the trousers which can be turned up at the bottom the suit was not a bad fit - hardly a bit too wide across the shoulders. Geo. B. will be here Sunday (two days from now) and we shall discuss Chas. Roll's affairs which are again in a bad way. Elsie was in this morning asking whether she had not better be considering finding a job. I told her it was not a case for job-hunting yet but it would be quite right to have her mind on the matter for possible future necessities. Cy seems to have been quite impressed with Lucy's ways and manners at the Reed parties. He says she is having a grand time with her 2.

Aug. 28. 1926

Frank G.

I have just sent photographs of the monument to Mrs. Hanby. They are large, stiff, shiny and hard examples of Mr. Okey's art but will at least give her an idea of the completed work. Most of my office time is spent on Cas. Trustee work at present. It seems to take an unreasonably long time and it is likely that the interested beneficiaries are chafing at the bit, but they haven't yet sent Mrs. Brown or any one else to speak about it. I assume that you remember the tale of Mrs. Jas. A. reporting that some farmer's horses were chafing at the bit. That was when she was interested in cruelty to animals. Ann certainly looks funny in Geo. B's clothes. She likes them and they are certainly serviceable.

With love
V.

Sept. 1. 1926

Dearest G. -

A large bunch of postal cards arrived this morning for which many thanks. We had the Hannah family for dinner last night and afterwards Geo. B. and Margaret came in. A pleasant time was had. Geo. is on his way to Phila. by way of a Transfer of Station. We talked over Chas. Rolla's affairs yesterday afternoon. They are in a bad way and no solution is yet agreed upon. Ann has got back into daily relations with Billy and Lucy. On the whole I am not sorry they were suspended for a while. I think the easy play with the younger children was beneficial. This is the last week at Swan. L. Lucy gets back from Cass Lake tomorrow in time to pack up for Nfld. We shall probably drive down Sunday leaving the two Miss Krauss for a day or two to close up. All is going well and all are well.

The enclosed photo is the modern Tomb of Theodore though he wouldn't recognize it.

Sept. 4. 1926

Dearest Y -

Your cable came yesterday just as Miss Kramer was returning from mpls. where she succeeded in getting a transfer for Ann from Mrs. Bartholf's new school to Kneewood. If I ever knew that it was arranged to stay till October and Tutor Ann I had entirely forgotten it. As I have wired you today every one, except Cy who is neutral, wants to go and I don't see any way to resist. It so happened that I am just at the edge of my margin and the weather is cold and damp and Sun. L. doesn't look good. Miss Kramer argues that in the 6th grade it would be hard for Ann to cross the first month and she apparently has no confidence in her ability to tutor. In which I agree with her. The Wilsons are moving out tomorrow and the house would be left without anyone. Perhaps I could arrange with them by telephone to stay if I had the furniture but I haven't. I am sorry to disappoint you but do not feel able to undertake any other course today and tomorrow will be too late to change. Your last cards were a joy to my old age. V.

Dearest Y-

Sept. 9. 1926

We came down from T.T. the day after I cabled you. ~~for~~ It didn't seem possible to do anything else and preserve livable conditions.

The Milnes had left the house before we arrived but Mr. Milne came in to see us directly.

They were nice people and left the house in excellent condition. The two Kramers came down the next day just in time for the opening of school. Ann's transfer was arranged and she is now in school a half day each day for the first week. I was feeling rather rotten when we left but did not have to go to bed and am now nearly myself again. On the whole I have been very well this summer. Your second cable (to Cyprus) we could only interpret as a wish to have us go back to Swire L and I cabled you that I did not want to go back.

Now I am inclined to think that you meant that arrangements should be made so that I could sleep there instead of at the hotel where I am in T.T. In either case I don't think I should like to go out there any more this year. It is getting cold and there has been much rain

tately. You know the Kaddah is not by any means so impossible for me as for you. I am there only two or three days at a time and I don't expect to have to go often.

We all saw Mrs. Hanley two days ago. She does not look badly but I suspect she has not so much resistance left. At any rate it is a comfort that Nancy looks exceedingly well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanley and Nancy and Anne are all at the State Fair this afternoon and will stay and have their supper there as they did last year. Lucy has a dressmaker at work getting ready for school - I think it is Edna. She and Cy leave Sept. 19th for Boston and Cy will have a week to kick his heels there. I am wondering if Fome is

observing Spanish revolutions or experiencing Spanish train wrecks, both of which are now occurring according to the newspapers.

Please don't let our vagaries over here interfere with your business of recuperating in Capri.

We are all well and getting ~~on~~ comfortably. I think Miss K. has developed a good deal of competence in management during the summer.
with love &c.

