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Dearest daddy.

That was such a sweet letter you wrote me and so full of nice advice - peculiarly fitting to me. I'm so glad you liked my letters so much. I tried to make them as new as possible and I hope I succeeded. Really I'm having a very nice time so far. • The girls (boarders - old ones I mean) are a difficult bunch to get along with; but I hope by the end of the year I will have made every one of those girls love me! because I like them.

I really am enjoying my course in school very much. as I told mother, I adore Harmony and Miss Schenck is such a dear! I love her more each week and she has such an understanding way and I just hate it when I have to leave her classes.

Aphudi Menuchin and his sister Depzibek aged 14
are giving a joint violin recital in N. Y. Dec. 19 and
I do hope I'll be able to go in for it. I didn't know
his sister played.

Well, please write me soon and tell me
all the news. The place must look pretty
magnificent with all the flowers and the green
leaves. It's still pretty green here though rather
cold. That was so nice that you heard from Mary.
Mother said that she hadn't so I sent her my letter.

Will you tell mother something I happened
to remember about the laundry. Miss H. told
me in the beginning that the reason she
didn't want me to send it home was because
I got it so late but so far she's told me nothing
of mother's letters about the matter.

Give my best love to mother and
keep loads for yourself

Affectionately
Lotie -

Am I absent minded. See what I did!

My other teachers are very nice also and I
hope by working hard, they will see that I ap-
preciate them.

You must be having a very enjoyable
time with your card clubs etc. I hope you're not
deserting poor mother too much with your
stag parties.

We start rehearsing for our Dramatic
Club play this week as we intend to give it
before Thanksgiving vacation and the annual
fair takes place before Xmas vacation so will be
very busy getting ready - Xmas " starts on
21st this year which means I'll get home Dec 23rd
on Sunday. I wonder if you'll be as glad to see
me as I will to see you!!!!

Yes indeed, I do like the Corneli's Tale
very much and would appreciate it if you'd
send me a copy of it weekly. Also, please send
me the funny papers if you could.

Did you know that Ruth Shucyynski
is giving a concert in Mpls. - the first of the
season. I go to hear it because she's simply
marvelous and tell me all about it.

Sept. 29, 1937.

Dearest Mother,

This is just a short note to tell you that I got in Dramatics Club! Was I surprised or was I surprised! You see I was a needed third in a play that two others wanted to try out in ~~without~~ blinching that I'd get in. Well now that I'm in, it doesn't seem possible - seems like a dream! I'm so glad, well I just don't know what to do. Miss Hertridge has been so nice lately and now everything has gotten so ~~very~~ busy! I feel indeed that prayers are helpful and they certainly have helped me. My dear Heavenly Father is with me constantly and working miracles and I pray every night that you and Daddy won't worry and I'm sure you don't!

Had a shampoo and set at Hays' this aft. for which I'm thankful!

Last night we seniors were invited to a bridge party and H. J. Bridges, and Duxat. We had a marvellous time and got home about 11:30.

I didn't win a prize! Ooo hoo!!!

Had a very nice letter from Helen
Maude and also received one from your own
sweet self today - Thanks so much - Got the
note from Mr. McPhail and intend to drop Mr.
Fay a note in the near future -

Did you tell Hft about the Laundry
I certainly hope so, because it will be so
much easier sending it home -

My darling, thanks again for the lovely
letter. Teledad'll write tomorrow because
I did love his letter so.

All my love to my precious parents
Your Lotie -

September 22, 1934

Dearest mother -

Just a little note to tell you how much I enjoyed your letter which came today. I imagine by now you've gotten my other letter. That was written before I left for Hartbridge. We had a nice but rather sad day in N.Y. We didn't go to a movie as you surmised for Mary had to have her hair washed and set. I did the shopping I told you about and afterward waited for Mary. When she was ready we left for Hartbridge immediately - at least I did for Mary left me at the Twenty-third street ferry and I made the journey alone. It was lonely I can tell you but now I've adapted myself to such an extent that the loneliness has worn off. Poor Mary I can imagine she'll be very lonely the first few weeks, but she makes friends easily so maybe it won't be so hard for her after all.

I had classes today for the first time. English, & French also singing. Mrs. Lockwood was there and was as sweet as ever. I just love to look at her 'cause she's always smiling. Your note about

Well, do please write me soon - do!
Kids may have to deal and the rest -
and words of love to you -
"Gladie"

a smile.

The girl ~~boarders~~ are just grand - so far. Of the old boarders, Bettie Bridges, M. J. Davison, Jean Moore, Anne E. King and Frances Holloway are the only ones. The rest are new and darling kids at that, though all years younger than I am -

Most of the day pupils that were here last year are here this year. Betty Schoonmaker, Juliette, + Betty Furbush the kids I wrote to this summer are here. As yet I haven't seen much of those girls. I'm just beginning to get used to this kind of life. I hope in a couple of week-ends I'll be able to go into N.Y. and that Mary or Margaret will be able to get down to be with me or Deborah Penney.

I have only gotten one letter and that's from you -

Monday I begin music lessons and harmony also Algebra. I will still have Miss Schuch fortunately - I really think she far surpasses any music teacher I've ever had.

Jelietta's going to board here this next week
and I'm wondering what kind of a boarder
she'll make. Oh well, I'll do my best to
make her happy.

I do hope though the kids don't think
I'm the "taggish type" for I'm not! I
only want to do my small best in
making them happy for then I'm happy!

Please tell Paulina not to put any brownies
or food in my laundry bag! I've suffered
once and I don't intend to suffer again.

Will you request Miss H. not to be
too hard on my eating desserts - certain
kinds I mean - like caramel custard and
escondido ice cream! I can't eat them, they make
me sick!

Miss Hestidge told me this
morning I was very much of a bother
last year and she didn't intend to

put up with it another year! Nice
after wasn't it!

