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1212 ELDORADO
KLAMATH FALLS
OREGON

Dearest Latsie,

I imagine the
days are counted now
until Christmas! I
remember a beautifully
colored calendar
artistically decorating my
desk in the room -
but you are up on
us - we could not go
away Thanksgiving - we
had an excellent
dinner in the Wain
House! very good but
not quite the same -
if you see how I feel.
I just wrote he hoped
to see you - needless to
say not have it
heard yet but I
hope you had a

Nice vacation - We've
had a good one though
not turning with
excitement. Pleasant &
lazy. In fact today
we had breakfast at
1 o'clock! (Bed at 4.30 -
makes a difference)

A week later -

I do hate interrupted
letters, particularly such
a retarded one but I
try again. In the
interval we've heard
what a grand
vacation it was - and
I hope you thought
so too. It sounded a
bit jumpy but I
always like the twiddle
myself - keeps the
needles threaded. Speaking
of needles - No, I won't
either - Too sore a

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point. (as should I say
sharp? Leave it to
the brain trust)

Since you entered
politics - I accepted the
legislative chairmanship
of the League of Women
Voters, hoping they would
see fit to send me to
Salmon - (The Capitol & also
the home of the Inocine
asylum - I now feel
more qualified for the
latter) Anyway, they
didn't have the perquisites
so I've been sitting home
reading Bills by the
hundreds (literally) and
trying to decide what
stated to take on Bills
75 - looking blank

when Mrs. Finkestein
asked me what we did
on Bill 135 - and realizing
what a terrific waste
of time most of it is.
This Special Session of the
Legislature was called
to decide the liquor
question and the unemployment
situation - Last night
nothing had been done
to speak of on those
questions and midnight
was the closing hour.
We spent over \$50,000 =
and passed bills giving
a Bertha Bergerson 475⁰⁰
(No one knows who she
is) and it certainly
seems outrageous. I don't
think much harm would
be done if the positions
of the honorable legislators
and the asylum inmates
were transposed -

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But enough - How doth the
little busy bee? I certainly
enjoyed your letter - and
I agree - the first year
away is interesting (if
nothing more!) But Hatty's
a good old scout and
though her ideas do seem
old-fashioned at times
they are unusually grounded
in common sense - I
think she fails to explain
them satisfactorily once in
a while without
realizing it - but one
thing - She's willing to
discuss them. It took
me quite a while to
find that out, but it
was a good discovery.
We've been having

gorgeous weather - I haven't
been out after ducks
this year and the season is
about over - I think I
should have an all-
year license - I never
apprehend the wild life
any and I come to go
out! Les went out
yesterday, getting in
about 7.30 to find me
having 4 people to
dinner - I'm getting
positively courageous!

We're about to
depart - The car is at
the door - Say Avox,
Francis Avox - Give
my love to Mary, my
best to all -

Much love,

Sally -

Dec. 16
-

Dear Lottie - & Mary,
you would think
that with my lack
of much correspondence
I could at least find
some respectable paper
once I get around to
it, would it you? But
no, no - though I did
write once on my
sweet elegant stationery,
did it I? If not, please
notify and the matter
will be taken care of -
poopoopoop. At this
moment I'm waiting for
your new cousin to arrive
for dinner - I'm learning
the tricks of the trade -
How to get dinner is one
pat is 15 minutes & all
that - and if you don't
think I'm domestic you
should have seen me
today - whee! of course we
did oversleep & poor he
had to go to school
without even a cup of
coffee - but I'm sure it's
good for one now & then -
(not speaking of temperaments)

as glad I wasn't in on the shooting - but, strange? I see he is on the eating.

We've a nice house - small but large enough - 5 rooms - nothing elaborate but great fun - and our wedding presents make it verra vera nice. So far I've only broken 2 glasses, 1 plate & odd & ends. I concentrate on cutting or burning my hands - Mother's needle & thread element is sorely tried - The dog helps, too - An adorable English Setter pup, named Rip - & well named - from stocking to fingers, including neighbors' wish a great help - Mother's little assistant, as it were - but he is a prize.

