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April 21, 1930

Dearest Marion,

We are sending back your daughter to you, with great reluctance on our part, and great joy for yours.

She has had two of the girls with her this evening and the Lower Cabot teachers made a special trip here to say good-by to her. Mrs. LeBaron gave her a special out-door supper last evening - and little Alan is quite heart-broken, and declares he is going with her.

sleep, but she will avoid part of the tedium
even tho she may not sleep
of the trip. She is quite
much, she will be resting. She is quite
elated to think of a night on the train.
Polly

Ellicott is leaving early to-morrow A.M. Polly
had dreaded getting up so early, declaring that
she has left her old winter coat, I think she bore it
she will never wear it again. I'll send me parcel after
only once while here. Wonderful!
P.S. and that is about all. I guess.
Considering all the parcels you sent her! She
didn't use the union suits. I feel as if you
have misled them, and would have used them.

I can't thank you enough
for these three months with
Polly. She is such a dear and
has been such a help to me!
Mrs. Let Baron, too, doesn't know
what she is going to do without
her.

Phil Hodgdon's sister, Edith H,
who works at the Salmagundi
in Boston, is returning to
Boston from here by night
train ^{to-night} they offered to take
Polly along in the car to
Montpelier (and then she would
have company all the way to
Boston). So it seemed too good
a chance to turn down, and
Polly is starting with her to-night
provided she can tuck her trunk
into the Ford coupe, in addition to
herself. She won't get much

Our pageant went off fairly
well, altho there were some snags.
The costumes and lighting were very
good indeed..

The ^{girls} sat in the balcony-

Now very much love to you all, and
many many thanks -

Lottie.

Save to Cabot.
read again. July 27. '30

Dear Ones, We were delighted to hear from you, and also later to know that John had arrived, altho it is awfully tantalizing to me not to see him and Gladys and the boys!

We are not planning to reach Massachusetts before Tuesday, as Ellison can be in the state only thirty days without getting a Massachusetts license. It is rather annoying! We have written Charlotte suggesting that we run over to Farmington on Monday, stop at tourist's over night, and come on to Rockport on Tuesday. So don't look for us till you see us, perhaps about 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 29.

We thought we were to have a quiet week here, but everyone has been so

lovely that we have had a gay time
so far. We wrote you of Sunday.

On Wednesday we went to East
Calais (Alice, E. and I, and
we took Judith Haines along
with us) to have dinner with
Mr. and Mrs. Swinell whose
son, Ralph, is to sail for Cairo
Egypt in August. They are going
to see ^{the Passion Play at} Oberammergau, too.

It happens that the young wife
lived with Alice Patillo of Gloucester
^{in an apartment} in Boston for several years, and
she knew and loved Gloucester.

Mrs. Swinell, the older, is very
musical. She served us a very
nice dinner of salmon with rich egg
sauce, delicious string beans swimming
in milk and butter, broiled fete, new-
baked potatoes, jolly, iced tea, biscuit,

ice cream, raspberries, cake, cookies.
We had a nice talk and arranged
for the young man to come here with
moving pictures of his university at
Cairo on August 3.

Yesterday we were invited to take
supper with Mrs. Harvey, an old
lady who is here just for summer.
She is much interested in
the church, and gave me ten
dollars. I especially wanted
to have five dollars for George
Hill, the fellow who plays the
musical saw, and who has
played for us several times, and
so I was very happy. He is
going to play this Sunday night,
and I will accompany on
the autoharp, when a Japanese
preacher who lives at Peacham
is coming here to speak to the

young people. I will go to Peabody
to preach for him.

This afternoon my S. S. class is
giving a little get-together or party
for us - this P.M. To-morrow we
hope for time to clean and pack.

I hope you haven't noticed
too much about John & I.
I don't think that John and Gladys
would bring the children if there
were any danger to others.

Lucile writes that Polly is with
her this week. That is nice.

I hope Marion will have some
let-up and chance for vacation.

How much love to you all
See you soon D. S.

Lottie.
Your best love
I thought that would
be - Love for
you best love

Much I had forgotten.

Cabot, Vt.
Oct. 1, 1930.

Dearest Marion,

You surely should not try to do anything for me - but since you did, what could be nicer than that very clever duster! And the fragrant bath-salts from Polly may be superfluous (?) but I confess I enjoy them! Ann don't let her spend any more on me either Xmas or birthday, please, for I feel that she ought to use every penny toward her expenses which are heavy, I know.

