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Easter Sunday

Dearst G.

It has been a beautiful Easter. A bit too much cool wind but sunny and bright. I and I walked this morning and this afternoon we drove the sewing machine out to Taplin Yager, formerly Tribeg, which I had not seen since the job was finished. A pleasant time was had. Just as we got back to the office we found Elsie with all her own children and a couple of borrowed ones looking at the window display in the plumber's shop. The display consisted of a large brood of artificially hatched chickens being artificially brooded. They are all white and fluffy and Ann would have been delighted with them. Last night we dined with the Hammahs. Louise goes back to her school today - to rest after the fatigue of vacations. I and Louise drove out to the lake last night and the ice is now out. We shall be moving out as soon as I can get the cleaning done. Tomorrow I may have to go to Mpls for a couple of days.

Much love
V.

121. Clifton ave.
Jan. 3. 1927.

Ernest G.

The vacation was not exciting for the children and perhaps the best that can be said of it is that they didn't tire themselves out with wild dissipation. After the first two or three days I had to stick pretty close to the hotel. By Sunday I was ready to go on to Phila but we couldn't get train accommodations until Monday night. Monday afternoon Cy came in with sickly feelings and we had a doctor who said it was chaga poison from a particular ancient and powerful Camembert of the previous day. However he recovered quickly and Tuesday we started for Phila. by the night train. Wed. we saw Independence Hall and Lucy did a little shopping while I tried to find Lecher and discovered that he recently retired. In the evening we had the only good spot - a dinner at a large musical dinner room and seats at a silly musical comedy which made no demands on mental equipment. Wednesday Thursday morning

we left Zone in Phila. and went on to Washington.
We saw the principal sights and drove out to the
St. Landens Tomb of Mrs. Henry Adams and also
to the Arlington Cemetery. The next day we
drove some more and in the afternoon I left
the children and came directly home while
they took the evening train back to Boston
where Cy wanted to see Ruth on Sunday before
beginnings work again on Wednesday. I think I
wrote you that we had Ruth to dinner in Boston.

They are both nice girls.

There was a lot of mail for you in N.Y. and also
for us jointly. It is difficult to distinguish
between Christmas cards and Christmas sales and
I have taken the liberty of opening most of yours.
I enclose the most important ones. In addition
there are cards from Mr & Mrs. Kennedy, Mr and
Mrs. Geoffrey Welch, Boris T., the "girls of C.T.P. 1st"
Albert and Florence Carpenter, and John B. Hawley.
There is also an invitation from Mrs. C. S. Dickburg,
Colonial Lane, and an invitation to the marriage of
Margaret Pomeroy. With love to

Jan. 4. 1927.

Dearest G.

I enclose Jan. check. I called up the house last night and got Mrs. Wilson who told me that Lucy had been accepted on trial for two weeks. She is doubtless pleased. Judge Parsons is coming down to the office tomorrow to talk with us. I don't know yet how the rival attraction of the First Natl. Bank can be arranged. Perhaps he can ride two horses. Somewhat against my inclination I went with Cy back to Mrs. Inoe and will continue to take dinners only there.

With love

Jan. 5. 1927.

Dear Tom -

Many years ago I started a savings account for you and then lost the pass-book. Last year while you were abroad I collected the account and have held the check ever since. I now enclose same - \$65.92

Mother has called me, asking me to come over and I have replied that I think I can sail about Feby. 1. and will catch her definitely within a week. It is more than likely that I shall want you to go with me but it will not be a long vacation. Will you try to plan so that you can go.
Vaw.

Jan. 9. 1927

Dearest G -

I stayed only three days in F.F. and received your cable while there. As soon as I got back I got Miss Spaul started on securing space and wrote Thos. to be prepared to go. By tomorrow I hope to be able to cable you definitely but am not sure. Italian steamers are well filled at this time of year but if it is not possible to secure passage by the Southern route there will be no difficulty by way of Cherbourg. I have just had Louise and two girl friends at dinner this Sunday. It was not exciting but at any rate they had a square meal. Dr. Ulrich (Mabk) has three icons which she is holding for you. They have kept a long time already and probably will still keep till your return. My love to you all and hope to see you soon.

v.

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Boas

Jan. 13. 1927

Dearest G.

Two days ago I cabled that I would be sailing Jan. 29 on Rona for Naples (N.G.I. line). I am asking Theo. to go with me though it is easy to understand that he wants to get to work as soon as possible. I liked Kate though I really did not see much of her.

I have been pretty well again since I got back to Minnesota and now there will be only two weeks to stay.

Just about the time you receive this I shall be starting. All will be pleased.

Tonight I go to F.F. Miss Kraemer will stay here with her sister and Howard will go to Florida "on leave" perhaps in his flivver
Much love U.

Jan. 18. 1927

Dearest G.

All is well. Tonight I go to a city council meeting to consider a site for a new city hall - which means that I am expected to deed them most of the land in the block South of the river between Will St. and Court St. for a small part of what it is or should be worth.

I do not see how I can come down before Sat. evening. We are making up the budget for 1928 construction and I should be here.

The enclosed check is for regular monthly additional and I will do something on Lucy's coat when I come down.
With love V.

Jan. 23. 1927.

Dearest Y -

I had engaged passage on the Rana. Jan. 29. but Thomas has his last exam. on Jan. 31 and could not make it without passing up his degree. It would have been pleasant to go on the Rana which calls at Funchal, Gibraltar and Algiers but it could not be. Now I have a room on the Paris sailing Feb. 5 for Havre and I suppose we shall take the first opportunity to get from Paris to Rome and Naples. Sailing date is still two weeks ahead - lacking me day - but it seems near because I shall go to Boston to see Lucy and Cy. Lucy wants to come home for spring vacation from March 25 to April 5. I ought to be back here by Apr. 1. or very shortly thereafter but it will be difficult to arrange to be here with Lucy. Miss Kraemer will stay in the house with her sister and Howard will go to Florida - probably by flier.

I was at the Hannaks' last night and Dr. Welch was there. He and Miss Lucy sail Feb. 7. by Spanish ship and may stop a few days in Spain or may proceed with the ship to Sicily and Lormina. I told him we might meet them there. Louise has quit

her University work and is going in a few days to Chicago
to learn Kintefanting at the school where Mrs. W. Whorter worked.
She probably has her share of youthful unrest.

I received your cable asking for "Patelie Cod Oil" which
I interpret to mean Patch's Cod liver oil and will bring
two bottles hoping the Duane and the Dofana will both
pass them. As the time approaches I long to be there and
am hoping that nothing may happen to prevent.

My love to them v.



PIROSCAFO "DUILIO."

Minneapolis
March 27. 1927

Dearst G - It was a comfortable voyage - not very rough but not warm enough for sitting out much. The customs officers accepted my word for the antiquity of your purchases and the duty on the new things was \$28.50. But I think it would be advisable to get consular certificates for any more things antique which you may have to bring in. There is no certainty of such luck another time. I saw Robert and Mrs. Kohn and they are going to have schools for Nancy in mind. They hoped you would see them when you land. Lucy seemed very well and I went out to Concord to see and hear her do

the part of a major general in Pirates of Penzance. Her costume was wonderful and her mustache and chin whisker most alluring. Like all the other jobs her voice seemed thin and weak. But it was a great performance and thoroughly approved by the audience.

Lois Howe thought she right to go ahead with the painting but I thought not. She will compromise by putting an coat of white on the interior doors and trim and an coat on the floors which can be followed by anything you like. Lucy left 15 minutes before I did with a bunch of her school mates for N.Y. where Mrs. Reed and Jean were to meet her and keep her for 10 days until the end of her vacation. The house looks well and Glet went over with the usual or more than usual demonstrations. He inquired particularly

after Ann and made polite
references to you and by and by and Chichi
or cici. Howard has written that
he will be back in April but whether
first or last part he did not say.

Miss Kramer will stay here until
you return unless she gets an
opportunity which she can't refuse.

Apparently things have gone smoothly.
I am leaving tonight for F.F. and
shall probably remain there most of
the time.

Coming out from Naples the profile of
the sleeping beauty which Capri
presents from the S.W. was very
distinct for a long time and I
thought of you.

Much love to you all.

V.

March 30. 1927

Dearest G. -

1. Mr. Hannah had the draft for \$1000. of your own sent to you at Villa Irietta as that was the only address or the last address which had been given him and my telegram did not state where it should be sent.
2. You may contribute 500. lire on my account to Bari Russian relief if you desire.

Tom seems well and is working on the plans for a new steam station to be built this year at Wahpeton. He has a room at the house of one of the O.T.P. staff on the corner of Mill St. and Fenner Ave. and in the corner of the N.P. park. He gets breakfast at the house and then walks at restaurants. I think we shall break away and go out to Swan L. very soon even if we have to have most of our week in town. It will be more interesting than Kaddofy Hotel. The ice is not out yet but what's the difference. Business promises to be active again this year principally in N. Dak. People ask about you. My best love to all of you. V.

Apr. 3. 1927

Dearest -

Last night (Sat.) Jan and I dined with ~~the~~ Mr. and Mrs. Hannah. A pleasant time was had. Louise is expected home for a vacation in a week. She is reported to be working hard and liking herself in her new job. This afternoon we drove the sewing machine out to Swaney L. where we found everything in place and not too dirty. The ice is melted around the shore. There are crows, robins and on the way out we heard a meadow-lark, the first of the season. I have to go to Nfld. this week but when I get back I want to move out. Jan is willing to go along and we shall probably get our own breakfasts and find other meals in town until Howard arrives. That may be soon and then again the flivver may be delayed. We called on Elsie and Cousin Myra. The measles are over with and the children are well. Clara has just come home from the hospital after an operation for appendicitis and is very weak. She was rather slow in recovering. We are hurrying plans for a new train station at Wahpeton. Spring should arrive in a couple of months. With love &c.

Sunday, April 10, 1927

Dearest G -

Last Wednesday I went to Mpls. and stayed until today attending to Otter Tail Power affairs. Mrs. Hanley and Nancy had just left our house. John had had gas, water and electricity turned on and had started a fire. Friday I had dinner with Harriet and Nancy. The house looked well cared for and both H. and N. looked exceedingly well to me. They had a rough passage which tired Harriet physically but perhaps rested her also. Mr. Hanley is expected very soon. Nancy has commenced school again. Apparently she was not ready to talk about Eastern schools for Nancy where she was in N.Y. and no plans have been made. Harry Thayer has been sick and was brought from Calif. directly to Rochester for an operation for cancer but Miss Kraemer understands that no cancer was found. I could not learn much but think he is improving. Tom wants a sapphire ring for Kate. They are not to be had in T.T. and I am wondering whether you could pick up anything for him. He had not thought about the setting which is perhaps the most important part. He also wants a house as you had already told me. Mrs. Hannah has suggested that perhaps

The Chas. S. house can be had as the Shays do not seem to be doing anything and Wildred is not greatly interested. If it can be bought it could be rebuilt or modified at a cost considerably below the cost of a new house. What would I think of this plan? You will have left things before this can reach you so I don't know where to send it but shall probably decide on Harkard, Cerardi.

With love to you all
Yr.

I am returning your check to George C. Gebelien as I had already paid his bill.

Apr. 13. 1927.

Dearest G.

Three days since my return from Wfs. have gone without high spots. We are very busy getting started on the summer work but that is an old story. Louise is here on vacation and I have seen her but I have not - yet. I suggested to Lucy recently that since she had to wait for her friends to do their college board exams why should not she do some also. She replies that she is not prepared in anything unless it might be "French" and that is her worst subject. She evidently doesn't want to and thinks she can be more usefully engaged in helping you get the house ready. You have not yet told me anything about Cy's affairs. Having heard nothing I assumed that he did not get a favorable answer on March 15. I have heard from Howard and have sent him funds to get back with. He says he is not coming in his Ford but in another car. Much love
V.

