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✓ Sunday, I had dinner with Mr. 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. He also knew Irene's brother Rob Jerome who was at Hamilton College ~~there~~ when he was. A strange world!

Sidney Gemble whom I mentioned in connection with our Mrs. Holyoke picnic preached the sermon on Sunday. He ~~was~~ 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 based on hearsay and careless judgments.

✓ Two of our Suatow 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 have it.

So the time flies and I am as happy as can be except if any thing goes wrong with the children. They are sometimes disobedient, or noisy at bed time, but I think that they are pretty good children on the whole. I am anxious to hear what Aunt Celia 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.

Hope she won't lose her courage,
and yet I don't want to cause her
any hardship.

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

Now I have scarcely mentioned
home letters with all their interesting
news. I was delighted to hear of 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 Kettini) - that I left for Carol
and John?

Super time -
Heaps of love,
Lottie.

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

I thank you Marion
for nice letter of
March 19.

Yes. surely has big
persuifs.

Carol's
T. Sprague

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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, tho - 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 cough
herself. You see to it for her.

George, if you don't get work right away, would you consider putting down a hard ~~wood~~ wood floor in the dining ~~room~~ sitting room?

What would be the best wood? How much would it cost, ordered this? For wood, express, carting, oil 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 portraits and I'll make them when I come home?

I guess I am asking too many

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Things.

Do help mamma with flower
beds and such things tho, 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.

I am plain loafing just
now. Nothing else.

Have you ever read
"Le Misérable"? If you
haven't, please do read it, for
it is most remarkable.

Awfully interesting!

Much love to all. Sorry
not to see you.
Lotti.

Dear George,

Your letter came to me late in the morning - but two Chinese boys were coming to me for instructions and I did not get a chance to show them glances at it until afternoon, when I read it in great comfort and with many laughs. You guessed it would be like you know - and it was!

Thank you for the clipping about Hazel. Wish I could have heard her! I'm, too, that you have inside work in Gloucester.

Have you been skating this winter?

When I hear people say "Next summer" - it comes to me with a shock. Why, this will be the second summer, and I shall not be home! It is an awfully queer feeling! But you can all rejoice that we have possession of the Hong Kong again where we can go and keep cool all the time.

It is a great blessing, for Cape being inland is a little warmer than which they say. It is cool enough just now, thank you. We have a fire in the stove everyday, and in the grate in the evening.

Now I have doctored the fire a little. I am dressed with warm underclothing and my heavy blue serge dress, but I hope the little wool shawl that Annie gave me in addition. It is a blessing! Dallas gives me a fan for when I feel warm. Alternates between a sweater and the little wool sleeveless jacket that Ella gave me on such days. Everything here is so much warmer than thick cotton things.

I am so anxious to hear about Mother's entertaining the club. Thank you, Father and Father, for good letters.

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

I am certainly staggered news about Mr. Manning of Major Bryant, but I have sympathy for poor lonely people and am glad for them.

If 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 Beant Pot? Didn't I learn a Merchant of Venice with Carol?

Do tell my Father, how your Aunt Betsey got her two husbands.

Carol dear I am so grateful for that packet Mrs of my little fine things have the Chinese odor now, but instead they have a delicious delicate odor that pleases my nostrils.

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 out of the tin can, and made it squelch as if it was afraid it was no good. But when I opened it, I found the halibut perfect and the codfish good except for dampness and some pink color it absorbed from its wrapping. I guess I shall be unable to have the cod fish sent. Hope David won't attempt any in the order I gave him. ~~My~~ You know how of the strong smell of the fish seemed good to me! It reminded me of Gloucester wharves.

I have just put a great big piece of coal on the fire (about six inches square) and it looks so pretty with flames coming up all around it.

9/27

Thank you, Good dear, for letter. I am waiting to hear when the Hildreths arrive - They may start Sat, and they may start July 2, staying only three or four days. The plan 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 leave directly after the Hildreths go. Here I am spending all my time telling.

your lazy plans - when I meant to write
that I had planned to write some letters
all the evening, but Mr. Lang came
to call. He simply fascinated the
children with story and song and so
I let them stay up until 10:00 P.M. -
my whole evening has gone, and I
can only send love.
Sottie.

Wed. Aug. 20

Dear Carol,

I am wondering ~~whether~~
~~the doctor has learned Ruth's~~
~~target or not, and~~ how she is.
I have just written Russ, and I
find it very hard to express
on paper what the doctor said.
You must have found it as
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 latter breathing, whistling etc., give us only false hopes.

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 Russ 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 but 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 Saturday).

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

Polly now has a job at 5 & 10 store at \$11. a week to last until next January.

That makes it a little harder for Marion to get away -

Mother ~~may~~ 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 of your letter
Lottie

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. a short time before your arrival - my family seemed to increase all of at once.

Did it not; Marion 1850. then
Della. about a year after the
Uncle Geo. and when you
were in long dresses. we moved
here. up stairs first in the
home-stead, then down -
And our dear Hattie and
Geo. came to us there -
And he was in long dresses
when we moved here. And
you remember most of this
So you not; Well we have
been most truly blest;

Here we not; I hope you
will have a most blessed

day - I do hope Elison will
get to see you. The \$4 -

supper was a great suc-
cess - \$5.60 cleared. I got

\$1.82 worth of vegetable ^{from}

Ruth - Carol & I went in
\$38. for supper tickets -

I C - is almost dark - sup-

per is ready. Geo. went on
his ^{usual} walk this P.M. John with the

Harris boy - went glenning after
school. Miss Manning spoke well

of John's progress. I don't think Geo
has had a talk with Mr. B. yet.

Much love - Mary & Barbara

check left to keep in your room
to nibble and St. Mollie Coddles.

all the rage. Rare - Scotland

Am going to write now.

Dear Art - Wish you a happy
Happy birthday - and all good
luck as usual. Ruth kept
it until just now - just as
time for a caller who
is so my attentive that I could
well let him call as long
as he keeps his horse - took
me driving 2 hours - day before
yesterday - is rather tired
of the swiftest horse
I have ever driven - a race
horse from Kentucky a
new one - All with
you all happiness ever - R.

Papa, Constance & I went to the bank to see
that the business was all right.

Rockport
Mass
Feb 20.

Dear Lottie ?

Mamma recieved
the letter that Marion
sent yesterday.

Did Ruth or Mamma
tell you that I was
getting a order to
get a carriage you
have to get 48. ^{thats} ~~thats~~
I have got 39

I am going out this
morning and
try to finish it.
Isabel Sherman
was up here with
Margrett Allen
yesterday. Did
Mama or Ruth
tell you that Ruth
and I went to
Albert Leamans
party, and one
of the candles
~~was~~ burnt way
down and got
a the ~~the~~ decoration
a fire and all
most set the ~~house~~
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

Bar det. 1.

I will tell you what I
on my report Card the first
time for reading I got D and
the second time I got C and the first
I got B and the second A in
Language the second A and

and in arithmetic the first
time I got A and second time
I got A and I don't not the
what same test I now I get
5. A and 2. B. and on 4C.
don't you think that was a
good card. John.

Dear Lotta:— 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, no not mad, but I just thought I wouldn't go with Lena anymore and I haven't, since last Sunday, when I had the sandest 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. I took too much money. And I knew 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 my self. This afternoon I went way down to Carveys 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 Wills farm. 15. Carpentering and on the ice team. 16. work 7 months in Grain Mill. 17. 3 months in machine shop and a few weeks in a shoe factory. I have tried a few kinds of work but not found anything I

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 a practically useless 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 playing afternoons. What do you think of that course. I didn't mean to think about my having to work. Answer Love John.