You must think me very slow in writing. My birthday was rather busy. I bro't 3 1/2 bushels of corn on Thursday, and I guess he the 't I'd can it all ☺. But he had cut kernels off of nearly a bushel when I had time to look the matter up, and found that he we must blanch it. So

we canned only 3 jars, and I feel pretty sure that that will not keep. I had no more jars available as I had used all extras for my half bushel of tomatoes! The kernels from the first bushel we used for 3 good corn chowders and corn fritters - and ^{used} almost of it that way. He gave away 1 bushel, and ate the rest on the cob!

In the afternoon he helped me straighten out the trunk room so that there was more room for the children to have a play house. It was warm, and after that and before Junior Choir practice, we went in bathing, probably the last river bath of the season. It was great, too! We made two calls, too.

Did you see the lovely rug mother made for me? I prize it very dearly! I am anxious to hear whether Carl is renting or buying, and what her address is. She sent me this lovely paper.

To-day we bro't the piano back

into the sitting room!
I wrote of the lovely trip to Smuggler's Notch on Saturday.

Mother is sending us a barrel of apples, which we shall greatly appreciate, as apples are scarce up here this year.

Since you went, I have had several quiet evenings when I could read or write, and I always enjoy them so much.

Sunday was very full. On Monday we cleaned the cellar way, and made it as neat as possible - Then I read some in the evening and wrote 2 business letters. If I hadn't read, I should have acknowledged my gifts that ev'!!!

Tuesday I cleaned up stairs and worked into the P.M. Had a caller, and Bertha laid here for supper. Gentleman's St. at the Club -
Wed - I mopped bath room and cleaned down stairs ^{except} ^{meeting} ⁱⁿ ^{ward.}

Send your love to the boys & girls

Then to-day, we have had Relief Corps
and a Hobbs Social at the church.

So - the days are filled, you know
I am distressed to think that you have
the lameness in your back. Doesn't
it come when you have overdone?

I shall write Polly, but it seems to
take me a long time to get to it, and so
please give her my thanks for ^{only} the bath
salts and tell her I'll send her the pamphlet
soon and bind it. I shall want another
sent to me soon as possible too.

I'll show the letter about joint account
to E. to-morrow A.M. and get him to
write. I should simply answer with
facts ~~facts~~

My straps on my white slip are a constant
reminder of your clever workmanship
and so comfortable! Thank you!

Paves has not written. I do not expect it.
I bought me a can opener.

How is Dick?

Very much love It is 11:05 P.M.
to you and the rest
Lottie.

Sept. 25, 1933 -
410 North St.
East Aurora, N. Y.

Dear Hildreth,

The enclosed letters came from the Babers yesterday. I was truly sorry that they didn't feel like making the rest of the trip up here when they were so near. The weather was glorious that day as it is today. It makes me wild to get off into the woods. My husband starts on his annual hunting trip to the

at home, the operator said.
My sister lives at Diamond
Point on the west shore of the
lake. Her name is Mrs. Ed
Streever. If you are ever around
there run up to see her. She
lives on the side of a mountain
overlooking the lake. Maybe
I could persuade her to drive
to Cabot sometimes. Vermont
seems so near when she
sees the Green Mountains &
even the White on a clear day
from her window.

Our gardens have been

Adirondacks on Oct. 14 61
I have been with him two
years but since Mark has
been in school I haven't gone.
In a few years we expect
to take him.

Mark & I were at my sister's
home on Lake George for a
week in July. We try to visit
her every summer. I don't
know why it never dawned
on me before to talk with
you on the phone when
I'm there but I tried it
this time & you were not

glorious - both vegetable &
flower - just now we have
borders & beds brilliant with
asters.

Mark was up on Sunday &
we gave him a two wheeled bike.
He learned how to go in a few
minutes for his scooter had
taught him how to balance. So
every waking minute when he is
not eating he rides that bike.
He is in second grad this year.
They do grow so fast!

Wish I could see you all
sometimes -

Loveingly,
Marion -

MRS. E. STORY HELORENS
SOUTH SOCIETY
VERMONT

September 30, 1937.

