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Dear Mannie:

Your postcard came last night and I suppose the mail must be on its way. When I think of you—busy with new house, with Richard— with your own work—and making a whole meal for me—it makes me feel like an idiot. It seems as if I ought to write two or three college songs—get A’s in everything—but “poor me,” I can’t write a college song to save my life—

I suppose that since you are so near to the church you can go all the time! Clara and I decided not to this morning as after I had studied Nehemiah all that I wanted to, we took paper and pencil and went out from front the air soft and cool!—and don’t you just go down to the wharf this moonlight night! and let yourself hang over and watch the ocean!!!

It must be grand!

Well Clara and I walked down to the bank that flows from the upper lake and saw a flock sitting on her nest and then
in mind that way up Prospect Hill and had come to write letter. It was very
still and the sun went in so that the
wind seemed cool and I came home
about 11:00.

Lucy made the ferniess from last night
very unceremoniously — no one stopping at one
of the girls' rooms and she ran all around for
drinks except tying up her shooes. She said
something about it as she started to tie them
up and Lucy said — 'Not that we want
you to do them up — but they look so
untidy.' — Wasn't that good? P. Freeman

noticed it.

Jane Elder has invited Clara or me to
supper to-morrow. & Friday night I
needed stockings for 16c. — Who'd ever think
it possible!

I have had my physical exam and
altho' I haven't grown any taller than
improved in almost every thing else.
That gained 9 lbs. in weight.
My chest is higher; it's girth is greater.
My arms are larger, and all my strength test are better.

Capacity of lungs 230 - isn't that good?

Class has also improved in everything.

About a collar for the waist. I think that
I will have a plain one and just a piece
of illusion at the front or back. I can
make it surely, if you will send material
I don't want you to do another thing.

Is your chair pretty? We all hunted
all over the catalogue before Hattie could decide
think me to take and she was so pleased about
it. She's a treasure. In fact you all are.
How could mamma have such a family!!! $68.68.

Hers Ethel Finney.

Kiss Richard for me. Wish I could see
you all to-day.

Hope you admire my new writing
paper. I have decided to renumber on
this letter.

Buckley & Co.

I haven't written mamma
so if you'll write to her in turn on if time is
only I'd be happy - 122.
Dear Marion,

Aunt Ale is sending you $5, and I am sending you $10.00 for you to get your coat and you take the truck ride. However you may prefer to meet Little Charlton and come down with him after Xmas rather than take the cold ride.

I shall expect him Dec. 27 or 28 or 30.

Now this $10 was to have been the Xmas present for the family and I was going to buy -

\[ \begin{align*}
& 2 \text{ mercerized } \text{ tell cloths } 2 \times 2 \text{ at } 1.98 \\
& 1 \text{ aluminium kettle } \text{ at } 1.85 \\
& 1 \text{ other pan or double boiler } \\
\end{align*} \]

Now if Tom will either get the money for your coat you use the $10. to buy those things please. If I see he, I would clean it from bank run, in order to keep my word.

If Tom cannot keep his promise, you use this money for the coat, and I will write Tom and ask him if he will not make it good by buying the Xmas presents.

I want to write a long letter, but have no time. It is awfully good to get home. Baby has been very good. Aunt Ale has of course been invaluable. Baby sleeps most of the time - has not whined any night.

Please give the boys my love. I wish they
could have been him. I know how they wanted to. Their turn will come.

The auto on Mon was only 3.00 for everything!

Thank you so very much for all you did.

Tell the kiddies their Christmas present is partly in that 10.00 - I believe Dick is meant for something wanting. Better not mention it.

Mum stop with love,
Lottie

A very many times to you all everyone. Wish you could all be here, but I suppose it is absolutely impossible. I am very grateful for my visit with you.

Hope I'm bringing you your 5 cent meat you had that needs extra kneading.
Dear Marion, I certainly did appreciate your full long letter. You do much better than I about letters writing!

