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Dear Uncle Harry:

As I said in my letter to Aunt Maria several days ago, I am awfully sorry that you were not at home when I was there on my little visit as I had a great deal to talk to you about and letters are not half so satisfactory.

In the first place I know you would like to hear how things are getting on at the house, especially when I can report that, although father has not made a cent for ~~so~~ long, we boys have been able by determined efforts and the larger part of our salaries to prevent things getting behind, that is to any extent; the interest on the mortgage which was due last Feb<sup>r</sup> has not been paid but will be before this month is gone and while it will mean the total emptying of our "sinking fund" it will square us up to date, I tell you all of this because you have always <sup>been</sup> so kind and