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family papers.

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Miss Laura Jan Musser
of the Barbizon Play
West 58th Street
New York City

Highland Ave - (Mrs R. D. Munn)
Little Falls
Minnesota

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

May 22nd
Aunt Mary Brethay

Letter precious -

I started to go out early this morning but that I would attend to a little mail before and here it is after eleven -

It was grand talking to you yesterday and Sally & Les both were happy & Les said my his voice sounded so mature! & happy -

This card just came to you from Adelaide and that you would want it - Am entertaining Church Club this Thursday so I am so much to attend to - Wish you could be there -

Flowering plum trees at the left
of the steps as we go out. The
Sun is shining today for the
first time it almost seems in weeks.

The photo frame is beautiful
& I am so grateful to you my
Darling thoughtful Letter -

Hope to hear from you soon.
Such an enthusiastic letter from Jim.
About your visit & how much they
both enjoyed you - Don't forget
to send my love to Chrysan (!) & Alex.
Will go to you when you really
want me - Think it a shame you

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Can take two extra Subjects
to graduate & get your degree.
Well all comes out alright if on
only don't worry

All my love -

Devotedly
Mother -

After 5 days, return to
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608 Highland Ave.,
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Ans Mail



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% Mr Barbizors Place
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Feb. 27th 1944

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Letter Darling -

This is a beautiful day - the
ground really covered with snow
for about the first time this winter -
I tried to get you by phone
this morning but imagine you
have gone some where for the
week-end - perhaps to Sylvia's -
She is such a darling girl and
I am so happy for you and she
& know each other -
Yesterday was the blizzard which
brought us all this beautiful white
& pure snow - Every thing has been

So dirty and grimey looking -

Mrs Floris came by in the day
and we played cards all day long
Aunt Laura is here so we all had
a good time - Regine came on
too - Mrs Floris about 12 o'clock on the
7:29 train and who should appear
on the scene while we were
taking supper but Dale Pillsbury -
6 ft 1! He has a smoke jowl
and is going to be a Conductor
of Osgo and then goes to Oregon to
visit an uncle - He is such a
fine boy - You would hardly know
him for the little boy he was when
he left me 6 years ago - He is
studying at St Peter's at the Fort

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then to a Deck Office in the
Mary -

I called up Aunt Marions Friday
3. - and she doesn't know as yet
when she will be going East for she
hasn't heard from Dick but I think
now I will go to New York the 16th
it will be difficult to get away
before then due to the Income
tax man being here and I have
to be on hand to answer questions
and sign papers. If you can
to go before that I can meet
you any where - or go first to
Mary + Rogers + then N.Y.

to you - So please let me know
For perhaps you would rather have
me go on later - As will await
that you decide for me to do -
You wrote me a wonderful letter
and I understand my precious
all that you go through and what
wouldn't I give to be able to give
you what you need - I just give
me all I can to go through such
trials and by struggling only can
the storm come and try not to let
our emotions become too involved -
Life is a pretty strenuous school
and I find the only way to get along is
to not take anything too seriously

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And so as you are doing constantly
giving out happiness and love to
your fellow-men - my heart keeps
asking me about you and I tell them
how happy you are with your work
and with your friends in N. Y. -

Today we go to dinner next door -
my mother wants to introduce us to Aunt Laura,
Mrs. Vera Miller came to the house on
Friday and told Aunt Laura to her
home to be able to talk to her and
derive some consolation & comfort.
Could you use any of the clothes I
sent out to you? If so keep what

You absolutely need & must not
return the others and I will buy
the ones you take - For clothes are so
expensive these days and then too
its so difficult to find any thing
worth while - Roger wrote me of what
a happy day he had with you and
of how wonderfully well and pretty
you looked - That I was very proud
of you -

You precious daughter I always
wish to see you come in to visit
me and no matter how busy
I am I am always longing & ready
to be with you - In love with you

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Laffy boys together - I was taking
my walk the other day and thought
of how I had crawled under the fence
in corn & got all stuck up with burrs!
and of how you pulled me up from
the ground and got the burrs off so
that I could sit down! and then
our golf is such fun and this summer
I do hope we can get to the lake -
Early enough to have some fun -

Do you think you will go to Vassar
Summer School? It will be so lonely
without you - but I think it would
be wonderful for you for I am
sure you would make some grand

Contacts -

I wrote a little note to Mr. Hummer
to thank him for his kindness to you
and to tell him how anxious I was
to see your pieces published for
me to him - Also how much you
thought of him -

It is now time to go to Church
So will leave you to close - A heart
full of wishing too for you.
My precious darling - Daddy
& Aunt Sam And much love -
Devotedly -
Mother



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Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
% Mr. Barbours Plaza
West 58th Street
New York City

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MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

