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January 5th 1949

Dear Laura Jane,

We have played and played the beautiful Strauss opera records which you gave us for Christmas ^{and} we never tire hearing them. It was sweet of you to remember us.

We had a gay Christmas time this year. The children had lots of fun. It seemed like they were either coming from, going to or at a party somewhere all of the time. They were asleep when we were awake ^{and} vice versa. Finally we had to call a halt - before someone got sick - but not soon enough to save Kate (age 8) from an upset stomach from too much candy!

Buddy left to return to Georgetown University on the 1st. He had some classes on Monday. Peggy leaves for her college, Marymount, at

Tarrytown, N. Y. on the 11th. Her post office box there is 196. She would love to see you some week end in New York. I have given her your address and telephone number.

We were terribly sorry that we could not get to Kansas City to see you during the holidays. It was just impossible to leave here.

I have been working on the words to a song that I wrote several years ago. It was titled "Never Tell", I changed it to "Do It Love?" Broadcast Music Inc. in New York has it now ^{and} they may come up with a publisher. I rather doubt it, however, as I am still not satisfied with the lyrics. I have great difficulty writing words. It seems as though "everything that can be said has been said." Yet I realize that there are subtle variations which make commonplace words unique. That is the secret of a hit.

Write soon again. I am most interested in what you are doing.

With lots of love.

Your cousin Bud

8 HALLOWELL HOUSE

WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

New York

Dec. 29 - 1949

Dear Lottie -

That superlative candied
fruit was a joyous opening to
the holiday season - As I knew
I was going away I opened it
in Wellesley & found it a rare
feast - shared with K. B. before she
departed & with Lynn & Jim after
they arrived (they spent Christmas in
the apt. & I departed for N. Y. the
day after they came) - Sometimes candied
fruit loses its distinctive flavour
- but this was truly exceptional &
wonderfully delicious & I thank you
many times!

I've written your mother something
of my Christmas - a very quiet one
here with Mary - so I won't repeat.

except to say it's been a very visiting
with her & she's much better than
when I last saw her the end of
Sept. - has still much building up
resting & so & is leading a very
quiet life -

I was all for the quiet life myself
after this fall term - one of the more
strenuous ones - altho' it's been interest-
ing & cheerful - The change & long
hours in bed, made me feel made
over & I start back this afternoon
- making a 2-day stop-over in New Haven.
I imagine you'll be starting east soon
may even be en route already - altho'
the last I'd heard had no definite date.
I'm eager to hear where you'll be
established - in the same apt. house? I
do so hope you have the prospect of an
apt you may be able to keep for your
own -

Many thanks again - Hope for a happy
1949 & some reunions -
Love to you
Margaret



Remember: - Only you can

PREVENT
FOREST FIRES



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

MARGARET E. TAYLOR
HALLOWELL HOUSE
WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

Wellesley, Mass.
Dec. 26 - 1949

Dear Lorraine -

Purr - Purr - Purr!

I wore it to Christmas dinner
to the great admiration of all
beholders, and can see & wear
it on all possible oc-
casions with delight - The colors
are lovely - quite apart from
the theme - about which I
needn't speak my pleasure -
and it was truly an inspira-
tion - I thank you heaps!!

I have written your mother
something of our family party
and what a delightful reunion
it has been - I'm not sure
I mentioned Sue who spent
a great deal of time in his
basket under the Christmas tree
he clearly had arranged for

I do hope you've been having
a good year in New York -
I hope you'll write me about
your living quarters & plans -
I'm sure it's been a happy
Christmas at home -

More another day - Papa is
with me here in the apartment
for a couple of days - and I have
various things to do -

Thanks many times again for
the enchanting scarf - Happy
New Year & much love
Margaret

his special benefit - looking
altogether charming - He did
have a mysteriously sore paw,
which accounted for his passi-
vity, alas - but roused himself
to enjoy the catnip mouse I'd
provided, and seemed pretty
well recovered the next day -

I was amused to discover
that "Home Sweet Home" had already
come your way, since you
gave it to Jim! He loved it
and I'd been so sure you
would that I'd overlooked
the likelihood of your finding
it first - I'm sure there'll
be others to whom you can
pass it on & give more
pleasure! It is one of those
bright ideas it seems to me
I should have been able to
think of myself - The compiler
must have had a fine time
doing it -



Miss Laura Jane Musser

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New York City
N.Y.

