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Miss
Laura Jane Husser
Little Falls
Minn.

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Hotel Nicollet

NICOLLET, HENNEPIN AND WASHINGTON AVENUES, MINNEAPOLIS

Hotel Nicollet



NICOLLET, HENNEPIN AND WASHINGTON AVENUES. MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Miss Musser
Your flowers
were lovely & it was
very sweet of you
to send them my
best thanks to you
& your mother
I hope to have
the pleasure of meeting

you both some
time

Sincerely

Theresa Gannan

Nov 25, 1944

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

Vittorio Giamini

180 W. 58th St

N.Y.C.



STATION



Miss Laura Jane Mosser
Linden Hill

Little Falls, Minn.

Sept 15 - 44

Dear Miss Munner:

I've just returned to town and

I thought I'd write you to find out how you came through your exams. You know you passed both your Fugue + Orchestration. How did the Trumpet, Clarinet and Methods exams go.

By the way, have you decided on your future plans? I am sure by now you have recuperated from the awful heat we suffered this summer, which was the worst summer in 45 years, or so I have been told. Let me hear from you.

I also see from my record that you still owe me for three ~~more~~ lessons. I dislike calling it to your attention but you understand.

With warmest greetings to your charming mother and yourself and sorry that circumstances prevented us from visiting you this summer as we had hoped to do I am

Sincerely

Vittorio Giannini

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

Vittorio Grammi

180 W. 58th St

N.Y.C.



STATION



Miss Laura Jane Munser

Barbizon-Playa-Hotel
58th St and 6th Ave,
New York City

1529

New York Feb: 8 - 44

Dear Miss Musser;

As we agreed last meeting I am
sending a bill for lessons during January

Jan. 5; 8; 12; 15; 19; 22; 27; 29.

8 lessons at \$10. per. Total \$80. -

With kindest regards and
many thanks I am;

Sincerely

Vittorio Gramini

Miss A. Martin.

Methodist Girls' High School

Kolar Town, Mysore State, S. India



Miss Laura Musser.

Lindero Hill

Little Falls

Minnesota

U.S.A



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Dearest Laura,

you can't imagine
how thrilled I was when your
air-mail letter arrived last week.

Methodist Girls' High School
Holar Town, Mysore State, S. India

16th August 1944.

This is the very first letter I have received from you since
I left Burma, and I can't tell you how happy I was.
It was dated May 24th and it arrived here early in
August, so it took just about three months. In the
old days letters took about 30 days.

I can't tell you how much I appreciated your gift.
Laura, you are always helping some one. I can always
live over the days again at International House. You
were always around doing good. I know some
people didn't appreciate you as much as they
should, but you did help us foreigners. How often
you took us out to concerts and shows and
explained different phases of American life. I shall
never forget those days. How I wish I could have
some of those happy care-free days! I can hardly
imagine myself the same person. I have aged so
much during this war. Many hard experiences have
come into my life, and though I try to find something
to laugh about, yet I find it very hard. But when

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letters from my friends like yourself. come, I have
little spans of time, ~~when~~ all the joy and
happier of living comes back to ^{me} ~~life~~. You
don't know how your letter has helped me.
Sometimes we worry about the days to come.
I fear the coming of peace nearly as much
as I feared the war. The Orient will certainly go through
a great time of upheaval. There are sure to be many
changes, and there is always much suffering
when changes come about.

I am so happy to hear that Hilda received
my letter. At one time I almost gave up writing to
friends in America, as so much of the mail was
being lost. But I am very much encouraged now.

How very kind of your mother and Dad to help
in buying me your gift at Christmas. Please tell
them how much I appreciate their kindness.

Laura dear, how I wish I could see you for
even half an hour! How we would talk and
talk. I am so glad to know that you are still

³ studying music. Are you still
in New York? You did not
say where you were.

Methodist Girls' High School
Holar Town, Mysore State, S. India

There is an American Missionary who will be
returning to America in Dec or Jan: and I have
asked her if she will take to you an Indian Saree.
That is the costume of Indians and I shall send
you a picture to show how it is worn. It is a
piece of tissue woven at Benares. Perhaps
you have read something about Benares. It is
a very old Indian City. Perhaps one of these days
you will be travelling over to see us. I wish that
day will come. Maybe, it will.