There's a little theatre group in town who have been after me to join - thinking of the variety - out at school I've trying to cover up my great ability but I'm afraid it will out. Does Maple tree still have Dramat? And are any of my old pals around Bristol? Find? Dodd? Wells, Sprague - tiny Latin teacher? And who has the acorn? I never did live there except during college Boards in

But since then I've washed woodwork cleaned floors - even draped my delicate fingers around a needle & stuck it thru some holes - Shades of Sewing House! but with noone to read - It was bad enough then! Made cheese sapphire & coffee cake for lunch - & oh la la - I'm most pleased with myself. Tomorrow, however, keeps another tale - the League of Women Voters, tennis & bridge - 'S great life! and how is yours? I had a grand letter from your Mother today & she says you're both enjoying it - which is grand - I nearly didn't for some time - I've glad you weren't homesick as long as I totaie - I nearly digd' for months - and then I loved it - as you mayhap have heard tell. Father has been watching her & a friend skin one of the deer they killed this week end - but I retired when butchering came in. We had a beautiful trip out on the mountain - sleeping under the trees - rising before dawn and stalking thru the woods. I was just

the carmen at the night.
Do Martin still ~~laughing~~?
I'd like to drop in - But
not tonight, thanks. Kinda
cold and they better's in
the attic - (I thought that
didn't look right) Do drop
me a word or two, both
of you - I enjoyed your
last - Give my best to
Hetty & Maplebee - I'm
going to write them one
or these days - I had a nice
telegram Jude 29 - & a
lovely letter from Hetty -

Much love,
Sally -

Oct. 16 -

I expect to have a friend with me
Wed. eve. - Viola Barnes - and she will
drive me home afterward, which
will be a grand point!

WOODBIDGE TERRACE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Dear Lottie -

just a line
on the fly - I'll be looking
for you at 6:50 - Springfield
and will just have time to
have some dinner & head
for a performance of "Aida"
which happens to be there that
night - I'm not promising
too much, as a company
but I think it won't be
very bad & "Aida" is always
such fun anyway to my thinking

I thought it would be worth
while taking a chance -

As to N.Y. - we could go
down on Saturday, which I
think would be great fun -
if your Mother approves -
I wrote her a few days ago
the ^{only} question in my mind
being whether she might feel
it an unnecessary extravagance!

By the way, that train
leaves N.Y. at 3:10, not 3:20
as you wrote it - at least
unless you have a later time-
table than I -

It will be grand to see you
- 4 days to go! Much love, Margaret
Saturday

WOODBIDGE TERRACE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Nov. 16-1933

Dear Lottie -

It is grand that
you are going to have the
whole Thanksgiving weekend and
I shall love having you here -
If any invitations have develop-
ed in the meanwhile which
you would like to accept
don't hesitate a moment to
say so - otherwise I shall
be counting on you with
enthusiasm!

According to my time-tables
it looks as though the first

train you could get out of
New York would be 3:10 Wed.
Monday p.m. - due Springfield
at 6:50 where I shall meet
you - There is a 2:00 p.m. from
the Grand Central but with the
time it takes to get across
town I imagine that wouldn't
do - If you wanted to do
anything in N.Y. that afternoon
you could take a 4 p.m. or 5:02
getting to Springfield at 7:22 or
8:40 - at any of which I could
meet you, so just let me
know - If you make the
earlier (due 6:50) we could
have dinner together in Spring-
field - unless you get hungry

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on the way! Drop me a line
anytime about the possibilities -
I've been so busy the last
two weeks I haven't had
a moment - we heard Kovacs,
the South American pianist
in Northampton last night
and enjoyed her enormously.
Jim joined us & seemed
in fine form.

Now I am off for a tea
- the annual presidential -
Much love

Marg -

Love to Mary -

(over)

would you like me to write
Miss Hartridge? I can't imagine
there being any question about
it but shall be glad to do it
if you think it a good idea.