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Little Falls, Minnesota

July 24 - 1944

Lois Darling -

It keeps me up for days to
talk to you and hear your happy
voice - We had a quiet day yesterday
Daddy, Aunt Laura & I to Church
alone with family for dinner - In
the afternoon Helen & Jimmy Butcher
came to call bringing Janet. She is
such a delicate looking baby beside
Margo two huskies - & she looks
exactly like her Grand Mother. Mrs.
Andrew Johnson & acts like her -
She is a sweet dainty little thing &

Was all smiles for me - Helen
asked particularly after you and
said to Ann and tell Sister M
has an extra bed for her when
she comes home and I long to see
her and can her visit us - they
are staying with the Butchers -

Daddy Aunt Laura + I went to the
movie on the 30 - "Bung Ho" or
something like that - A war picture
but very nice indeed -

Thy I miss you so and did hope
you would be home the middle of
August. Is it because the Summer
School lasts longer than you thought?
Am glad you are going & have

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a happy time with the Andersons Aug-
12th - I should think Warren's nerves would
be on edge all of the time for she
doesn't have much chance for relaxation.

Grand Ma. left this morning, driving
down with the Longlegs - We shall miss
her terribly - Mary thought she was
now quiet that she has been some-
times but I didn't - She was so disappointed
you are not here - She said several times
how much she missed you -

This morning I was out picking
cucumbers - Daddy & I walked down
to see how the corn looks - it is 7 ft.
tall and when you come out on me,

San a grand old picking this!
Life minus burrs!

Margaret Huebner is so good
with Sam. He loves her. Did I tell
you how one night last week she
had been home & her grand-mother
was alone so her G.M. asked her to
come & call when she got home -
Well after 35 minutes she hadn't
called so her G.M. called her again
and she was in bed. Daddy looked to see if
she was home but she wasn't & had
to tell her so then there was excitement.
It was a terribly black night so Daddy
said he would call the Police which
satisfied her. Finally about 12 she

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Came home - so m called the Police Station
but then man was hunting & didn't
get the message so after m had
just about gone to sleep there was
a loud pounding on our front
door - the Police inquiring if she
had come home! Margaret was quite
upset. Said her 9. M. got so nervous -
Mary talked to Roy yesterday
& he told her he expected to see
you this morn'g but hadn't heard
from you but hoped nothing would
prevent his seeing you -
Mary is planning to go to the

city next morn to spend a few
Days with Mrs King and is leaving
the children here - Much better
than to drag them around and
Sarah is going through a stage
of not wanting to speak to people!
I shall be so Laffy when you
can write again - I love you both
You Love you! Devotedly
Mother -

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Barbizon-Plaza Hotel
New 58 W. St.
New York
City.

Sunday Feb 6th 1944

MRS. R. D. MUSSER

Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Latsie.

Well your Daddy has had to have like many other menfortingtons a little bad luck with which I called a very bad Cough but which the Doctor we had in Minneapolis called a "mild attack of pneumonia." while Mather and I were stopping at the Curtis to be with Frank Latsie - I had a number of business meetings to attend in St Paul that lasted four days and I had to get up at 6³⁰ in the morning and get my breakfast late a taxi to catch a Street Car, down town in Mpls & make the trip of 45 to 50 minutes to St Paul. I spent all day there & got back to the Curtis Hotel

about 5³⁰ each evening.

Then we were busy until 10 or 11³⁰ PM. I caught the game and D. we laid up over

3 days in N.Y. and about that much time here at home.

I am about well now but I have not been able to write any letters for some time.

You wrote me my precious daughter a very sweet & grand letter & I did enjoy it very very much - Our weather is over but it is still fine & sunny & not too cold.

We are all fine here at the

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Home. Jeds are all well
and happy. Mother is feeling
much better since she had a
Complete examination Blood
Count Electrocardiogram &c.

Many of our old time friends have
passed on this winter.
Mr John Watgill was the last
I am so happy that you are
doing such excellent work
& that Mr Seaman is well.
So very well pleased with what
you have accomplished & also
with the great promise you have
shown for what finer things
you can accomplish.

You & my darling will
be very very proud of
you. All my heart's
love & devotion

Your Daddy

LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

July 11-44

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Feltner.

We are having a grand
restful time at Madden/
Lodge and it is just the
kind of a time you need
for your composing & other
technical work is strenuous
and absorbing that a relaxation
for you is a much needed
requirement. We will
do miss you and wish
many times you were
with us. Roger left
for Pittsburgh last Sunday
evening - He enjoyed his
work & vacation immensely
& the fine society he had
with his mother &c.
The Children are fine and

we are not bothered at night. We have an extra bed room which of course was for you. I am sure she will come up next week.

We will be there until Saturday the 15th & the home for the summer & you I hope will be with us in a week or 10 days after we return. I am leaving for Pine Beach very soon.

Let me send you a check in April for our Easter gift. Hope your girl find a little trinket that you will like if you received the check.

We are having one rain storm after another & there is so much of our farm

land under water.

I am sure in 2 or 3 days I will be home.

Love

Dearest love
Devotedly
Father.