By the way will you please send my white
sweater with the clip also the Sunday papers.
Sept 23, 1934

Dearest mother.

You'll probably get this little
note when you get my other letter.
Miss Hestidge told me some very
important news which I will
pass on to you -

You know she told you in
that letter of hers that Nassar had
acknowledged my Science course!
Well now they have accepted them.
Isn't that grand! I'm so glad I don't
know what to do - now I can take
it easy.

I received your letter today
and I sincerely hope you got my
telegram besides the letter I wrote you.
I know you must have by

battle this year against a spoiled, thoughtless
self and I know I will, if I look for the
best in life and not take my mistakes
so seriously. I'm going to work hard
and make this year the most successful
year I've ever had.

One thing that worries me
H.J. thinks I'm tagging on the girls
and I don't want her to think that at
all because that's one thing I just
couldn't conceive of doing! All the girls
seem to want me around so the only
thing for me to be is agreeable with them.
Nice to one and all! That's my motto.

I admit I feel more independent
this year than ever before and I think
I'll have a very happy time; after all, obeying
rules is not so hard.

Do write me soon though and give
oceans of love to Daddy, the girls etc. etc.
Loads and loads of love to you, Love

this time.

I forgot to tell you that I'm boarding
in the "Acorn" this year again. Miss May
and Miss Agnew are back again and are the
same as ever. Miss Maggi had her hair
cut and looks a perfect woman! It's very
unbecoming I think. I'm rooming a
roommate this year but I'm rather glad in a
way. I guess it is a lot easier. Miss H. has
been kind of hard on me lately. I don't know
what's the trouble with me! Maybe I just
fancy it but I'm more afraid of her than
ever before!!! To tell the truth, I have been late for
baths the ^{last} ~~not~~ intentionally!! ^{since I've been late for}
H.J. Dawson is the new head of the
house and though extremely dictatorial, is a
darling in many ways and a very understanding
person!

Miss Stinson is back and is as
dear as ever. This our sports head
again and I'm so glad!

I sincerely hope I win my

Mother dearest

Miss Hartbridge said I
must have my laundry
done at the school.

I can't understand it. It
isn't a bit like her. None
of my things are marked
on any thing; please tell
Marie to send my name
tapes. She is making it
so hard for me —

Lovingly & always
Lottie

Oct. 18, '34

My dearest mother,

Dad just told me about your back and I am so sorry honey. I hope it's nothing serious for I don't like my mamma to be ill when her daughter is so far away from home. So please be good and get well soon or I'll come home! I have some good news for you. I really think I'm catching on in English. Miss Fine has given me some very fine marks on my themes B, B+, A- etc. but not A or A+. Probably never will be! I mustn't cheer too soon though! but I can't help feeling a little glad! Do you blame me.

I'm sitting at the French table now and have a sore tongue from parley-vousing - Indeed I speak French so

much here that I'll probably will forget
how to speak English when I get home.

Harmony, still like, though it's getting
a trifle harder. I have 50 things to do in it
for Monday! Oh and I'm writing ^{your} original
Compo. for you and you alone. I hope you'll
be satisfied. They're dumb as heck!

Rehearsals have started factoriously!
as we have to give the play the first week in
Nov.

Miss Schenck has been so nice!
She gave me some swell compliments besides
a Bach fugue which she wants me to work
on. Wgt has been an old darling and
wonders of wonders H.J. has been such a
den lately! I guess it's myself that's to
blame for the change.

Juliette is boarding until Mon. & then
she'll leave. We'll certainly miss her! She
gave a birthday party for Budge in which
we were all invited. It was such fun!

Isabel wrote me a handsome
apology for not meeting Bettie & me in N.Y.

She goes around with a kid from Plfd
and so expect to see her out here any time!
Got the nicest letter from Sally & Bettie
Roston. I mean to write them real soon!
Isn't that too bad about Marie's sister
Do give her my sympathy.

The other day while playing hockey
I passed out on the field so I play it not
so much now!

Play a girl in a tennis tournament
tomorrow - hope I win!

Do write me as soon as you're able to.
Juliette & H.J. send their love & best wishes
and I send you oceans and oceans of love
and please get well soon -

I love you and "dad" so dearly,
"Lola"

Bettie Bridges was rather relieved because I think she felt as though she'd been left out of all. Complications prevented Jess's coming I guess as she had written me that she would be able to see me!

Things are about the same here. I think I'm beginning to understand English better. I got an A on my theme about events.

Dad's taken an awful fancy to the biography of Mendelssohn. It's very good - written by Selma Kaufman - violinist in the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra.

I'm very busy and happy here. N.Y. is one of my stumbling blocks but by nature she's warm-hearted though very high-strung. The girls here are really difficult bunch but I'm getting used to their teasing ways. In fact I enjoy them very much. After all she's a human!!! I'm not the only one. But you're right about being reserved!

Please do write me soon. Would appreciate it if you'd send my white silk dress - my white shorts and skirt - that's all I can think of. Also my brown winter coat. Now don't (for the 100th time) forget! Did you hear Ruth Slenczinski play with the symphony? Wasn't she good.

Wish you could see the Gilbert & Sullivan operas. Pine for and Mikado will be shown this week.

Do write me soon honey, cause I do love your letters. Love your dear mother until next time - your ever so affectionate daughter, Betty.

Do give my love to "Dad" - hope he got my letter. Oct. 14, 1934

ljm

Darlingest mother,

I thank you so much for your perfectly beautiful letter. I really don't know who's writing the most letters you or I, but no matter. I look forward to your letters with so much anticipation for then you don't seem so far away. I take it you've been going to a lot of parties and are having a grand time - I'm so glad 'cause then I know you don't miss us too much.