WOODBRIIDGE TERRACE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Monday - Dec. 11

Dear Lottie -

I was so glad to
have your letter - I was
grand fun having you with
me & I enjoyed it enormous-
ly! Sad about Christmas
vacation's postponement - but
even the 20th isn't so far
away now!

I thought you'd like to see
the enclosed - I did so wish
you could have been there -
Lily Pons had been scheduled
& was ill so they arranged

this instead which I really
was much more anxious to
hear! She was unbelievable
especially in anything light
& fast & rippling - the first
part of the Beethoven was the
only part of the program
one felt ^{especially} aware of her being
a child - the rest one enjoyed
for itself - I kept wishing
you could have been with
me!

The grandest vacation in
the world & loads of love
to you - Mary -

My love to Mary - It was
so nice she could come & see
us Sunday.

WOODBIDGE TERRACE

SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Oct. 25-33

Dear Lottie -

25 was good
to hear from you so soon
after our nice visit - I
did enjoy every bit of my
Plainfield expedition enormous-
ly, and was happier than
I can say ^{to see} you have made
such a grand start!

I had a large day in
Smyten Bayvil Sunday with
whole families of almost
unknown relatives & friends
turning up in rapid suc-
cession - took the night

train back to Holyoke where
I arrived in a cold gray
dawn with a large lady's
work to greet me!

Winter is upon us to-day
- in fact some one reported
seeing a car from Vermont with
six inches of snow on its
roof this morning!

I've just been ordering
tickets for the Northampton
Concert Series, to which I've
asked Jim to go with me -
3 Symphonies (Detroit, Cleveland
& Boston), Spalding, a pianist
Kovacs, and others - I'm
anxious to have it start -
When do yours commence?

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SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

I'm counting definitely on
our Thanksgiving to - gether
& looking forward to it - in
New York if you have only the
day, as we do, or here if
you have more - just let
me know when you know
- but there isn't a bit of
hurry as I haven't any
plans anyway - I'd love it
if you could be here for
the weekend -

I enjoyed my visit with
Miss Hartridge & Miss Magel
den so much - and was
so sorry to miss Janet Fine -

did you tell her so?

Do write again when you

can - much love

Marg

MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE

SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Oct. 7-33

Dear Lottie -

I have been
going over dates and have
just come to the conclusion
~~that~~ next weekend - the
14th is my only chance
for a Spangten. Deyvil - Plain-
field excursion before Novem-
ber - I thought if it
would suit you I'd
come out to Plainfield
Saturday morning some time
and stay most of the day -
leaving in time to join
the Taylors for dinner that

night - How would that
fit in with your scheme of
life? I'll drop Miss Hart-
ridge a line too, as I
want to see her of course -
and ask her whether you
& Mary could go out to
lunch with me Saturday -
I haven't any time tables
so I'm not sure of my
connections - but I'll take
a taxi and turn up when
I can! It will be grand
to see you and as I'm
hoping I shall, I won't
write any more now - just
drop me a line etc to

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whether it will be all
right - much love
Marg -

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SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

Q. J. 3-33

Dear Lottie -

I brought home
some books from the library
and discovered there is
all too much in them I
ought to know by to-mor-
row - So this can't be very
long - But I've been think-
ing about you a lot and
wondering how things have
started out, so I'm going
to drop a line anyway -
I remember so well my
first weeks there - you
know I did just as you

have - finished High School &
then took a year there be-
fore college - and I have
a suspicion we had a
lot of the same problems -
I was desperately homesick
at first and it seemed to
me I'd never get adjust-
ed - of course I didn't ex-
pect to be a (i.e. home sick) you rather
thought you might - and
I certainly hope you are
as surprised one way as
I was the other! Only
in case you have been unhappy,
I'm telling you about my
experience - because I certainly
understand the feeling!
I thought I'd never sur-

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vine - but it is true that
 after a few weeks, it
 all disappears in some
 mysterious fashion and
 life becomes a very plea-
 sant business again - I
 enjoyed it there enormous-
 ly after getting adjusted.
 I wish I were nearer
 and could drop in more
 easily but I do expect
 to go to N. Y. within the next
 few weeks and in that
 case shall come to Plain-
 field either Saturday or Sun-
 day and see you - I'll
 let you know when I

can figure out my dates.
I'm still in the midst of
organizing some of my courses
which is taking a lot of
time.