MARGARET E. TAYLOR
8 HALLOWELL HOUSE
WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

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WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

Aug. 14, 1949

Dear Lottie -

Just a line - as I'm
hoping for a reunion soon - Could
you come up next weekend - i.e.
the 19th - 21st by any chance? It
will be grand to see you and
catch up a bit - and I'm looking
forward to it so much! I've
had a wonderful trip west &
grand time with the family in
Little Falls -

Meanwhile I'm back & organized
for work - of which I have a
best amount more than I can
possibly accomplish - but am going

to work hard thro' the week and
Take off a few weekends - one with
you, I trust! - one with Lynn
& Jim & another in R. I.
with the Boyzons - in view of
all of which, drop me a post-
card as soon as you can,
so that if you can't make
it this next weekend, ~~let me~~ ^{let} ~~me~~
know when you can, before
I get tied up with the others!
There's that same train you've
taken before which leaves N. Y.
at 11:30 standard time - i.e. 12:30
and arrives in Framingham at
4: ⁴³~~50~~ (= 5: ⁴³~~50~~) - i.e. Springfield line -
and I could put you on again
at Framingham Sun. p.m. or
in Boston, if you preferred to

8 HALLOWELL HOUSE

WELLESLEY 81, MASS.

Take the shore line - weather will
Here's hoping the swimming
be decent - Bring your
suit if you feel inspired - I
have the duets - and we should
make out very cheerfully!
It will be a joy to see you
& I hope so much it will
be this next Friday -
Love to you
Marquet



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#1206

Mrs M. J. Atkins

% R. D. Musser

Little Falls

Minnesota.

Miss Gwendolyn Hale

61 W 69 Street

SR 3-1258

Mrs H. Arnold Hale

Fifth Ave Hale

Aug. 13-'49

Rosie dear:

Surely was a joy to talk with you, and especially am I glad that you are feeling better since the heat is not so severe. We have had some hot days too, but the nights have been cool enough to make sleeping possible. I came to Little Falls on Wednesday to spend the week Dr Jettit is on his vacation so this coming Wednesday I will be leaving for Minneapolis. I think your parents are as well as usual but they both tire quickly. Nevertheless I have to hand it to your Dad for he is most remarkable. Mary and the children will return tomorrow from the lake so there will be plenty of action until the day she leaves for home. She has four lovely children and little Drew is just too sweet for words. Poor child is so bitten up by the various bugs he has had to have calve on his body most of the time.

Chang Shu-Chu

Wild Rose



Regret keenly that you will not be here while I am in Minnesota, but guess we cannot help it. Mother + Dad are having a dinner party for me on Monday, I think it is mighty dear of them, but I do not want them to over tax their strength for me. I am one of the family you know and do not have to be entertained. Trust you are having fun with your friends and getting on famously with the organ. Loads of love dear Helen + John Olek are to be here tomorrow for dinner.

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N.Y.

Mrs W. J. Atkins .

1240 West 64th St. Kansas City 5. Mo.

June 11-'49

Lotsie dear:

I trust this letter will be in New York as one of the first to welcome you. I can very well understand how you feel about leaving over this apt and being alone. For awhile one is quite depressed, but as time goes on we find things to do, and meet people we can pass many pleasant hours with. Then too dear, you will be back in August I hope so I will see you at that time and we will have a good visit. Yes, we will have some Canasta and bridge and forget the time we have been so unhappy. At my age it is more important to keep well and see as much of my family as is possible than to do any extra travelling. So many of my friends

or rather acquaintances think it strange I do not go abroad or to Mexico. Well, I know just what is safe for me, so try to live up to my ~~better~~ judgement.