I hope you will receive the farm for your gift. I am sure you will like it.

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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.



DEC 11 1944

Mrs. Laura Jane Murrer
The Curtis Hotel,
Minneapolis
2nd Ave & 10th St. W. Minn.

(Dec. 10 - 44)

Dearest Lotsee

Though you might
want to get this
postal - Do mind
to how had such a
good talk with
Aunt Laura &
you this morning.
This is another gray
day. Stella leaves
this evening so I
am going to be on
the job helping dress
& clean. ^{Must} Love to you
both Devotedly
Your Father.

down the long corridor he ran
& I after him - And then I told Roger
to Alan & Sam yelled for an hour
Finally he ran to Sarah & climbed
into her lap & was almost asleep
when she told him I can't
hold him I am too tired! So then
the yelling began again - I tried
to hold him tight but all to no
avail so put him on the bed
& he explored his little wet nates
in it & grabbed it & went to sleep -
I was exhausted & maybe I wasn't
Glad to see Mary & Roger appear -
Sarah slept in the upper in my bedroom
& met the bed - Our train was 2 hours
late into the city so Mr King took Mary
& me & the babies up in the car
& I phoned home Don Hiram. &

as 6 miles you will be home
Hiram!



July 3/1944

The Waldorf-Astoria

My own precious father.

Dear Mom as we are at the Wooden
Pine Beach wishing so long for that
you love her too.

It nearly broke my heart to leave
you that Thursday night in N.Y.
Betty decided it was so hard
to get a taxi that she would go
to the station and take the taxi
then to the Mitchells - Fortunately
there was a Red Cab right there but
such a time as I had about my
ticket for the Pullman Conductor

told me I would have to buy a
ticket to Pittsburgh if I used
the Drawing Room so then as per
usual I had to stand in line but
finally got it - then I asked if
I could get on to the train &
they told me if I didn't hurry I
would miss it so I just got
on and off in haste -

Mary & Roy and the two babies
were at East Liberty St. Some friends
took them to the station - and then
we had the long ^{children} train ride to
Chicago - they were really very good.
and Mary had prepared a nice
lunch which Sarah kept asking for

from her on - We were on all hours but into
Chicago - that night to the Schenck store -
that we got a room & then dinner - then
Fred Miller was down to lunch and kept
bringing his baby & then they had pictures
on them - we saw two other kind of sitting
in his high chair so Mary was so excited
the little new up stairs of the room & then
on out of the room & then made to take a letter
while so I came I was glad to stay with the
children - we were made have a bag of you
could have seen me - Sam should be glad

Mary & Mary then they went out - they have
king the room came back but we the room was
Sam made the door move that night so get

Sunday. August 28th 4

[1944?]

Dear Mr & Mrs Preece's Latsee.

You have made your Darling & Devoted Mother and your poor old Daddy ^{who} has tried to show his true love for you in such a magnificent manner by all those adorable and lovable words that you spoke ^{by phone} to me. Feel deeply in your hearts that you do love us beyond the measure of thought or deed.

We have been living in a wonderful and blessed communion with you and we fully believe that nothing on earth or later in Heaven will ever or can ever now separate us in this Divine Fellowship with you. That inspired phone call from you will live forever in our hearts as one of our very greatest blessings.

There is truly a time like it so forceably came to me that the family ties and devotions are our greatest and most treasured earthly & heavenly gifts.

We do fervently pray that we have many years of these our greatest joys & family blessing with you & all our dearest ones.

We so sincerely and earnestly want you to come Home and abide with us as soon and as long as you can. and

that when you enter your and our Home you will find it to be your ideal and most perfect dwelling spot on Earth. We have had such a delightful time with Mary and Roger & those darling kiddies.

Then sojourn here and at Gull Lake
 Madden Lake was so incomparably
 thrilling and beneficial & happy.
 Then we had such a grand visit
 with Margaret Taylor & Sally with
 of course a number including
 "Hope Cummings".

Then dearer Aunt Laura filled our
 hearts with joy by making us a
 real & an affectionate stay here for
 about a fortnight.

Mother has been most active and
 cheerful in spite of her difficulty
 in getting around.

There have been many Dinners &
 Luncheons and that help in keeping
 us peppy & splendidly entertained.

Alice has been none too well but
 she keeps on going & has our
 home filled with our beautiful
 flowers all the time.

With us misses you greatly —

I have been quite busy to say the
 least in getting our grounds,
 gardens &c in the best condition
 possible & our vegetable & flower
 gardens have responded nicely.

This has truly been a year of repair & betterments to the fullest amount.

I go to see my dear friend Dr. Fred Holst every Saturday afternoon and I like to take him & Regina some little gift. Some times it is ice cream & yesterday it was a crate of peaches & a dozen bottles of Root Beer.

Fred is getting along very slowly and it is a hard trial for Regina & Florence & Barbara. He is & I truly feel well get much better & what is most needed now is for him to gain materially in weight & strength.

