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Sunday. Had dinner with Mrs. and Mrs. Love, and found that Dr. Love was at our College Prom. Feb. 22, 1904, and he remembered seeing me, which was most unusual. We also know Freniere's brother, Plot Jerome, who was at Hamilton College there when he was. A strange world!

Sidney Gamble whom I mentioned in connection with our Mrs. Holyoke picnic preached the sermon on Sunday. He is a young Y.M.C.A. man, and a splendid fellow—not a bit proud of his wealth and standing. I liked him immensely. He preached against allowing oneself to have prejudiced opinions—opinions founded on hearsay and careless judgments.

Two of our Swatow girls (Chinese) who are now attending Yenching
Came down to visit the nurse and me on Sunday. Had her buy food and prepare it in the Swatow fashion and they were delighted to han it.

So the time flies and I am as happy as can be except if anything goes wrong with the children. They are sometimes disobedient, or noisy at bedtime, but I think that they are pretty good children on the whole. I am anxious to hear what Aunt Eve has to say about them.

I hope to hear before long that she has found some folks coming here direct, and I almost hope by way of Japan and Korea because she would see so much more. I suppose the trip is a little more
difficult that way, however. I hope she won't lose her courage and yet I don't want to cause her any hardship.

I write that he will handle the housing problem, and that I need not worry about it.

Now Sharen scarcely mentioned some letters with all their interesting news. I was delighted to hear Dad's re-election and hope he won't work too hard. By the way, did he remember to get out that dozen tea spoons (of Katie's) that I left for Carol and John?

Sufference -
Lumps of Mor. 

Lottie.
Hope George jr. did not have measles, and that he is much better now.

Thank you Marion for nice letter of March 19.

Yes, surely has big strawberries.

[Signature] Carol's

T[stamp]
Dear George,

Mother writes that you have been working at drawing; that is good! I hope that you will find what you want, and can do it well. Remember that you need more training all the time, too - and keep improving yourself in your own line of work as well as in other ways.

I am sorry not to get home to talk with you - but it seems best for me to stay here, this time. Try not to let mother work too hard, won't you. Don't let her go out in the cold to feed the hens, and carry pails etc. You see to it for her.
George, if you don't get work right away, would you consider putting down a hardwood wood floor in the dining room? Sitting room?

What would be the best wood? How much would it cost, ordered through Home for wood, express, carting, etc. Will you estimate and send figures to me?

Will you find out if paper could be put on the dining room walls?

If you get time will you make a stencil for a pattern for the pictures and I'll make them when I come home?

I guess I am asking too many
things.

Do help mamma with flour beds and such things the won’t you?

I want flowers all around the white house, the barn and the other frame at back.

What did you do with your fox? I am awfully glad that you got him.

Do you find enough to keep you busy? Don’t go to the old moving pictures too much will you. They don’t have such fine
things as *A Tale of Two Cities* all the time.

Don't plain loafer just now. Nothing else.

Can you ever read *Les Misérables*? If you haven't, please do read it, for it is most remarkable.

Awfully interesting!

Much love to all. Don't forget to see you.

Lottie.
Dear George,

Your letter came to me late in the morning— but two Chiney boys were coming to me for instructions and I did not get a chance to read it until this afternoon, when I read it in great comfort and with many laughs. You guessed it would be Aim you know—and it was!

Thank you for the clipping about Hazel. It made them laugh too! Fine for that you ran inside work in Gloucester.

Have you been skating this winter? I wish I knew people say next summer—it comes to me with a shock—"This will be the second summer, and I shall not be home! It is an awfully queer feeling! But you can all suppose that I am possessing a charming room, where we can go and keep cool all the time.

It is a great blessing for Cefu being inland is a little warmer than Bakchick they say. It is cool enough just now, thank you. I have a fire in the store everyday, and in the grates in the evening.