You were right about my being in N.Y. Bettie Bridges & I went and enjoyed ourselves to the utmost. We went to see "Patience" at the Martin Beck Theater and did some shopping -

Mumma, will you please tell Dr.

I mean to write to her very shortly. Wonder how she is. Have you heard from her?

Miss Hartidge is letting me send my laundry home and I'm so glad - however she requires me to take a careful account of every thing I send! They will inspect my laundry when it comes back. She's making it hard for me as she doesn't do it with the others I don't think but don't you dare let any food arrive in it!

Heard a most gorgeous org an recital. Thon. nite at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Lockwood does play so beautifully. I could listen to her always. Oh if we only had an organist like ~~her~~! She's giving a concert in Mpls. this spring and I do wish you'd hear her.

How soon will my music note books arrive? I hope soon as Miss Schenck would like to have them. Mother do you suppose an hour of harmony would be too expensive? I would really like to have an hour if possible.

Received a nice letter from Mary Anne yesterday. Evidently having a very good time. It's funny she didn't write me sooner. Helen Maule, Golda Irene are very good correspondents! I'm really glad they don't write to me often as I'd have my hands full ans. letters.

By the by, in N. Y. we did not see "Daisy".

Roberts to send me some more of that stuff for my nose? You remember the stuff I used for my sinus trouble. It's the oil for my antomizer - Now don't forget!

I havint written Fannie and I don't intend to. We haven't been going with each other since the middle of summer and after the way she acted I just can't bring myself to write to her. After all she didn't write me much last year so I don't think I'll bother - unless she writes to me first. How come Mrs. Gatchell's gotten so friendly all of a sudden? I feel kinda sorry for them all, but it's their own fault after all don't you think! I know I shouldn't be talking this way. "Lil" is a nice kid though not my type.

I haven't heard from Mary since her last letter. I guess she's being pretty busy with her school work etc. Did you like the letter she wrote me. Seeing that you hadn't heard from her, I thought you might want to see it.

Thanks very much for Mary's address.

Dec. 9, 1934

Dearest Mother,

Please, darling, forgive me for not writing sooner, but you see I felt that if I wrote before you wouldn't get my letter - in other words - I wouldn't know where to send it!

That was a merry vacation I had with you and Daddy and sis - I only wish she could have stayed longer with us! I wish you could have stayed on for the fair! I was grand and I finished up my Xmas shopping nicely. Mrs. Braveman helped me with my shopping - waiting on me etc. I thought that was awfully nice of her! Miss Hartbridge thought you misunderstood about the balsa pillows - for they weren't really typical porch pillows - more for the bedroom, so she didn't save you any. However,

I got something for you I hope you might or may like. I know one part of it is something you have wanted.

Now, I have a very important question to ask you? I'm broke - positively broke so will you please send me some money? I need enough for collection 10¢, dramatic Club dues. 80¢, enough to take Susie to N. Y. Next week. and and enough to get home on, so please send it to me 100 St. de suite - or I will be in a real quandary - also - I'm out of check books and need some more - also I need some stamps!!! so do you think you can remember those things or am I asking too much?

also I have some disappointing news for you - the girls (boarders) formed a secret society without me and I am not in the Xmas play but don't you care because I don't. Though in the former I feel rather shut out of things - that is, the girls go off by themselves for frequent meetings which makes it very hard to keep from getting homesick, as I'm not in them! Otherwise they are very nice.

I got an A- on one of my English themes so my spirits are lifted -

I saw D. A. moment at the fair and mentioned the fact how disappointed you were not to have seen him & his wife! They said they send you their sincerest wishes.

You can't guess who had lunch with us today - Mrs. Trosdal - you remember her don't you? She is so darling I think, and she sent her best love. I remembered you to her etc.

Have you heard from Sis yet? Tell dad, he owes me a letter. and do write me soon! I got your lovely postcard. Thanks loads for the marvelous time vacation - I miss you and Daddy so -

With all my love,

Lois -

Give my love to dad and the girls -

have gone by. Justine told you
in my other letter about the banquet.
The horse show was last Friday
and happened to be on one of the
hottest days I've ever experienced.
Indeed I was very uncomfortable.
Did I tell you that, about three weeks
ago while walking to school, I fainted
on the streets on account of the heat.
Now I've been permitted to ride in
the bus! on hot days.

Mrs. Lockwood is giving a
concert at the church this aft. and I believe
I'm going to it. I'm sure it will be very
good! Did I tell you she expressly asked
me to be in choir next year!

Just think tomorrow I'll be 18
and no mother to come in and fuss in
the morning. But my thoughts will be with

you just the same! Daddy June 3, 1934
Sally and Margaret have written me very
nice letters and I hope Mary is taking com.
work with me. I hope Mrs. Salyer is going to be with us
this summer. Please write me
Dearest Mother, soon. all my love, Lotie -

How badly both Mary and I feel
to know you won't be able to spend
commencement week with us! That's
just a shame! Aunt Laura had to be ill
especially around this time, but it is
nice now will be able to look after her
but don't worry too much as I don't
want my darling mother to undo the
good her western trip has done her -

Miss Bartidge feels terribly too but
she still has hopes you'll be able to
make it the last minute! Now Mary
has passed her exams with honors and
a proud and happier sister it would

Mrs. H. W. and to know you
all.

so excited over being pres. of the Gas
Club and holding high position on
the athletic field that she's bound to
talk about it. I would too and probably
much more. Mary will be a shining
example of a successful struggle in
life proving that when there's a will
there's a way - Something I'll have
to learn.

Yesterday Betty Bridges (one of the
sisters) and myself went into N.Y.
to do some shopping for some badly
needed dresses. For once my own taste
influenced and I hope will be pleased
with my choice. Was it not!!!