I hope you received real help and encouragement from Dr Jettel. It really is wonderful how the treatment has made a new person of me. Of course one has to keep going, but now I only have to make two trips a year. Charles Kuttig has Arthritis. From what he told me, he was unable to walk over a block, the pain in his limbs was so severe. He is taking some kind of medicine which has worked wonders, but as usual must keep on taking it always. Any strong stuff will some time do harm to the stomach I fear. Think he will

be glad when the trip abroad is over. There will be mine in his party, and that is sort of a responsibility. Margaret is anxious to be presented to the Pope while in Italy, and it has been arranged.

I traded in my Buick car on a Cadillac. Frank is so happy, he has been wanting me to get a new Cadillac car for a year. I guess it was not a mistake, for everyone says it is the best car on the market, but just the same I was always able to ride with ease in the Buick.

Ella has been having some trouble, whether it is a virus germ like I fought when in Spain. or a bad head cold is hard to tell. She is better today and not quite so bothered with her sinus secretion. She really has

4 a bad serious condition. My
good friends, such as. Hagen, Curtis
Dobson, Bagley, Turg and Ford also
Anderson, others too inquire about
you. Mrs McPherson asked me a few
days ago what you were doing. She
is going back to Battle Creek. I am
sorry she must leave her husband
and daughter for these trips, but I
suppose she gets more help there
than any other place right now.

I wish you could see the McWhiter
children. They are precious. Little
Laura Ann is such a darling. Such
a nice even disposition. She is
growing prettier all the time. The
baby is also becoming more attractive
and will soon be making life lively
for the rest of the children.

There has been much doing socially
here, so I keep going and shopping

5 my brow. Heat in K. C. is really something, however we have had two days as a relief for good behavior. We play a lot of Canasta, especially the women, think some of the men prefer bridge, so who ever we play with the game is chosen to suit the players. Carrie just phoned me for a game tonight, but the McWhirters asked me to go to see "Red Shoes". So the game may be arranged for tomorrow.

Tell me how you left your mother. I think she talks better. So glad she had the party for you, even though it was not as interesting as you would have liked.

There will be plenty excitement when the children and Mary come. It is fine all can go to the lake it eases things at home and all get.

a kick out of the vacation, so to speak.

How did you like the lamp shade Alice covered for you? I thought it a grand job and lovely way to use the old night gown material.

Well, dear, I must get dressed, put clean sheets on my bed and get on with the day.

Heaps of love, and do write me the news.

So glad you have a nice evenings account in N. Y. Wonderful to have something to fall back on.

As always lovingly -
Aunt Laura



Miss Laura J. Musser

1206 The Buckingham Hotel

COMMUNITY CHEST

THROUGH YOUR

GIVE - ENOUGH

101 West 57th St.

New York City
N. Y.

Mrs Laura M. Atkins
1240 West 64th St.
Kansas City 5, Mo.

Two conerils I have been
to that were outstanding
was Pise Stevens and
Lily Pons. Both were
in excellent voice
and pretty to look at.
Almost forgot Flagstad
she was grand also.
What happened when
the ~~met~~ opened this
winter? There was
quite an article I read,
think Stevens was

nov. 27-'49
Dearest Lottie:

It was so sweet
of you to remember
this auntie on her
anniversary. The very
pretty "Kuchies" are
more than welcome
and I thank you
just loads.

We are having the
most wonderful
weather, it is hard
to realize the holidays

are so near. The Playa is again looking beautiful and soon the homes will be decorated like last winter which we enjoyed seeing.

I am planning to spend Christmas with you all and do hope every one will be well so we can have a fine family reunion.

This is the hardest season for me, as I am really at sea regarding presents. No doubt every one will be disappointed when they unwrap the gifts.