Sept. 13. 1926

Dearest G -

It is a pleasant Sunday afternoon after a dull morning. Lucy is sitting out on the lawn reading with Gled Tied and near at hand. Ann is up in her house at No. 1. Pathway also reading. Cy is in the living room reading. Presumably we will drive out and leave Lucy for the night with Doris. Gene and her mother left for Vaasan several days ago by automobile. Lucy and Cy go next Sunday. Yesterday afternoon we all went up to the Art Institute to have a look around and in particular to see a French decorative exhibit. There were drawings of poster type and suggested hangings and furniture and pictures and decorative sculpture - things you might put on the parlor table. The general effect was of superior quality - that is, superior to the domestic output. Mr. Walker's new gallery will be opened to the public in about a month. I shall be interested to see whether the exhibits will be weightily improved by better settings. I forgot to tell you that Miss Aggie sent the freebies of the "Girl Hikes" to you after I had told her of your climbing Solars. Love &

Sept. 18. 1926

Dearest Y -

Your cablegram concerning sailing on
Nov. 12. seems to have been some five
days in transit. It apparently was sent on
the 11th and was received on the 16th.

This will explain the delay in replying.
Ordinarily a deferred message is supposed
to be delivered in not to exceed 24 hours.

Nov. 12. seems far away to us but if
all goes well I suppose time will continue
to fly. We received your flock of post cards
written Aug. 23. and this morning another lot
dated Aug. 31. and they give us joy and
cheer. Tomorrow Cy and Lucy leave for
school. Today they are having lunch with
Mrs. Thayer at the Winkahda club. Louise had
dinner with us last night. Lucy has no picture
to send you but her bob is boyish and suits
her style. Nancy stayed over night with Ann.
and has been here all day today. It has
been raining and everything is wet so they
have played dolls continuously but are now
going out.

Love U.

Sept. 21. 1926

Dearest G -

Now I am back in F.F. My principal job is closing up my step-mother's affairs. It is a somewhat complicated job and will not be entirely finished until the U.S. Federal officers have collected their share. That will probably take several months. But meanwhile I expect to get everything in order and make a partial distribution. The O.T.P.Co. continues to expand but that is no new habit.

I had a message from Cy this morning saying they had arrived safely and that Lucy is in school. Cy has a week to kill before his term begins. Tom should be arriving very soon if he sailed on the 16th as I expect. We are all well in Nfld. Did I tell you that Anne had gained an inch and a quarter in the summer vacation which makes about $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches for the year. I shall keep on addressing you at Capric until notified to change - Love U.

Sept. 24, 1926

Dear Y.

I am still here working on Caw estate matters.

Yesterday a cold wave warning was passed around early in the afternoon and I took Mr. Hannah out to Swan Lake while Sam took the plumber to shut off water and empty the pipes and fixtures.

Everything is attended to at our house except the electric tank which is in no danger and I am leaving to the plumber. It did turn cold and it was as well to get ready but I do not think that damage would have occurred. Sam's house is progressing and I think it will look better than most.

The real news is that Tunney, the U.S. marine, took the heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey last night in Phila. to the surprise of all the experts who were laying odds of 3 to 1 on Dempsey.

The ceremony of starting the new Kidder Station in N.D. will take place the first week in October and it is likely that I shall go out. Local celebrities, principally known as "King John" will be present. The King owns most of the countryside out there and is a power in business and politics. With love V.

Sept. 26. 1926

Dearst G -

Ann's bicycle and I got back to Wpbo last night and we found everything all right as usual. Ann looks particularly well and Miss Kramer said she had been very good during my absence. It was Nancy's birth day and Ann had given her a 16 color box of water colors while Nancy's mother had given her a new wrist watch. Today Miss Kramer is out at Chaska and Nancy is here for dinner and the afternoon. The place looks well but I could use Harry for a day or two. He has not been available or fit-at-able by telephone but I suppose he will appear soon. The new hot water heating system is a great improvement for mild fall weather. It is much steadier in its operation. The cost of heating is yet to appear but it should be lower than the old system or method. Ann and I will get our own supper and be alone this Sunday evening.

Much love J

Lois has sent a book "Massachusetts Beautiful" with many pictures of old houses and gardens.

Sunday
Oct. 3. 1926

Dearest G -

Ann and Nancy have gone to Sunday school and I think Mrs. Hanby went with them. The new chauffeur boy is a High School boy and is known as Jack. He looks all right and seems more responsible than Glen who wanted the job again. Ann reminds me very often lately of Tommy when he was younger than Ann now is. Not only she looks like him but she has occasional mannerisms and ways of speaking hesitatingly that are as he was. Mrs. Hanby says Ann has lately passed a "phenomenal reading test". She seems to like her school. There is a new principal caused by late hour promotions and transfers to fill vacancies. We have been alone in the house most of the week. Miss Kraemer is having a vacation. She will be back tonight and Tuesday I go to F.T. again and possibly out to Washburn to see the new station start. I am taking the same Friday and children's concert tickets as last year. They are making a special effort to sell out the house. Note from Tom just received. Love V.