My, so much has happened
these past two weeks, that my head
is a whirl. Banquet, horse show etc.

be hard to find! I'm sorry I wrote
such disheartening letters about her
before because I guess I just failed
to understand her. Even though she
is a bit hasty and sometimes her heart
is in the right place and these are times
when she is just all and more than
I could wish for, but she's human,
(aren't we all!) and she makes mistakes.
It has been my fault not to sympathize
with her when she's in that mood and
to overlook her errors. Poor dear, she's
struggled so hard to win popularity and
as she told me, these two years have
been her happiest here because she
feels that at last the girls are beg-
ginning to appreciate her and she's

I love you and Daddy so much! and I want to please
you so! If I didn't care, I don't suppose I'd feel this
way -

(Please tear this letter up)

I heard from Mary today and she wants to
take the 6:30 train from N.Y. with me Fri. nite.
She's staying with Peggy West until I leave. She
wanted me to tell you to get her reservations on
that train and to send her some money. She also said
she hadn't heard from you!

Last week, I went to my first French
lecture at Alliance Francaise. It was very inter-
esting and I understood quite a bit.

Last nite, I heard the Don Cossack
Ringers at N. Brunswick - They were marvelous!
I never heard anything so glorious!

I can hardly wait until I see you, dear!
Do write me soon please -

Love to all et beaucoup à vous
"Sotie"

Dec. 14, 1934 -

Dearest mother,

I received your lovely letter today
and it was so very comforting. I don't mind
not being in the society so much now!
At least I've never let onto the girls that
I wanted to belong.

You know mother I regard
these disappointments as part of the
interesting things in life. God did not
intend my life to be one easy flowing
current. He wanted me to take a joy in life
through conquering these ^{troubles}. After all,
every big disappointment is just a trifle.
Of course they hurt at the time. But just for
a minute and then you forget all about it in
the joy of conquering it. I can have the
consolation that though some people may not
be friendly. They are really friends at heart though
they do not know how to go about being friends.

was the same way at camp. Sometimes though, the girl whom I think dislikes me, is really a friend. After all, we have things in common - the same struggles, hopes, disappointments etc. - that what make us mutual friends! One thing though that bothers me, Kest doesn't trust me. She thinks I'm incapable of responsibility of any sort. No doubt she has told the girls that for they don't show any faith in me. If only they would - if only - ! That's really the key to the whole difficulty - . Sometimes I feel as though I couldn't stand it here another minute. Once I get home Christmas, I don't know if I'll have the courage to come back - I certainly don't want to! - and yet I'd never learn. One thing - a weak little voice tells me to go back and a stronger one says, stay at home! I'm bothered by a fight internally - but oh I wish I were as popular as Joe, H. J. Bridges, or Juliette! But at the same time that's a trivial thing - all my sufferings here are trivial. I've just got to take people as they are. God is in each one of them and I've got to find him! But oh, I wish people would have confidence in me. I'm capable of it - any responsibility - I wish you didn't live so far away -

If I didn't feel so friendly toward everyone, I wouldn't even notice these disappointments. & very one is my friend and I love everyone! I don't stop to weigh myself in the balance as I used to. I may be at fault in several different ways perhaps. But I've done my best to show my friendship. I have a feeling that everyone wants to be so friendly as I feel but they do not know how to approach me - are as shy of me as I of them. I want to join in the conversation with the different girls but cannot express myself & I sound very odd. That is, the words come out queerly and the girls laugh and think I'm odd no doubt. I do not feel quite at ease with the girls - when I'm relaxed mentally as well as physically, I get along just fine - One thing that comforts me, I have many friends among other associates and thus I know my life is not in vain! I'm not a typical boarding-school girl. I'm quiet, shy, and immature, generous, as you say, to a fault & kind, but I'm impulsive, something I'll probably never outgrow! That's why I knew boarding school would be such an awful fight for me and so unpleasant for me! It

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EN ROUTE

Dearest mother

Please excuse this horrible writing but the train is rocking so, it's almost impossible to write decently. The trip has been grand so far. Mary told you that Ginny and her friend joined us in St. Cloud. I'm so glad we were able to be with Minnesota people for it makes it less lonely. It really doesn't seem possible that the school year has started. The summer has been grand and will be one lasting memory while I'm away. I thought it was so nice that Helen Jensen and the others could have seen us off. I think Helen is perfectly darling and I'm so glad we had some time together this summer. All the girls have changed so much and were so much more responsive. When we got to Mpls. Carl and his friends met us at the station and rode to St. Paul with us. The boys were so nice and so much fun!

the rest and much love to my precious
mumma

Love —

Hope you got the telegram —
Mary didn't send it until the last minute
Would you please send me the antoniga
for my nose. It's in the medicine cabinet
also please get my other glasses fixed
and send them too. (!!!)

We got to bed at 1:15 and was tired!!!
In Chicago, we got there at 9:30 PM., Mary and
I went to see "Mae West in" "Bill of the 70's"
It was awfully well done I thought, considering
that most of it had been censored! We had
lunch at Marshall Field's and then left for
the station. When I got on the train I was so
tired I slept all afternoon. Now I feel much
better and expecting to go to bed in a minute!
We got into N.Y. at 12:15 and I imagine I'll
have a little time to do some shopping I
hope so anyway as I haven't gotten the things
you told me to buy!

Did you have a nice time at the
party last night? It's too bad you missed
out on the beginning of it, but it was
nice you could be with us to the last. It's too
bad Aunt Laura couldn't have stayed longer
with you but in a way I should think you'd
be glad to be alone, Poppy had so much
company all summer

Well, I expect I'd better be getting
back as I want to be nice and rested when I
see dear Grandma tomorrow —

Write for a marvelous year at
school — my best love to dear Aunt Laura and

Have had nice letters from Mary and Sally.
Sally wrote me a letter all in verse!