Now I have doctored the fire a little. I am dressed with warm underclothing, my heavy blue serge dress, but I feel the little wood sherd that Jennie gave me in addition. It is a blessing! Delia's given one beam for when I have company. Alternate between a sweater and the little wool albancee jacket that Etta gave me in need days. Everything is so much warmer than thick cotton things.

I am so anxious to hear about brother entertaining the club. Thank you, Trotter and Father for good letters.

Oh, I ought to tell you that Ellinor surprised me yesterday by framing Father's picture and it does look as well in our bedroom. The frame was a narrow brown one, but it has blacked it with Chinese ink and it looks very well indeed. I do like the picture so much.

That's certainly strange news about Mr. Bryant, but I have sympathy for poor lonely people and am glad for them.
I wish I had left some of my books home for you, Mother. I didn't know that you were going to have a club. Lamb's Tales are interesting. Did you read the essay on "Roast Pig"? Didn't I loan a "Merchant of Venice" with Boris?  

Do tell me, Father, how your hand Betsey got her two husbands.  

Carol says I am so grateful. I think that secret of my little five things has the Chinese odor very faint instead; they have a delicious delicate odor that pleases my palate.  

Thank you, Papa, for the fish. It arrived this week. The halibut was in perfect condition thanks to the cool weather, but the salt in the cod fish had absorbed a good deal of moisture which leaked off. The tin can brand made it smell so that I was afraid it was no good. When I opened it, I found the halibut perfect and the cod fish good except for some brown and some pink color it absorbed from its wrapping. I guess I shall be unable to have the cod fish alone. Hope David and I can attempt any in the order I gave him.  

I don't know, even of the strong smell of the fish seemed good to me! It reminded me of Gloucester wharves.  

I had just bought a great big piece (at least the size, not inches square) and it looks so pretty with flames coming up all around it.
July 27

Thank you, Carol dear, for letter. I am waiting to hear when the Hildreths arrive. They may start Sat., and they may start July 3. staying only three or four days. The plans as we last heard was July 4-8. I wish it were earlier for I am anxious to get John and Alice to Cape Ann. I may be able to learn directly after the Hildreths go. Here I am spending all my time telling...
You had plans when I meant to write that I had planned to write some letters all the evening, but Mr. Lang came to call. He quietly fascinates the children with story and song, and so I let them stay up until 10:60 p.m. My whole evening has gone, and I can only send love.

Sottie.
Dear Carol,

I am wondering whether the doctor has diagnosed Ruth's tumor or not, and how she is. I have just written Russ, and I find it very hard to express in paper what the doctor said. You must have found it so very hard to write to me as you did. Thank you, dear.

You know that he gave me no encouragement. But as I told Marion, I can't get over the feeling that Ruth will fool the doctors yet. It seems as if she must.
Dr. Miller thinks that the bitter breathing, wheezing etc., give us only false hope.

He fears the tumor is growing and that she will have a bad sore when it breaks or he lances it.

He does not think she will suffer any more than she has previously— which is a comforting thought.

He seemed puzzled to know what to do next: whether to continue treatment or stop it— whether to continue at Deaconess, or go to some other hospital, or what.

I told him that Ms. Parks wanted her to stay at home, unless she herself asked to go to a hospital.
and he said that that could be arranged.

Mother will come at any time that has no confidence in herself for bathing or rubbing. Also, of course, she does not know how serious the situation is at present. (She had better stay at home.)

Perhaps mother could stay at Marion's a little and so free her to be there.

Polly now has a job at $.50 at store at 911, a week to last until next January. That makes it a little harder for Marion to get away.