X. 21. 1926.

Casa Lovatti
Isola di Capri

Gladly await Harriet's answer
Am if ~~at all~~ boys must
write weekly, & you come later.
~~letter~~ or I must return.
Reply

Thomas & Cy Wright
38 Quincy St.

Cambridge
I write weekly, just
help me with Reply.

Oct. 7. 1926

Dearest G.

Yesterday I was in Washburn, N.D. to see the new steam station. The building is practically completed and the machinery nearly all installed. One unit will be ready for operation within a week in all probability. We saw it start and come up to full speed but without attempting to carry a load. Many small adjustments seem to be required but so far as we can see it will work. I have letters from Lucy and from J. & C. Lucy apparently was rather pleased to get back to school. She is a senior and therefore an important person. Cy has changed his room-mates and is to be with Fred Sears, a member of his fraternity, concerning whom I have no further information. You may know that the rules did not permit him to go with Ark. and Wilder, two being the limit. Tom is again at 38 Quincy St and says that as his work will be less he may get out more. Cy says he looks well. I hope you have enjoyed Bari. It seems interesting.

With love V.

Oct. 9. 1926

Dear G -

Last night I had dinner with Sam and Lucy Adams. Little Ann was quite charming. I didn't see Sammy but heard him. Lucy says he is well but cries quite a lot. Today was Saturday and the afternoon was fine so I drove out to Faphin Yags for an inspection and to get the air. Both were satisfactory.

The annual meeting of O.T.P.C. is Monday and as I have to be here I can't very well go home tonight. So I wrote Miss K. asking her to stay at 121. After Sunday and promising to make up the off time some other day. I am sorry not to be at home on Sunday but could not well avoid the absence this time. Mr. Hannal went down to see Louise yesterday and to see the upls - Notre Dame foot-ball game today. The report is that upls. lost. The really important matter just now is the base-ball world-series games. St. Louis has 3 games and N.Y. has 3 games and the deciding game will be played in N.Y. Tomorrow (Sunday) before countless thousands of fans.
With love to
G.

Oct. 10, 1926

Dearest G -

This morning I went out to Swan Lake to have a final look and it seems to me that everything is ready for winter. I went up to Sam's new house and found the SGA family there. We inspected and admired the house and in particular the stone fire-place. They bid me to dinner and afterwards we went over to the Lougys and listened in to the repeat of the last game of the World Series baseball game. It must have been a good game with interest sustained up to the moment. St Louis won by 3 to 2. Then we drove out to Underwood to inspect a farm which the bank has had to take over and which SGA is bringing up to his standard by means of paint and fencing and carpentry. So it has been a full day and I shall be ready for bed now.

Love

V. A. Wright

Oct. 11. 1926

Dearest Y -

Your cable with new Capri address came this morning and I have been mulling over it all day. Ann wants you so much that I could not do other than ask you to sail Nov. 12. as I have been promising her. It would be a very Christmas for all the other children also if you were not here.

I do not see how I can go abroad with you and Ann but I should think that you two could go after Christmas if you wish. If this plan is going to be too hard on you we can get along but Ann would be terribly disappointed and I should have to find some way of sending her over to you. I doubt if I can go myself. Best love Y.

Oct. 17. 1926

Dearest G -

It was last Monday that I received your cable asking me to cable plans. The message was forwarded from N.Y. to F.F. It was difficult for me to understand as I thought you had already arranged to sail on Nov. 12. and it seemed impossible to get away except in case of a great emergency on account of my own affairs and the estate matters of my mother and also the apparently approaching crisis in Chas. Rolla's troubles for which no solution has yet been found. Anne has been so counting on your return Nov. 12 that it seemed a catastrophe not to have you come. So I cabled as I did.

Then Tuesday night I came back to N.Y. and found your letter which explained it all. Fortunately there were with the letter several postal cards written at later dates than the letter but delivered at the same time which relieved our immediate anxiety. So I cabled again saying we would sail by earliest possible boat unless you prefer to take Quillio as planned. That

was exactly what I meant but I am now afraid
you may have thought it indicated hesitancy on
my part. However I set to work before getting
your reply to obtain passports and they are now
being prepared. The earliest sailing appeared to be
Sivillio Oct. 23. but there was no chance of
getting passports in time and Conte Rosso
Oct. 30 th is the next chance. Miss Spence
tells me the chances are good for a passage on the
Rosso even up to sailing time and if you
cable us again we will get it if possible.

Yesterday I got your cable from Naples saying
you would come Nov. 12. and Today I cabled
again that we ^{would} come if you call us and if
not ^I would meet you in New York.

I have been a little "giver" through the week and
am not too confident that if I went I could
be anything more than an additional burden on
you as I was before. However, Harriet Hawley,
who doesn't fall down when she is most needed,
said she would go in my place with Ann and
Bancy if necessary and passports for them are
being made in case they should be needed.