Oct. 27, 1934
Sat. mite

Dearest mother,

Many, many happy returns
of the day my precious. Your
Leticia is thinking about you every
minute of the day and thinks of the
many times I have celebrated your
birthday. I can even remember the
time I dressed up as a witch to
scare you and daddy. I'm so sorry
that I haven't a thing to give you - if
you'd only tell me what you'd like!
But I send with this letter a heart
full of love and the most sincere
wishes in the world to accompany
it! I expect you'll receive a big barrel
of apples from the Sandahls as you

always do! Do write me all about it.

I have been pretty busy lately -
no end of work, rehearsals etc. I've had
some very nice compliments in my
S.P. English, English, and French classes.
Mrs. Addams said that I had dramatic
ability, Miss Fine said I had improved
much in my work and Mlle. said I
had a very good French pronunciation.
Wasn't that nice of them? Miss Schuch
has said I was extremely musical and
Mrs. Lockwood all but shocked me out of
my senses by saying I had a very fine
alto voice and said that when I don't
attend Glee Club (my Harmony courses
sometimes conflict with the Glee Club - I left
is trying to fix it though) There was something
decidedly lacking in the alto! I could have
kissed her for that but didn't dare!

The girls have all been nice considering
what a fool I've been! I've just realized
that I've been extremely sentimental

and being too serious. I hope I'm overcoming it.

I wrote to Marge and asked her to take this following week-end with me for I was anxious to hear a boy violinist!! yro. old list I guess I won't be able to as Marge can't come down. I don't know as I'll have any chance at all to hear many New-York concerts much as I'd like to!

Juliette has gone home and the house seems so dull. She has such a rare sense of humor. I quite enjoy listening to her!

By the by about those Xmas cards. Miss Hatridge is ordering some exquisite Xmas cards from abroad for the fair and since they will outshine the ones you sent, she wondered if you'd be willing to donate the money you would spend on those other cards, to the fair to enable it to get these other cards as they are so lovely. She said any sum will be greatly appreciated. What do you think of that idea?

Oh another thing that is far more important. Mrs. Addams wondered if you'd send the costumes that we have left over from various pageants up in that chest in the room where all the dolls are in the attic - particularly those pantilettes and that old fashioned dress and bonnet, I used in that dance at the Musical Art - long time ago - you remember the time the fan caught in my hat!

I would like to have those things as soon as possible because the play is in 2 weeks so please don't forget. Send all the costumes you can find in that chest. Thank you loads! Mrs. Addams sends her thanks also! By the way mother have you any thing I could exhibit at the fair - The old girls are supposed to help you know.

That is so nice you are so much better. I don't wonder you had a miserable time of it last week when you had that tumor taken out. I did love your letter so - write me again. Please as soon as you can. All my love, Lottie.

Oct. 27, 1934

Dearest daddy,

Thanks loads for the Comets' Tale! I enjoy receiving it so much and wouldn't it just like my darling daddy to send me the funnies! I did like them so!

Am so glad mother is better!!! It's a shame she had to suffer so! I wish I'd been home to look after her!

As I just wrote mother, there really isn't much to tell except that I'm in good health and enjoying my work at school!

This afternoon, I had my hair set and as it is a very wet day, I'm afraid my wave won't stay in long. You men are lucky - don't have to fuss about your hair the way we women do!

Today, most of the boarders went to N.Y. to see a Gilbert and Sullivan Play leaving Emma Jones (my best friend here) and I here alone. We had a good time nevertheless

and this afternoon, a most delicious tea
avec beaucoup de sandwiches. I ate so
many I had to take a good dose of bicarbonate of
soda afterwards!

Night Wednesday is mother's
birthday and I'm thinking about her every
minute. I do wish I could give her a
good hug and kiss but that is impossible.

One of the day pupils has broken
out with scarlet fever and I sincerely hope
there won't be an epidemic of it; Cause I
hate to be in quarantine.

Do please keep on sending me the
Comet's Tale and the funnies. I like them so
much also please forgive my negligence
in not writing before -

Oodles of love
Lottie

Oct 5, 1934

Dearest Mumia

I received your lovely letter today and was surprised to learn that Miss Hartbridge had gotten your letter. She has said nothing to me about my laundry. I can't understand it. I asked her if she heard from you - thinking that at least she'd say something!! and not a word did she say about sending my laundry home! Would you please tell her about it again!!! It puts me in rather a funny position!

Damn it, it's the week before I'm sick and I feel perfectly rotten - like crying - for no reason whatever!! I'll be glad when I'm all there this period! (You said you wanted to know everything so ^{I am telling you} ~~fast~~, even this!!!)

School is about the same - I'm having algebra and English 4 times a week. It's not so bad, but I'm rather bored with

with English. Miss Finn is very nice and
I'm trying to like English for her sake, but
I'm getting tired of it.

I'm not having Miss May in algebra
but rather Miss Edgett. She's nice though exceedingly
nervous and crabby but I rather like her. I must
be trying to her, Teaching a vernacular like Sam.
Miss May is nice this year or what you of her—
Asks me about you and everything.

By the by Dr. Morrell came to talk
to us during bible class last Sunday. He asked
me (and for that matter the others who went to
the Greekt. Church) if we'd join. He thought
it would be nice for us girls to know that we
were a part of that church so long as we
were at Cambridge and it wouldn't interfere
with our other membership so I decided to join.
I think it would be a great honor being a member
of that church! and I think it was lovely for
him to ask us to join.

Miss Schenck has been so very
nice to me that I like her more each day. She
has a perfectly rare sense of humor and I

love to hear her talk. Mrs. Lockwood is also exceedingly nice & between the two I'm enjoying myself immensely. Even Mlle. is nice this year and so far I feel I'm doing good work with her.