Apr. 27, 1927

Dearest S -

Last Monday I received a letter from Dr. Leficirella giving his advice that you should take two months bath cure. I wanted to consult Dr. Freeman and Dr. Ulrich who know you so well but Dr. F. was not here so I went to Mpls. and talked with Dr. Ulrich. Dr. F. was still away though he had been expected for three days when I cabled you last night. Dr. U. does not see much virtue in the suggestion from a medical point of view but said that if you wanted to stay that was another matter. We shall be disappointed if you do not come in May as planned. I don't know how we would provide for Lucy's house party. Perhaps she will know some way to get the house ready or perhaps you can suggest something. At any rate if you ought to stay and take the baths I think everything else should be secondary. However I really don't want you to stay unless Agnes stays with you. The First Bath Bank has arranged to have \$500 cabled to Haskins, Casardi & Co. for your account. I don't know whether your request means that you are getting short of living funds or whether you wanted your own money for other purposes. If you are running short please let me know by cable so that I can have a draft sent

to you by mail if there is time. I do not
like to forward by cable unless urgent.

We are both getting on very well though I have
been having a wretched cold for a week. It is
on the mend and I have not been obliged to lay
up or lie to. These seem to be land and water
expressions and now we shall soon have to have
the air equivalent.

Bea Underwood was here a week ago but I did not see
her. She stayed only a day.

Theresa has promised to move her forces to Swan
Lake on Tuesday and then I and I expect to
move out. We shall get our own breakfasts and
othermeal set in town. Please cable any plans
or changes of address. With much love
v.

Apr. 27. 1927.

Dearest G. -

Your cable announcing sailing on May 21. gave me such joy that I can only hope it did not give you an equal amount of regret. Tom and Lucy will also rejoice.

Howard and Gled arrived yesterday and went to Swan Lake. Theresa and her army went out to clean today and Tom and I hope to move out tomorrow night.

I enclose a letter from Lois Howe. I have written her that there is a stove on hand, that a gasoline motor in the cellar would not do, that she might send me the estimate on an electric pump. I am afraid the cost will run high. I also told her to order screens but not shades, and to hold up all orders for fixtures, both electric and plumbing. It is quite a blow to lose the name over the door. Much love to you all three

V.

May 26. 1927

Dear G -

Wellcome (two l's will make it a little stronger)
to my. Long may you wave. Jim and I
are holding down Swan Lake house with Howard's
invaluable help and we get on very well. But
we shall be glad of the family arrival as soon
as the family can arrange it.

A package has arrived in N.Y. with duty payable
and I have authorized Miss K. to receive ^{it} and pay
the charges.

I am sorry there was so much
mix-up over your Bryn Mawr Club dues. I did
not like to open the envelope when you were to be
here so soon. The remittance of \$1000. was sent to
the B.M. Club by reg. mail and I asked them to
deliver it to you.

We are busy and I think Jim is enjoying his work.
Just now he has a cold but we have both kept
very well. Much love to you and Cy and Ann.

V.

June 6. 1927.

Dearest G -

Miss Krenner has a job with a family who go to Lake Geneva, Wis. for the summer. She leaves on June 20th and Mrs. Erickson and her son will hold down the house. My understanding with Miss K. was that we should like to have her stay at the house until July 1. but that I could not say definitely whether you would want her for the summer. In the mean time if she got a permanent position I could not ask her to stay. I think she has tried to do a good job and will leave the house in condition. Jan and I are existing comfortably with Howard's assistance. Jan will move over to Wahpeton and live in a tent at the new construction camp some time this month. After that he will visit us week ends. We are interested in your plans and bid you fond welcome to your native.

V.

June 10. 1927

Dearest U -

Thanks for the telegram and congratulations Lucy for me. Life in the middle west has suddenly been enlivened by the advent of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitcomb of California in F.F. I learned of their arrival through the F.F. Journal and have not seen either of them. Their legal representatives are Leonard E. and his partner. They were instructed to inform me that the Whitcombs had come to stay until their claims had been satisfactorily adjusted. A conference was arranged but the Whitcombs did not appear and I went over the matter with Mr. Zumwinkle, the partner, who is entirely agreeable. Two suit-cases contain the mass of documents and correspondence dating back to 1868 which came along with the W's. General dissatisfaction and specific allegations, mostly rather old, are the basis of their complaints. The summer is likely to be lively but no one can tell. Love to you all

V.

June 18. 1927

Dearest G -

Tomorrow Tom will move over to Wahpeton so as to be on the job of constructing the new power plant. His tent is there and they have built him a platform. I do not imagine he will take a trunk - unless possibly a bathing trunk - or a very large equipment of any kind.

Nothing new has turned up in the Whitcomb mess. I have not yet seen him but have written to him suggesting that he come in and talk it over. Miss Mary Hannah and the Tasmania sister are here with the Robert Hannahs but it has been too cool to move out to the lake. Miss Remy has had her cottage cleaned but has not yet appeared. Summer should be here soon. The O.T.P. continues to be busy

and I have been coming with Tom according to schedule which means 8:30 A.M.
With love V.

Package from Clark Wendell arrived.

June 22. 1927

Dearst G -

It was very pleasant to receive your telegram yesterday. I hope you got my reply. Tom had gone over to Wahpeton to live in his tent. The first day was an all day raining one. He had the fly over the tent and a platform underneath and I think he must have been able to keep comfortable.

This morning the Upl. Journal announces the death of Harry Thayer. I think I wrote you that he had been brought from California to the hospital at Rochester several months ago. But I saw him in Upl. not long ago and while he looked thin I thought he was over and past any immediate danger.

So Howard and I are alone at the lake. There are signs of coming habitation in the way of occasional visits by club people and soon there will be many. The first guitar has been heard at the lake but it was an early bird - before the main migration. V.

July 27. 1927

Draft 3 -

A card notifying you of receipt of a shipment of 2 boxes of mirrors has been forwarded by the postman to F.F. I have sent the note ~~to~~ to Skellett & B., 201. So. 5th St. and have asked them to call you up before delivering.

The enclosed card from the P.M. of East Chicago has also been forwarded. I didn't know what to do with it but would suggest that you ask the P.M. to try some other address, if you know of any, before sending the package back to you.

We are getting on all right but would like to see you.
With love

Oct. 4. 1927

Dearest Y -

I am enclosing two checks and a bunch of letters. The check for \$1.92 is to refund an overcharge by the W. U. Tel. Co. on a foreign remittance.

Gleb was not at the house last night or this evening and Peter knows nothing of him. Possibly he is on his way to Minneapolis. Cy left food for him this morning in case he should return. I am going to Wabpeton this afternoon with Sam while the car is being washed against your return to T.T. on Thursday.

With love

V.

Oct. 27. 1927

Dearest Y -

This afternoon I went to Swan Lake and drained all the pipes and traps. The plumber was to do it but he had 'ut. The septic tank is left for him. I drew the line at septic tanks. The lake was never more beautiful nor the day more perfect. The telephone was put in today and the hot plate was connected and its meter installed. Tel. number is 1079. - just 13 more than William the Conqueror discovered England. So it is easy to remember.

The Dodge will have to go to Appls. soon and if it would be agreeable to you I would have Cy. and Jane drive it down Sat. afternoon. Perhaps I would come at the same time. They would have to come back Sunday eve. on the Winnipeg train. We dine over the Golden Rule with many females some of whom are school teachers. I don't belong in their set.

With love
V.

Nov. 5. 1927

Dearest G. —

It was beginning to turn cold when I got here and today there are chilly snow flakes in the air and a feeling of approaching winter. I went to the Wamankus Wedding. It was very entertaining on account of local performers. I was quite surprised by the quantity of talent. Cy's part was not very important and he made no attempt to drag it into the lime light, but what he did was satisfactory and he looked quite a charming person. I tried to see Mr. Van Dyke today but was unable to find him and left word for him to call me. Mr. Hannah will forward the proceeds of your \$1000. note to the Tr. Trust Co. Amanda wanted Dutch Cleanser and Cy got it. Evidently it has been used before in Mrs. Gray's bath room so I it seemed the only thing to do. She has a pail which I think came from Sweden. I hope you enjoyed the Anniversary Concert.

With love V.

Nov. 7. 1927.

Dearest G -

Yesterday morning the boys went hunting at Swan L. They shot one duck and found one which had just been shot, on the roof of our bo. piazza. They are now at Mr. Patterson's and I shall bring them with me some time this week. Unless there are extra people two ducks should make a Sunday dinner. In the afternoon we took the things to Elsie. She had been sick with a cold and was just getting better but we did not see her. All the children have been sick but were mending. It does seem that they have more than their share. Later we went to Swan L. again for the evening shooting which was'nt there. We pulled the sailboat up on the beach by means of the sewing machine and turned it over on some fire-place logs as supports. I cleaned the cake box. There were many little cakes which were still pretty good, and a loaf of bread which was'nt food. Sam will be in Wahpeton only one or two weeks more. With Love V.

Nov. 8. 1927.

Dearest G -

I have just made an appointment in Minneapolis for Sat. morning which will bring me down Friday night. Mr. Field informs me that the Whitcomb complaint will be served some time this month which will mean that the matter will come to trial about next April. It could have been delayed until next summer but I saw no advantage in putting it off. The ground is covered with snow. It is not cold yet but the time is coming for the lakes to freeze over. Mr. J. H. Johnson, the tailor, has consented to make me a winter suit and to put new sleeve linings in my overcoat now six years old. I have not consulted him concerning new crimson linings for my bed slippers. Love to all
V.

Nov. 9. 1927.

Dearest G -

This has been a job. lot day or a day of a lot
of jobs of no great consequence. I have con-
sidered outside bracket lamps on each side of the
Hospital front door with Miss Kerens. I have
sat an hour in Dr. Nelson's chair getting
a bridge started. I have considered various things
with Sam and Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hatch and
I have finally had the blennish on my neck treated
by Dr. Freeman. It bled so I shall have to go
again tomorrow to have it cauterized with his
electric needle. Cy went to Fargo this morning
with one of the other men to collect some figures
which we wanted and has not yet returned.
Invitations to Philip Richardson's wedding came today.
It will be in Springfield on Nov. 25.
Much love V.

Dec. 7. 1927

Dearest G. -

Today has been one of the roughest. Temperature about 10° below zero and a hard wind with some snow and much drifting. We (5 of us) went to the M.E. Church to the funeral of Mr. Hatch's father. It was of the most pharisee, sentimental and insipid. The latest news in the Whitcomb case is that of the \$5000 which he brought back from Calif. \$3000. had been paid to Leonard and was in the Merchants + Farmers Bank when it closed. The remaining \$2000. was also there to the credit of Whitcomb. I don't think it will make any difference in the prosecution of the case but evidently L. will be ~~be~~ doing a lot of work for which he has already been paid and which he will not touch. It may interfere with the trip to Sweden. I do not think I can get away before Friday and it may be Sat. afternoon.

with love

V.

Jan. 19. 1928

Ernest -

It might be cheaper to have the plumber's
plaster but Lighter is repairable and
satisfactory and his men can do both
plastering and carpentry.

Cy says either sample would be entirely
satisfactory to him.

Tom has made no change - March 31.

One of the worst winter wind storms
has passed over N.D. Today and is now
mixing up our Minnesota lines. It is
apparently a short lived squall.

I should like to hear the concert, I seem
to be missing short an concerts this year,
but cant well come down until Sat.

