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#117

Mar 17, 1940

Dear Alice & Ellison:

I think I have been almost unforgivably negligent. Please forgive! I must have thought Lattie would pass on my reports to you - forgetting how long it takes for letters to pass around to Florida & back to Vermont! Mather is doing well, Dr E. thinks - He has not been here since Thursday. Perhaps he went down to the Farm - I own the week-end. He does frequently. Mather is still flat on her back of course. I don't know how long the splints must remain. There is no cast - The break being so near the hip prevents that!

Mather is very patient! Her nurse is fine - very faithful & never neglects a thing! Even dolls her up with powder & rouge - & uses pink polish (very faint) on her nails! She had a wonderful birthday in spite of terrible weather which prevented Carol's coming. We have that to look forward to - for Tues or Wed;

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Your letters pleased her a lot!
A card from Eliz Barnes pleased
her. Perhaps you'll mention - if you
happen to think of it! No she said
they were starting for Chicago - this
wk! Hope nothing prevented it.

Mather's room is like a corner
of the Home Show - & you wouldn't
have to pay a dollar to view
it either!

Poses & honey from your folks -
are a delight & nighties from
Glad (x a wool shoulder shawl)

& nighties from Doris & myself -
George got the handsomest
basket of fruit I ever saw.

Wish you were here to get a
picture of it & the flowers.

If I were clever I'd try to find
some one who could.

Dot & I were here Fri nt
& got a bouquet of Spring flowers
& some Straw-berries!! & Carol's Club
sent a big box of Spring Flowers
& a pot of tulips! & Tree but hyacinths

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She had about 3 dozen cards
with the couple dozen "get well quick"
cards, she has as nice a screen
of gayety pinned up on the big
double doors - as you old ask to
see!

I got a friend to frost a birthday
cake & it was a beauty. All blue
& pink - with Easter eggs filling
the center & three Bunnies perched
on top!

We had a chicken dinner
& ice cream & cake to top off with
& that made it a little festive!

Lee & Jay spent Saturday here
& its always joyful where they
are! (Geo & Inga. came at supper
time. I told you before?)

Today our Church sent Mother the
pulpit bouquet! Wasn't that nice!
I forgot to tell you ^{about} the bracelet John
made! Amazing for a one-armed fellow
to achieve so much! Hope you folks

can keep well ⁴ that your dear
Lattie can be restored to you
in good health - & rested:

I fear she didn't ^{get} any rest here,
but she was a great comfort!

Too bad this had to happen to
Mother - but much better here
than if she had been on the way
to Florida - or even in Vermont.

I hope I can keep her here until
she is able to care for herself:

(if she ever does)

Dr Emery thinks the bone is knitting
It seems miraculous to me!

Now I must go to bed - for
Tommy needs his rest.

A new Doctor is to examine
him tomorrow.

We got our second check from Com.
Traveler's middle of the week.

Covered only 3 who - makes 207⁰⁰ to
received so far. A big help! Love to
Mamma

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(I suppose Ted Harris is in winter 2.7?
Do you know Harris?)

NORTH MIAMI
FLORIDA

March 25, '40



Dear John, It's rather
dull for Russ since Mr.
Melius went but he
has rested much more.

You have been very good to write, but
please don't feel that you should
write anything special to me, unless
there is a special message and that
could be put into a letter to Russ. He
lets me read your letters to him,
and that is fine.

A man ^{from Wash DC} is calling on Jennie ^{up} down stairs
and he talked to Russ trying to get
him to pull rag-wood, but Dana
has called him back after five
minutes, and I am glad.

Charlie Benson called late
yesterday P. M. He doesn't seem

to feel very well, and doesn't care much about eating. He worked several days last week, however. He made arrangements to come at 8:00 this morning and to take us to the jam factory - a very interesting place.

We bought some ginger conserve which we had sampled at Ruth Benson's place.

We saw ^{some} women cutting up grape fruit. Others peeled them, packing the peel in bins and putting the fruit aside to be squeezed.

Men were boiling jam or marmalade, in one place, and cleaning out containers in another place. The prettiest room was where they had finished products on exhibition, and baskets arranged for gifts - and single pieces done up in brilliant cellophane.

Yesterday morning Easter, I got up at 5:00 and went with Mrs. Manning to the Beach at Hollywood to see and hear a sunrise service. Our own little

one in the snow at South Royalton, or Cabot was really more impressive, for every one was silent and awed, but here the crowd was so great that many were there who cared for it only as a spectacle, and their talk and laughter and movement took away from the solemnity. The

weather was perfect. A full moon shining in its shy on the trip over, and as the dawn came on the horizon over the ocean we sat and watched it. Having to pull steampuffs over us to keep warm in the ocean wind. We were too far away to hear much that was said, and Mrs. Manning was too chilled to want to stay to hear Rossini's *Stabat Mater* to the end. But it was very beautiful, performed by an orchestra, a large chorus, and

solo voices. Mrs. Manning was hungry and we went to a very large cafeteria in Hollywood where there was a very good breakfast at a very moderate price, and then we came home and went to sleep.

Russ is a very good pal. He helps willingly with dishes, and dry mopping and errands. He is smart and efficient. This morning, my head did not feel very good, and we sat outdoors and played checkers and Chinese Checkers. He always wins in the latter, but I almost always do in the ordinary checkers, and so both of us are interested.