Dear Carol,

Thank you so much for cards which helped me to visualize your travels! How nice that you could stay until Tuesday and go to New York with Glad and Ethel Packard Cook. How ban of God to drive in to Grand Central!

I shall probably hear more to-morrow or next day. You must have been dreadfully tired, and how you ever found time to get things for me and send them, let alone pay for them @ on such a trip, I cannot see. The dress is very pretty, and looks nice on me. It fits O.K. except that I think it would improve it to take in the side seams a wee bit.

Thank you and Scot very very much.

You probably saw my letter to Marion telling of the day, the gift, etc., etc. It was a lovely birthday, and I feel terribly old in years, altho not so much in feelings.

Such a mixed up day as we had last Monday.
A man came to clean the chimney and ^{helped} stove
in the morning - and another man
came in the afternoon to clean the
living room stove -

A woman came ^{in AM} to talk over buying
vegetables - and in the evening, a
man came to talk over buying new
S.S. looks - He stayed the entire
evening!!

Alice - we went away Tuesday and
returned Wednesday - in time for
church supper and sewing meeting in
Royalton.

Alice wants to have her tonsils out, but
hasn't succeeded in seeing the doctor yet.

Just callers this P.M. - and choir rehearsal
this eve! So the time goes - but I
wanted to thank you for the lovely dress
even tho I couldn't write much.
Must be and thank
later!

Oct 13. 1937

MRS. E. STORY HALEWORTH
SOUTH BAYLTON
VERMONT

Dear John,, we think the snap
shots are lovely. and we
are so glad to see them.
While E and I were out
this evening, Marjorie &
Mother were here at
home. When we came,
they said that we had
had a caller who left
us a box of candy.

I didn't believe, but sure
enuf it was Dr. Folsom,
our church treasurer
who left a box of Wildruth's
molasses biscuits for us.

Pretty nice!

E is waiting to take this
to the train. Sorry my blotter
made such a mess of the other
page. Much love to all
L.

Dear Carol,

Dec. 5, '37.

I cannot find the letter that tells about the money I should pay for electricity, and the box of clothing and box of shoes. Hope I can remember some of what you said.

I do not remember leaving a box of shoes. Was it shoes you had given me to give away, or were they our shoes? About clothing, there is a chance to give away at this time of year, but not so much of a chance as in Cabot. I should be glad to have the things if it is not too much bother to send.

I will send a check for electricity, wait \$2. + or \$3. + - I'll enclose a check. and I am ashamed not to have done it before.

If the electricity is $2+$, count
on 1.00 toward flowers for Betty
Polles' mother. If it is $3+$ please
let me know, or if it is more, and
I will make it right.

glad and John have asked us
not to send Xmas presents.

what do you think that means?

Do you suppose that it is O.K. to
send to children, and, of course,
we must send something to John.

Now how shall we big folks do?

if never can bear not to send
anything, but I wonder, if we
big folks except mother and John
would be happier not to send or
receive. Please tell me something

very definite that all are willing to
live up to. and I'll abide by it -

Don't plan to send us anything. Even
John and Alice receive plenty from
the Holyoke folks and cousins and
they are big enough to cut it out.

That would save you time and effort - no box fees. -
Love to all

Gloucester, Mass.
December 5, '37

Dear Lottie, Mother + all, -

It's Sunday

evening and my happy week-end is drawing to a close. To appreciate ones home, the best way is to be kept away from it for a while. The kids have to laugh at Inga and I when we get our arms around each other Friday nights. From Monday morning to Friday evening isn't such an awful long while to them but it seems like months to Inga and I. And home seems like heaven compared to that little two by four hall bedroom in Boston.

Inga showed me what you sent in Mother's letter. You went and did it after I told you not to. That is too much! Gosh Lottie why should you

I don't deserve any such a present as that. I feel as tho. I should not let you do it. Inga says I would hurt you if I sent it back and advises me to deposit it in the bank for a reserve. Our S.S. has about a $\$$ left on it from what was there in 1929 and it will be a fine feeling to know theres a payment waiting there in case I have to slip up a month on account of a let-up in work. Thank goodness the steady work of these last several weeks have smoothed things for the time being but there is always the bugaboo of a layoff staring you in the face in this darn business. It was awfully foolish to think of signing up for a brand new car the way I did in a reckless moment

2) but perhaps Lane Luck will help bring me through. (Knock wood, Georgia)

Bob had his birthday, the eighteenth last Friday - Approaching manhood so fast it almost takes your breath away.