I did go off for a tramp
on the Holyoke Range Sun-
day and had a glorious
day of it - This country
is as lovely as ever and
these fall days it seems
a terrible mistake to get
under a roof at all.
I haven't managed Ann-
hera yet or seen Jim
but hope to eventually -
How is the work start-
ing out? Your mother

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wrote
^ you had a lovely girl a
a room-mate and I do
hope that is working
out happily - write me
some day when you
have a minute - I shall
be so anxious to hear -
And don't let yourself get
discouraged if the start
has been hard - I know
you can make a success
of it - Lots of love
Mary -

My love to Mary -

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My dear Lolsie -

I was so pleased to get your letter and to hear that Hartbridge "is not as bad as you thought it might be" - If ones attitude of mind is right - one can see the good points - in situations that come up as we go through life - (no lecture or advice) Anyway I'm so glad you are getting along nicely - Margie is looking forward to having you for the Thanksgiving week end! She enjoyed her little visit - at Hartbridge - very much -

we have been having the most-
perfect- weather you can
imagine & for weeks-
I'm feeling practically myself again
& have had several games of
golf this last week - Today
Uncle Hunt, Sally, Les and I
are having a game and we will
not need more than a light-sweater.
Sally is getting to be quite a
marvellous house keeper and enjoys
it very much as well -
This evening Uncle Hunt & I are
going out to Sunday night-supper.
I haven't heard from Jim for
over a week but I know he has

been awfully busy, with all the
various activities <sup>1425 PACIFIC TERRACE
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OREGON</sup> he has taken
on - Chorus, Glee Club and Dramatics.

He wrote he had been given a
part in "Animal Kingdom" though
he might not be able to keep it -
I hope he did for I know he will
enjoy it - He also had tests coming
up so he hasn't had much time
to write I guess -

Polly Taylor seems to like Vassar
and we are all glad about that.
Your mother seems to keep up the
usual pace in L. F. I don't see
how she does it - It would be nice

to see her but I'm afraid it would
be for some time - I had hoped
she & your father would be able
to come out this fall -

I hope you will write me again
some time! Tell me what studies
you take, how you like your music
teacher, and what other activities
you take part in!

Give my love to Mary - It is
certainly pleasant for you to have
her there!

With a great deal of love
for you both!

Aunt Jane

Nov. 12. 1933

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MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS MINN

CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVE FOR SWEET GIRL GRADUATE HAPPY RETURNS OF
 BIRTHDAYS

UNCLE HUNT AUNT JANE & SALLY

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER
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They are such dear girls and
have had such fun this year

The boys said it didn't seem
quite right not to go to Little
Falls this year - and see everyone
and later there see "how we're
going" - and do you suppose

Bah misses us! They are
all at scout camp most
time on Sun. they are only
to be gone a week for the
camp is not to be run so long
as usual and that is all
they can go but such are
excited. Bees it is his just-
time

My dear Laura Jane

To think of you
being all graduated and everything
and every other year we would
all have been there to see you -
with congratulations from all
the family we are certainly
proud of your wonderful work -
I keep up with you though
the Cathie times do you remember
them they are just your age
and were also graduated from Hi-
and Virginia from Smith College

But such a handsome teaming and suggest-
ing the house is great, and everything out of
order. - we have had at least a dozen boys
here all the time - I have much more
doing a lot of "heavy sitting" until I dub
them the "Pondus Puff club" that was too
much so they all got busy and are working
on the lot - across the street & are making
a tennis court they have mowed - scraped
& raked and we are going to have ^{curb} brick
put on which makes a fine surface
after much waiting and rolling - and
then I hope we may develop some good
tennis players -

I do hope you all can come out this
summer. make us a visit and then go up
to the Hoston Ranch it would be an interesting
experience for you and heavy on a dude ranch
and such a lot of fun - it is in very beautiful
country and the rates are so low now,
a glorious place to go where the girls have
their vacation - and you are not going to
camp are you this summer - do pull for
the ranch & a visit to us -

The Dams have two ducks +
yes today she hatched and
has six little ducks and it
is the greatest sight to see
her strut with them - they
walk up + down the street -
if they get too far away Duggan
walks them home.