Much love &

Feb. 2. 1928

Dearest G. -

Times are strenuous this week but nothing in particular is happening. Judge Parsons has moved in though he is hardly settled. I have a new swivel chair and three other chairs in light oak to match my center table. Now I don't know what to do with the old chairs which are only moderately good. Your check for Feb. is enclosed and seems to have come soon. I am still planning to come down tomorrow and shall pass you before you get to St Cloud.

With love

V.

July. 19. 1928

Dear G. -

So far as an unobservant eye can see the family and the house are in excellent condition. Both girls seem well. Ann went to Sunday school and Lucy went to Mrs. Hawley's as usual this morning. Mrs. Goodhue was here and Howard gave us an ambrosial dinner. Otherwise it is a poor sort of day - dark and windy and of the color of volcanic ashes in the upper air.

Mrs. Wilbur is off for the day but I will give her your messages tomorrow morning. Ann has modeled an elephant standing and a camel sitting that seem to me quite wonderful. Also her hair has grown perceptibly - I mean Ann's hair.

There will be a concert Friday but I don't expect to hear it. I think I have heard only one concert this year which is not enough. They did Egnon last Friday which I should have liked. Both Lucy and Ann spoke of it. I will let you know when I am coming back. It is not likely to be long.

With love
v

Feb. 27. 1928

Dearest El -

I was reading proof with Sam, a job which required concentration and when I looked at my watch it was 3:50. The train had just gone when I arrived and I am contrite. Mr. Kelley told me you had got aboard.

About Thursday eve appears to be the time you may look for

Yours
V.

Mon. 8. 1928

Dearest G -

In a few minutes I shall be starting for
Bismarck and I think I shall be back
again Sat. morning about 10 A.M.
The city hall matter is not entirely
settled yet. We had a meeting this
morning. I am not sure how it will
turn out. Also the hotel is much
unsettled. I hope to get it on a new
lot by the river but thus want it
on the Hodgson corner. The Whitcomb
vs. Wright will probably have its first
hearing on the decision in May from
present indications. My love to you and
the folks - big and little.
V.

Wed. 17. 1928

David G -

Familiar F.F. is no dirtier than upls.
Both could use a bath with good
effect. I have gone through my mail
which is chiefly advertisements but have
not yet talked with anyone to get
the latest news. The trip was
prompt and successful and the
unconscious interest made up in part
for those we didn't have last night.
I don't believe they were half as good
though. Cy has a new overcoat and
Zoe has gone to the international
tailor-stationer for something.
with love

V.

March 20. 1928

Dearest G.

John says he would not be at all disturbed by
Ann as one of the party. He has seen Mr. Tracy
but we have not yet received notice of reservations.
Mr. L. thought he could get a section and a lower
broth opposite. Both boys are now supplied with
spring overcoats and they look grand.

Col. Harvey of Breckenridge (Hotel prop.) was here today
with his campaign manager from St. Cloud and his
chief architect also from St. Cloud. The arch proved
to be a former associate of Prof. Mann before the
University demanded all his time. He has been
in Paris and studied with Laloux. The arch.

Mr. Hannah is very doubtful about the lands for
the proposed city hall. There is considerable
opposition to the site from those interested in
the North side of the river.

It is difficult to give away that land. The
first time I tried to give away the part west
to the river. Now I am reserving that part and
trying to give away (in part) the rest of the block.
Either way is difficult. With love
G.

Wed. 2-1-1928

Dearest G. —

Today I have been busy with routine matters but in the background the proposed hotel is looming. Apparently the workers for the Hodgson corner are not getting ahead. Last night Mr. A. G. Anderson called on me and said he never had favored the rival site and he wanted to see the hotel on my lot. Friday Geo. Frankberg came in and practically declared that he was done and ready to withdraw. So it is up to me to go ahead if I can find a satisfactory operator who will make a satisfactory contract.

It is a mild day and the ice is melting. The streets are dirty and in need of a bath. Probably I am in the same condition but there is no hot water at our flat. Cold water is only for July and Aug.

Much love

V.

Wed. 22. 1928

Dearest G.

The event of today has been the making of checks and drafts for the travelers to the wedding.

Mr. Tracy reports that he has been able to reserve a compartment for you and Anne both from N.Y. to Chicago and from Chicago to Phila. You will have a lower berth. Many people appear interested in the hotel plan. Mr. Roy Dunn called on me today and I like him up as a dub. Mr. Roberts was most tactful. He said he thought Roy was not a tireless worker.

We shall see you tomorrow night.

With love

V.

Feb. 30. 1928.

Dearest G. -

Your telegram giving revised Malvern address came this afternoon and I infer that the children arrived safely. Carin by itself did not seem like a real address but I hope my air letter got to you just the same.

Last night when I got to May-Son's the house was dark and rather cold. There was wood in our room but I could not find a single match. So I prowled down stairs and finally located about half a dozen match ends about a quarter of an inch long but fortunately from the business end of the matches. They did the job. I am still wondering why anyone should break off the working end of matches and leave them on a shelf. Good luck to the party.

V.

Dearest G.-

Minneapolis
April 2, 1928

I came down Sat. night after having lunch with the Hammels who fed me on mushrooms. All day yesterday I stuck at my desk working on hotel plans which should be far enough along this week to get estimates on. Miss Spence went to church in the morning and again in the afternoon so the house was quiet.

Just as we were sitting down to breakfast this morning the children arrived and Lucy hurriedly ate and ran for her classes. She looked tired but she will not have much to do today - so she says. Their brief account of the wedding ~~needed~~ food.

I shall probably be here all the week or most of it. Cy goes up today.

With love

B.



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Apr. 4. 1928

Transit G. -

This is an unexpected trip to T.T.
I had intended to stay at home this
week and finish the hotel plans. But
Steddy Washburn came out and
wants to sell his coal mine to us.
We don't want a coal mine but we
must have a dependable source of
coal and he says he will not run
the mine any longer and if we don't
want he will shut it down.
So we may be forced to take it

over in self defense.

Yesterday was election day at 7.7.
but I have not heard whether
the voters want the site which
I have offered at reduced rates.

Miss Spence has an offer to go to
Wilmar as superintendent of nurses
and she thinks she ought not to
turn it down. They want her
in a week. We shall try to
get Mrs. Wilson. I came away
suddenly and do not know

the result. The telephone
conversation which was to be
undertaken.

Lucy seems a little tired
after her journey. She is having
semi-annual physical exam.
Today. I do not think there
is anything the matter with
her. Mrs. Harley thinks she
has been paid enough for the
Library relief and is reluctant
to take another job because she
~~the business~~ we are only offering
it to help her. Love S.

Dearest Y -

Apr. 10. 1928

Mrs. Wilson came and is here. So far as I can see the household is moving serenely. Howard went to a dance last night but appears to be none the worse for it today. Perhaps he is learning.

Stanley Washburn started home and stopped with ~~quite~~ ^a appendicitis at Chicago for his fourteenth operation since the war. I never should have guessed that after thirteen operations he could still have an appendix to bother him. He is nothing but nerves but if he has a chance he will come through. His wife is a Langhorne - cousin of Lady Astor and Mrs. Asa-Lance Gibson and Mr. Webb says she is charming. I have been going easier today after a week of steady pain. The new light in the subway gave out and I got a new one and put it in by way of diversion. Love to you and Ann
V.

April 11. 1928

Ernest G.

Your telegram came this evening announcing your proposed arrival in Boston. Tomorrow I go to F.F. again. Lucy had first lesson in tennis today. She has ~~chosen~~ tennis for her athletics. It is pretty near time for beginning the court at Swan Lake. Perhaps I can get it started this time if the ground has thawed out. Here in our back yard the lilac blossoms are coming on fast even though the snow is not entirely gone. What would be a good name for a hotel? Lucy suggests "Duroc Inn". The arms of the hotel would then be - on a field vert a rocking chair argent bearing a pig gules. It might be dedicated to the blue duck or the extinct prairie chicken or the Holstein cow or what would you suggest?

Love
G.

chair in every room
a rocking

Apr. 13. 1928

Dearest G. -

Tonight the O.T.P. people are to have the deferred hard times or borrowing party. G. could not eat regularly but had to hurry home to dress. I don't know what his costume is but a part of it is a section of outworn auto tire. He says you saw them in your abroggi trip and for foot wear. I have a ticket but do not intend to use it. The party is to be at the Chipewan Club. The hotel is still brewing. There is to be a meeting tonight of a group who want to build on the Hudson site. Mr. Hannah is going to represent me as I thought it inadvisable to mix in myself. The weather has turned cold again and feels more like Feb. than April. A good thing to delay the buds until it is safe for them to come out.

Utah love

V.

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Apr. 15, 1928

Dearest G.

You are lucky not to be here at this time. The ground is covered with snow and the wind is swift and chilly. The cautious thought is that the buds will not be tempted to come out too soon and regret it later. I have ^{been} putting in the day in details of the front door of the proposed hotel. I forgot to mention that one of my callers yesterday was an architect who has been living somewhere without jobs for months and who now volunteers to work up my plans at the rate of \$2.00 per hour. I don't mean Dennis. If he called himself a draftsman and would ~~work~~ for about 75¢ per hr. he would stand a better chance. Lucy's suggestion of "Duroc Inn" seems to me highly suitable. With the motto "a rocking chair in every room" the hotel should get a reputation. Nobody else would think such a name a possibility so if you have any thoughts they will receive consideration from

Yours V.

Apr. 19. 1928

Dearest G.

Tomorrow I shall be going back home after a longer stay than I expected. The sale or rather the taking of subscriptions for pref. stock for the proposed hotel has been going on today and I understand there will be difficulty in getting the amount I asked for. The real difficulty is with the lease to the proper party at the proper rental. Cy tells me he has ordered a Ford runabout. He drove a new Ford a few days ago and says it was a very easy and comfortable car to drive. He was prepared to disagree with it but didn't. It has been a crowded day as often happens when I am trying to wind up things so that I can leave. Harry Wheelock told me today that they would occupy their cottage this year. He eats ice cream and I eat half and half and rusks at our friend Ellen's Eats. The ground is covered with snow again today.

Love V

Apr. 24. 1928.

Draught G -

All day Sunday I worked on plans. Yesterday I had to spend most of the day in the city, which means downtown. Today I have done some of both. It is mighty interesting to work on arch-again for a change. It is to be a four story building. The citizens have shown interest by subscribing for pref. stock but so far I have not been able to find the operator. Wilson Roberts doesn't think he can do it. Lucy seems very well and cheerful and is evidently interested in her work. There is much "flu" at the University but not very violent. Lucy has so far escaped it. Some woman telephoned today about Ann and I suspect she was following up the school business though she did not say so or divulge her intentions.

Loz

P.

Apr. 26. 1928

Dearest G.

Here I am back at the old stand. There is practically no ~~evidence~~ ^{chance} that Spring is coming but the day is fair and warm and green things will come fast with such encouragement. Cy has arranged with Sarah and her cohorts for May 1. I believe. It will be good to exchange Mrs. Gray's apartment for the largeness of Swan Lake. Gled cheered up Mr. Belie's spaniel and we are keeping ^{him} tied in the yard or on leash. He will be glad to escape too. He has regained much of his former interest in things. The ground is being cleared for the hotel although building is not entirely decided. I saw Mrs. Hanby this morning. She is satisfied about colors and will begin on the stone room. It will be very scrumptious and I am eager to see the final result. The colors are brilliant but resemble fresco colors in effect. I am hoping to hear from you any day now.

Love G.

April 27. 1928.