But after receiving your cable that you would come alone on Nov. 12. she made it clear that she would not go just for pleasure. I told her that if you wanted to stay I should be glad to have her go anyway.

Just now Mrs. Hamby has called me up to tell Harry to come home and to say that she has talked it over with Frank and he is willing to go to Missouri for the winter and let her go to you if it seems best.

I urged her to let me cable you that she would come if you would rather stay there and ^{regardless of the "for pleasure" condition} as Nov. 12. I am now I am going down to the Tel. office again. If she goes with Harry and Ann. I shall keep the house open so the children can come home Christmas but Ann will be with you which has been my main concern. Hoping you are getting over the effects of your heart attack and with love
V.

121. Clifton Ave
Oct. 23. 1926

Dearest Y.

The preparations are going forward. Anne has a new small steamer trunk with her own initials on it and she and Nancy both have new suitcases just alike except for the initials. Miss Kraemer has both girls down town now shopping though I think they do not intend to get many things. They are tremendously excited but both seem very well and will get over it on the ocean. They have a good sized stateroom in the Conte Rosso with private bath all at reduced rates because part of E deck is to be used for 2nd cabin. E is rather low down but is one deck higher than I had with Miss Spence. — That doesn't sound just right, if you know what I mean. They will stay one night with the Kohrs in N.Y. and the boat leaves at 12 noon, Sat Oct 30. Mr. Hankey will go to Missouri and is apparently quite contented with the prospect. I have begun the campaign to try to make the boys write regularly. It seems to me that instead of having the children home for Christmas I had better go to Boston and perhaps take them somewhere. Have you any suggestions. Best love V.

Oct. 26. 1926.

Dearest G -

The preparations are nearly completed for the start tomorrow evening. Tickets and berths for train and steamer are bought. The only thing that remains is the securing of passport visas. This is being done in N.Y. by an agent who makes it his special business and I have telegraphed Roth Kohn to enquire whether it has been done. The children are still much excited but seem to be all right. Ann wants her mamma as much as her mamma can want her but now that she is going to you the wanting does not trouble her any more. She will bring along a few letters - invitations and such like - which I have not forwarded. The day after they leave I go to F.F. and Miss Kraemer has asked to have her sister here while I am away. The arrangement seemed to me a good one as she might not like to be here alone with Howard. Perhaps this letter may go on the same steamer. If so it will be obsolete
Love v.

Oct. 29, 1926.

Dearest G -

I am enclosing a letter which is probably a bill as the pictures arrived a few days ago in N.Y. They are still unopened but are in the doll room where the temperature will be comparatively even. I will not open the box unless you want me to and I will pay the bill if you wish.

The children and Mrs. Hanby got away Wednesday - Oct 27. - Anne in tears at the last moment - but I was glad to get a note from Chicago saying that she recovered in a little while. There is no news here except election news and the cross country trip of Queen Marie of Rumania.

Love V.

Fergus Falls.

Oct. 31. 1926

Dearest G.

A telegram from Robert Kohr yesterday announced that the party had sailed well and cheerful. So by this time they are one day out on their way to meet you.

The day before they left Mpls. I read your last cable again and found a possible construction which I had not before grasped. Of course there was no punctuation and it might have been as I interpreted it,

"Gladly await Harriet Nancy Ann. ← period.

If you come later boys (must) write weekly or return."
or it might have meant,

"Gladly await Harriet Nancy Ann if you come later. ← period.

Boys (must) write weekly or I return."

The difference is in the location of the period, and the latter reading seems more logical though I did not at first see it. I should like very much to come later if I can manage it and if the effort to travel does not seem too great. The idea of travelling alone with Ann to be responsible for seemed too much for me but I do not think I should feel the same way about travelling by myself if I continue as well as I have been.

There does not seem any probability that I can get away before January unless in an emergency. (over)

Q.T.P. plans are in the making and I cannot well let the Company ship drift. But by the beginning of next year the situation may be more settled. My mother's estate affairs seem farther than ever from settlement. Inheritance taxes in two states and Federal estate taxes are complicating things and make for delay.

It now seems to me more sensible to go East for Christmas with the children than to have them all come out here. What could we do or where could we go? And if I go to Italy in January how about the Wpts. house? I don't think you would like to have it closed, and I don't like the expense of keeping the two miss Kraemer and Howard on duty. It does not seem a very good plan to have Howard there under such circumstances. He is doing well but he might deteriorate. Possibly Miss Kraemer and a cheaper woman might be left there. But in that case you would probably or possibly lose Howard on your return. Have you any suggestions? Then there is Tom who plans to come out and go to work the last of Feb. or first of March and I ought to be here at that time though perhaps that would not be necessary. Any way you have my love &c.

Nov. 1. 1926

Dearest G.-

Last night, which was Sunday, I had supper with the Hammahs and Mr. Barclay.