Bessie has made a lot of birds-
houses + they are all rented which
pleases him greatly -

It isn't long before Sally is
to be married - it is too bad we
can't all go out, it would be nice
to meet "the man" -

We are going to drive down to camp
to meet it and see how the men
are getting on - I have to take
- producing flies and radio tubes
I hope you will be surprised how
tall I had has grown 5ft 6½ you
will have a real treat on our next
visit - I do hope it can be
so you all can come out - hold
the fort for the Ranch

Lots of love and congratulations - we
are all so proud of you -
Love from all
Mama

May 29th 1933.

Katie dear:

In just a short time you will be leaving High School, your happy school days in Little Falls will have been finished, and very soon, too soon in fact, you will be in a new environment, meeting lovely girls and the "new deal" will be interesting in just a little different way.

We are all very very proud of you dear, your reports have always been fine, and you have always used your mind as God intended so you are now entitled

to your diploma.

Uncle Edwin and I would love to be present when you receive it, but that cannot be. Our sincere congratulations and all good wishes are yours my dear, and in the future as in the past, we know you will succeed for you are clear minded, studious and of a loving temperament. With such a disposition, and loving parents who have guided you aright these past important years, you are a very fortunate girl and

we all love you very dearly.

We want to send you just a little something as a gift, but do not know just what you want or can use, so will send a check and trust it will be sufficient to buy some little necessaries for the season.

With all our love and good wishes
we are your devoted
Aunt Sarah & Uncle Edwin.



c/o Delta Kappa Epsilon
Amherst, Mass.

Dec. 6, 1933

Dear Lottie,

It surely was nice, seeing so much of you over the Thanksgiving vacation! I was sorry not to see you before you went to the concert, but I guess I was a little slow. I had a very pleasant vacation myself, and hope you did. I don't know when I'll see you next, but perhaps sometime after Christmas. My Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 20th, so it will not be long now, for which I am indeed thankful.

It's a very dreary day here, with rain drizzling down, and my roommate sleeping on the couch. My other roommate has just come in and gone out again.

I have two term papers and two or three small ones to write before the holidays. I can't say I feel too rosy about them.

I can think of nothing else now except what I've already told you. I hope you find these final days before vacation not too dragging.

Love,
Jim

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Sept. 4, 1933
Monday

Dear Lotsie,

Well, well, and well, well. Comment allez-vous ce beau matin? Je vais bien, moi-même. It has been ~~a~~ very difficult to write, this summer, owing to my being engaged in such pursuits as blacksmith assisting and trucking. However, it was joyful hearing from you. I shall be in K. Falls this coming Friday, if all is well and convenient. I am leaving here early tomorrow morning. In fact I shall probably arrive before this letter. [intermission, while learning to tie a Fox tie]

My room is now a horrible mess of packing

preparations. Tell Mary-ann that ye picture should be in readiness. I guess I've got to get to work now. Tell your mother that I am arriving in Mpls. on the Milwaukee at 10:15 P.M. on Sept. 7th, Thurs.; That I wrote Bill Moir asking him to find me a lodging place for the night and that I shall take a bus to S. F. the next morning, Fri., Sept. 8th. If there is the slightest inconvenience, stop me in Mpls.

It surely was sad about Dave.

Love,

Jim



Delta Kappa Epsilon

May 20, 1933

Saturday

Dear Lottie,

I fear I'm not such a good correspondent, but I really have the best intentions in the world. I try to write over and over, and things seem to call me away. My roommate is standing here, giving me a dissertation on Hitler and other Germans, and is really no great help, but I'll spare him my thoughts.