Dearest G -

There is nothing new except newer and better weather. Applications are coming for all sorts of jobs in connection with the proposed hotel. Several managers or operators and today a janitor who explained carefully that if he had a job as janitor he would rent the upper story of Andrew Nebel's house for a long term. The whitcomb cases (he has now brought several different varieties) give signs of getting begun before very long but there is nothing definite yet. I have been working very hard on plans and appear to be bearing up quite well. It will be pleasant to be at Swan L. again. Harriet Stanley want take any more money for the Library relief. She has been working on garden pieces for an exhibition. Unless they sell she will not be getting ahead. I hope they will sell.

Love V.

May 10. 1925.

Dearest G.

I have just received your telegram asking to have your letters forwarded. I ~~long~~ have been holding them for two weeks expecting daily notice that you would be starting and I am sorry that I did not send them. I might have sent some of them when I received your telegram asking to stay another week and should have done so. I can find only two Boston bank statements and do not ^{think} the May statement has come. The lamp sketches must be in Fergus Falls. I have not seen them. I am wondering if you received two right letters from me this week. Your telegram was forwarded from F.F. which makes me think you did not know I was at home. I have been working very hard on hotel drawings but they are now done and I must return to F.F. tomorrow. Clayton keeps coming to enquire about ~~the~~ you. He does not find much to do. He has driven a taxi but now there is a serious strike so he has had to quit. Do you still want us to delay housecleaning at Swan Lake until you can take charge of it?

(over)

If we could have that done there would be no
particular reason why you should hasten your
return. Don't you want some more money?

I will need you some when I get back to

J.F. If you could give some directions
about Clayton it would help.

I will now resume the daily letter habit
as far as possible until you let us know
definitely when you are coming. Lucy ~~seems~~
seems to me very well and I think she
enjoys her school work. Love to Ann. and
to you. F.

May 11. 1925.

Dearest G.

Your telegram in regard to storm windows came this morning before I left home. Clayton was at hand already and Mr. what's his name was called up. I think Mrs. Wilson understands just what you want and I gave her the telegram.

Now I have just arrived in St. Paul and have not yet seen Cy. It is a little cool but green and fresh and good looking.

Bigelow and Kinnard sent two sketches instead of four and the numbers do not correspond with those named in their accompanying letter. I think the wrong sketches were sent. There is also a package from them which I have not yet opened.

Perhaps that will explain. Mr. Hannah says their is also barrel at the express office which I will attend to tomorrow.

A preliminary hearing in the Whitcomb case was held in Neph. Tuesday. I understand that Mr. Eikesen was called upon to practice law instead of oratory and he wasn't used to it. With love V.

May 12. 1928

Harriet G.

Ag and I drove out to the lake this afternoon with the man who is to grade a tennis court.

The moving of George's barn is quite a problem and I think I shall have to try to get his permission. It can't be moved without getting inside of it to put pillars under it and it is well locked up. I don't quite want to go to jail for breaking and entering. Geo may take it all right and he may make a fuss.

Phylow and Bernard write that they are sending two more sketches but they did not come with the letter. I hope we can get something satisfactory for much less than \$125 each. Ag has painted up the sail boat, making ~~eighty~~ trips for the purpose. May Wheelock was at her back door cleaning house.

Much love
V.

May 13. 1928

Dearest G-

Your telegram about window washing came this morning and I have written Mrs. Wilson about it so that she will get my letter Monday evening. I think she can keep Lindsey busy with the stove windows and screens while Clayton washes the windows and wood work. Lindsey is too old for that kind of a job anyway.

I opened the box from Bigelow K. and took out the sketches. I agree with you that the plain little one is the best and shall have Mr. Hannah remit for it - that is for them - tomorrow.

This is my junk day but I hope to be in better shape tomorrow. I got pretty tired working on the plans. It would be good to see you.

Love
V.

May 14. 1928

Dearest G -

I am better today and am at the job all right. I have ordered the simple lanterns for the hospital. They look small in the drawings but the space they will occupy is narrow and they should be right. The C.T.P.C. is offering the right to subscribe for one new share of common stock for each ten shares now held. I should like to have you sell just enough rights to produce funds to subscribe for the stock under the remaining rights. In other words, to increase your holdings without putting in any new money. If this appeals I can attend to the subscription without forwarding the warrants for you to sign. The Elec. Bond & Share is also offering rights but the price is now so high that I advised selling instead of subscribing and Mr. Hannah has sent the warrants to you for your signature. The last news from Lou is a draft made in Lincoln, England, on Apr. 30.

Much love

V.

May 15. 1928

Dearest G. -

This has been a day of odd chores and routine things. Nothing of great interest. I planned to see Geo. Loary but he was not in town. Work on the tennis court has been begun. but it will not be possible to get a proper court without moving his barn. I have no idea how he will act. He may be good and he may not. Much will depend on his digestion at the moment. Spring is slowly coming along. The oak leaves indicate that corn planting time is here. Also the Whellocks appear to have moved out to the lake so it probably is spring. The Winstons are back from Florida which is a further indication.

Love G

May 16, 1926

Dearest G.

Today I have been talking to hotel men from Grand Forks, N.D. who are interested in the new hotel. I don't think they are the right people but it was encouraging to have an offer which was fairly adequate. Wilson Roberts was here last week in my absence. He evidently wants to have the hotel but he doesn't like to pay sufficient rent. Mr. Du'Beau of the Blake Hotel at Alexandria has not appeared again though he has written. His name should guarantee good hotel management. You have not sent me a proper name for our Inn yet. Mr. Hornum says that "Viking ~~Hotel~~^{Inn}" suggests Trining and Herring, towns East of here on the N.P. Ry., and he doesn't like the flavor. The name is all important.

Love J.

June 15. 1928

Dearest G.

I enclose check for \$500.

The trip was successful except for
the company of Miss Jessie Rummy
who came along.

The children and dog seem all right
in spite of sketchy feeding and they
will survive our Sunday if you
find it inconvenient to come then.

Love
V.

Sept. 3. 1928

Dearest -

On this holiday I am the only person in the
O. & P. office. I am and I went to Walperton this
morning. He wanted to get information from the operators.
He likes his new job, I think. It gives him more
responsibility and more importance. Yesterday afternoon
Geoffrey brought Miss Lyne to call at Swan Lake. I am
and Kate were out on the lake so they didn't see her.
Mrs. Hannah and Louise were with us for dinner. and
Cy was with them for supper.

The day is beautiful and F. L. is quiet as a church
yard. I am going to take my time looking over
the hotel for things omitted or roughly done. It is
much easier when no one is around. I understand
the others are already dubbed "Mud puppies". It doesn't
disturb me. I was looking for something of the kind.
My love to you
V.

Sept. 5. 1928

Dearest -

The machinery of existence moves at Swan L. perhaps not as well lubricated as when you are there but we get on. The weather is about perfect.

The children have been to Fish L. again and I understand that there is to be a return party at Swan L. Sat. night. Cy. manages to see Louise frequently. Jane and Kate are much engaged in questions of furniture and furnishings.

Your "Good Boy" is here. At least I have a notice from the V. St. Adv. of something for you. I am sorry to bother you about River L. matters but it seems necessary to satisfy Mr. Dorsey by yet another sacrifice in the way of a Q.C. deed to rectify a possible flaw in the title. Will you please take it to Jewell, Dorsey etc. 11th floor - 1st Natl - So. Line Bldg. and ask for Mr. Coleman. He would like it if possible on the day you receive it.

I am as usual much occupied with the River L. and miss you just the same.

With love

I am not sending you T.T. monthly bills - unless you want them.

Sept. 6. 1928

Dearest -

I do not see how I can get away
Friday but I will come down Sat.
night for sure.

A lady from Fargo who might operate
a hotel is coming down Tomorrow
and things seem to be picking up.

I enclose check for Sept. which
should have been sent yesterday.

With love

V.

Sept. 7. 1928.

Dearest —

This morning not only Lydia of Fargo but also —, manager of the Cranstock Hotel at Moorhead visited with me and viewed the premises. I don't think either of them will do though Lydia is not altogether unimpressive. I have a few letters of no great interest and a book from Mabel Ulrich's shop which I will bring down.

Tonight is the barbecue at Louise's cottage and I shall dine in state chez moi.

It will not be an altogether unpleasant experience just as account of its novelty.

Until Sat. night

V.

Sept. 17. 1928

Ernest G -

G and I arrived at the usual rate of celerity and J. came later at the more modest speed of the express train. Mrs. Hochner also arrived and brought her daughter who will go to school daily with us. It is no trouble to take her and she will come to my office at 5:30 P.M. for the return trip.

I am sending, enclosed, Lucy's delayed allowance and her baggage check. The trunk should go down with this letter and be at the G.N. station. I had a return ticket and did not have to send it by express. It was cold this morning but warmer and sunny this afternoon again.

Love
V.

Sept. 19. 1928.

Dearest G -

The grind goes on. The hotel plastering is well along on the ground floor and will soon begin on the second floor. Mr. Du Brum has indicated that he is still interested and I hope to see him here soon. His successor at Fargo has given ~~him~~ a bad account of him - that he let the Fargo Hotel run down badly. But this may be professional lack of appreciation and I thought his house at Alexandria looked well. I have read much in "America comes of age" and cannot account for the title of the book. He seems to me to retain considerable feeling that we are only a bunch of fortunate children. There was another sailing party at Fish L. last night to which three from our family went. Today two colored and one white lady, or ladies, are at Swan L. They couldn't come yesterday. I hope you will be able to come Saturday.

Love V.

Dearest -

Sept. 21. 1928

Yesterday Mr. Du Beau, Mrs Du Beau and Miss Du Beau came up and after lunch at the Kadet's we went over the hotel and there spent most of the afternoon discussing the plans, furnishings etc. We agreed on a rental which is lower than it should be and I am now sending him a form of lease which he may or may not approve. I hope he will. Also a radio man appeared and wanted to erect 60 foot masts on top of the hotel and occupy two rooms all for the advertising which the hotel could receive through his broad-casting. I didn't have to settle that question. The family continues well and the nights continue cold. We have a new lot of fire-wood and it is going fast.

Much love

V.

Oct. 25. 1925

David -

I have learned today that you are not coming until Sat. and that we all, including Hannah, are to dine with Tom + Kate on Sunday.

Agnes and I are still at Swan Lake although the water has been turned off. We use the tea kettle for morning hot water service and are all right. The first morning after I came back the thermometer in the living room got down to 37° but since then we have been comfortable. My days are full. The hotel seems likely to be leased to the Parkers again. We have agreed on terms and I am getting information about his financial standing. The work in the building goes weekly on. The painters are beginning and the terrazzo men are well along with their floors.

My love to you all
V

Jan. 2. 1928

Dearest G -

I am sending check for \$1000. with
regards.

The hotel lease now seems likely to go
to Arthur Roberts of Winona. The lady
from Two Harbors lacked nerve to take
chances although she evidently wanted to
have the lease.

I am expecting to come Sat.

Love
V.

Nov. 8. 1928

Dearest G.

This is to apprise you that I am still
here and not kicking too much.

Evidently other people thought the same way
about Senator Shipstead as well as about
Mr. Hoover. May they prosper.

I have not seen the evening paper
which should have final figures of the
contest between the best tailor and Hawaii.

The last I heard they were even, but
you will get the paper at the same time
this comes.

Love
V.

Nov. 16. 1928

Dearest G. —

There is astonishingly little to write about or perhaps that I can think of to write about.

My days are chiefly filled with small details of hand rails and such like — in fact I can truthfully say that there is no subject which is occupying the mind of this man of art and science so much as the science and art of — The hotel seems to be leased to Mr. Roberts but I am not paying so until I receive his signature on the contract. Twice before it has seemed to be leased and was not.

The family seems to be well and hearty and I have told Cy that you would write to Paul Herzog. Polka came in yesterday and he admits that he has about reached his limit.

With love

V.

Nov. 17. 1928

Dearest -

I have inspected the Terrazzo floors and accepted them and the men who made them are gone.