Suppose you are having your usual happy time with your N. Y. friends. Are you still playing canasta? We are there.

and Bill will spend
Christmas else where.

Bill is very happily
married. They live
at present in Omaha.

Well, dear, I must leave
you. Thank you again
for your thought of me.
I do hope we can have
a good time talking
as usual when I see
you.

Kisses of love
Aunt Laura

one of the artists.

Expect Mary and
children had a
fine visit over Thanks-
giving. Your mother
and fifteen women
have dinner with
them. I went over
to Watsons. We had
a lovely meal and
fun playing bridge
later. Most every
Sunday afternoon we

met at 3 o'clock and start a game. Stop for a dinner either at home or out some place, then back to play the rest of the evening.

It makes ~~me~~^{it} very pleasant for me, as I am always alone at the house, Ella + Frank leave at noon.

I had dinner with the McPhersons last evening. They inquired about you and ~~said~~^{said} to remember them to you. Dr was in a bad auto accident this summer and is still having trouble with his back, though he expects to spend some time at his office. Mrs. Hagler sold her home and will have to be out by the 15th so she

July 19-1949

Lines
from

Laura

Dear Ratsie:

You have been on my mind for some time but I guess the heat has been to blame for my wits left me when I thought of letter writing. From all I hear - the heat was not confined to Missouri for New York and the middle west was even hotter than K.C. I came to Muscatine on the 15th then let Frank go back for two weeks so he and Ella might arrange to take time off without leaving the house without some care.

Edith has been feeling pretty punk, in fact, she only weighs 107 lbs. She is having so much trouble with her dentures, cannot eat any thing but soft stuff. I will be here

until the early part of August, then
strike out for Minneapolis and
hope to be with your parents some
of the time. Hope you will come
home while I am in Minnesota.
I think we could have a fine
visit.

In K.C. I played a
lot of Canasta. Of course no game
can take the place of Contract Bridge
but Canasta is a nice change
and we enjoy playing very much.
The fact that it takes quite a while
to finish a game, limits the number
that can be played in an evening.
For that reason I do not believe men
will like the game.

A letter from your Dad, who does
most of the letter writing these days,
informs me that all are enjoying

the lake. They are doing a lot of
^{Lines from Laura} entertaining up there which
brakes the monotony and
brings fun to their friends.
I have not seen Mary or her children
for a long time. I have seen
little Helen or the baby. They leave
before I get there. Well, some time
I suppose I will meet them.

I had quite a surprise the day
before I left K.C. I was called to
the phone, and a voice said, "How
you doing?" It proved to be Jim Davidson.
He has been transferred to K.C. so he
and Betty will be living there soon.
Charles Kuttig and family are in Europe.
There are nine in his party. Two young
friends of the children and a maid
make up the group. Chas. will have
his hands full keeping an eye on
all of them. I believe Margaret will
see the Pope while in Rome.
I hope you are having a fine time

with your friends in N. Y. Then too
you can be entertained by going to
the theater and also hearing good
music. Are you doing much during
this hot weather? Some times it is
difficult to concentrate when the
perspiration is dripping from the
brow.

Have you seen the movie "The Stratton
Story"? I just love it. I like both
Stewart and Allyson so much.

Dear, I must do some sewing. One
of my dresses is too long in front
so here goes for a "fix it."

Oceans of love
Your Aunt Laura



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101 West 57th Street
New York,
N. Y.

Apt. 1206

1314 Mulberry Ave. Muscatine, Iowa.

Year	Population	Population	Population
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2017	127	127	127
2018	128	128	128
2019	129	129	129
2020	130	130	130

July 26-'49

Lines
from

Letter Laura Laisis dear:

Your very welcome

1 came yesterday and I certainly enjoyed reading of your outing to East Hampton. I wonder how you endured the heat. You surely were lucky to have the manager of the Maidstone take such an interest in you. Seldom does this happen.

How lovely Ruth and you have formed such a pleasant friendship.