As I wrote your mother, Newton D. Baker spoke to us yesterday. He gave an excellent speech. Everyone was in academic costume, and it was quite an impressive convocation.

For the last few weeks, we have been holding field trips in Biology. By the end of next week I have to have mounted 10 different species of bugs. Also, on Monday, I have hour tests in English and Latin, an outside reading test in French on Tuesday (I haven't even started it yet to help me), a History test on ~~the~~ Thursday, and a paper to write in competition for the Latin prize, so you see with Final exams starting on May 31st, and all of this other work, I am not without something to do, n'est-ce pas?

It was very nice that the majority of the family have been able to see you. I would sure love to be there now, too, with you all. I felt terrible about the accident, but am so happy that all are still o.k., that I can bear to think of it anyway. I have never heard Yehudi play, but have heard a

great deal about him. He certainly must be wonderful, from all I hear. The College Dramatic Association, known as the "Masquers" put on "The Emperor Jones" by Eugene O'Neil, the other night, and really did it wonderfully well. It's remarkable how good they are for amateurs. They are going to Vienna this summer, to perform, having been invited to represent American College acting over there. They are really far above the average group of actors.

What part do you sing on the Glee Club? By the way, you are just about to graduate, are you not? Accept my hearty congratulations!!

It's now 11:15 P.M., and as I have to get up to work, I think I had better retire.

Love,

Jim

particulars and wonder
so what could have
happened. Where is Alice?
My how the time goes
it won't be very long
before you will be going
home for Christmas, and
wouldn't I love to be there
to meet you. Well I must
close I shall have to close
and shall be looking for
that dear letter every day
untill it comes hope it
will not be long. I am
thinking of you and wishing
for your happiness and
success in your school life
give my love to Mary if she
is with you. With heart-felt love
to you. Aunt Bobbie

Oct. the 23 - 1933

Dearest Laura Jane

Have looked for letters
from you every day I
just can't wait any longer
and as I haven't your
address I am going to address
this to Little Falls Hoping
they will forward it to
you. Laura Jane I am
thinking of you so much
wondering how you are
and how you like your
school and being away
from home. Are you

in the same school
with Mary? Please
Laura Jane take a few
minutes of and write
me a little letter
won't you? I am so
eager to hear from you.
wrote to Mother a few
weeks ago but have not
heard from her and
wonder if she is away
and have not rec'd
my letter. As to my self
Laura Jane, I am feeling
better than I did in the
summer. My eyes are
improving I am doing

the exercises you ad-
vised and think they are
helping. My life and
work very much the
same as usual. We are
having lovely weather
but a little too warm
for comfort. I would
give anything for a
little of that snappy
exhilarating air which
you very likely have at
this time. Laura Jane
when you write do tell
me something about
Dave. I have heard no

I have heard from you
and I sometimes let
them read your letters
Laura Jane I could not
write you the 29 of October
as you requested for your
letter did not arrive until
a couple of day later but
I intended and wanted
to write you immediately
but - Oh dear me! so
many many things
come up constantly
that must be done and
hinders me from doing
the things I would most
love to do and I am
horrified to think of the

Nov. 20 - 1933

My dearest little sweetheart
you can't imagine
the happiness I felt the
morning I went out
and found three letters
in my mailbox two
from my darling
little Lottie and one
from Mother. It was
such a relief to know
that my little girl was
happy in school for
I had worried about
you, afraid that you

be home some away
from mother and home
I was so glad to know
you were with Mary
too, It is pretty nice
to have a big sister to
look after you isn't
it. Mother tells me
what a sweet lovely
girl Mary is and so
much comfort to her.
I am sorry you are
having such cold stormy
weather. I hear the reports
through the radio. It
seems strange to visualize

those awful storms back
there when we sit here
by open windows, and
roses blooming outdoors
I have some very beautiful
roses the other day I
cut of twenty four
beautiful buds wish
I could send you some
also a little of our ^{warm}
weather. You ask if I go
to La Canada often, No
I don't have time to
go very often but - Abbie
and my cousins come
here to see me quite
often, they always ask if

sent me and feel sure
they are helping me.
Mother told me, how
your high school record
had been accepted at Vassar
and that you only needed
to take four subjects
now, it makes me
happy to know you won't
have to study so hard.