Same with the tile men who put the floors and walls into the bath rooms. So it begins to look like the end. But the painter is just beginning. He has made me various samples in the upstairs corridors and they all seemed enemic. (I don't know how to spell it but you know what I mean.) So I had him paint the lower part of the walls orange, the upper part chrome yellow and the ceilings white. There is a blue green stripe between the lower part and the upper part, reinforced with a narrow black stripe and the same stripes at the top of the upper part. The deer skins and base boards are black and shiny. Will that be sufficiently herid. Tom and Kate go to dinner at the Parsons' tonight and Tom will wear proper clothes. Kate will write you that they will not come down for thanksgiving. Love V.

Nov. 21. 1928

Dearest G -

The crisis in the affairs of the Chas. Wright B. seems to be near. A trusteeship is proposed which probably would eliminate C.R. from the management. But C.R. tells me that Elsie and her mother do not look favorably upon his elimination. He must live and the natural thing would be for him to work under directions of the trustees. But he may not be able to find trustees who will take the job if he continues to be connected. The support of Myron and Elsie is an unsettled problem. Altogether I fear it is an awful mess. We shall expect you Sat. afternoon unless we hear from you.

Love V.

Dec. 4. 1928

Dearest G -

Your check will not come down until tomorrow but you may look for it then.

The flood lighting estimate is about the same as the cost of the clock and I think it will have to be deferred. A compromise which consists of small projectors located in the balcony just below the clock face will probably be adopted. This will leave the way open to future efforts to complete the lighting.

The cold weather has descended upon us suddenly but it doesn't make much difference. The work on the hotel can be carried on very well and the work on the grounds outside the building will have to wait till spring to be finished.

It continues as cold as today - 8° below zero - you will not want to drive up with Cyrus.

with love
V.

Dec. 5. 1928.

Dearest -

The check is at last enclosed. Long may it last.
I am also seeing my way to paying Lighter Co.
if not today then very soon.
If turtles and toads are an appropriate decoration
for a hotel dining room then the River Inn
will be properly supplied. I am wondering a
little whether Mr. Roberts will approve.
The painter advises me to cover the plaster
with muslin so that small cracks will not
be apparent.
Mr. Roberts writes me that the U.S. court has
adjourned its regular session until Feby. 5.
and that we have to be ready on that
date without fail. I am willing
Love V.

Jan. 1. 1929

Dearst G -

This morning, being a holiday, the boys both stayed abroad while I arose and after breakfast went forth to spend the day in my office doing color sketches for decorations.

The lobby will be green and gold and white and purple. That's all. Like the hall upstairs it will be noticeable at a distance. The dining room is harder. Many colors can be used together in fabrics without jarring but when ~~I~~ try to do it in solid colors on walls I find that the result is not exactly restful. I want to use reds and yellows and browns and have a cool effect but so far I have only succeeded in running up the thermometer a few degrees.

Kate and Jeanne are probably at the house by this time. It is nearing six o'clock and I am going to quit. With the compliments of the day and also my best love

V.

Jan. 2, 1929

Dearest G.

I am planning to come down Friday evening if I get through a meeting with some So. Dak. folks in time. If not there is a night train which I don't like so well. I have to be back here again Tuesday for the First Natl. annual meeting. Mrs. Kennedy called me up after talking to you today and I told her I should be charmed, if you would come up too. The janitor is beginning to go up in the hotel lobby and the decoration of the dining room is beginning with the black stencils of the beasts and fishes around the top of the walls. It seems quite like the beginning of the end. Kate and the baby arrived safely and Lou has moved into my room. The baby seems to be well behaved. With love
J.

Jan. 8. 1929

Dearest Y.

I arrived safely though a little late. Kate was down stairs and dressed and seemed to look more recovered than when I left. The baby is thriving and they have some photographs of her.

This morning was annual bank meeting which occupied most of the forenoon. The usual officers were elected with the addition of Sam as an extra vice-pres.

The hotel goes on apace. Mr. Roberts asst. manager is here to superintend and his local manager will be here tomorrow. The decorations are started and the coffee shop is more starting than when I left last week. My stencils in the dining room are beginning to show. Mr. Roberts wants a name and I can't think of anything better than Montezuma who was Aztec and not Luca.

Love
V.

Jan. 10. 1929

Dearest G.

It is evening and the day has been filled with many trifles in connection with the hotel and a conference with Mr. Kennedy and Geoffrey in regard to an extension of the power plant at Washburn, N.D. in 1929. Mr. Roberts' asst. manager is here. He is an amusing young man who conceives that the hotel business consists in being agreeable to everybody and never insisting on his own way. A very good policy if he could conceal it, but ~~he~~ wears it on his sleeve and is funny. Mr. Scott is older and has the air of just a plain person. His summer will wear better than the young man's.

The Adams family, except Elmer, were to leave today and I suppose they did. They take Mary Johnson and will keep house. Kate comes to dinner and looks better. I believe the nurse is leaving on Sunday. The baby is well behaved. Love to you and the little folks
V.

Jan. 11. 1929.

Dearest G.

This day has been very cold but in other respects much like other days to me. One of the original flannel shirts was sufficient to make up for the drop in temperature. Mr. Roberts has been here and is gone again. He is a rapid comer and goer and it is difficult to remember things to be said or discussed until after he has gone. The carpets are going down

today and without doubt the rooms will be ready by Feb. 1. The judge will have a place to sleep even if he still has to skinnish for seats. I am glad that Mr. Roberts is willing to let the painters finish properly instead of spoiling their job by haste.

Amie's furniture left the house this evening and by understands that it will go down tonight and be delivered at the house tomorrow forenoon. Kate is having a new job thrust upon her - a sort of local associated charities. She seems interested and willing to take on the burden. She gave Jeanne a tub bath today for the first time - first for Kate, not for Jeanne.

Much love up.

Jan. 14. 1929

Dearest G —

Yesterday was Sunday and I worked all day. Sunday is sometimes a good day because it is extra time and one doesn't feel rushed and there is nobody to interrupt. Still Sunday work is a bad habit.

In the evening Cy and I went to tea at the Hameahs'. Nobody else was there but we did not stay late and when got back to Tom's there were the two Keene girls and they all played their murder detective game. They have become quite expert in interpreting clues such as foot prints. Cy was to see or talk with the older Jail Truck people today but he didn't get to it. He spent a good part of the forenoon in Dr. Chas. Babai's chair and the afternoon was a little hard on him as he had had no breakfast. I think he will attend to it tomorrow. The nurse is gone and Kate is on her own. She takes it calmly. The baby cries some but she thinks not too much. I have just had a letter from Geo. B. in which he says that Daddy is rejoicing because he is no longer the baby of the family.

My love to you G.
I have only two more sheets of this paper.

June. 15. 1929

Dearest G.

This afternoon I have been working on the fascinating business of making stencils for the Luca decorations. The dining room will be entirely outdone by the coffee shop which is about finished and fairly screams. What was intended for loud decoration in the dining room will be conservative by comparison. The paneling in the lobby and lobby entrance is nearly all in place and looks very substantial and good. The painters have still to do their part. The sign is nearly ready to be hung out but I regret to say that Mr. Rheto thinks we ought to have a real modern elec. sign instead of an antique Tavern sign. I do not like to yield on the matter and shall not unless the Tavern sign seems inadequate when it is hung. I am planning on coming down Sat. night.

Love V.

June. 16. 1929

Dearest G.

The ground goes on. Mostly painting but the carpenters are still on the job. The carpets are going in and a sign painter is numbering the rooms. Lucy's scheme for the ball room is also under way.

Cy. did not see the O.T. Truck people yesterday. He was with Dr Nelson again and had some extra work which Mr. Kennedy had put on him. I have not seen him yet today but I asked him to get in touch with the truckmen if possible. If he can't manage it I will try to myself. The trouble is that they are not always to be found.

It is beginning to snow again. Kate went out last night for the first time. Not on social business but to a meeting of the associated charities of the Court House. I have not yet heard what happened but will undoubtedly learn tonight.

With love
F.

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Dearest G.

Jan. 17, 1929

The last sheet of my twenty-five year old stationery is gone. It causes me quite a pang.

G. saw the Truck people yesterday and they said they would investigate which means that they will send someone to the house to verify the damage. He says the missing part certainly left the house or barn and that he cautioned them about it. I am planning to come down Sat. night but I am afraid that will be too late for the gas bill which is due the 20th, Sunday. So will you please have it mailed to me Friday so that I can remit Sat. morning which will probably save the discount.

Mrs. Kennedy is having her second party tonight and G. has gone to it. Mrs. Hannah doesn't think you would care very much for that kind of a party which she says is an all bridge party. beginning immediately after the dinner.

My office is a scandalous looking place. It is covered with prints and drawings and scraps of architectural things which will not be cleared up until the job is over.

Love P.

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Dearest Y.

Today has been the annual budget day. all departments present their requests and recommendations for the coming year with estimates of cost. The session lasted all day so there was little doing in the stencil way in the hotel dining room. The annual company convention was also discussed and the subjects to be considered and means of amusing and enlightening the visitors from the surrounding districts. Of course we want them instructed but there seemed to be a pretty general agreement that mere lectures from the heads of departments was not all that should be supplied. I gather that Mr. Kennedy intends to make Tom's new service manual one of the chief items at the general meeting before the party breaks up into groups to consider special subjects. I expect to be done tomorrow night.

Love Y.

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Jan. 28. 1929

Dearest G.

I have been very negligent in my daily plan of note writing. Something seems to occur every day. Last night I intended to write but after an afternoon with certain Chicago men on O.T.P. matters I had to hurry to Mrs. Hannah's for tea with Cy.

Did I write you that the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in our favor. This does not settle the case unless the plaintiffs decide to drop it. They have 20 days to amend their complaint and Cyrus Field thinks they will so do. There is little in the decision to afford them comfort.

Mrs. Hannah seems to expect you to go to her house. We shall be expecting you on the afternoon train. It is cold but not too uncomfortable.

Love G.

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Feb. 2, 1929.

Dearest G. —

Remittance to Mr. Chandler for 25% of passage cost has been made so the plan looks real. He sent me a diagram showing the room and it looks roomy and comfortable. Portholes are 21 feet above water which should allow us to open them except in rough weather.

My cold in the head has developed consistently and is now at a maximum of stuffiness. I shall keep away from the baby and not too near to Kate.

The sun sign looks tavern like and the lantern is all right in size but I should have used ground or clouded glass. It looks too transparent.

My love to you all
H.

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Feb. 5. 1929

Dearst Y.

My cold laid me up Sunday and Monday but now
I am out again, somewhat crippled. It didn't
seem to be grippy - just a plain common cold.
I shall not do much today and will plan to come
down Sat. night for three or four days if I
can arrange with the painting which is still going
on at the hotel. Dr. Burnap has invited me
to dinner with other hospital board members on
Tuesday but I shall not be sorry to be away.
Mr. Hammet's statement is enclosed.

With love
J.

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Feb. 6. 1929.

Dear G.

Tom says the truck company claims to have made an examination of the goods while you were not there. But he does not understand that they have stated or admitted any damage. When I come down I will try to dig into the matter and get to some definite basis. The office here talks pleasantly but has not yet received a report from the other company. They are trying to locate lost parts at Sank Center.

My cold keeps me in a rotten condition but I guess it is working out all right. The hotel is now full and so are the Kaskade and the other smaller hotels. I had lunch at the Coffee Shop today including a very good strawberry shortcake for 20 cents which could not have been very profitable to the house. Lucy's ball room scheme will begin to take form tomorrow. Love,
L. W. P.

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Feby. 20. 1929

Dearst G.