It means so very much in life to have a friend with whom you can really spend many happy hours.

We all need understanding pals,

but of course that means both do their part in helping to smooth the rough places. We seem to get out of life what we put in.

It is sometimes difficult to make

others see these facts, so in that case selfishness creeps in and clear sailing is marred by clouds and heart-aches.

It makes me sad to learn that your stay at home ended so unfortunately. Unpleasant scenes and actions are hard to bear, and I know all concerned are dreadfully disturbed. You did the right thing in leaving for N. Y. During the absence there will be much thinking and sooner or later these troubles will be ironed out I hope.

I will ^{be} so disappointed if I miss seeing you when I am in Minnesota. By the way, did you continue taking treatments of Dr. Jettis for your back? Just you are greatly relieved. Back ache makes one feel pretty punk all over. Be careful dear about too much sun burn, it can cause much trouble, but, shucks, I guess

you know what to do. I have
Lines from Laura in my head. When I lie
down I become dizzy for
a few minutes, also when I get
up. Went to Dr. Good here to
see if my glasses needed changing
but they are O.K. My blood pressure
is perfect and I am not bilious.
The doctor said to lay off salt
for awhile. As the years come
they bring ailments we never
knew about, I guess I am in
line for some of these pests.

Mrs Titus, my very good friend
here, had seven teeth extracted
yesterday. She has not been
any too well and decided
to have an upper denture. It
may take a little time to grow

accustomed to them but the lowers
are the real trouble makers. Poor
Edith is still having a heck of a time
and because of not being able to
eat normally, she has lost many
pounds. I worry about her, and
may insist she go to Iowa City to
a specialist in that line.

Sure will be glad when Frank
returns. I dislike having to depend
on my friends. Edith takes me
on excursions and is a very good
driver, but the evening dates
are different.

Guess it is too warm for cards in
N. Y. but I hope you play some
games of Canasta. Carrie Hayden
and I find the game most
enjoyable. We widows have several

Lives from Laura
Lonesomes for bridge and
from Canasta. Here in Muscatine
there is more time to
rest, so I really miss the
K.C. friends.

Last evening Jacksons + I drove
to Doline and had dinner in
a sort of night club. I never
had such roast beef in my
life. It was delicious. At one
time all forms of gambling
went on but this sort of thing
has been forced out, so now
the bar and food are the
attractions.

I see the picture "Dan Patch"
is showing. This is the one
my friends at the Curtis Hotel
are interested in. I am

anxious to see it. Mr. Frank took a big risk in making this movie, put all his funds in it. It seems to be going over very well so he may get his money out and much more.

This is a very hot day, I am in my bed-room with the cooler on otherwise I would not be able to write or do any thing else. Must stop now and go on with some work I started.

Loads of love dear,
Your Aunt Laura.

I hope to hear your friend Ruth any time, am sure she is very good.



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1314 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine Iowa

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Oct. 15-'49



Dear Lottie:

Hardly seems that two weeks ago tomorrow we spent the day together in Minneapolis. It was such a nice little visit we had but too short.

Seems the old saying is quite true, "small packages often contain most valuable things" and so it is with our meetings. Well, I expect you are quite settled and having a good time, and that these few days are passing much too rapidly.

Mrs. Bylie said she enjoyed our game so much and that you surely knew the game canasta. She is



just learning and likes it so much. Muscatine is having a fling at it and really it is funny to hear beginners say. "Well, why do you love to love fifty or more as the case may be". I tell them. "It is the rule". often feel like saying "Oh! why not play bridge!"

Cliff Musser plays a good game and enjoys it. He seldom makes a mistake. I am going up to the house with the Westhates this evening. Margaret phoned to Cora and said "Be sure to pick up Laura"

Before I left K.C. I told Mary C. and Al to take the piano to their home. It is Mary Catherine's and she ought

to love it now that Bill is beginning to appreciate music. So the other day the piano was moved and my living room will look rather empty. One can always rent one for awhile when necessary, and it was only an expense for me for I never used it.