I am still taking care of very poor Indian
children. You should visit the Orphan some day,
and see the different types of work there are.
I know that one thought will strike you - the
extreme poverty of the people of India. It is true
that there are some very wealthy, but the
majority are very poor. This helps me to be contented,
for although I have lost much in the war, yet
I am still a millionaire, compared to the people
I work with. That reminds me, you can send

any old clothes you have - any size, any shape, any style, any colour. I can always use old garments, but in sending them you must mark the parcel definitely "Old and second hand clothing." Remember the bundle you gave me in New York. How useful that was. Also any old Copies of Good House Keeping or Ladies Home Journals or Saturday Evening Post. Women love to read or look at these. There is a ~~little~~ great scarcity of reading materials in this country, especially for women. Also embroidery ideas. They love to do needle work or crochet. I can use this among the poor women of this town. They never go anywhere, as they are "purdah" - that is they have to cover their faces. Life is really sad for some of the Muslim women here.

But you are quite right about caring for the children on the streets of America. There is

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Much to be done in America
itself. There are many
socially minded in America

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Kolar Town, Mysore State, S. India

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however. The average America is kind and
conscious of the needs of its own poor and sick,
but in Indian Hinduism has made the
average person selfish and self-centred. It takes
a Christian back ground to make people want to
help those who are down and out.

Do write and tell me more about yourself. I am always
interested in all that concerns you. Are you still in
New York at Julliard? Where do you live and do
you ever visit International House? As I move around,
I see so many American army men, and it makes
me very sad. Here they are far away from home,
living in such a strange country. Many may
never return home. But there is one comfort, it
will not be long before this ghastly struggle will be
over.

Laura, I send you heaps of love. Do write
again when you have the time. You don't
know how happy your letters make me feel. My
love to Hilda when you write her. Lovingly
Adelaide



1529

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon Plaza
101- West 58th Street
New York, New York

813- University Ave. S. E.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

Mother and I
still are at a loss to
know how to thank
you for that most
beautiful Easter gift
you sent! We enjoy
a little of its goodness
every day, and it is so
pretty! We had wish
you could drop in for
tea with us, and have
some of its deliciousness
for dessert!

How are you, and
how is your work
going? You graduate
this spring, don't you?
My goodness! that's
wonderful; I still
have so many years
ahead of me! I love
my work, though, so I
don't think I'll ever
mind its length. This
quarter is more
interesting - better in
every way - than last!!

thinks you just as
much, I'm sure it does!

Spring is coming
back to us here, with
rains and lovely, new
green grass, and buds
on the trees! When are
you coming home to
enjoy it?

Very best wishes
to you, Laura, and our
sincerest thanks for
that lovely Easter gift!
We simply can't tell
you how much we
enjoy it!

Very much love
from Maxine Taylor

Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 23, 1944

We're better oriented
now, and it all doesn't
seem so hard and
strange and mysterious.
Also we are over the
stage of very generalized
medical courses, and
are beginning studies
of real clinical
significance, which
seem to bring the
promise actually of
being a physician
somewhat closer! And
our weekly hospital
clinic is wonderful. -
Last week the
ophthalmic division
of the University hospital
presented four most
interesting cases,
including one of the
most adorable two-
year old baby you
ever hope to see!

I hope your work

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF ELEVATORS FROM SKY LINE DRIVE, DULUTH, MINN.—33



Duluth-Superior harbor is one of America's busiest shipping centers. Through it each season is shipped millions of bushels of wheat. Twenty-four huge grain elevators, having a total capacity of 50,000,000 bushels, line the harbor front. Among them is the world's largest grain elevator.

Dear Lattie,
Greetings
from our nice
weekend trip to
Duluth, we're
having one grand
time, looking at
the pretty sights!
Hope we can
play a bridge
traveller at the
party on Wed. night.
Love from Mom & Dad



E.B. & C. REIMANN'S DYCEUM NEWS & BOOK STORE, DULUTH, MINN.

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Dear Lottie,
Greetings
from our nice
weekend trip to
Duluth, we're
having one grand
time, looking at
the pretty sights!

Hope we can
play bridge
together at the
party on Wednesday.

Love from *Margaret Gay*

B. C. KREIMAN'S LYCEUM NEWS & BOOK STORE, DULUTH, MINN.

Margaret Jane
Mueser
Little Lottie,
Minneapolis



1529

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Baruigan Plaza
101- W. 58th Street
New York, New York

M. Taylor

813 - University Ave. S.E.