Mrs. Hammah told me that at a recent social function Miss Lynn had inadvertently let out that Dr. Welch and Miss Lucy will go to Italy this winter. It had been intended to keep it secret but under those circumstances she said she might as well tell me. Later she said they have passage engaged for Feb. 26. I asked if it meant that the Dr. was giving up his job and she said she thought it did mean that.

I don't think the announcement is intended to be made public but it is known.

It is getting to be real winter or rather near winter in F.F.

With love, V.

a letter from Lucy says she thinks it would be nicer for me to come East for Christmas.

Nov. 2, 1926.

Dearest G -

This is election day but it is too early to get any results. E.E.A. is candidate for State Senator and ought to win this time. Against the advice of his political friends he insisted on making a savage attack on his opponent through the columns of the Journal. The opponent is a mud-head but a personal attack on him has undoubtedly brought him sympathy and lost E.E.A. some votes. If he doesn't win it will be his own fault. He stands for sanity and soundness in business, private and public, and if he had rested on his real strength he would have been elected in all probability but he couldn't resist the temptation to dig into someone in a purely personal way. Nevertheless I hope he will win and Dick Field thinks he has the best chance. It is thought by the politically wise that Hannah R. will be reelected. Will Washburn of Reps. Talked to me at considerable length one day about her excellences. He sat next to her in the legislative chamber and ought to know.

Love
G.

Nov. 4. 1926

Dearest Y -

The election is over and EEA. is beaten again. I think it is generally considered that he did it himself. In general the party in power, Republicans, has lost and the Democrats have gained. This is quite in accord with the habits of the Americans in off year elections. The Republicans will control the House and the Senate will be dead-locked with the result that little legislation is likely to get through and perhaps that will be a good thing. I am going back home either tomorrow or the next day. and hope to find the house and its occupants still there. As I have heard nothing to the contrary I assume that they are. The party should be opposite the Agons at this time. That is all the news and it will be a bit old by the time you read it.

With love
V.

Dearest G -

Nov. 7. 1926

I got back from F.F. Friday night and found everything all right. A new man recommended I believe by Harriet Meyer is putting in storm windows. The outside water services have been shut off for some time but there is still water in the pool and it is unfrozen. The grass is green but the trees are bare of leaves. I telephoned to Miss Lehr immediately and found that Mr. Hanley had left on schedule time for St. Louis. Yesterday Mary Anna telephoned that she was coming over for some errand and said she would stop a few minutes. Presently she came looking very well but a little harel. She had just had her 73rd birthday. She did not know or had forgotten that you were in Italy. In a few minutes Margaret came in with one of her children but did not stay long. I was glad to see them. Now it is Sunday afternoon and I am alone except for Gieb and presently we shall walk out and post this letter. The Conte Rosso should now be past the straits and well into the ultra-marine Mediterranean. I shall continue to send letters to Casa Loretti but of course I don't know whether you will stay there. Perhaps I shall get a cable some day giving a new address. I am wondering if your Bari friends suffered from the tidal wave which has been reported in the papers in this country. (over)

Queen Marie of Roumania has been having scenes
and things out in Washington where her regular
trip manager, Stanley Washburn, and her local host
and manager, Sam Hill, were not able to get along
with each other. Curiously they are both former
Minneapolis men. I can well imagine
that Sam had to be the whole show but the
newspaper account is very evidently colored by
local influences which attempt without much
discretion to make Sam appear ridiculous.
He took the royal party up to the boundary to
dedicate his international arch which according
to the account has already been dedicated several
times. They refer to the permanent dedication
platform as which the party took place.
I imagine the queen knows how to manage
differences and doesn't worry much about them.

Wash Dec 11.

Nov. 9. 1926

Frank G. —

The mystery of Harry's disappearance is solved. I think Miss K. has forwarded a letter from him to Ann dated at Los Angeles. I had made several attempts to get at him but without any success. How he got there is beyond me. He evidently had no surplus to go on when we got back from the lake.

I am thinking about joining you in Italy. I should like to do it but there seem to be obstacles. The G.T.P.Co. has financial problems for finishing up this year's construction and for providing for next year. I can't go until these matters are settled and it is impossible to say now how long it will take. Then there is the question of the house. The simplest way would be to close it. Miss K. had another job offered her a while ago but I don't know whether it is still open. It is expensive to heat it and keep her and Howard. Perhaps she could manage without him but I don't want to say anything until I hear your wishes and until I know definitely that I can get away. Love.