Mother will invite Ev. to come here for a week or so, but does not know whether he will enjoy it or not.
Much love Carol
So glad I have letter
Lattis
Rockport, Sept. 26-

Dear Lottie,

It has occurred to me that it is somebody's birthday tomorrow. And she will be twenty-six! Will she not? I can not realize it is so long since Uncle Geo. left Rockport. And came to Walpole. Almost time before your arrival—my family seemed to increase all of a sudden.
Did 't not, Marion 1880. Chin Della about a year after the Uncle Geo. and when you were in long dresses we moved here. Upstairs first in the homestead, then down. And 'our dear' attic and Geo. came to see them. And he was in long dresses when we moved here. And you remember most of this. Do you not? Well, we have been most bingly best. Have me out. I hope you will have a most blessed
day—I do hope Elise will get to see you. The H.
cupper was a great sue
cold - $5.6 - cleaned. I st-
$1.82 broth of veg estables -
"Ruth Laredo & I went -
$3.8. for supper tickets -
It is almost dark
per is ready. I so went on
this walk this P.M. John with the
Harris boy - went - glimming off-
Miss Manning. Spoke to
John's progress. I don't think he
has had a talk with Mr. B. yet.
Much love. Bye &ackers
clock el's to keep in your room
5:30 till 6: Mollie Coddles.
all the rage. Here. Carol Lende
Dear Dr,

I wish you a happy
happy birthday — and all good
luck as usual. Russell says
I should just now — just as
I time for a collec who
is so my attention that could
will let him call as long
she keeps his horse took
me driving 2 hours — day before
yesterday — is rather hard
at the swiftest horse
I have been over — a fine
horse from Kentucky —

with you all happiness your — R.
Rockport
Mass
Feb 20.

Dear Lottie,

Mama received the letter that Maria sent yesterday.

Did Ruth or Mama tell you that I was getting a order to get a carriage? You have to get 48 and I have got 39.
I'm going out this morning and try to finish it. Isabelle Sherburn was up here with Margaret Allen yesterday. Did Mama or Ruth tell you that Ruth and I went to Albert Seaman's party, and one of the candles burnt way down and got a little decoration a fire and all most set the house a fire, and the first thing Ruth said was my hat my hat. Mama has got your waist all most done. Have you got studs to wear with it.
Lots of love
Carol
Dear Mr. [Name],

I will tell you what I got on my report card. The first time for reading, I got B and the second time, I got C. And the first time for language, the second A, and
and in arithmetic the first time I got Band second time got A and I don't not the what same test? now I got don't you think that was a good card. John.
Dear Lottie: Sunday night.

I am tired tonight and haven't done a thing all day. I walked up town, down to Jack's house (he was in church) around Normal, around the campus and home, gee I am beginning to hate this town. You know I got mad now not mad, but I just thought I wouldn't go with Lena anymore and I haven't, sense last Sunday when I had the dirtiest walk and good time with her. It's just an impulse I didn't want to get to going with her. The way I did last summer, it took too much money. And I know I would if I started for nobody could help but like her she is so much fun. So today I hardly know what to do with myself. This afternoon I went way down to Cornves and went to sleep under the pines tonight walked around and home at eight or so I am beginning to hate life. I was thinking tonight what I have done. At 14 I went fishing and working around Willis farm. 15 Carpenetering and on the ice team. 16 Work 7 months in cream mill. 17 3 months in medicine shop and a few weeks in a shoe factory, I have tried a few kinds of work but not found anything.
like well enough to stick too for long. Now I know a lot of fellows that have taken or are taking the Automobile course in the Y.M.C.A. in Boston. The price is $30.00 but they are more slow and teach you better, they furnish a real auto to try on and guarantee you a license and I think a job at 20 or 25, perhaps 30 a week. I would like to take that course. Aunt Cele lent Geo. 75. to take practically unless course, he has paid her back but not got a job from his course. Now if she could lend me the 30.00 or perhaps 40 or 50 (counting board or car fares home) and I took that course I would study with all my might and they put me into a position at 20 or 25 a week I could soon pay her back. By gosh! That is just the kind of work I want. This working in doors standing on your sore feet 10 hours a day isn't any fun. I tell you, me only 17 years and other fellows in school and delaying afternoons. What do you think of that course? I didn't mean to kick about my having to work. Rather than go to school any day Answer Love John.