Lotsie dear you can't
imagine how interested
I am to know what
those Ideals of Miss Harting
were that you did not
approve of be sure and
tell me when you
write, I know my little

girl has the highest Ideals
just like her dear Mother.
And Laura Jane I hope
and pray they will never
change Do you remember
Billy Shoening that lives
near Abbie. you remember
we were there one Easter
morning finding Easter
eggs in the garden well
Billy was such a dear
nice boy at that time
but poor Billy has gotten
into bad company
and is giving his Grand-
mother lots of trouble and
sorrow. It is so bad with
all the money and opportunities

he could have he could be
such blessing to her and
the world in general.

Well Lottie darling
sweet heart, I could go
on talking to you forever
but the strong duties to
four hundred chickens call
me and I must go out
and see if they have every
thing they need. It is

9 o'clock this morning and
I have not been out to
them yet. Give my love
to Mary tell her I would
love to hear from her.

And to you sweet heart
write me soon.
heartful of love Aunt Bobbie

Time that has already
elapsed since then. And
please Lottie dear don't
pay me back in the
same coin for I begin
to look for your letters
almost as soon as have
mailed this. If I could
write evenings you would
hear from me so often
but I have not been
able to do that since my
eyes have been weak
they are improving
very much however
and think I will soon
be just O.K. I am taking
the exercises mother

hens. many people have
lost; hundreds. We certainly
will be glad for cool weather.
You ask what I have been
doing this summer. I have
hardly been off this place
as the chickens had to be
watched so closely on account
of the heat and then I was
afraid to drive my car for a
while on account of my eyes.
Laura Jane I was so
disappointed when you
wrote that you were
not coming out; did
you not even go out
to Sallys wedding, for I
expected she is married
by this time. Did she

August 16 - 1933

Dearest Laura Jane

Received your sweet
card the other day, and
you don't know how deeply
I feel to have had to
put off writing you so
long and am afraid I shall
have to give you the reasons
as much as I hate to tell
you my troubles, but I
don't want you to mis-
understand me, for I think
you ~~miss~~ constantly
not day goes by and many
times a day my thoughts
drift to Little Falls, and my

little Laura Jane, but the
summers out here are very
very hot and I don't stand
the heat very well and then
in June my eyes began to
trouble me greatly, and I
firmly got so I could
not see any thing but the
biggest head lines in the
paper, and it handicapped
me dreadfully with my
work Dr. said it was the
strain from the ^{intense} sun and
glare that we have
here and my work necessi-
tates my being out in
it most of the time. There
been wearing dark glasses
and taken so much care
as I could to stay out of the

sun and they now feel
much better although still
pretty weak and blurry.
this is the first letter I have
written for Mts. and hope
when it gets a little later
and the sun not so intense
that I will be all right
we have had terrible heat
for the last few weeks
many days the ther. has
climbed to 110 and 120 degrees
I have had an awful
time keeping my chickens
from dying from the
heat one day in spite
of all I could do with
spraying water on the
chicken house both in
and out I lost 15 fine

Marry a western man
where is her home?
I expect it will not be
long now before you
and Mary will be leaving
for school will you both
be together? What will
mother do without you
it will be hard for her
I know. Hattie, Dan,
and Abbie were in
Minneapolis ~~for~~ in
June I had hoped they
would stop and see you
and tell ~~you~~ what you
looked like now. but
they felt the heat so much
while there that they

did not stay as long as
they had expected
Laura Jane I expect I
shall have to close this
letter for my eyes
are getting so blurry
it is hard to distinguish
the words, but I hope next
time I can do better
Tell Mother I miss not
hearing from her so
no doubt it is my
fault as I owe every-
body. Laura Jane
sweetheart I hope
I can hear from

you soon again
I love you most
dearly and think of
my little girl constantly
much love to you
to mother and family
Aunt Bobbie