The inclosed letter from Jennie Hardy is a reminder that she would be receptive to an invitation. She says she intends to stay a few weeks more in Cleveland but if you go away in March it will be necessary to have her here without much delay I surmise.

I learn from Cy that your train did not leave until 2:30 A.M. and I am obliged to him for going down with you. I was dead tired last night but seem to be all right today again.

There are encouraging signs that the painters are really going to finish their job. I am willing to part with them. May you enjoy Mr. Beth and find it suitable for the journey.
R.

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Feb. 21, 1929.

Dearest G.

Mrs. Hamrick called up today to say that the Cooking Club has asked us to their dinner a week from Saturday night at the River Inn. If you should not be coming up tomorrow she thought you might come up the following week instead.

I hope you have got some sleep after your night of travel. Cy went to bed early to make up his deficiency.

I don't think I shall come down this week. There is an annual report to be gotten out as soon as possible.

Love
V.

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March 8, 1929

Dearest G -

The world is wagging its usual wag in FT today but will take
on a bit of jayety tomorrow when Kate gives her party. There
may be other things of interest going but they don't fit to
me. I am still working on rate schedules. It is a
complicated and puzzling job to try to get some kind of
order and system and some leading principle into our
rate schedules and at the same time avoid injuring
some locality or class of customers. Our rates have grown
up as a patch work system as we had to take what
we could find in many cases. Leonard's amended
complaint does not have to be served until March 16. so I
can't tell yet what he may have in store for me.
He has hinted to Nick Field that he would like to settle
the case but has made no offer or proposal.

Much love

V.



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March 11, 1929

Dearest G.

Mr. Hannah tells me he has already written you about your money matters. I believe Kate's party was a great success. Anne came down and visited with the girls and behaved herself like a lady. Mrs. Hannah and Mrs. Dwyer poured tea and coffee. The Foreman family took the guest prize and the high prize. Cy and his gang went to Fargo Friday night and brought back Dorothy. I worked all day yesterday on ratios and we have been considering the important matter all day and are not yet at a decision what to do. It is admitted by all of us that important reductions are due in No. 2. Today I was a guest of Dr. Burnett at the Kiwanis weekly lunch. Mr. Geringer is head man. The same old puns were sung and enjoyed by all. On the whole they seemed to me a little more peppy than the rotors. I do not see how I can get away until the end of the week but I will make it as early and end as possible. U.

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Dearest G.

March 12 - 1929.

The principal event in my young life today was a visit to Dr. Chas. Nelson who found two jobs to do. He began at 11 o'clock and worked an hour and asked me to return at 2:30. At that time he had a gold inlay ready and in a half hour the job was done. He gave me an interesting account of the perfection of methods of compensating for the contraction of the gold in passing from molten to solid by means of closely regulated temperatures which enlarge slightly the wax pattern before casting the mould. The temperatures are so closely regulated that a change of about 1 degree will result in a tight or loose fit. Thursday I go again. That is all there was today except a continuation of curves for rate making purposes. Kate is calling on Mr. Butler tonight in connection with her job.

Love to you all p.

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March 13, 1929.

Dear Sir -

Mr. Erickson has completed and served me of his new or amended complaints, the lesser one. He asks for another work on his principal complaint. I do not think there is any objection to giving him more time but I have left that to Cyrus Field to decide.

Harold Featherstone is beginning to move into his new store in the River Lane, and among other achievements has sold me the two remaining quarts of Arnold's Writing fluid which must have been in storage for many years. This letter is written with it and seems like old habits renewed.

The rain has not been more than a drizzle but has been partly successful in washing the winter accumulation of soot and dirt away. A drenching shower would be welcome. The first evidence of reviving color in the grass was noticeable this morning. Mrs. Hannah ^{says} the birds which she calls Cedar wax wings were here Sunday.

V.

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March 14. 1929.

Dearest Y -

Dr. Nelson dug out another cavity today but will not fill it until tomorrow. He is not attempting to make another speed record. I am always impressed by his dexterity. Next week the O.T.P. has its annual convention and I have asked Mr. Seybold to come up and give us a talk on some phase of corporate financing. This year Mr. Kennedy is varying the program by getting outside speakers to break the routine of discussions on purely company matters. There are limits to the ability of employees in open meetings. Even the president has 'em. Tom will be on for something. It does not look now like getting home before Sat night. Y.

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March 22, 1929

Dearest G.

The convention is over and is generally thought to have been better than last year. The banquet was last night. There were about 200 present and the room was well filled. The stunts were more varied and amusing than last year. Cy and another boy sat down and read a newspaper in which they found many alleged personal allusions to members of the organization. Tom's manual was so big that he could do little more than turn the pages and read the titles. It sounded like reading a Table of contents. Mr. Saybold could not come but sent a substitute who did well enough without being thrilling. I mumbled a few words this morning and let it go. Dr. Welch is said to be back home but I have not heard how he is. Tom and Kate went home from the banquet and then came back again for the dance. Leonard did not receive an amended complaint but notified us that he has dismissed the big suit "without prejudice" which means that he can commence again at any time if he sees fit. We do not accept dismissal on that basis. He must either drop it without strings or proceed with it now. So it goes - Love V.

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June 4 - 1929

Dearest G.

The family in Minneapolis appeared to be in good condition and so far as I could see the machinery was running satisfactorily. Ann's latest is that she doesn't want to go to camp or to J.T., where she will have no one of her own age this year to play with, but she does want to stay and go to the art school. I think that Lucy's plan to stay and go to business school with Gene has something to do with Ann's feeling. It would be much better for her to go to camp for a few weeks. The children met me at the station and we went directly to Susan Lake for the week end and came in Sunday afternoon. Dr. Welch died suddenly last Saturday. He was in his garage the day before and fainted there. I have just been to his funeral - at his house. Three statements are enclosed. The latest shows a large balance in your favor but the greater part of it was paid out on June 1. as subscriptions for additional O.T.P. common stock. The plan of operation which I think I told you about was to sell enough rights to produce just enough funds to

subscribe for stock under the rights which were not sold.
The season is backward but everything is now fresh and
green. Both Lucy and Ann finish school June 14.
and if you are to have a party for the parents and
teachers I should suppose you would need to be back ~~just~~
before that date. Lucy wants to come to T.F. for two
weeks before beginning summer school on July 1.
We shall welcome you, dear lady.

T.

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June 5, 1929

Dearest G. —

Friday I am going to Minneapolis to have a meeting on Sat. morning with Cy. Field and Mr. Dorsey on the Whitcomb case. Mr. Dorsey is going out of his firm and is moving to California and he wants to hand over this case to another member of his firm. I am not enthusiastic over the change, but there is nothing to be done except to accept the situation. I hear in a round-about (so that night?) way that the Erickson firm is tired of the case and would like to drop it — which may or may not be true.

I shall be glad when the Swam Lake house is opened for food. The day is such a beautiful day that one longs for the country.

Much love
G.

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June 6, 1929

Dearest Y.

Last night I called on Miss Welch and found Miss Lyon also there. Miss Lyon goes back today but Miss Welch will stay the rest of this month. She said that if you could spare Miss Spence a few days after you get back she would be glad to have her.

Miss Welch asked if we had called on the English people, to whom she gave you a letter, at Grenada. I had to confess that I thought they had been forgotten. She seemed to think them superior people to know and that we had missed something by not looking them up. She and the doctor did meet our Spanish guide and were much interested in him just as we were.

Kate and Elsie have gone to Breckenridge today to a conference on charity work. The king-pin of the State organization was with us at dinner last night.

Love to you
R.

The pen is responsible for at least
half of the shaky hand writing.

Sunday. June 9. 1929

121. Clifton Ave.

Dear B.

I think I wrote you that I was coming down with Gypsy
Field for a conference with Mr. Dorsey. Dorsey is going to
San Francisco and the object of the conference was to turn
the business ~~to~~ ^{to} one of his colleagues. The lawyers also discussed
technical questions of procedure from which I gather that a trial
of the case will not be likely before December.
I told Mr. Dorsey that Carlton was in San Francisco and found
that he knew Carlton and had already made an unsuccessful
attempt to see him when he was last there. I am sorry
to have him go.

Lucy and Ann both seem well. They both, ^{also Nancy} went out to ride
at eight this evening and have gone to the horse show at
Fort Snelling this afternoon with Nancy and one or two of
Lucy's friends. I am rather glad that you approve of
Glacier Ball Park as a substitute for stenography and type-
writing. Those things can come after college instead of
at the same time. Lucy has changed her attitude toward
driving the car and now seems to do it without fear or
hesitation. She is driving this afternoon and also drove this
morning. I am sorry you have been delayed by a cold. I
have been writing to Boston as I had no definite Bryan Mann
address and did not know how long you would stay there.
My love to you & V.

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June 10, 1929.

Dearst G.

It is a very hot evening and as I begin the siren in the new City Hall very inappropriately gives notice of a fire. The children have gone off to some sort of a doing and I had dinner alone with the Atlantic Monthly for June. There is an article by your friend Morgan of Antioch in which he sounds the tympanum or something of that kind for his school so loudly that I think the editors must have had some misgivings about admitting it except as a paid advertisement. I am not convinced that his plan is any better than any other plan and am quite inclined to suspect that his success is chiefly due to his own personality. Any plan would work with his force and earnestness behind it.

The country is so green. Somehow after travelling in Southern Europe I had begun to think that Spring was well past and that it was now time for summer. The heat is here but with it the freshness of spring is still the dominating note of the outlook. I wish we were all at Swaney Lake. Sam goes out today and Elmer and Mrs. are already there. Dorothy's four come in a day or two.

Y.

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June 11, 1929

Dearest G. —

Nothing in particular has happened today. I have studied Mr. Hatch's annual report and talked with Sam and Cy Field about a law-suit and I have made figures of more or less usefulness. The hot spell has broken, for the day at least, and the wind is from the North. Mr. Scott tells me that the hotel is filling as satisfactorily but the stores do not attract prospective renters. Harold Featherstone is the only tenant. He says he is pleased with the change in location and the hotel people buy the Atlantic Monthly whereas he formerly sold the Red Book and such like. Apparently the travelling public averages up better than the town people for he finds the hotel guests buy a large part of his periodicals.

I am wondering if I can arrange to play golf more or less regularly this year. Last year I played not at all on account of building a hotel.

My love to you
W.

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June 12, 1929.

Dear G.

Tom and Kate are going over to Breezy Point near Brainerd on Sunday to stay about three days at the N.W. electric convention. I dare say Cy and I will move out to the lake while they are gone but we have not yet made plans. The old Dodge is to have a new coat of Duco and will be left with Tom. It is still going well enough but this is probably its last year. That will leave the family with only the Buick and I am considering buying a coupe - probably of the sewing machine kind. It seems extravagant with all the other things to be done but it would be convenient on many occasions. I am not forgetting that there are things to do at the City House and there should be a new garage at the lake. Tom doesn't think he needs a garage when he already has a barn. Perhaps it can wait.

It is getting to be a long time and I hope you will be coming Monday ^{according} to the last schedule. But that doesn't mean that I couldn't endure if you find it difficult to come then.

My best love,

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June 12, 1929.

Dearest Y. -

Chas. Rolla is now in Tom's office to see if Tom wants to buy his cottage. Tom doesn't think he does want to. I should rather have him sell it to some other worthy person if such can be found. Mrs. Hannah and Louise arrived today. Louise will stay only a few days - I don't know how long - before going to California. The Eschweilos also came or were expected. The weather is again good and the country is smiling. Mr. Tandyke has done \$42. worth of work in our absence at Swan L. and I hope it is what you wanted. Nothing was coming up when I saw it over a week ago. He is now planting large numbers of trees and shrubs on the river bank opposite the River Inn. The idea is an informal mass of growth to screen the view of back yards which is now too visible from the hotel windows. Kate is planting seeds and Tom is watching her do it.