If you should ever feel when you are home that you want more to do & to keep you busy busily or otherwise I think I can arrange for that matter.

I think your plan in getting an apartment of your own will work out exceedingly well. However when you take of New York you will always have your home here & I know you will rejoice when you get back in your grand room in again. Walter Alice & Pauline
 Give me in loving devotion
 Your Daddy who does miss you

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April 4th 1944

My adorable precious Tottis -

I was so thrilled to hear your
voice last evening but being at the States
made it a little difficult to say all I
wanted to for my heart sank when you
said you felt so lonely & depressed
and I can just understand how it must
be in that big city so all I could think
of was to have you come home for a
while where you could be unfolded
in the love of your Daddy & Mother
where we would be away from the wedding
crowds - I don't want you to go through
what you did a month or two ago -
Rogers will be home in a short time and he

Does Lou you and wants to to meet you -
Also Aunt Mariane will be back in a
short time and if you want her to
stay a few days or couple of weeks with
you I will take care of that so she
can - Daddy took a little while to me
and I know he needs me here to look
after him and keep his spirits up for
so much comes up by day in a
business way that is upsetting and
I can keep him cheered up otherwise
I would be with you and if you
really think I should leave him &
go to you I will and he would want
me to - When I returned I found Betty
in quite a nervous condition and she
said she was so tired & just couldn't

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Go on with the cooking - Pauline is getting
along nicely - They got her just in time
for and then 24 hours she would have died -
Her intestine was tied in a knot - They
didn't find any ulcers - Dr. Shaber
Brammer operated with Dr. Fred - She is
coming home tomorrow & I can lead the men
pat the couch which was in Helen's room
down in the sitting room & she will
direct everything from there - Mrs. Ginter is
leaving us and Mrs. Wagner is coming
Saturday to stay over Easter - Aunt Laura
and the Knags are coming up -

I had a lovely visit with Mary & Roger
& the babies in Pittsburg? - but Mary is all
tired out too and the work is too much

For her for Sam has to be watched every
minute he is awake. When she has to do
the laundry every two days. For the babies
had to let the tumblers go for the broke
her iron twice & scorched all of Rogers
shirts twice - Edith has a job as typist
at a Bank - She came back on Friday to
help Mary with a dinner she gave for one
asking the Tunnells who are delightful
people and who entertained for me at the
house the Monday before - The Roach boy Mary
was having turned out to be too old and
the house was filled with the older Rogers
who had come home early opened the front
door and left Sam a minute to go out
and help Mary - When he came back to Sam -
he had crawled out the front door and was
way out in the middle of the street having
a grand time! So you see he can't be left a

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Minute - I was sitting with Roger in Mary's
bed room and Sam was gone a second when
he stuck his head in the door and had
something in his hand which he was
banging up and down on the floor and
I said "Roger it looks like something
sharp take it quickly." It proved to be
my best spectacles! Not broken thank
fortune - Sarah is adorable and she was
so delighted with the ring Daddy sent her
& put it on her ear the first thing! I
said "Well I will tell the the "you are
only putting it in your ear -" "No please
don't tell her that I won't do it any more"
She is so delighted with everything you send
her - knows and tells my mother "Lottie gave
me this and this & this - she certainly loves

You and she remembered the picnic you
fixed for her that Sunday morn on the lawn.
and keeps saying that Father & she are
going to do this summer -

It is so cold here - I came down with a
cold & sore throat the day I arrived in
Pittsburgh but it almost cleared up before
I left. When Royce was taking me to the
Station Mr. had gotten within about two
miles of it when the gas ceased to
flow - so we had to get someone to
push us a way - then he that he could slide
down the hill to the Station but about a
mile from it the car stopped again so we
had to hail a Taxi - I just made the train
for it was late. My seat in the Chair Car was
so uncomfortable I changed for a seat in
the Sleeper - Sat first with a missionary

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From Africa with her 14 year old daughter -
She and her husband had been there for 22
years - She came home for a year and
her little daughter who has never had anyone
but colored girls to be with didn't want to
leave them - They had had breakfast in
Dakar - Dinner in Brazil and spent
the night there - Breakfast in N. Y -
& left that night on the Pan-train
which shows how close on we are to all of
the world - When I arrived in Chicago - I
tried to get the Elfenbein residence but
was unsuccessful until I was ready that
the train that night at 10:30 - Talked to
Barbara and she was dear & said how
much she appreciated you coming and being
with her - I asked if you arrived

rested in you me so tired in New York
When you left, she said Oh yes and I
knew she had a happy time with Sissy
that you had left that P.M. - So I just
missed you by 3 hours - I had to change
cars in the city - Well my precious I just
can't tell you what happy memories
I have of my visit with you - it did
me a world of good - Well try and
get a note off to you often. Mom & Ann
no one here but Bud & Regina & Fred -
I have to go down town now to buy on
food - My heart is bursting dearly
with love for you and if you just
get out to see people it will help. Some
day go to Bronxville and call on Mrs. Bennett

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For she would love to see you and she must
be so weary of sitting tight & day with
her arm up in that awful contraption -
If you would send her a plant or box
of spring flowers for me I will send
you the money when you tell me what
it is - Poor Aunt Marianne must be so sad
& see her sister in such a tragic condition
she didn't think she could live through the end.