I let Frank go to K.C. to help get the house cleaned and I think he was a little homesick any-way. Ella writes that both are working hard to have the place ready for me.

I suppose you hear quite often from Ruth. She surely must appreciate the snap you took of her. Really it is a beauty. Please remember to send me the ones I picked.

Must hasten to get this in
the mail. Write when you
can. Have fun with your
family.

Roads of love
Aunt Laura





Miss Laura Jane Messer.
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls,
Maine

Air Mail

Mrs. E. C. Davidson

1509 "A" South 4th St.

Monroe, La.

Hi my darling Doodle Bug.

Many thanks Honey for those beautiful hand kisses and also White Collar Gov. I have truly enjoyed it and so have Betty and Jim. They got such a kick out of it.

We had such a happy Christmas and Christmas after dinner went over to Drew's and from there to Betty's mother's for supper. As we were more than ready for bed and all the time the children were so good. They are all adorable and Drew's three have grown so. And its little Jimmy that is the Champ now, in blowing bubbles, laughs out loud at his hands and feet. Bats them about as tho he were an old hand at such stunts. He's got the blacked tees. Look at him and he laughs. He's such a good little baby. Vicky gets prether

All the time and lives her dolls.
The boys are on the go all the
time. Drew & Veronica are fine
or should say were fine till the
intestinal bug knocked them for
loop. Jim had it and then Betty
Jimmy & I are still O.K. but
certainly making the rounds.
I'm so sorry that Mother had to
get sick but am thankful she
is better and hope the rest of
you don't catch any of the bugs.
I'm sorry I won't see you this
trip. Money but will have that
much more to catch up with, won't we.
Thanks again for your gifts and a
heartful of love - affectionately, Alice





VIA AIR MAIL

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Air Mail

Mrs. E. C. Davidson.
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Little Falls, Minn.



Dec. 10th

Lotsee darling.

I guess by now you
are settled in your new diggings
and thankful the moving is over. Its
a hectic job any place or any time.
We are now buried under snow.
Mother and I got back from Minneapolis

Tuesday about 5 P.M. and it started with a bang and going strong again today. Went out and did some shopping for Daddy this afternoon, and wasn't at all sure I'd stay on my two feet. In a fact, a couple of times I thought I'd joined the ballet dancers. Little on the awful side to say the least.

I'm so sorry Doodlebug that I won't get to see you at Christmas for am going down to Monrovia to be with Betty and Jim and my newest grand child. Will be leaving the 19th. Helped Mother get her Christmas things wrapped and mailed and did the shopping for Daddy today. He's been swamped with work and dental appointments this week didn't help matters, for him.

Little Jimmy has been quite sick but is getting better, for which I'm thankful. He looks like such a darling and am so anxious to see him. Alas Vicky, Drewie and Edward.

Mother is busy writing Christmas cards.

And gee whizz, what a list she has.
Did mine the other day so its done
Auntie Ida seems to be so much
better these days And tells me many
times how much she did so
enjoy your visit with them.
A very interesting box came from
New York today, must be yours but
won't peek till Christmas morning.
Daddy still beats the socks off me
in Double Dummy And also Mother
but she collects in good old solitaire
much to his disgust.
You'll hear from me again Darling
Our Gladys the things reached you ok.
Have a happy time And a heartful
of love
Affectionately Alice
1509 "A" South 4th St. Monroe, La.

Have fun at the lake this summer, and don't let the children touch my things in the cabinet in mother's room or else where - Thank you so much!



With much love always,
- Laura Jane -

July 6, 1949

Dearest Alice;

I've thought about you so often - and Oh, how I miss our dress making socials. I wonder if the heat has gotten you down as much as it has me. We have had week after week of hot weather, and yesterday we had a few drops of moisture, but the hot breath continues. Each night I sleep in the nude, practically, and wake up drenched to the skin in perspiration. Save for three excursions to the beach, I don't have much energy for anything else. I've been having a good deal of trouble with my left leg, and fallen arches in both my feet (meta-tarsal). Helma told me about an excellent foot doctor that has been treating them in the same way Dr. Yettel treats my back - They feel better, and my knee is improving some what.