Now—before I go any further, let me get rid of this idea that dies working in my brain. Esther and I want to add our bit to these heavy hospital expenses, and so I am enclosing a check for $15 that I have been wondering if it could not make a more permanent investment. This is my proposition. Let me send you another $5 worth of drawn work, and you have it on hand to show to callers and friends to sell all profits to go to you. That $5 or to bring at least $10.00 is which you could return to me for more! etc.

Now my reasons:
1. It is the easiest way in the world to make money. I know by experience. (Not thinking)
2. The drawn work is something of interest
3. Someone is wild about and the demand increases rather than decreases.
4. People come to you for it, and you do not have to seek them after the first.
5. I can give you small things suitable for xmas and birthday presents.
6. You are really doing a favor to people by giving them an opportunity to get hold of such things.

Friends tell other friends about it.

Keep a little note book in which you record all receipts of drawn lace; prices, duty, treated & description; also orders. Count on six months to fill orders.

I am afraid the idea—save enough out of this first file to pay the duty on the second, I think.

Many people have made lots of money-lace to raise building by sale of drawn work. As a starter I am going to send you a set of tatting—no duty. Then you can write me...
whether you disapprove the idea or not,

From time to time I may enclose a small piece in a letter and you may care to do - if you do not care to sell them you can have for my further directions. I asked you to tell me at your leisure.

This will enable you to sell at 1/6 a yard. Is that about right for price? It is what we would charge you here. If you find great difficulty in selling at that price - you could make it 15 - or even 14 if pressed to it. There is 6 3/4 yards here.

It will be easier if you keep a little box and count half of each purchase made yours - and half to be set aside to return to me at a future date & ainsi avance.

I can order this insertion for baby dresses. 1.00 for 12 yards. It is crocheted.

The tatting such as I send is 1.60 for 12 yards. It is nice for habits, baby clothes, medallions, summer dresses, and neck finery.

I don't think the pieces will ever be more bother than it is worth. Do you know Beethoven's Sonata Opus 7? I like it so much mostly because I can read through part of it. I guess.

Now the sonatas, so don't bother about those few you mentioned.

So you glad you can sing at church. I am sure it is a joy to all. Wish I could hear you right now. I was playing those Heart Songs the other evening.

The ship just landed that the "Lucania" has been torpedoed! Don't it terrify!

I am so glad to hear some details and thoroughly approve of insurance method. Now here it has been done by. I am sure I have not helped as much as I might have.
I am glad you can be systematic in payments. It must be a comfort to know that big bills are not increasing.

I think it would be too much work for you to plan a concert - with advertising, tickets, etc. I know by experience how much it means!!

I think my dream work will prove the easiest and most profitable way of getting a little money - although not as pleasant as a concert or singing lesson. You try it and see??

Thank you much for Xmas lists, for birthday ages. I am so glad to see it.

Lotti.

I see that many's birthday has just passed - Best love to her.

Can't John's birthday be Nov. 7?

For again

Feeling heaps better all able now - can eat practically everything now - and can write and read a little. On a month or so we go to Hills - but no hot weather yet. Don't that great!
Dear Minnie, Ruth. Please return me.

Thank you for sparing time from your busy days to write me. Eugene letters me.
Dear, and so was Polly's, and I was glad to see the songs.

You and Aunt Cell not to combine on letters and postage this three letters from 24th 20 in 2 days, sum 15. could have come together for 11. No need of wasting you see. Excuse me for mentioning.

How I did appreciate your letter. It told me of just the things I wanted to know. I was mighty glad to send my letter last week. I wanted to write you separately too, but could not get around to it. Perhaps there will be some things you wish to write me. Of course, glad to hear I feel thankful to have so many competent doctors from whom to get information.

I feel much as you do about hold on spiritual things. There is so much power in the gaining, and I have gained so little. I am so glad that your health continues fairly well. Try not to worry and try to get
and, do you sleep with head out of window now?