Again dearest love my darling
I think of you my second and long for
your happiness - devotedly -
Mother -

Mrs Harry Bennett
112 McKinley St -
Brooklyn - N. Y.

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Air Mail



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Laura

Jane Whisen

Barbizon Plaza
West 58th Street
New York City



MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Little Falls, Minnesota

March 10 1944

Letter Darling -

No letter and I am waiting anxiously
to hear from you as to whether you
can take care of me at the Barbizon
Place - I do love you so dearly
and when I don't get an answer
to my letters I am so sad -

I can hardly wait to see you -
And Marian called up so upset because
she thought I was anxious to leave
so she scrambled around and left
for dinner ~~over~~ a wk ago expecting
to meet me in Chicago last Wednesday -

I Called him in Durn and said
that if I Arranged Xerrons it was
just because I had to let you
know when to expect one - but of
course if she had had no word from
Dick she couldnt tell me other -

I now have all my reservations
there and back except the one from
Chicago home but Mr. Ettinger was there
he would be able to get that -

Daddy and I are driving to the city
Sunday and will spend the night
at the Curtis to be with Aunt Laura -

On Tuesday I am entertaining the
Child Interest Club so that will be
a free day - then Wed. Thurs - to get

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Little Falls, Minnesota

Ready leaving Thursday 30 - and arriving
as I wrote you Sat. morning the 18th

I don't know of course whether Aunt
Nathan will be with me or not but
she has family and friends so that
she will find a place to stay -

My aunt is going to have a grand
few days together? - I can hardly
wait - We always do enjoy our visits
together in New York so much -

Neil Woodworth is gradually getting
around again - He looks pretty well
yet - If I don't get a letter before
Sunday - Will call you Sunday morning.

All Enclosing some bills I payed for
you - Did you want the Chemical
Set then in N. Y. - they sent it here.

A heart full of love to you

My precious daughter -

Devotedly -

Daddy is fine now -

Mother -

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R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

April 11 - 44 =

Well my darling and precious Buggy Buggy.
you can "show my tumbos" if I did not
get a fuzzy Buggy Rabbitt just one day
after Easter. I know he was sent in
ample time to get to me on Easter but
I know old Buggy Rabbitt just loved the
train ride so well, that he sneaked an
extra day on the Choo Choo Cars.

He was a most welcome guest & I gave
him a kiss or he did me for I was sure
you sent a real loving greeting with or
by him. He will snooze on my bed
in the day time and at night I will
place him on a Couch.

That sweet gal who sent me that Rabbitt
could be no Bad Bee, for no way
to sting a body in the bed or some place
otherwise. like a crazy old mean bumbling
Bee what gave you such a dandy painful
wallap. Well I was so delighted with
the grand gift but many Late with you
constant remembrances & thoughtfulness from
Aunt Laura Helen & Richard King, Mr. & Mrs. Fred
Holst, Marion Nellernwood & Dr. B. H. Holst had dinner
with us Easter Sunday & we all had

R. D. MUSSER

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Such a grand time. Wish you could
have been with us. Poor Pauline is
still quite weak but gaining. The gas
your splendid remembrance was so pleased.
Presume Aunt Marion will spend a few
days with you & then begin her home
way journey - We surely will & must
take a fine visit from her.
She is always such fun & so easy
to entertain.

The doctor is getting fine news.
Poor Dr. Mages we miss him very much.
But the blow that has struck Addie
is a terrible & heart breaking one.

She is so depressed & heart broken &
the future for her is truly dark & sad.
Well such is life. It would be that
way with me or Mother if either one
of us would be taken. Life is uncertain
& we know it is the greatest blessing for
us all to keep well happy & united in
a fine fellowship.

With my dearest love many thanks
& bless your dear heart
Devotedly with much love
Love to Marion if she is there
Daddy

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Miss Laura Jane Wheeler
of the Barbizon Plaza
West 58th Street
New York City

MRS. R. D. MUSSER
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Feb. 17th 1944

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Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Fran -

Your most comforting and influential
letter has just come. I hardly
knew how to answer it. As far
as Jack is concerned when you
spoke of him on the phone I
felt like crying and tried to put
my sorrow and love into my tone
if it didn't get across due to the
phone. You should know your mother
better than that and not take the attitude
you did in the letter. I stayed awake
practically all night worrying about
you and the fact that you were

Having such a difficult time finding
Jack and wondering what I could
do to help you - I just can't believe
my precious little letter can make
me so angry at me whom I
love better than I do my life -
After I did see about this morning
I dreamed that you and I were
walking in the most beautiful woods -
You were running ahead with some
children when all of a sudden I
saw this horribly long big snake
come slithering toward us - You called
cheerfully "Don't be afraid Mother it
won't hurt you" - but it came up
and hit us knocking us down -

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And I fell on it, finally I raised
myself enough for it to crawl
out and then it killed me!