Inga had a fine chance to get a new gas stove such as she has always wanted from one of Florence Mc Lures friends who is moving to N.J. It is one of the new stream lined ivory enameled ones that closes up like a neat cabinet of drawers when not being used. It has the insulated oven heat regulator, drawers for cooking tools pilot light and everything modern. There is scarcely a scratch on it to tell it from a new one and all it cost us was fifteen dollars. del - livered by Geo-

Mrs. Ford. A new one could not be bought for less than \$85.00 I'm sure so you see it was a case of opportunity knocking at our door. Almost everything in this old shack is 2nd hand but we are some proud of our new gas stove.

What a thrill it will be for John to be home again with his family after all these months! I was scolding the kids the other day for not writing to him once in all this time but I am just as bad as they were. I didn't write either.

George had a nice trip to Conway N. H. with Mr. Lovett over last weekend. They were going to cut a lot of wood to have ready when the deep snows come but it rained so hard they didn't get a chance to cut much, which

3) didn't hurt Lj's enjoyment of the trip a little bit.

Mother will be in Rockport for Christmas I suppose. Don't imagine she could be kept away on that day. We will be glad to see her again after all these weeks.

I am going to cast an absentee ballot from Boston tomorrow for our city election. Tues. Dec. 7. When they handed me the envelope they told me it was a summons from the court and scared me breathless I thought I had been drawn to serve on a jury.

It is getting late and I must bathe and get ready to leave early tomorrow morning - Much Love to you all and thanks - you for the present
As ever
Geo + Anna

P.S. Boston, Monday evening
Looks like we're due for a lay-off.
while our job is being plastered.
Isn't that just my luck? and right
at Christmas time. I hope it taint
so - but that's the way it looks right
now.

July 4 - 1938.

Dearest Marion,

Thank you for writing us so promptly. We were so glad to hear and to know that Tom met you. I expect the house seemed rather forlorn when you returned. I was sorry not to have you have a little rest before you returned. As ^{far as} I can see, you worked every minute while you were here. I find my kitchen cabinet cleaned, pantry drawers cleaned, and a thousand and one things done. I wish you could ^{have} rested and slept more! You must come again to see us. I know that it did Alice a world of good.

Mr. Wood came Friday (or was it Saturday?) and cleaned every room except Alice's & John's & the study.

I'll send silk coat.

I can see what a lot of work you did in the garden.

Ray has been around very little since the folks have been here, until today when he was here in P.M. and again in eve. We persuaded the young folks to stay with us and we had music, movies, ice cream, and fireworks. Father and Fanny have invited us to go to White River and have lunch with them, and we may do it, as John wants to see the library at Hanover^{N.H.} and I want to get some music from Norwich.

Alice wore her new dress today. It looked so pretty; you should have made it for yourself.

I have written no letters to Lorettes on trip ^{or of any kind} and shall settle down to write after folks go. Much much love
Lottie

18th Sat. A.M.
Oct 1937

Dear Lottie:

I think I'll write this just to you. seems I'm always bothering you with my problems. But I found you want to know how things are progressing & can help more than anyone else. I hope you don't let them worry you too much.

Last Sun. I weight 14 3/4 at the hospital - hardly weight since as I have been up. John reports very sympathetically to let me go up. He thinks he is helping me. He he said I have been doing nearly as well, mentally & it has shot my temp. up considerably (of course I haven't told him that). But since I returned from it he has been on every visit & almost constantly I tried to get him on other subjects but his eyesight back to what was on his mind & would really work himself up if I pitted it almost angry. Then when it came his mind on walking down with me so I didn't have to open the elevator door. At first I thought

He is getting a very narrow
view point - he says his is natural.
and I think must get that way.
He will be himself very strongly for
my condition - his phobias -
He still be the new way of
be sure in paper health. but
his cards - letters sound very
cheerful as I guess he is happy
with this arrangement - now he
then I am. Dr. said for me I
accept it for the present - not
to mention anything about it -
to visit him & then for getting
an award. He thinks after a
week or two John will modify
it - I hope so. Good, I visit under
stand this - when I came back from
your house, he was so happy -
said he missed me so much -
now he will let me come up.
I thought it was the room who
was shed & understood. ☺

well it is to find around
here today - the boys have you &
the hair with the boy's heart &
two left at 1 P.M. - they plan
return of visit. they want to
let early last night in preparation.