I've composed 3 pieces since I've been here and if you like I'll transcribe 'em for you. Miss Simon says she likes one of them very much. That reminds me, would you please send me 6 music note books you can get the kind I want at the Odd shop. I don't like the kind they have here !!! Now don't forget because it's very important that I have them - also Please send my Mozart Sonatas, my Beethoven Sonatas and whatever other piece I asked you in that note. It is very important that I get them as they are necessary for my harmony lessons. Also my Manicure Scissors & a nail file besides some nail Polish Now please don't forget. I had lovely letters from Golda, Bettie Poston, Anita, and Ray Avery also

Mary Mueser.

I think a week from Saturday
Bettie Bridges and I are going to N. Y.
to see The Gilbert & Sullivan Opera
"Princess Ida". Isabel might join us but
I'm not sure. I hope so. Solde tells
me that Ruth Slenczynski is booked for
a concert the first of the season. I tell
me all about it. I wish you would go too.
You can be my eyes and ears.

Juliette is still boarding here yet
and will, I guess, until Nov. She and I
have been going quite a bit together.
Lately and she's been very nice to me.

H. J. is still quite bossy which
annoys me quite a bit. I try to be as nice
to her as possible but I wish she'd make it
easier for me. I do like her and I wish she'd
like me. Every time I ask her to do something
with me she says no! I don't want to go around
with Bettie Bridges all the time because she's
not my type exactly and I don't want to be seen
for any length of time with one girl cause I
want 'em all to feel that I'm their friend.

Oh mother, if you only knew how
much I love Harmony! I'm just left about it
I count the days until I take a lesson. I'd like

to give Miss Scheuch and Mrs. Lockwood a Xmas gift - if I only knew what they wanted.

We're going to have the fair the week-end after we come back from Thanksgiving vacation and I'm wondering if you'd ask Jane Moyer to make some Xmas cards for the fair. Please ask her if she would. This is very important so don't forget will you !!!

Next week Mrs. Lockwood is going to give an organ recital and I'm going to it. You couldn't keep me away from it.

Next week we get our parts for the play which is to be given after ^{Thanksgiving} ~~Xmas~~ vacation.

Gee that's too bad about Piliou's being ill. What's the matter with her? Is it the same trouble as last year. You know mother I don't go around with her any more, but I'll write her if it'll make you happy.

I haven't heard from Margaret since she been here. I wonder how she is! I'd write her if I knew her address.

I suppose you'd like to hear Mary's letter. If you wish me to I'll enclose the letter only do send it back because

I want it. It's such a lovely letter
now don't forget it like you've forgotten
about the other things (that was mean of
me wasn't it?)

Don't's

1. Don't forget to mention to Heft about the Laundry
2. Don't forget to send me some more soda
3. Don't forget to send my music and my music note books. (you get 'em at the Odd Shoppe).
4. Don't forget to send me back Mary's letter
5. Don't forget to tell me what you want for your birthday -

Thus ends the Don'ts

With hugs and kisses with all the love
in the world to you and daddy.

Your Totsie.

LAURA JANE MUSSER

Darling mother.

Please forgive me if I didn't sound enthusiastic about your telephone call. It was so unexpected I didn't know what to say. Previous week went off just fine, and today we had Algebra - Now, mummie dear, I'm afraid I flunked it. You don't care ^{really} do you? I'd be sick if you did, and wouldn't deem myself much good! Tomorrow is my English exam and I'll do my hardest to get through.

Golda wrote me the sweetest note and says she wants me to stay for lunch and the aft. or something like that on my way home from Haveridge. I think it was dear of her to ask me, and I know chickie'd feel very hurt if I didn't accept so please let me will you? I think it was dear of

her to ask me and even though you
feel that way about her please let
me go. I can come home in the aft.
on the train or by bus. You don't
mind do you?

These days are the limit with
this awful heat! I'll be glad to get
a respite.

I'm so glad all of you had
such a nice time at Amburst.

I'll be so glad to get away from this
school I won't know what to do!
There was something I wanted to tell
you. Oh yes -

Last week we boarders got
invited over to Juliet's house in Piff.
for bridge and tea. I've never seen a
more gorgeous home in all my life.
But you can imagine what it was
like. Anyway they had a buffet!!
So imagine how I felt -

Do ans. this letter right
away - Love, Lotie.

Well please do write me soon
and give my best love to Aunt
Laura and Daddy.

Best love, mummy.

35 more days -

Loisie.

L.S.M.

Dearest mother.

Your letter constitutes a
speedy reply! I enjoyed your
letter so much! Miss H.
said that she had heard from
you!

The dean wrote to me and
said that it wasn't necessary
for me to have an interview, but
if you wanted to take me up
in June, she'd be glad to see me
then.

I do not know just when
the June play is going to be but
I think it will be the Tuesday
before graduation.

Except that I need some more
pajamas and night-gowns and
some more slips!!! and please
write to Bachrach's! I'll feel
better about it! When do you
think you will be coming on?

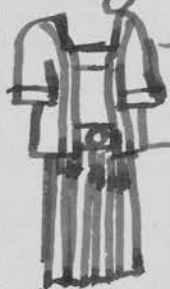
I had more fun with Betty
and her friend last Sun. They took
me out to lunch - Vnele Pliny
was there too so there was quite
a gay party.

Yesterday, I went to see
a group of dancers from Pine
Mountain Settlement school.
(You've heard of it, haven't you?)
They gave English Folk dances
and the last dance the audience
joined in! I was chosen by one of
the dancers and it was loads of
fun!