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Nov. 11. 1926

Dearest G -

Your cable announcing the arrival of the party and that you were better gave pleasure to all. And your card to me of Oct. 28. saying you were on your way to Florence and would be back again for the landing party come at the same time. I have been sending my leftlet letter to Casa Lovatti as you have doubtless discovered. Three missing checks have been found by Miss K. in a waste basket. -

Longme 48.³⁷ - Howells Florist 29.⁸¹ and Hamish Kempfer 2.⁵⁰. The first two had been paid but I do not remember paying Hamish K. and will write him to find out. I am holding such things in Alliance Française. Fall meeting of Bryn Mawr, Unity Church, Invitation to marriage of Alice Bell Eggleston to Henry Townsend Pratt and Edith Josephine Peterson to John Douglas Simpson. I have not bought anything for Alice Eggleston. It is getting wintry. The storm windows are all on and the new hot water furnace is going. I like it for its regularity. Tomorrow night there is a concert and Sunday I go to F.F. again. When shall I give the children's concert tickets to?

Love v.

Nov. 13. 1926

Dear V.

Last night I went to the concert and was so enthralled that when I got home I had to sit down and write my sentiments, as follows:

It would have been absurd to suppose that anybody could get through an entire Saint Sæens concerto without locating a dry note or perfunctory phrase, but Mischa Levitski, half bald and wholly smileless 28 year old son of Americanized Russians, plays the piano in a way that makes the others - I name no names - mechanical music boxes. Throughout the performance and the four encores and all the applause his face remains unchangeable and almost expressionless but the rest of him is all dramatic action. He hits so hard that he raises himself clear of his chair. The contrast is an ~~amusing~~ engaging stunt. He can do all ~~things~~ the things to the piano that the others can do but at all times his great facility remains secondary to the main purpose of making music.

And this morning the Tribune critic says without enthusiasm that Levitski with the aid of superb orchestral support gave an exhibition of virtuosity to which Minneapolis audiences were already accustomed from his previous visits and that nothing else could be gotten out of the Saint Sæens concerto anyway.

Which shows how much I know about music.

Love V.

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Nov. 15. 1926

Dearest G. -

Back again at the old stand where things in general jog along. But there is considerable ~~tension~~ in business circles over the epidemic among country banks which are again failing in all three states at an uncomfortably rapid rate.

The N.Y. Institute has acquired a Rubens sketch about the size of the Titian picture which I think is a particular good example. It was the original from which a large ceiling picture in London was done by his followers and is rich and flamboyant to the utmost limit.

Joe writes that he doesn't want to come West at Christmas time because he will be coming a few weeks later and also because he wants to go to Philadelphia at that time. I am not sure that I shall be able to go East myself. Lucy gets out on the 15th which is a little early for me.

You have just received an invitation to subscribe for the reminiscences of the Librarian of the Boston Athenaeum at 1.50 and I have taken the liberty of filling in the postal card for you. Louise was at the house the evening of the concert with another girl because they were having a party at her house which she didn't like.

Love to all v.

(over)

I hope Mrs. Hawley will use her letter of credit
for more than just food and transportation. She has
given up everything in Minneapolis to go to you and
she will need to ~~dress~~ appropriately and do things
which the circumstances seem to demand.

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Dearest Y.

Nov. 19. 1926.

I am wondering what your plans are and where you are going to spend the winter. As yet no word has come of any change of address so I am obliged ~~to~~ to think you are still in Capri. Lucy writes that she will be out on Dec. 12. which is a little early for me but if she has no place to go to I shall have to arrange to be there at that time. Any good suggestions as to where to go would be welcome. I think I wrote you that June is going to Phila. but he has not yet told me whether for all or only a part of the vacation. He has just sent me a copy of his thesis written last spring. It does not purport to be original but is an excellent, well thought out and well arranged compilation of materials dug from various sources on a drug subject. "The marketing of electricity"

Much love v.

Nov. 20. 1926

Dearest G -

Harvard lost to Yale 7 to 6 and mine after playing the best game lost by a fluke to Michigan by the same score - 7 to 6. I did not go to see for it was only about 20° above zero but I heard it over the radio.

I am enclosing a letter which may or may not be personal, and a bill. Some time ago there arrived a box marked "fragile" from Mr. Gebstein, which has not been opened, but the bill did not come till recently. I thought I had better send it directly to you.

One job of financing for O.T.P. has practically been settled except as to details of carrying out the plan agreed upon. But new problems are in the offing and just now it seems impossible to say when or even whether I can get away for Italy. It looks as though the chief problems in the final development of the company's field of business must be settled rather definitely within the next year. To be sure much the same situation has existed for a decade but not with same clear cut insistence. There are definite limits to the expansion which can take place - limits as to both territory and time, both of which like tide wait for no man. I have not told Miss H. but I am trying to arrange so that I can go. Much love to

Nov. 25, 1926.

Dear Y -

It is Thanksgiving day and I have told the house organization to take time off. I came down from F.F. last night with Mr. Humeah. Mrs. H. had already come and they are to have the day with Louise. There is snow on the ground but the temp. is above freezing and the streets are a bit sloppy.

Financing for O.T.P. Co. is occupying all my time just now. That will be over for the immediate future in a short time but then we have to make up plans as far as possible for next year's work.