Sunday morning I went to the
city and attended to the dresses
from Jerry Lee. I really didn't
care a bit for any of them but told
her to send them and if by chance
you find one or more you can
keep them and send the rest
right back. Then I was in ^{Chabot} ~~Chabot~~
and found two or three pretty ones
which I really liked very much.
and she has sent them on - One

C Aunt with a pretty blue blouse
which if you can for the cause
put your initials on -

I the laundry boy will go on today
filled with newspapers and a book
which I thought you might want -

Mrs King spoke so nicely & brightly
of you - How bad she felt you had
tried to get to her hotel in that
awful storm - That you looked
so well and seemed so happy -
She tried to get a taxi for you when
you left but the door man couldn't
find one -

And now back to your letter
again - I just can't understand

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Low Jack could disappear that
way and that they know nothing
about him in Washington - I still
have a feeling he will show up
some day when you least expect
him - He certainly will if he cares
for you the way he has professed
to - I certainly hope and pray
he will -

And now you say I am indifferent
to you when you are home - When
you want to talk to me if I
am busy at my desk I stop my thing
and listen and talk with you & love

it - You said you say son & son
Within you are so dear now and
We do have such good times together
And I really thought you meant
it - The only time I try to get
away is when you tell me how
you hate me and wish I would die!
And when I try to make you
understand how much I care
for you you won't listen - So I am
at my wit's end to know just
what to do or say - For my
heart is breaking because I can't
make you understand - I probably
am not bright enough or convincing
enough to get across how much

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I Care for you -

You really have one of the most
Charming personalities I have ever
known - And just why you get
so angry at me is beyond me
For I have always felt my love being
so deep and abiding and loving &
cherishing you so deeply - You cannot
help but feel it and know -
I have always told you some fine
man who is worthy of you will
find you as soon as this trouble
war is over - And you want to too
old father and can have a family
and be as happy as anyone on earth.

but please please don't get angry
with people - Our thoughts are
Creation and the Deem is guiding
us all and if you dominate your
thoughts only you will come to you.
Try & forget all and everything that
has been unpleasant with friends
and family for remember thought
is Creation and you can have any
thing in the world you long for
if you keep out the negative -
You may envy others but there are
scores who envy you and your
talents & your personality -
How is your music coming with
Mr. Pianini - How you do anything

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About working with the children in
some Settlement House - or doing
any Red Cross - May be you are too
busy working with your music but
often mixing with people who are
doing such things would bring
some wonderful contacts -

When are you starting on your
trips? - And do you want one to
come on? Daddy is much better
and I may be able to get away
for a week or two if you want
me - I can't tell you how much
I long to see you - Believe it or
not it's the truth! I loved your Valentines.

Thank you for remembering us
the girls were so pleased too -

Aunt Laura is much better except
she suffers much with her knees
Mr & Mrs Schaub are bringing her
home. Saturday - She will spend
about ten days here -

A letter from Rozz today says he
expects to be in N.Y. soon &
is looking forward to seeing you -

Mrs Bellig's address is Elms Bellig
7724 Fontaine Hollywood 46 - Calif.

You haven't mentioned Esther? - Do you
know her? I'm her and the Schuyler my love
And love my precious Lottie - Remember
letter like that again & know always

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that your joy add years to my
life and my happiness is great
only when you are happy -
Always devotedly -
Mother -

I have your Horoscope from Mrs. Beeling
which came just recently. I think
it is splendid - do you want it?

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New York City 19

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March 14th 1949

Letter Darling -

Your Dear Letter Has just
Come of Feb. 29th and I was so happy
to hear of your visiting Sylvia - How
lovely her home must be and how
darling little boy - How did you like

Jersey? This morning I am engaged
my reservations to N. Y. on the 16th
which gets me into N. Y. the morning
of the 18 day - 19 R. R. Will go right
to your hotel - You don't need to meet
me its so early - Can you share
your room with me? Or if not will

you is able to get me a single
room there or shall I have to go
else where? Let me know at once
and if they can't accomodate me
at your hotel will go to the Vassar
Club if possible - Can hardly wait
to see you - Last Wednesday I took
Anna Laura back to the Curtis and
felt bad to leave her there alone -
For she does get so lonely - She
feels she has to take many more
treatments from Dr. Jettis - Her knees
get so bad after her jaw that time
in Muscatine before she could come
back so it takes longer - In most
of a Conf. of Morrie - I am sure
in the Butters Sister and L. B. Fox

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Which was quite gruesome - Went
in to Jerry's and Mrs Snapp
was so enthusiastic about you -
"Oh", she said "how long since you
have seen your daughter?" She is
really beautiful but glamorous -
in fact! I can never see such a
change in any one - So and I had
such a happy time together -
Mrs Lund says they must have
the clothes back right away for
now is the time she can see them -
Mrs. Chalmers said also "do you
suppose your daughter can stand the

Clothes such right away for me and
them now "So I guess you will
have to attend to it as they will
be standing on the bill for anything!