Isn't it good of Mr. Dyer to help you with insurance? He is a treasure. Did you write him to thank him?

I hope and hope for a transformation in Tom. I know it takes faith beyond reason, but being so far away I can have a little better faith.

I have plenty of paper napkins and plenty of linen ones. You should not have been a part of duty on them. Did they get them all right. I am going to protest at Washington if they did not. Please tell Aunt Cell to let me know. Did the little cushion get to her too?

Did package arrive in good condition?

I have an alcohol stove, and the chafing dish. I think it does not need any more as we take a little charcoal stove when we want to make tea on a walk.

I will let you know if there is any chance I should send one.

We have no magnifying glass at present but could best get that from Dr. W. X.
Jack so perfectly.

Thank you for the word or two about financial matters. I do not mean to "butlin" but I am extremely interested and especially as I was a little "butlin" - in planning the scheme. So it may mean more to feed and clothe family with economy - or can't you tell me about old debts?

So glad you can sing so much and are on nominating com. Thank you for songs. Wish I could have heard. So glad Dad could visit you too.

Heaps & heaps of love

Lottie
Dearest Marion,

Did you find a North-Easter in Boston? And did it pour there the way it did here? I hope not, but I fear. If you get wet, and cold, I shall not easily forgive myself. We miss you already.

We went to Hanover after doing a few errands, and the look of joy on Mary Whitney's face when we came in, was pay enough for the journey to see her. She is very much alone in the world. She may be operated on to-morrow.

We made two other calls, getting home before 5:30 to get supper.

Mother was O.K.
I do hope you didn’t suffer from not being able to get word to the folks that you were coming. I know that you will write us all about it.

E and I have been to C. E. at Royaltown (mine present). I

Now we shall count the days until you can come back to us. Much much love and oh so many thanks for the hundreds of stitches and dishes washed etc. etc. So much love to Carol and the boys when you see them.

Lottie

I forgot these after all of everything. If here take you aren’t working too hard.

Best Love III
Marvin dear, you should not write me when you have so much to do. I know you have had too much work on the shirts, and I fear that the check was far too small. Left it with Aunt Cece and I trust she has given it to you before now.

Was there enough cloth? Thank you for mailing it so early. Now I feel sure that it will come on to-morrow's mail.

How are you feeling? There are several Missy's children here waiting on table, and they make me think of Polly. One girl, Rutte Bart, from West Africa can illustrate African bird songs. I have not heard her, but the children have, and they say that it is great.

I am glad you have the little jobs; if you won't bend over and work too hard and get too little rest! Do get out into the sun some and relax. I'd far rather pay you what you might earn on a couple of those jobs to have you go out that number of hours. Don't make fussy things. I am so slow! I shall have to learn to work faster in everything.

Hope your foot will not suffer if you have to orbit the Rockport trip. Too bad about the cars. Many, many thanks, very much.

Cora Lottie.
Dear Marion,

Thank you for your kind letter.

Does Hattie seem all well?
Does she get tired easily?
Are the cats making her gage at things? I'm so glad she's better.

Mom, don't tell me to look out for myself, but you be careful. Your letter sounds as if you were tired to death and not out walking and smiling and laughing and eating and growing strong.

Fare, could see Richardson?
Send me your manuscript.

Love, Lotte
Friday night.

Sister Mamie:

Your letter was lovely and I'm going to write a little bit to you now in John's letter. I am having a very lovely time. I go to bed early by ten and don't get up till 7:30. We get through a delightful breakfast of fruit, bread, meat, baked potatoes, toast, coffee and griddle cakes about nine, take the baby out at about eleven and then come in to an equally delicious dinner. One afternoon we went to the H. C. O. 12th anniversary entertain and lunch. I met about ten or twenty people some of whom had graduated college. This fancy was pleasant. I then made two collars for Etta and me for myself which she gave me and I have also refitted my white shirt vest which shrunk badly in back.
I am trying to catch up my correspondence here too. I shall stay till Monday as I lose my reading lessons.