Prof. Ripley of Harvard has been stirring up the utility business again with another article in the Atlantic.

It may be the beginning of a period of corrective legislation and investigation which will affect the standing of the whole industry. The utilities have suffered a period of too great prosperity and now they may be in a for corresponding period of suffering undeserved condemnation and unpopularity. It is high time and on the whole the O.T.P. will welcome the changed public attitude if it occurs. I think we are guiltless of the charges which he lays against the big area in the business and have something to fair by an asserting of ship and goats.

Love Y.

Darkest G -

Nov. 28. 1926

Sunday afternoon and Glib and I are holding down the house as is customary. There is an exhibition of Basque paintings at Bradstreet's which you would enjoy. Mostly figure pieces of old native types in strong colors. There is also an exhibition of Paul Revere silver at the Institute which I have not yet seen but mean to see. G is chairman of the membership committee of his fraternity and he says he will have to be as busy much of the time during vacation to entertain members returning to a convention at Cambridge. With June in Phila. and G in Cambridge, Lucy and I will have to find occupations by ourselves. Your first postals and letter since the arrival of the party have just come and were very welcome. I wish I knew what my plans were. I want to go to Italy but can't say I have plans. Much love U.

Nov. 30. 1926

Dearest G -

It is nearly a week since I have written and my time has been pretty well filled with jobs in connection with the sale of another bunch of O.T.P. bonds. I have had no letter from Mr. Hamby and have answered it since I received your letter written in Naples after the arrival of the party. I am glad to know your plans - Capri until Christmas and then Sicily - but is Capri such a good place for you to stay. You wrote me that your English doctor wanted you to get away. I am planning to leave here Dec. 14 or 15 so as to get to Boston by the 17th when Lucy gets out of school. After that I shall come back and engage in more O.T.P. affairs. If I find I can get away the problem of what to do with the house remains unsettled. I hope to have some suggestion from you before long.

With love to all
I am going to send you a photograph of your Christmas present.

Dec. 2. 1926

Dearest G.

I think I sent you a College Club dues bill but if you have not paid do not do so. They sent another bill and I asked Mr. Hannah to pay out of your account. If in the mean time you have paid they will undoubtedly refund. There is no news here except business and real winter a month ahead of schedule. Miss Kraemer is getting two dolls for the children for Christmas. Your present is something which cannot be sent so I am sending photographs. The package is not to be opened until Christmas. Anne knows what it is but she must not tell. This all sounds grand but it isn't. The house gets on very well and Glet is in good condition

Love V.

Dearest G.

Dec. 5. 1926

Yesterday it snowed all day. This morning the back yard was all white and the fountain statue was beautiful against its blue background. Now the sun is shining bright and the temperature is dropping fast - real winter. I am over here in T.T. and shall go up as soon as Dorey gives me some legal advice which has kept me waiting. Time for starting for Boston will be on me before I know it. Lucy is having a week end at Niagara Falls with some girl. I don't know who. She seems to be busy and cheerful. Tom has asked for more information concerning electric rates. His interest in such a subject is the last thing I should have guessed but it is in reality an abstruse subject and as complicated as any scientifically inclined mind could desire. Howard is whistling in the kitchen and soon he will have lone dinner ready. On Sunday Miss K. is of course out.
with love G.

Candles
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 Soap
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 Paper
 Language book

2 dolls in cradles	8.-
1 train @ 4.-	4.-
1 note book @ 5	5.-
1 jumping jack	4.-
Tooth	4.-
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4 baskets @ 8.-	32.-
1 coin coin	4.-
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3 cats at 5	15.-
1 note book	25.-
4 dolls with ruffle.	8.-

Sunday Dec. 12. 1926

Dearest G. &

Here I am still after a week of trying to get ready for my trip to Boston. Now I expect to leave this afternoon for Minneapolis and on Wednesday for Boston. Jim has engaged hotel rooms for me and Lucy and plans will have to be made after I get there. Very likely we shall take some of your suggestions but I don't fancy a great deal of travelling. Dr. Welch has announced his permanent resignation and he and Miss Lucy will sail early in February but their route is not yet fully determined. They may go to some port in Spain. Your story about Julius is most distressing. It seems to indicate an imbalance which will be aggravated by loss of friends on whom he has depended. Also your own situation with respect to Nancy sounds none too reassuring. I can only hope you will be able to manage it without any serious effect on your relations with Mrs. Hamby. That would be a calamity. There is no news here. It is real winter - a month ahead of schedule and I am very busy. My love to you. V.



EN ROUTE

Dear G.

Dec. 16. 1926

It is needless to say that this is being written on the Mich. Central Woodbine. I left N.Y. last night where the temp. was still some ten to twenty degrees below zero and the wind making a record for direct and rapid transit from the north pole. The gas was still flowing and I hope Miss K. will be able to keep the house in operation. The last few days were busy ones but I seem to be up and now weight approx. 138 shipped.

playing their hand too
strong and overdoing it.