W.
did get over it after a few days
but last Jan I shall see that
I don't go up again until he
changed his mind & thought I
had an appointment with Dr. Coddell
for Feb (that visit) so I decided
to talk it over with him. When I
went last night I was surprised
when he told me his good for me
terms. It seems Dr. C. had a new
one of the new ones for me. so he
stopped & talk with Dr. for a few
mins. Dr. told the Dr. he had made
one stop visiting at hospital etc
Dr. C. told him he was making a
big mistake etc. but it wasn't
long Dr. - and now this you had
with him some day he has
made a mistake by his talk with
the Dr. Dr. asked how how I
liked the present set-up. I
said "I don't like it at all." He
promised me he would take Dr. in
a private room & talk with
him. You see John is so young
convinced that it is reaching a
stage of psychosis. Dr. said he
has been in the hospital so long

I hesitated about Roger going out
he was so disappointed. I'm sure
Jack will look after him - these
are men - big boys looking after
the younger ones in groups they
take good sandwiches in their
pockets & will have to buy money
worth. Roger was a subject to
have a dollar - he said what
shall I bring you mother? I've got
to buy you something! - how shall
I have I left this the way when
she was here last Spring -
I'll have to go this evening for
I'm afraid things forgotten.

This paper is one of my mother's
gifts. The thing she & I only
be grateful - underwear, tank, slippers,
stockings, etc.

Did mother & Alice go to Ady's
to? I know you had a nice trip.
Did she another paper? I just
I'm having two pictures - the
beautiful home this & now the
pretty ones here.

I'm having a colored man, come
over to have a char. dinner!

I'm still visiting you monthly -
sending all the love with con-
sideration. Love to you all.
John

Oct. 22 1939

Dear Glad

In the time of a fire & drum coils, pap.
envelopes of those damn nest are here again -
gets this time hanging away on their trunks

I have ever seen passed by today. I
was writing like this, my other holding
my paper, and I guess it appeared
to him as they gathered round my
bed and examined my the two photo
with lots of Oh's and Ah's. and gifts
2 pkts cig - bag candy, book of paper,
box of Hebrides matches etc

would try another give him all the facts and see
what he says, I only be crazy and guess them
all believe, but I can't see any SENSE
in placing yourself in the way of danger.

Doc Biddle was D.D. today & asked
me to come up to his office when he passed,
We had it out, and finally he said, "Do
you have any confidence in me?" I was si-
lent & he said, "don't you trust me?" and I
said, "Doc. I don't trust any doctor any
more - I should of said 'any of them Doc
here', for that is what I meant - I wish you

Reverend

Oct '37.

Dear Father:

Of course he had to adjust
himself - there is no other way.
Some day I just I just miss
him in his car - go up. But I
figure it - just my mind on
thing else. Every day I hope you
will write - also his cards will
come - please come up. I like you -
after whether I write you just before
or after the the I think it
was after the on second thought.
He told me to take the sleeping
pill while I'm entirely up - I
hadn't been sleeping so very well -
whether that is the reason or that
I'm adjusted better - or a little?
Well - before my leg started to drop
the old leg I had been below
normal for two days. My nerves
are quieted again. I think when
I was my temp. going up before
then it has at any time since
any it arrived me. I have no
trouble for I bring part of a
panties - the I try to adjust it.

When the Dr. told me everything
I said to him I just better. He
wants me to have another day
just for a check-up. I just for it is a
good Dr. & seems interested but you
want me to change. Dr. Cardwell
certainly ought to know his stuff & is
better fitted for chest cases than
any other Dr. I know. I'll see
about part of you's letter & I will
have to write it all over. I'm so
sorry he has taken this attitude
& I'm afraid he will change it.
Since he has been paid, he gets
most of his opinions - I
said soon to reason with him. I
know it is the disease & I will
have to insist & get him. He is
equivocal about Dr. - he says he
would not be in this condition
if Dr. had been had it jotted
down so much. I'm hoping to know
his case - of course he was
getting worse all the time. It
is only natural that he has had
confusion in it.

Must be
Glad.
Please don't worry, will pay them
yet!!