So you plan to go to Chicago
the 25-15? to visit Barbara. That
will be nice for you will enjoy
it I know - I have to leave that
day for Pittsburgh - Will spend a
few days with Mary & Roger.
Mary has had the flu and her
baby has diarrhea
pretty sick - The baby had diarrhea
for 2 weeks of months - Sarah attends
the Nursery School - Roger meets the
little boy Richard whom Sarah adores
called her "a Stinker" one day which

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hurt his feelings terribly but the teacher
told him to pay no attention for he
didn't mean it. She told Mary ^{some} so
So Darling gets all of the children
and has a remarkable vocabulary
for his age - Quite like my letters
at 3 1/2 too -

You know my precious letter
Mother wants it to be just what you
expect of her so that we can
have grand times together - It
would grieve us both if you
were not going to be home this
Summer - That's what we both

Forward to all Dantes.

The reason I wrote to Mr. -
Giamini was because I appreciated
his great interest in you and
wanted to thank him. Also to Mr
if he couldn't get your pieces
published for me - He wrote me
such a darling letter about you
and about the pieces it would
require that you should get them
just as you wished to have them
and I could defray the expense -
He can talk about any thing when
I come on - A heart full of love
As to the things in the theater

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I don't know about any thing so
you can engage for what you
would like to see or think I should
see — I'll be 18¹⁵ again
Devotedly —

Mother —
Daddy seems quite like him self
and says it will be alright for
me to go —

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YOUR MESSAGE CAME BUT WE WERE ALL READY WAITING FOR THE
BROADCAST MR & MRS KING, AUNT LAURA, DADDY & I AND IT WAS
VERY BEAUTIFUL COULD HEAR YOU APPLAUD. WE GO HOME
WEDNESDAY MUCH LOVE=

=MOTHER & DADDY.

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MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER, CARE BARBIZON PLAZA=

WEST 58 ST ROOM 1529F

HAVE JUST TALKED TO MRS KING SHE LEAVES TODAY FOR NEW YORK
SHE EXPECTS YOU FOR DINNER FEBRUARY 11 YOU MENTION FEB 5
IN YOUR LETTER DADDY IS FINE AGAIN AUNT LAURA MUCH BETTER IS
AT CURTIZ A BLIZZARD IS RAGING TODAY MUCH LOVE=
MOTHER.

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MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER=

BARBIZON PLAZA, WEST 58TH ST NYK=

MARIAN LEFT FOR PHILADELPHIA FROM DENVER THIS EVENING
ARRIVE THERE SUNDAY SUSAN PHONED TO TRY AND LOCATE MARIAN
SAID SHE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU THERE. HAS NO HELP BUT HAS
GUEST ROOM. LOVE#

MOTHER.

After 5 days, return to
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Mrs Laura Jane Musser
c/o The Darbington Plaza Hotel
West 58th
New York City.

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

January, 18-44.

Dearest One.

We received a letter from Roger in which he stated that you had been quite ill and we are feeling worried about you.

You have been healthy and strong with just a few annoying colds which would deprive most any one, especially when one is far a large hotel alone so far from the comforts of home as you were.

We think of you often and hope and pray for the best of things in every way for you. Roger also said that Mary and he did enjoy their visit with you very much - They had such good times with your young slaves &c.

It has been very mild here this month. Last week we much Aunt Laura in Neph and spent several days then at the Lert Hotel with her - I and Margery came Friday Am. Margery had a bad cold which Dr. Zelle broke up for a jiffy. They came up with Aunt Laura Mother & me

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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

And spent Saturday evening & Sunday with
us. Mother had 20 in for dinner for
them of course including Aunt Laura Men-
gant & Charles.

Everything is going along fine as for
Aunt Laura had a slight cold this morn-
ing but it got better so she feels she can go
to the Deyvis tonight for the 4 Square Club
party. She does not intend to go to the
dinner at the Pine Edge before the game
of the Deyvis. Now my precious Dugg

Dugg. You just must get good & well
for we feel much miserable when you
are not feeling just ^{as} fine as possible.
Mother & I expect to spend next
week in Minneapolis from
Tuesday the 25th to Friday the 28th
at the Dextes. I have our company
meetings to attend in St Paul.

We do miss our Latsel
much awfully.

Revered by & with dearest
love and affection
Your Father.

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& The Barbizon Plaza
West 58th
New York City.