Clara is a dear and Ralph is nice, but the English boys are not so nice as the baby boys. I hope to be with them this winter. The three are as happy as little children.

Mamie dear, shall I order a room for you and Tom for Commencement? I hope you can come, but if you can't as I should have done it if you can't, as I should have done it if you can't. I had to be here once, but really the weather is quite different and I do hope that you can come and see it then.

Kiss Richard for me. Give my love to Tom.

Hope that you'll have nice Sundays.

Yours,

[Signature]
dearest Marion - I have meant to write you each day. And each day I have not - the Thursday after you went in spent the day in Chico. It was a beautiful day. The country all around was bright and oh - it was so good to see the home scenery again. Aunt Grace was very nice. Uncle Howard had improved a great deal and he and Ellison talked a long while.

We called on Miriam Waters (Titcomb) M.H.C.'05 - in the P.M. and saw her little baby - Eleanor. This is the child - I think - She has a beautiful HOME.
On Wednesday or Tuesday—I have forgotten which—we walked to Algernon
Cove, seeing Mrs. Hale at Mrs. Allens'.
She said that baby was lovely. We
went to Halibut Point and the
sky and sea were wonderful in
coloring. We went to Sherburne's
Tuesday evening and then to
match meeting for awhile but
returned home to “finish up.”

I washed my pongee dress and
pressed my blue waist and both
came out beautifully. We started for
Boston Sat. N. M. 9.12. and I bought
a silk dress for spring at mark down
in Stearns. I got several other little things.

We wanted to go to theater but decided
that next week might get assurance
On Wednesday, I left home at 2:36 and found Aunt Abe pretty miserable and shell-stiff suffering from Thanksgiving Headache. Everything was lovely, and we enjoyed it immensely. Aunt Abe had Dr. Warren. She had a substitute to care for Miss Curtis, who was quite ill too. Miss Kane was quite ill too, and we didn't go out at all except to take a little walk to get the Sunday and a short but delightful sleigh ride on Monday P.M.

I left Tuesday meeting Miss Kenny in Boston. I feel as if I had had a month's vacation—and I'm really ready for work.

I am so glad we could be together.
a little while. I hope home folks will
send your letter about baby for I
don't heard a word about him.
Now good night with love.
I have two lessons to
get. Please send bill for my
two books as soon as possible.
love to all Lottie

And Ever.
Dear Mamie:

Enclosed find check for $1.63 which I have been meaning to send for a long time. I just come—

money in bank t.—day and ran the cutest, dearest little farm job and check farm—\ I just love— to Joel with it.

I spent yesterday with Jennie— Mary and Charles

Best love and Mrs. and Mr. D.
Melvin called.
I played tennis this AM.
and then studied some.
and written five fin.
letters.
Sam nicely rested
now. Thinkin' going along
will.
Rotten in haste, you
ou-- but I must tell you
that I was so glad to
see you and baby in Boston.
I couldn't have had you
come for the week if I
Dear Marion,

I am sending back Papa's letter and poetry. Aren't they fine!

How are you? I wish I were near you so that I could drop in and see you awhile. I have been sitting with Miss Phenister all the evening studying some and reading some from Irving (Salse?) and Don Quixote. That is the funniest book I have ever seen. It is absurdly funny. Have you read any of it?

Miss Phenister had planned to go to Albany to see Bernhardt— but was ill and couldn't.
Tell Pa to send on the home piano to you. There will be nobody to use it, if Clutsa does not come home till June till summer time. 

The 10.30. Thursday is so good night for now.

Tues. P.M.

David Potter has just come and so I do not want to keep this until you will get that and as I am busy I will send It just there.

Yours ever, with much love

Richard Tom and your dear self

S.R.