Merry Christmas to you
all with love of the
old one V.

Mrs. Read wanted to have Lucy
come home with Gene if our
plans were changed.

The only news I get is from
the newspapers and they seem
more than ever given over
to murders and robberies
and sensational law trials.
A flapper in Texas has
just held up a bank and
thinks the Thrill was a
wonderful experience.

In spite of some advantages
of the modern over the Vic-
torian I think they are

I will address all letters after this to
Haskell, Cascardi & Co.

I have not yet had an opportunity
to talk over plans with Thom. and
don't know what he would think of
going abroad with me. He seems
to me pretty well. Travelling
alone does not appeal to me
strongly. I will write again
as soon as I have talked with
J.

Which love

V.

HOTEL BELLEVUE
BOSTON

Sunday Dec. 19.
[1926?]

Dearest V.

This part of the family is now more or less
reunited. I arrived Friday and telephoned
to Concord and was told that Lucy had taken
a one o'clock train for Boston. It was then
1:15 so I hustled to the No. Station and met
Lucy with a teacher. A few minutes after we
got back to the hotel both boys arrived, having
misunderstood Lucy's directions as to the time of
her arrival in Boston. Yesterday afternoon we
were all at the Ladd's for tea and there we
had dinner at the Bellevue with Fred Lima
added to the party. Archie came in after dinner.
Thom, Fern and I went to the Symphony and
the rest of the party to the movies. It was a
great pleasure to hear a concert in the Sym. Hall
after the Lyceum Theatre in Wpls. and Sergei K -
is all you had led me to expect.

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Harriet Richardson has invited us all to Christmas afternoon and evening through Thomas. Edith says she was bid also but cannot go.

A letter sent by Miss Kraemer was returned from Haskard, Casardi & Co. before I left N.Y. It had been addressed to Villa Rinetta but for some reason came back to U.S.A.

I am wondering whether other letters which did not bear a return address may not have been entirely lost.

Most of mine have been sent either to Villa J. or Casa L. but a few went to Haskard Casardi. And I find the boys have sent letters both to your bankers and to Am. Exp. in Florence.

As you may be leaving Capri soon

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we have not yet made plans but I expect the boys to dinner and perhaps we can then decide. They have a few days more of college so I suppose that in any event we shall stay here until they are released.

I tried to see Lois Howe yesterday afternoon but it was Saturday so of course her office was closed.

Monday

Lucy and I saw Miss Howe today. The house is almost finished except for painting and Miss Howe thinks you may have some ideas for this part of the work and will therefore wait until next spring.

Lucy and I also saw Edith and Mrs. Ames this afternoon. Mrs. Ames is getting old but is much like herself. Edith invited us to dinner tomorrow.

dinner so as to have a look at her.

Tom says he was enervated by Capin or at Capin and picked up as soon as he got on the boat and entered the school year in as good or better condition than ever before. He seems to me pretty well now. He can sail about Feby. 15. and apparently would be glad to do so. I am not quite sure of myself yet. I don't think I should want to go alone anyway and the difficulty of finding simple food of my kind in restaurants and in hotels rather alarms me. But we shall see. I want to come and well if it does not seem too impossible. The Richardsons and Lou and so do Cy, Lucy and W.

HOTEL BELLEVUE

BOSTON

Dec. 26. 1926

Dearst W.

Cy and Lucy and I are still here and Thos. has gone to Phila. After about three days here my digestion upset and although it was not a bad attack I have been obliged to go slowly. We were invited to the Richardsons' for Christmas afternoon and evening and we all went. Edith and Raymond were invited but could not come. There were a few other people and a predominance of the young which was pleasant. They did stunts and among these Thos's translation of a Spanish play which I think you know. They did not know the parts but read them from the same copy, passing it back and

forth as necessary. Cy and Lucy sang
Italian songs and Philip sang ever-beg
songs and there was singing of Carols
and other songs. Harriet was lovely
and Frederic came down from his bed
where he has been having grip. But
he danced a round of the waltz.

Frederica put on her mother's party
dress of many years ago and was
very beautiful and far off. Harriet
told me to tell you that it was the
dress she wore at a party with you
and you had a white dress with a long
streaming blue bow and ribbons from
the shoulder. They were all very nice
and it was good to be with them.

Thos. seems to know them very well
and Harriet said that he had said that
they were too high born for Cy. Still
Cy got on very well.

Lucy and I have seen Edith and her
mother but the dinner we were to have
with E. and Raymond had to be postponed
and is now not likely to come off.

I telephoned to them asking them to
come here tonight but Edith has a
bad cold. It is too bad that I
have not been able to do much with
or for Lucy. We shall start South
for the remaining week of vacation as soon
as we can get accommodations. We have
no definite plan but I want to stop
at Phila. and have J. and his girl to