R. D. MUSSER
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

Pine Bluff - Madden Lodge.
July 3/44

Dear Mr. Rodung Lotze

If you are here it would be
Grand & complete! We are having a fine
revel time & that is just what you
need also for your life is so strenuous
and so full of important things that a relax-
ation would be strengthening for you.

I am trying to recover the Cash
your fur coat or jacket that was taken
from your hotel room. I carry a policy
called a Floater or floating policy - It
covers all all losses by theft &c and
includes all the family property yours
Monyo &c. You will receive a
blank form & a claim from the Netwa-
ter Co. I have full & only giving the
Cash the complete description &c.

Would you be happy if we can get
the money the Cash &c.

All yours Mary Rogers
Mrs. Richard Kany (Richard & Helen)
Sarah & Mary Your devoted Mother
Daddy and a heartfelt full of love
to our dear & precious house
Daddy.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
c/o Mr. Barbyon Plog
101 West 58th Street
New York City

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Little Falls, Minnesota

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Feb 2 1944

My precious letter -

Ground Hog Day! And he does
As his shadow easily so 6 inches
more of winter! Well so far so
really Larrint had any winter at
all - January was just like April so
that shortens the long sleep now -

Well last week was quite hectic.
Daddy and I drove to the city on
Monday and stayed at the Curtis. Aunt
Lura was pretty glad to have us there
for it was really too hot - She had
a dreadful cold for so long and it
kicks her down a lot - So better

Can't go on his much current for his
skin as he studies so it takes much
longer. I begged him to leave & for
who took care of Daddy go on his
but he absolutely refused - Daddy
had to get up early in morning
and take a street car to St. Paul.
on the pouring rain - He did
that Tues - Wed and Thurs - Then
on Friday he was going to attend
a Carletons meeting and Mr. Sumner
Mc Knight was going to drive him
over when I felt too sick with
his cold - I didn't get back to the
hotel until 4 P.M. - He looked just
as sick as could be so I called

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Wrote King to send us a Doctor
at once - He sent the St. D. C.
Dr. Lee who was fine - He discovered
Daddy had a slight case of pneumonia
A started with the Sulpha drug -
No windows open all night - Sunday
P.M. he told Daddy he could get
up - Monday he was well enough
to go home - so we drove home
and he has felt alright but has
to stay in our sitting room and
have his meals up stairs - Is taking
a tonic and will soon be alright
but I surely was worried for a little

While -

Your letter to me has just come -
and you say you wanted for
ten days for mine - I had written
you two letters and none from
you - so I called you "Long Distance"
so "Missy" don't hold your
Mamma!

I will get the Vitamin C Capsules
for I think they will be fine for
both Daddy and Aunt Laura - If I
can get them to take them.

Your plans for the next year
or two sound wonderful - Wish
I were young and able to plan

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For some full years that way
but my day and years are full
any way - I am so happy that
Mr. Hannum is proving such a
wonderful teacher - And that you
feel that you have reached the
stage where you can carry it on
to the principals of orchestration.
And that you love it. Your plan
to go to Vassar sounds good too.

Mrs. King is looking forward to
seeing you - She has just come
to "ride" in Minneapolis and loved

it she might enjoy it again -
She was laughing about her ~~trick~~ -
Said these 3 young people were
going with her and looked on her
as their age and were planning
to go out by 30 and take her
so she said I fear I will be ready
for a Rest Cure when I return!

I think Aunt Laura & Daddy
do care for music but Concerts
and Operas sort of bore them -
but one can't accuse them of
being selfish for they are almost
for things are the most generous
and unselfish people in the world

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Hope you enjoyed your evening
with Mary Taylor. She is probably
staying at the Vassar Club isn't
she?

So Billy and Jane have asked you
to dinner and Billy has urged
you to be on time. Am glad you
enjoy Jane. Have you been much
playing?

Dr. Fred has just been here and
says the Bronchial tubes are
free now so Daddy will soon
be going to the office as usual.

Poor John Enlund who has taken
care of the office for years has
just died -

Well I have a heap of dish
of mail which has to be answered -
When in Minneapolis Mr. Mr. Enlund
at dinner at the Schanests before
Daddy was taken sick and went to
the Wakefield home for cocktails -
Aunt Laura and a Mrs. Brewster
were there too - Mr. had lots of fun -
The Schanests had lots of funny
things - An ash tray was on the
table when Mr. Wakefield & I were
to play cards, full of ashes & Agnate

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Pluto so Mr Wakefield being a neat
man took it up to empty in the
fire place when the bottom opened
and they all fell on the floor -
You should have seen his face! -

Well I am going to call Aunt
Laura now to see how she is.
She wasn't in her room - so

Guess she is better -

Went to 4 square last Mon. -
Went and then the Taylors - went
with to Estutans - Child Interest
today - Church Club tomorrow - a
party at Mrs Ross Friday - Fish
Club at Bells Saturday - So you

Mr. do a full work. Several
inquired about you last morning -
they are all so interested in you -
A heart full of love and affection
Devotedly -
Mother