Minneapolis, 14, Minnesota

My dear Laura,

How can I ever thank you enough for the wonderful book which was awaiting me when I arrived home for our brief spring vacation! It was such a pleasant surprise! And I have been reading it avidly, and with great interest. It is more than half finished, and can hardly wait to progress to the material on surgical history. Really, Laura, I am particularly pleased because the emphasis is largely that of the history of medical progress in the last hundred years. Our course in school doesn't include any material on medical history, so that this quite important and enlightening phase of our medical education must be satisfied by our own devices! So you see why I am so especially grateful for your gift which answers this need so perfectly!

How are you and what are you doing? I'd like to hear from you! I think of you often, because in the thrilling material that we are studying I know your broad interests and good scientific mind and scientific background would find much pleasure! It is really great stuff. Laura! It is

fundamental, and beautiful in its simplicity and also its great profundity. Sometimes it makes me think of a baby - straight from Dad! I'm keenest about our course in physiological chemistry. That's so live, and real! We've studied digestion so far, and the mechanism of the coagulation of blood, and the equations and pressure relationships of the transfer of CO_2 and O_2 inside the body, and of the mechanisms for acid-base balance, so that the blood pH remains constant within a limited range!

You are hearing much great music, I presume, and seeing fine plays! That's wonderful; I'm looking forward to doing that someday! I don't find time at present. It seems a luxury even to listen to the radio broadcasts of the New York Philharmonic on Sunday afternoons. That's the bad feature about medicine, at least in the beginning years: "so little time, and so much to do!"

I've been home for four days. Tomorrow night I go back to be in time for early morning classes on Wednesday. Little Falls is nice; very green, for there have been unusually heavy rains, and the river is filled with swift-moving water. I have wished that you were home; perhaps you would have liked to have played golf or tennis or bridge with me! It's just a trifle lonely, because all the young people seem to be away on important, indeed on world-shaking, missions.

I hope this finds you well and happy, Laura! Thank you again for the perfect book! You know, apparently, how much I love and appreciate good books, and how I'm looking forward to possessing a fine library sometime!

-Love to hear from you, if you could one day spare the time!

Sincerely and lovingly yours,

Maxine Paylot

Little Falls, Minnesota
June 12, 1944



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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Barbizon Plaza
101- West 58th Street
New York, New York

813 University Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Little Falls, Minn.
March 20, 1944

My dear Laura Jane,
I feel extremely
guilty about the
belatedness your
Christmas gift has by
now attained! I think
we better compromise
and settle for a little
spring greeting, don't
you?? - a little gift for
your Easter! The
explanation rests,
first, in our moving
very suddenly from
Cornstock Hall into an
apartment with
Mother, with the
result that everything
but the essentials
~~have~~ ^{has} been packed
until just now. And also
in the unending
busy-ness of the first
quarter of medical
school there seemed to
be no time at all for
luxuries like letter-
writing, and gift-
wrapping-up! But I
hope, Laura, that you

delightful class. - 125 boys,
and 5 girls! Everybody
seems to be an excellent,
intelligent person, and
it's stimulating to work
and play with such
fine people. It is
certainly an experience
well worth having
waited for, and worth
its great requirements
in energy and money and
time!

I mentioned that
Mother and I have an
apartment. - It is so
lovely, not far from
school, and of course
richly supplied with
Mother's cooking
artistry! Daddy is able
to come down for nearly
every weekend, so that
our family really isn't
too badly separated.

We are using and
enjoying that lovely
cologne bottle that you
gave ^{me} for Christmas. It
is so lovely, Laura, and
looks so especially nice
in our "blue" room! I'll
mail our "Christmas"! "

will like it anyway. It
comes with my sincere
greetings and love to
you.

- I'm wondering how
you are. - I'm quite
sure you're busy and
working hard. Just
now I phoned your
home to greet your
mother and to ask about
you, but there was
no answer. I was
hoping that perhaps
you would be here
for spring vacation
too. I'm looking forward
to having some friends
in for bridge and tea-
- some ^{special} tea! - sometime
during the week, and
I should have liked
to have had you as
one of the guests, Laura!

Medical school is
so wonderful! I can't
tell you how thrilling
it is to me to be a part
of it at long last, and
to have the privilege of
learning these fascinating
things they deem it
desirable for a doctor
to know. - We have a

gift tomorrow. I hope
you'll forgive me
for being so slow!
Best, best wishes to
you, Laura. I hope
this nice, new
springtime will
bring you every
happiness!

- I'd love a nice,
long letter from you! —

Sincerely and with
much love,

Maxine