Love W.

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June 15, 1929.

Dearest G.

Your telegram came this morning. I am sorry to have you stay longer but you could not do otherwise. I am going to Upl. this evening and will make arrangements to move the family up to Swan Lake as soon as possible. That may mean Tuesday. I don't think it can be done sooner. All the Hannekes were at dinner at Jan's last night. Mrs. Hannah seemed to me pretty well. Louise looked a little thin but full of pep. She will stay only a few days. Jan and Kate with Jean go to the electric meeting at Breezy Point tomorrow and will not be back until Wednesday. They have a cottage and eat at the hotel. The train to Upl. today is the new "Empire Builder" leaving here at 5:33 and arriving at Upl. at the same hour as formerly 10 p.m. I shall be glad to see it for it is said to be one of the most modern and up to date trains to be found anywhere. No extra fare. Don't hurry and don't delay, which may mean anything but certainly includes my love - V.

121. Clifton Ave.

Sunday. June 16. 1929

Dearest G.

We are planning to leave here Tuesday morning if possible. Eliz. will not go unless she is paid higher wages and my impression is that you would not wish her on those terms. Florence is also in doubt but will let me know soon. I may suggest that she go home until you return and then you can do as you like about her. I do not feel like urging her. Lucy is not dismayed at the prospect of cooking and both girls are anxious to go as soon as possible. Miss Welch wants Miss Spence for some days - I don't know how long - and if necessary we could perhaps make a compromising arrangement by having Miss Spence stay at the lake with the girls during the day and then go to Miss Welch at night.

I am enclosing a certificate for Ted + Zel rights which should be attended to at once. My advice is to sell them this time. The N.E. Trust would probably take care of the matter for you or advise you to go to someone else. We are well. I hope that Lois is all right.

Love T.

June 17. 1929.

Dearest S.

Florence has decided not to go to the lake and we are privately informed by Mrs. Groschen that the boy-friend is the real cause of the decision. Miss Spence ^{Tomorrow} goes by the new "Empire Builder" train which leaves at 9 AM and arrives at 1:30 PM. She will go directly to Miss Welch and stay over night. The present plan is for Lucy to drive me in in the morning and take Miss S. out with her and then bring her in when she comes for me in the afternoon. That will give her the mornings and evenings with Miss Welch and at the same time the girls will not be left alone at the lake. Anna will come in with Lucy ~~and me and go~~ both morning and afternoon. Lucy, Anna and I plan to start tomorrow morning by car and Lucy and I will take turns at the wheel. We shall try to get started early and drive rather slowly. No arrangement has yet been made about Freddy. Mrs. Allen says it will cost \$60 to send him up by truck and that it would be as cheap to send him by rail. We have no plans ^{yet} for keeping him at the lake and I think the only thing is to have him boarded by a farmer if it can be arranged. The gold fish will be parked in the Reeds' new pool. Love T.

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June 19. 1929

Dear Mr. V.

We arrived safely at Swan L. and deposited our baggage at the bo. piazza, then, having no key to the house and no food, we drove into Town and got dinner at the River Inn and bought supplies for breakfast at the lake. On the way up we stopped at "Grandmother's Garden Tea Room" and had a much more satisfactory lunch than could be found at the Green Hotel. Miss Spence also arrived safely at Miss Welch's house. John Loring died this morning from heart trouble. His heart had been in poor shape since he was sick some years ago. Louise left yesterday and Cy was working again evenings as he has for several weeks. I hope he will get his new room broken in soon so he can take him off at night. A little of night work is all right for him but I don't want it to continue too long. Hoping sincerely that this will not reach you.
Love V.

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June 20. 1929

Dearest G. -

I was glad to have your telegram this morning even if ten days delay is longer than I had hoped. We shall try to find a domestic helper here. Lucy has heard that her Glacier Hotel Park party starts July 3^d. She can get on the train at 7.7. It would be nice to have you here before the frow but if you can't she will not be away very long. Tonight we dine with Tom and Kate who are back from Breck Point. Tom got a prize for "Most original costume" made from a shower bath curtain and a bath towel. Gene has grown and developed a lot since you saw her and she looks plump and healthy. The days have been hot and it is a comfort to get to the lake. It is a nice place, barring the absence of the principal party. Tom has stolen our garbage incinerator and I shall have to get another. Love G.

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June 21, 1929

Friend G. -

This is the day. Long way it wave. You may remember that you filled out a questionnaire which Lucy gave you in connection with her University work. She tells me that the professor found that you were the most normal and best all-round subject of all those who answered. Now what do you say? I expect to see Ann this afternoon and will see how the Brewster idea takes her. To me it sounds good. You did not say when and I am wondering whether it would begin before you come west or on or about July 1. Jane and Kate will be at the lake with us for the week end.

Much love,

V.

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June 22. 1929

Dearest L -

Ann will be ready to leave Wednesday so as to arrive in Boston Friday, June 28. I will let you know what train she will take as soon as I can. The Empire Builder gets to Chicago about 10 AM which may be to catch for the regular Boston train.

I think she is quite pleased. Lucy leaves on July 3. and if Ann were left here alone with nobody but Miss Spencer to play with she would be too lonely.

I have had the plumber at the lake this afternoon and now must go and get J. & K. who will be with us over Sunday so good-bye this time.

Love f.

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June 28. 1929

Dearest G -

I am back again and delighted to find your letter. You will have to be called henceforth Hercules if that is the feminine of the owner of the Arabian Stables. At any rate it was considerate of Leo not to object at upls. The house seemed all right and Lindsey was in command. Eliza had gone and Florence had just secured another place. I took the greater part of the table silver along with me but left enough of each kind for a small party. Jan and Kate met me at the station and took me out to the lake where they had been staying with Lucy in my absence. Lucy goes July 3. She has found a maid who is to come today and is said to be no longer young. As I did not intend to have the foreign (or domestic) drafts on the letter of credit charged to your own account and will have them corrected. Mr. Hannah is away for some days appraising land in Rainy Lake country. You may have heard the news in the enclosed clipping. It will be good to have you home as soon as you can come.

My love, V.

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June 29, 1929.

Dearest G.

I missed your almost daily Telegram this morning and a little later thought it had come when I opened the message enclosed. ^{did it} It ^{did it} look like something demanding to be repeated by wire so I decided to send it with my letter. The day is one of those scorches with a hot dry wind and I presume the grain crops are being burned up by it. We have had no rain for a long time and the country and the roads need it.

The office gave G. a birthday ceremonial this morning but I couldn't be there on account of a flat tire. He is still working nights until quite late but seems to think the necessity will not last much longer. He looks all right. In Chicago I went back to the Field Museum which Ann and I saw for an hour in the morning and spent a long time with the American and Malay or Melasian archaeological exhibits. Much of them seems to me to have little artistic quality but the Peruvian things have. There are fabrics like those in your Ancien books.

My very best
V.

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July 1, 1929

Dearest -

Your telegram about the Heyl brothers explains a mystery which none of us could make clear. They are going south according to the telegram which I sent you. I don't see that I can do anything about the Europe child at present. Lucy leaves Wednesday and it is indefinite as to how long she will be away. Gene will come back in about a week which seems to me too short a time for such a long trip. Lucy says that one of the party wants to stay longer and I have told her that she may stay also if she finds the other girl and the conditions propitious.

I am enclosing a letter which I received this morning from Harriet Hamby. If Love is likely to stay in a nursing home I don't see why you should be especially particular about cleaning up the apartment she is leaving. Decency requires some thought of her successors and of course you have to be the judge. Use your letter of credit if you wish. Absence is making the heart grow fonder but don't burst its capacity.

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July 3, 1929

Dearest G.

This is the day Lucy goes to Glazier Natl. Park. She will get on the train at F.F. and meet Gene and the other two will arrive at the park at about the same hour. The season is opening at Swan Lake. Miss Katie arrived promptly on July 1. with Ruth, Katherine V. and Forest V. The Gringors have a speed boat which goes around the lake while you turn to look at it. The Adams and all the Eschweilers except Alex are there and the rest of the regular people are beginning to come out. Mrs. Kidder is at the River Inn and intends to stay two or three weeks. I don't know whether I wrote you that we have a new cook at Swan Lake - a not young person who is a specialist in pie and could not use pie dough, intended for lemon pie, for any other kind of pie. It sounds to me like a refinement but you may know that the distinction is proper. I think she is satisfactory. Katie's Margaret waits on table and we are luxurious. There will be a moderate fire-works show on the Fourth. Curiously, as it seems to me, Tom is the moving figure in that business. Love V. - Lucy will write you when she arrives.

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July 4. 1929

Dearest G.

The children are all at Fish Lake with the Keenes and I have come into Town to write my poor little daily scribble. Afterwards I will go back to supper at the Hannah cottage. They are not out yet but are having a holiday feast at the lake.

Yesterday afternoon I played golf for the first time this year. This morning I cleaned a sewer ditch and then put in a long stint of weeding the tennis court. I think I have found out how to build it up and maintain it properly. I am not making any improvements until you get back. My usual reading of one book per year is almost finished. "The Renaissance of Leonardo da Vinci" or more properly the "Resurrection of the gods". It is about the Italian Renaissance period which is so attractive to many winters. ~~and~~ I think it not wonderful but hard to drop after commencing. I will shoot one Roman Candle (4 ft. long) for you tonight.

V.

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July 5, 1929.

Dearest -

at the party at the Hannahs' were Miss Welch, Miss Spence and Geoffrey ^{and Mr. Barclay} and later Miss Katie came in for a short time. It was a pleasant party. After it I went home and as the children had not got back from Fish Lake I discharged my solo Roman candle for you and went to bed. So ended the Fourth. This morning Lucy's telephone came announcing her safe arrival - you were to have a similar message. My big elec. fixture for the Inn lobby has come. It is cast brass covered with something which looks like cheap radiator bronze paint. The castings have not been finished and are nearly as rough as when they came from the foundry sand. However I am having the raised surfaces polished and am leaving the background rough and hope to have it in place sometime before the summer is gone. It is now some seven months since the order was placed. The library is to be painted and I am asking Mrs. Hanley for suggestions as to the walls and ceiling of the first floor rooms.

Best love &c.

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July 6. 1929.

Dearset G.

Today I have been checking over details of transactions of the Trustees for Caw. with Cyrus Field. He is getting ready his answer to the complaint in the last suit for accounting brought by Whitcomb. My impression is that my business methods have been very loose and quite unsuited for evidence in court proceedings.

My method is to carry things under my hat while the business is doing and forget it afterwards.

It is a method best suited to small business and reduced expenses but it does not go very well with corporate operations or trusteeships. It is difficult to teach old dogs new ways and I shall undoubtedly continue my cheap and old fashioned way.

Apart from these reflections there is nothing new in T.T. that I know of. I have finished the dull book on Leonardo da Vinci and am reading a very different one by Barry which you probably know "The admirable Crichton." Love V.

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July 8. 1929

Dearst G.

Sunday was a quiet day, devoted to weeding the tennis court, reading and dinner. The important event was a soaking rain in the evening. June was a record making dry month. At no time until now had there been more than a dampness in the bottom of our rain water tank. Cy had arrived by Be. Fabus and left during a hell but was soaked before he could get to town. He appears to be none the worse for it.

The little Gene or Jeanne is developing daily and is quite a different person from the one you used to know. She sits up unsupported and has acquired a tan. Kate is attempting to discipline her by letting her alone when she wants to have attention. Sometimes it works.

With love
V.