The time from now on is going
to be frightfully busy. This Sat.
is going to be the Blue Club
concert, the next Sat. is going
to be the Sr. tea, The following
Thurs. is going to be my
piano exam, the Sat. 25th is
field day, the 31st the banquet
and then Senior week. By the
way, our graduation dresses are
tailored silks with short sleeves.
(elbow length) so would you
please get me one as I can't get
into N.Y. Also please send
me Schubert's and Chopin's
Waltzes tout de suite I need them
for the exams. Also send me my
other blue ear-ring! Some more
decent silk-socks. I can't
think of any thing right now -

the sleeves of the jacket being
elbow length - like this

could you
help me out
with my good
friend?



jacket (sleeves ^{a little full} elbow length)

dress with
pleated skirt (or two pleats
one on each side)

size 13

I won't be able to get in N.Y.
before from now until grad. so
I won't have any time. I should
like the dress to be of white crepe
silk! I also need white silk
stockings! so do please help
me out! (I don't know of a
seamstress-maker in Plfld. whom
I'd trust)

You must be having an
awfully exciting time with that
company. Do give my love to
Sally - Miss H. had quite an indignant
discussion about chain letters, and
in many of the Eastern states it's
against the rule to send them!

Would be glad to see those

Kodaks of the Campbell
gals. Do send me 'em Sunday
and also their address. I'm
so sorry I couldn't have seen
Mrs. Campbell - My best love to
you and me some white ^{you are} shoes!
Don't mother, Polish!!
and flash light (very small) batteries!
Your ever-welcome letter

Came to a day when I most
like to get letters so you can
imagine my pleasure in
hearing from you.

This has been the
most glorious week-end.
Our Glee Club concert came off
last night with the colour flying -
Something more was added to
the entertainment which made
the concert more delightful
and that was a few special
violin numbers given by the

my joy, I found that she could. Well, we had more fun!! I met her in N. Y. and brought her back with me. The girls were all crazy about her and if ever they caused me one unhappy moment, they made it all up to me then and there by helping me give her a good time. She is much sweeter than she used to be, and a perfect darling!

Now, mamma, about my graduation dress. Mrs. Lockman will simply have to make it for me. I couldn't find a decent one in N. Y. at all. It need not be anything elaborate, just a simple afternoon dress - a ^{two} ~~one~~ - piece dress with jacket. I mean a full dress with jacket.

competent violinist Harry Ketymann; perhaps you have heard of him. He's quite well known in the East. Anyhow, he played that "Nocturne" by Lili Boulanger. gorgeously. You remember Mrs. Spencer Nelson played it when she was up that time. It just thrilled me through and through. I'd love to get it for the piano! It was very well received too!

Since I was taking a week-end Friday 'til Sunday, I had a most glorious time just staying right at home, saving Sat. when I went to N. Y. By the way, I asked Isabel S. to come out to the concert and stay all night, and much to

Shave it the vaguest notion when
Miss Schenk's programs (that I'm featuring
in ^{are}) I hope not soon. Mother knows
I'll have fits!!!

Have you heard how Miss
Johnson is? Golda just wrote
me Wednesday and said that she
was still pretty ill - so I'm
wondering how she's coming along.
Did you write and tell her about
my concert. I haven't heard from
her forever so long.

Well mother darling - I hope
you and daddy are just fine and
don't miss and worry about us too
much. Mary and I miss you ^{lots} so
much - I'm so proud of Mary.
I wish you could come on for the
concert. I think of you both night
and day and pray that you both will
be happy and not worry. Love, and lots of it.

Please send me a crocheting
needle and my summer dress
real soon. J III
April 27, 1934

Dearest mother,

Yes, indeed I did receive the
letter you wrote me on leaving
and we were so glad to get it (Mary
received her too) I hope you get
this letter just before you leave
for Klamath Falls and I'm hoping
you have a marvy time! You need
the trip and I imagine it will be
a relief to get away from home. I can't
believe that in six weeks you will
be here again - and then in a very
few days we will be leaving for
home.

As you know, Mary took
her week-end this week. Poor

June play and I'm so glad to have
gotten a part in it I don't know
what to do! I only hope I can
keep it! By the by my part
requires a Grecian costume
like this → you could
for me



Do you suppose
have it made
~~much~~ really

have to have
one black the other a
light color (pale). Take a size 16.
If Mrs. Lockroom isn't there, I wonder
if Mrs. Birgman (Hazel's mother) would
be willing to make them for me. Would
you ask her - I'm not so sure
that the black one is going to be
like the above, but the light one
is for sure! I'll send you further
word about them when I know
more about them—

Dear, she was so glad to get away!
That reminds me I have one more
week-end which I will take
either the fourth or the 10th
I would like to take it with
Margaret whom I have just
written. I hope she'll be able to
take it with me. You'll let me take
it, won't you? yesterday, we had our first
big rehearsal for the Glee club
concert which is to begin this
coming Tuesday. We are going to wear
white formals I guess. I will look
very nice on the stage I think.
Mary sang her solo and her voice
sounded very lovely and I was
quite surprised! I was exceedingly
proud of her! I just couldn't
get over it! That's one thing I'll never
be able to do—

Rehearsals have begun for the

L. J. M.

Easter Sunday

Dearest mother,

As you see, I'm writing
to you on my nice new stationery
and how I love it. It's simply
adorable and thanks ever so
much.

I'm thinking about my dear
family much this day. It is the
first Easter I have spent away
from you in all the eighteen
years of my life. I know a good
love to be in N. Y. today attending
the services at Saint Bartholomew's.
Remember last Easter? Anyhow,
today I gave an egg hunt for

Lo!

Did you get my special saying
I found the deans' letter and my
medical certificate? It was just
where you told me it would be!
I'm so thankful I don't know what
to do!

Oh mother will you please
send me the following articles:

1. all my summer clothes-
2. Beaucoup de stamps
3. My two white silk belts-
4. A nice dark blue straw hat-if
you can find any - I couldn't. - sign 22 1/2
or 23

Thank you so much!

My best love to you, daddy, and aunt
Laura! Write me soon -

"Lottie"

us today. It really made me
feel quite homesick!