I am ashamed that I have not written Glad more fully. I wanted to speak of our lovely lunch on the train, especially those nut date sponge confections which we enjoyed very much - for many days I think. I must learn the recipe. I send love to all. Hope Glad is getting some. Will she please send this to Mother. Thank

you - Lovingly
Lottie.

My cold is much better.

Card



NORTH MIAMI
FLORIDA

Mar. 27, '40

Dear Glad,

Russ is sending you a picture of himself and Mrs. Melius. He is holding a coconut

on his head and standing by the canal at the back of Jennie's home.

We are having two overcast days, yesterday and to-day, and that makes us a little cooler, not that we have suffered from the heat. We had planned to wash yesterday, and so did, and got the things almost dry before we had to bring them in. I was glad. Jennie insisted on ironing a few of them,

as she had a hot iron.

I have been interested in the cross word puzzles in the Monitor, and have done most of them, altho I never have got them entirely correct. One really needs a dictionary, a good Atlas and a Bible. We have the Bible (without concordance), and a very old fashioned small atlas. Russ said it was very hard to make a cross word puzzle and I never had made one. At breakfast I took some paper and started blithely to make one. It is nearly 10:00 A.M. now, and I hardly have a start on it. It is much more difficult than I thought it would be.

Russ said he didn't go into detail about our supper last evening, but I'll give the menu.
Swiss steak ~~with~~ hot roast ^{or} ham
white mashed potato and gravy
or shepherd's pockets.

carrots and peas
or onions
or turneps
apple sauce
salads
Pies - cakes
rolls.
Coffee
tea

Russ didn't take vegetable or salad and I didn't take salad, but everything was good.

We enjoy our rooms and the radio, and the lovely yard, and the games.

We want to thank you again for the lunch you put up for us on the way down. It was very good.

How are you getting on?

You would have enjoyed the exhibit of flowers and hand work that we saw at the supper.

Peterias, roses, amaryllis,
verbena, cacti - glads, sweet peas.

The handwork consisted of dresses,
quilted slippers, ^{caps} bonnets; a lovely

wooden tray for fruit, metal pictures,
(I don't know how it was done, but the figures
stood out in the base metal - either tin or
copper!) and the background was painted).
Besides these things there were vegetables
and canned products which looked
perfect. There was a knitted bed spread
too, of very fine work.

Ellison writes of driving thro
snow storms. We are very
thankful to be here.

Much love to you all
Lottie.

Dress is an awfully good com-
panion. I should be lonesome
without him.

Dana sends ^{us} lovely roses
almost every day. L.

Dear Mother & Marion: I hope you
are doing nicely - I see the red spots
will not be off this is a wonderful
joke to me from his again: how John has
said. Any word from you has been
it is fine. I thought you'd like to see Florida
I'm better I must love, also.



THIS SIDE OF CANAL IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs E. S. Hildreth
No Miami
Fla

I can't remember
when I wrote you
but want you to know
My truck is as
usual here. Mother
had better night last
nt. Please thank
you for her dear
letter just recd. Fri.
A.M. Beginn Mathers
6th & July 14th
He walked out door
yesterday.
Expect Dot & Gene
today. Dr. Davis
Called nt before last!
I suppose she is clean-
ing house. Wish I
could. Much love to

Tom

April 22, 1940-

Dear Ellison:

I have been meaning
to write you a letter ever since
that wonderful coffee grinder
came from Montgomery Ward!
It is a peach! We are all keen
about it. The coffee seems
so much better, and I hope
we won't drink too much! ^{of it}

It was sure nice of you
to do it and will think of
you every time we use it!

When you come to the lun-
galow I hope you'll be able

To have it transferred out there
 for your vacation time. It
 won't be much work and we
 surely can spare it for those
 few weeks in the summer
 even tho we are keen on it.

I at rec'd your card
 about the picture at Mrs
 Mr. Karpis and will attend
 to it at his earliest conven-
 ience. It won't be any trouble
 at all and he'll be glad to do
 it.

Thank Alice for sending
 my turban. How did that
 other thing from Gray's get

in? It was a mistake wasn't it? I didn't know what it was but just took it for granted it was a mistake so sent it back. Hope you rec'd S.M.

Suffox Lattie is beginning to pack to-day as she'll be leaving day after to-morrow. Don't suffox you are glad at all! Hope she won't arrive in a storm like this. They had no school it was so bad here this P.M. Snow-Suffox you are having plenty of it? Thanks for good letters from you & Alice. So glad you could come. We enjoyed it.

And thank you once more
for the coffee grinder - We're
going to get lots of pleasure
out of it -

Love from all the Sals

Oh, I almost forgot! The
boys liked their watch jobs
very much indeed - And
thank you again for those, too.

Carol -

P.S. I haven't been up to Stordan
since you were here - I have
planned to go several times
but have had to postpone it. I
am planning to go to-morrow
tho. Is Rellie coming to Boston
or is she going to Beacon v H. from there

P.S. I sent the single shot
of Hattie & Russ to Glad & asked
her to send on to you -

Geeeee!





I'm glad
you're feelin'
better!

Blad - Rays -

(over)

Dear Elvira, I get word
so glad to get word
that you are in
now - that you are
doing nicely. Hope you
aren't writing the lines
to much. The weather if
you're in a hospital! I think
you'd better see your
own doctor so you can
now enjoy Cape Cod!
I do hope you get some
pretty views!! ☺
I'll take a walk for
the night in the
see the new place & you
with in God's. Called for
them today - they were
- some nice on the beach -
- very wonderful. Be good
- will - get - ~~some~~ ^{some} good
Love, Glad