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July 9. 1929

Dearest -

There is positively nothing doing. The weather shifts back and forth from dry to wet and from hot to cold. The crops are for the moment safe. The O.T. P. Co. is still on the job with a constant succession of troubles and satisfactions. Cyrus Field has his answer in the Whitcomb case nearly ready and soon I shall be allowed to peruse or listen to it. Mrs. Hannah tells me that the Whitcombs have given up their flat and have gone to St. Paul. I don't know why or for how long but while I am in F.F. I am willing that they should be in St. Paul. It would be very pleasant to have you here and in any case I will you, want you, will you, want you, want you drop a line?
My love anyway V.

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July 10, 1929.

Dearest G.

I had a note from Mrs. Hanby this morning about repainting the F.F. library. She suggests strong and rather dark colors for the walls - Indian red or yellowish red. After looking at the job this afternoon I am afraid to use anything which will absorb light. The rooms would be too dark.

I think I will use paper white for the walls and some strong color for the ceilings. There are beams which cut up the ceilings so that little reflections from them can be had anyway. I notice also that the present ceilings, which are lighter than the walls, show much more discoloration from dust and soot. To make the ceilings lighter than the walls is reversing the usual method but in this case it seems to me right.

I had hoped for a telegram from Lucy today.

Love V.

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July 12, 1929

Dear G.

This is a scorching day. Sam and I have been showing Mr. Seybold some of the power plants in the neighborhood of F. F. but even driving did not make enough breeze to keep us cool. I am not going to write more because I seem to have a broken blood vessel in my right eye. I didn't know about ^{it} until someone told me but now I notice it and don't want to strain the eye. Lucy is staying longer at the Park and will be back next Wednesday afternoon. My best love and hope that you will get through your job at not too remote a day.

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July 14. 1929.

Drauet B.

Your telegram was very welcome and I do not doubt that you are doing the right thing. I have come into town this Sunday afternoon to write you a nice and appreciative letter and now I don't know how to do it. Please take the intentions for as much value as you can allow for it. Just what is the value of good intentions aside from their use as paving stones? And even if they are valuable for that purpose "down there" they don't seem as good as concrete for safe footing in this world. The lake is fairly well populated but the season has been too cool to encourage all the campers to come out. Sam and Kate are not filling as much out of their horses as they hoped. It seems impossible to find a place to keep them and they are still out at C.R.'s farm 12 miles from Swan Lake. However they had a ride yesterday afternoon. I have played golf twice and should like more of it. Golf is probably the best game for old parties. Our tennis court is still waiting for dry enough weather to undertake building it up properly. I hope to do it soon. Very much love &c.

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July 16, 1929

Dearest G.

and re-read

It was a red letter day when yours arrived yesterday. Even to know that you are considering Aug. 2., not to speak of a possibility (which I discount) of an earlier date is a relief from entire uncertainty. It makes me appreciate the state of mind of the Germans who wanted to know the extent of their reparations even if the total was beyond their capacity to pay. Such is the illogical human mind. May is due tomorrow. We

shall begin to take on the semblance of a united family.

I am glad Ann is having a glorious time but I don't know yet how long the glory is to continue.

I am returning to you a fat letter from Old Colony Trust Co.

The day is over hot. Life is better in respect to hot days in Ft. than it is in Boston or even in Wf. We take off our coats when we walk on the streets.

Love y.

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July 18. 1929.

Aunt G.

You are going to E. Arkane today but this should be ready for you next Monday morning in Boston. Lucy got back yesterday looking well and in good spirits. She went to a dinner at the Dryghts' last night and today she has enterprise enough to drive out to Aug. Swenson's farm for a ride on Be-fabers. It is hot but that doesn't deter. I asked her if she was tired every night after being on horseback most of the day and she said other girls were but she was not. When she decided to stay ^{for} an extra five days trip I wired her money which did not get to her so she came back in a day coach. She said it was new and clean and not full of people. ~~and she~~ There was a porter for the car who got her a pillow and she slept all right. Apparently the trip was a great success.

Love G.

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July 22, 1929.

Dearest Y.

~~The~~ Francis Hurlbut arrived yesterday and told us about seeing you. Miss Katy has said several times that Susan L. is not itself without you. Mrs. Hannah has like views. So there. Louise came yesterday also. Cy drove down to Alexandria to meet her and Miss Hannah had a late Sunday dinner for them after the afternoon picnic. It was a sweltering day. Tonight we are all asked to dinner by Mrs. Hannah. I don't like to have her do it for it means going over her limit as usual. Lucy is a continual surprise. She eats like a Montana cowboy and wants to ride horseback as often as possible and apparently does not get exhausted. Jeanne is growing by leaps and bounds since she began eating cereals and vegetables and eggs. Her disposition could not be improved. ~~But~~ Could not some of your boot-legging friends be induced to drop lighted matches on Lois' diggings. It begins to look as if there will be no other way. I want to know about Ann. My love Y.

Miss Welch is leaving today.
Miss is staying in the Welch house.

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July 23. 1929.

Dearest Y.

As I have heard nothing from you about Ann I am assuming that you did not ^{find} the condition too bad. Ann and Tom seem so curiously alike. Cy is the child to be concerned about just now. He is working too hard and I had hoped he would before now get ~~to~~ able to carry his load and do it in office hours or nearly so. He has a helper but it doesn't seem to make much difference. Mr. Hatch says that Cy is not slow and that he is very thorough in his work. He doesn't eat proper food enough and is a little thin but he seems strong and well but a little strained. We will try to find some way of relieving him.

Best love
v.

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July 24. 1929

Dear G.

There doesn't seem to be anything to say.
Lucy continues her interest in horse-back riding.
She was out last night with Lane and Kate
and this morning again, probably alone.
A hasty note from Ann indicates that he'd
just arrived. I am trying to get the tennis
court ready for play but it seems to be a
slow process. It is built up to a level and
is well rolled but the top dressing of sand is
not yet on and rolled. I have been out
for golf only three times. It seems hard to
find the time.

Best love
V.

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July 25. 1929.

Dearest G.

It is hot and I have been making figures. The surest way to forget the heat is to get busy. But figures are not interesting to write about and making them do not develop imagination. The chandelier for the hotel lobby is the most interesting thing I have had to do with lately. It is at the F.T. formerly being finished up. It will look like a country made job. There will be more or less poor ~~or~~ workmanship showing but perhaps it will be as interesting as if it were a better job. It will look ecclesiastical like the wall decorations and not like a hotel fixture. You pointed that out to me and it was a true criticism. The hotel appears to be getting a fair amount of tourist business. My store is still vacant except for Harold F. Do you think a few more would go in F.T. Best love G.

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July 26, 1929.

Dearest G.

I stayed at the lake today to get the tennis court along with the aid of Pete and Johnnie. They worked in the morning but failed to come back in the afternoon. But it is so hot that I was glad to be out there anyway. Mrs. Parsons passed the house and told me that Geo. + Margaret had been to see Ann and that Ann was going to visit them in August when Lucy is back from her camp. She also asked me whether C. R. W. would rent his cottage to the Doughtys. I think he would be glad to. He wants to sell it. Lucy is acquiring a tan. It is too hot today to do anything more vigorous.

Best love
V.

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July 31, 1929

Dearest G.

You have been neglected lately if failure to write
my more or less daily sheet is neglect. Something
has happened every day at the critical moment.

Today Lucy and Kate are giving a party with
bridge for incentive. They had a good time getting
it up anyway though I haven't heard how it
came off. I have been rolling the tennis
court and weeding the garden shrubs which Mr.
Anthony Van Dyke planted in the spring. They
are growing or living but I think many of
them are too near trees to grow very
strong. They have also required numerous
waterings during the extremely hot weather.

My best love to you

V.

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Aug. 1. 1929.

Harriet G.

Deal more gently with the woman. Have consideration for your some time designated "lunatic suffering husband." He hasn't much sense but he has some and he doesn't think the O.T.P. Co. has overdone its business in Cy's case. At the time I wrote you I thought the treatment had been carried far enough and asked that steps be taken to relieve Cy. Steps are being taken and in the mean time Cy looks and acts much more normal since Louise got back from California. He was given a job which Fenwick Fitchett had been carrying on unaided and I imagine that he didn't want to be unequal to it. His work is good and not too slow but he hadn't the experience in turning it off that Fenwick had. I feel exactly as you do about postponing the marriage. Hoping some day to receive a telegram - with love V. Mr. Hannah is away but he has about \$900. to send you very soon. ~~the~~

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Aug. 2. 1929

Dearest G.

Cy's load has already begun to lighten. Last week he worked, I think, only one evening and he has not been obliged to work later than 9 P.M. at any time this week. He looks better, thanks to Louise.

Louise continues to surprise me by willingness to go horse-backing at any time of day or night. I have hinted quite obviously that I don't like to have her ride after dark. Glaring head-lights are a quite uncertain influence on the conduct of the horse - which as Chas. D. said years ago is a very stupid animal. The psychology of the automobile is much more dependable than that of the horse. He may act all right for years and then act all wrong on occasion. Some risks have to be taken but I would rather cut out night riding. Love L.

Swan Lake -

Aug. 20. 1929

Dearest -

after ten days in the hospital I came out here and have rusticated since. There was no set-back at the hospital, for which I give a minimum of credit to the doctor and nurses and a maximum to the good behavior of the patient. He resolutely refrained from reading anything or from playing more than one game of solitaire at a time. The solitaire was chosen especially for its freedom from head work. Even double jump was tried but was found to ~~be~~ contain less than the necessary ingredient of amusement. He began a letter to you one day which was intended to be humorous but was given up as too labored in its style. The great event of the day was the massage before sleeping time. Dr. F. found a man at the State Hosp. who could do it. He reminded me of Eben Holbrook (if that was his name) and he pitched

into me much as Eben would have pitched into his favorite occupation. He was stocky and very powerful like Eben and if the likeness holds out properly he must have regarded me as ~~the~~ similar to the material which Eben worked on.

at the lake things move along serenely. The camp is still full and, except yesterday when there was a typical south wind, the weather has been propitious. Today is a perfect day. Lucy is wearing her bathing suit for all sufficient costume.

I have not yet been in town but shall soon begin to put in part time.

If you are not coming for your birthday would it not be better to stay until you can bring Ann. I hope that if you do stay you will be able to call your job finished enough to take

time away from it for some of the visitings which are due. Lucy thinks that Ann's school begins very early in September but I have not been able to learn definitely. Labor day is Monday Sept. 2. Please wire me if you want more money.

If you should turn up unexpectedly for a birthday party, Lizzie is perfectly capable of making a cake. If not we will think about you.

With love &c.

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Oct. 10. 1929

Dearest Y.

I stayed at the lake all day yesterday so your trunk did not get started. Today it is raining so I don't think it can get started. It was so stormy this morning that I brought my bag in, prepared to stay at River Inn. Don't know yet whether I will. October check is enclosed.

I am trying to arrange with the Watchinsky man to get your trunk this afternoon but his office has not yet been able to locate him. If possible I will get it off.

No news from you indicates that you arrived safely. Monday would be an excellent day to come back before winter sets in for good.

Love Wm.

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Nov. 24. 1929

Dearest G.

Last night we had dinner at the Hamnaks' - Tom and Kate, Mr. Adams and Mar and I - with roast goose as the piece de resistance. Mrs. Hamnack says she has it once a year. Mr. Adams was at his best in reminiscence. I should not like it every week as a steady thing but once in a while he is very entertaining.

There has been a little snow during the night and today is a perfect sunny winter day and not too cold. Tom and Kate are going to Swan Lake to get Kate's glasses which were overlooked. Somehow it is difficult to see much of Cy when I am here. He called at Tom's Friday night but I had gone to bed. I see him a little at the office and he looks all right with love
G.