Yesterday, I went into
N. Y. to shop. Needless to say
I bought only four dresses and
two on approval and extremely
reasonable prices - the sport dresses
not exceeding \$6.50! and darling -
everyone! I also got my hair set
at Louis' so now I'm quite the rage.

Fri. nite Betty Brigham
called me up and in a none too
enthusiastic tone asked me to come
in and stay all night. Cryhow, she
hemmed and hawed about it so
much that I took the hint and
said I'd come out some other time.
She's coming to see me a week
from today or at least she says she

Sunday, Nov. 18

My precious mummy,

That was so nice talking to you the other night. I felt as though I were in N.Y. calling you up long distance your voice was so clear!! I was so excited. There were so many things I wanted to tell you and time was so short @ could only say a may to your answers and act half crazy. I added 2 red such violent capers on the other end of the wire that Miss Hartidge had to shut the don! and so you are coming on for Thanksgiving. That will be swell (with a capital S) are you coming before the vacation or otherwise Will you see me at Walsley or will I stay with you in Pfd during the vacation or what? I should like to know all your

plans so I can fit myself into them accordingly.
Vacation is only 10 days off and I can hardly
wait! Margaret wrote me the sweetest
letter and she is expecting me! I can hardly
wait to see her! Mary is coming in N. Y.
next Sat. The 24th, and since it is the week-
end before vacation Wft won't let me go in!
As it is an old rule with the school about
not taking days off the week end before
vacation, I cannot reasonably expect her
to break the rule for my sake! I feel terribly
disappointed, but unless Mary comes to Plfd.
I won't be able to see her at all! Do you
if you can persuade Mary to come out and
see me and then we could arrange to do
things together in Plfd. I know sis
hates to come out here and don't like her
the least bit. It would be horribly boring
for her! but I would like to see her! She
wrote me the sweetest letter the
other day!

Now about taking week-ends with the
Bighams. You know very well how Mary

and I feel about it - for the sake of decency,
decency, and what not, we just can't do it.
It's one thing taking a week-end - say
with Margaret and another thing, taking
it with the Bighams. You know they're
hard up and their apartment is small
and Mary only knows how they
could keep me. They're not the former
type of people and though they would
be perfectly nice to me, I wouldn't feel
at home or welcome! If they asked me
urgently I'd feel perfectly free in accepting
and I would be only too glad to go, but to go
when you're invited and to force yourself
on them uninvited are two different matters
entirely and for one would never think
of asking them to lodge us for a week and
I have too much pride. For one thing,
it would create a bad impression!
So you see how I feel. I'd be only too glad
to ask them to go to the show on the
open with me some Sat. and I mean to too
soon!

From now on until Xmas, it will be
difficult if not impossible to go in
N.Y. I'm ashamed to say I have only
gone once. And that was because
Dine been so busy. I have not heard
any of the O. L. harmonies at all (except
over the radio). My Xmas shopping
worries me! I mean to give presents to at
least 6 of the girls besides Miss Schenck &
Mrs. Lockwood and the things I want
I know positively I can't get at the fair.
I'm to be at Wellesley, a trip to N.Y.
would be impossible. By the way,
I gave Miss Hartidge the \$3 for the
cards and she said to thank you both
yet both for it. It will be a tremendous
help. -- Now what in the world can I
get you and dad for Xmas? Do let me know
please and if I can't get it at the fair I
can get it in N.Y. By the way Juliette
gave me a number of puppets to be
given as Xmas presents for example
Klen & Dale etc. Will send them to you

in my laundry box. I know children
are fond of puzzles and you know
enough children among whom to
distribute them. (I might say I
got a marvelous discount on the puzzles)
Would you object if I bought two hamsters or
a puppy? If I got it, it can keep Hebe
company! but I'm only doing it to
help the fair! so —

I'm all over my cold now for
which I'm thankful. I didn't last
as long as I expected it would!

You mentioned the fact that
you had a dream about my wanting you
to get into bed with me — well, I had the
strangest dream, too, that night. I dreamed
that I was at home very thirsty and I
wanted a drink and you came in and
held a glass of water out to me. I arose
up in bed attempting to get it and you
seemed to fade away trying to give the
water to me. I called "Mother, mother"

and woke myself up and for all I know
the whole house! wasn't that funny?
It shows we were thinking of each other.
N. J. has been awfully nice to me
lately and her roommate is a darling.
Emily has grown reticent and not as full
of fun as she used to be! Today, while
going to church, Jan More (you remember
the little girl that used to have such a
crush on Mary) fell and sprained her arm
quite badly! I'm awfully sorry for her. She's
a brave little tyke though.

Our play has been postponed
to the Tuesday before school starts for
Thanksgiving. Anne Elting, one of the
boarders, has pink-eye, quite a sweet
case of it and as she has the leading part
the play has been postponed. I'm glad
because I hate night rehearsals
during the week. That's the only time
we can give them! Mrs. Adams is very

patient with us and I like her very
very much.

Miss Gine has been much nicer
though I never will learn to like her
much. She just doesn't happen to be
one of my strong likes! though I
think she's an excellent teacher!

I had a very nice letter from
Mafine Taylor and she told me all
about her visit. I was very interesting.
She certainly must be a marvelous
pianist. My technique is discouraging
though I think it's much better. Miss
S. said I had an excellent hand for
Bach! I've composed two pieces
lately and I'm transcribing them for you.
Harmony is as much fun as ever!

There are so many things I wanted
to tell you but I've forgotten most of
them! Anyhow, I think an 8 page
letter is long enough don't you - Besides,
I have other letters to write -

How was daddy's birthday by the

way? Did he had a peachy time. I
haven't been receiving the funnies lately.
I hope he hasn't forgotten. Do give my
love to him. It was such a joy talking
to him I do write more soon —

Ever so lovingly —
Lottie —

Miss Hedgcock has not said anything
about my sending my laundry home
^{every other week!}
~~once a week.~~