It's grand being back in Madame Giannini's apartment. She left for Europe on June 15 via the "Queen Elizabeth". I saw her off. She was accompanied by her secretary, Mrs. Lederer. Her husband is remaining in the city, because he has quite a flourishing practice as Christian Science Practitioner. The "Queen Elizabeth" is certainly a beautiful boat. She had a quite comfortable state room on "A" deck. The boat is so big one could almost get lost on it. The English stewards are very strict about letting people on board who are not travelling. I guess they let me on board because they thought I was a passenger. I didn't realize how difficult it was to get on board, until I saw Mr. Giannini

and his wife who had come to the boat also, to say "good-bye" - They weren't permitted through the lines - so I had to bring Madame G. over to the line to say "good-bye" - I had a letter from her the other day saying that the crossing was very rough, and the food atrocious! This going to give concerts in Europe this summer - many of them in England -

Melma and Mr. Groth left June 19th for Lake Louise, Canada - I've had two cards & a letter from her - I was given charge of forwarding their mail. So far they have not given me a forwarding address - This is the first time Mr. Groth has been west of the Ohio River - They expect to be back the first part of August. Their route was through the South which Melma wrote was unbearably hot, and she was glad to leave it. The last card I had from her was from New Mexico -

I've seen quite a bit of Ruth Robert - She has been in the Lamorne Opera Co.'s production of Meyer's "The Man On The Moon" - The Co. is now giving "Hansel & Gretel & Ruyter's "Down In The Valley" which I like very much. Ruth has parts in both of them, and is still an excitable and fascinating witch - also her interpretation of this last caused the critics to hail her as the "most lovable witch of 1949." Really, I wish you could see her. Her sense of humor is wonderful. Melma will have to look to her heels - Ruth spent Sunday evening with me and we rode around in the park in a horse & carriage to cool off. It was dark, but there was a moon, and many people about so we felt reasonably safe - The park is beautiful at night. Before Ruth came, I had to give a tea, and take charge of the making at Christian Endeavor. I made 32 sandwiches and in addition served tea, pickles, olives, and cookies plus a fruit cup! Everyone said it was the best tea of the year.

By the way when the painters come, will you please see that my books in the book case & on the window seat, and the victrola records are not touched! If they have to be moved, make a complete list of the titles of the books & records, so that no books are lost, and put them and the records in a safe place so that the records will not get broken. Some of them will be impossible to replace - the same with the books.



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And had hoped she would be. How Come,
Wed.

Got my self side tracked so didn't finish
this. Excuse Please?

Got my self royally beaten last night at
double dummy, much to Daddy's delight, for
I'd won two games after dinner. In between
plays we'd trot out to the front porch to take
a squint at the moon and its doings. Made
Mother sit and read aloud for a while and then
we all tumbled into bed.

It turned cold during the night and then
after noon a light rain. It's so gray and
gloomy and so hope its decent for the
week end.

The violets are poking up thru the ground
also the tulips and ere long will have
blown. They should be real pretty by the
time you get home, if we don't get buried
under snow again.

Well darling must get back to work and have
a happy Easter and heaps of love to you -
Affectionately Alice.

Darling Doodle Bug.

This was to have been in
your Easter Card, but like a
dumb bunny I didn't put it in.
Yep. Need the doodle examined.

It's hot as the dickens today
with a strong north wind that
is like a blast from a hot furnace.

Am so glad to hear the treatments
are helping you and do hope
before long you'll feel 100%.

Wish you were going to
be here come Sunday, but it won't
be long before you'll be home. Doot.
And we will have some gab fests
How's about it.

From the notice of the opera's to be given
in Minneapolis, Lippy won't be in there.