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Mr. Hart Gibson Foster

~~372 North Cliff Ave~~
900 Elk Street
~~Tacoma~~
Bellingham Washington

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of the fact that you still owe
me 12 dollars and a fraction
thereof. I wish you'd come across
as I really need it. There's a
reason.

Please give my respects to
Mr. & Mrs. Von Engelkin and to Mr. &
Mrs. Arkell when you write
them.

Fraternally yours
Dick Royce

Chittenden, Vermont ← address.

Chittenden Vt.
Jan 10 1914

Dear Skinny:— much obliged for
the Xmas card. I liked it
nice.

What kind of disorganic
chemistry are you following
now, if any?

I haven't heard directly from
any of the bunch since I
left New Haven, except
Mac Ross. We swap letters
often— every 5 or 6 months.

Just now I'm stalled in
the snow up in Chittenden
about 8 miles out of Rutland

new theatre and they are giving a dance there next Monday night, - on the stage, - for Helen Keene of Washington D.C. who is engaged to Fred Chaffee. I'm going to get there if I can, but 16 miles thru $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet of snow (and it is still snowing) with a dance of uncertain length makes quite a job between sun down and sun-up. If you read of some lumber jack found frozen in a snow bank before long its I.

and while you are on the wire, I want to remind you

and its some snowy lonesome burg. no railroad closer than Rutland.

Malm, the engineer in charge & myself, the valuable assistant are quartered in a drafty little old farm house full of moltoes and crazy quilts.

One of the nicest and most cheerful of the moltoes is this

Prepare to Meet
Thy God!
Where will you spend
ETERNITY?

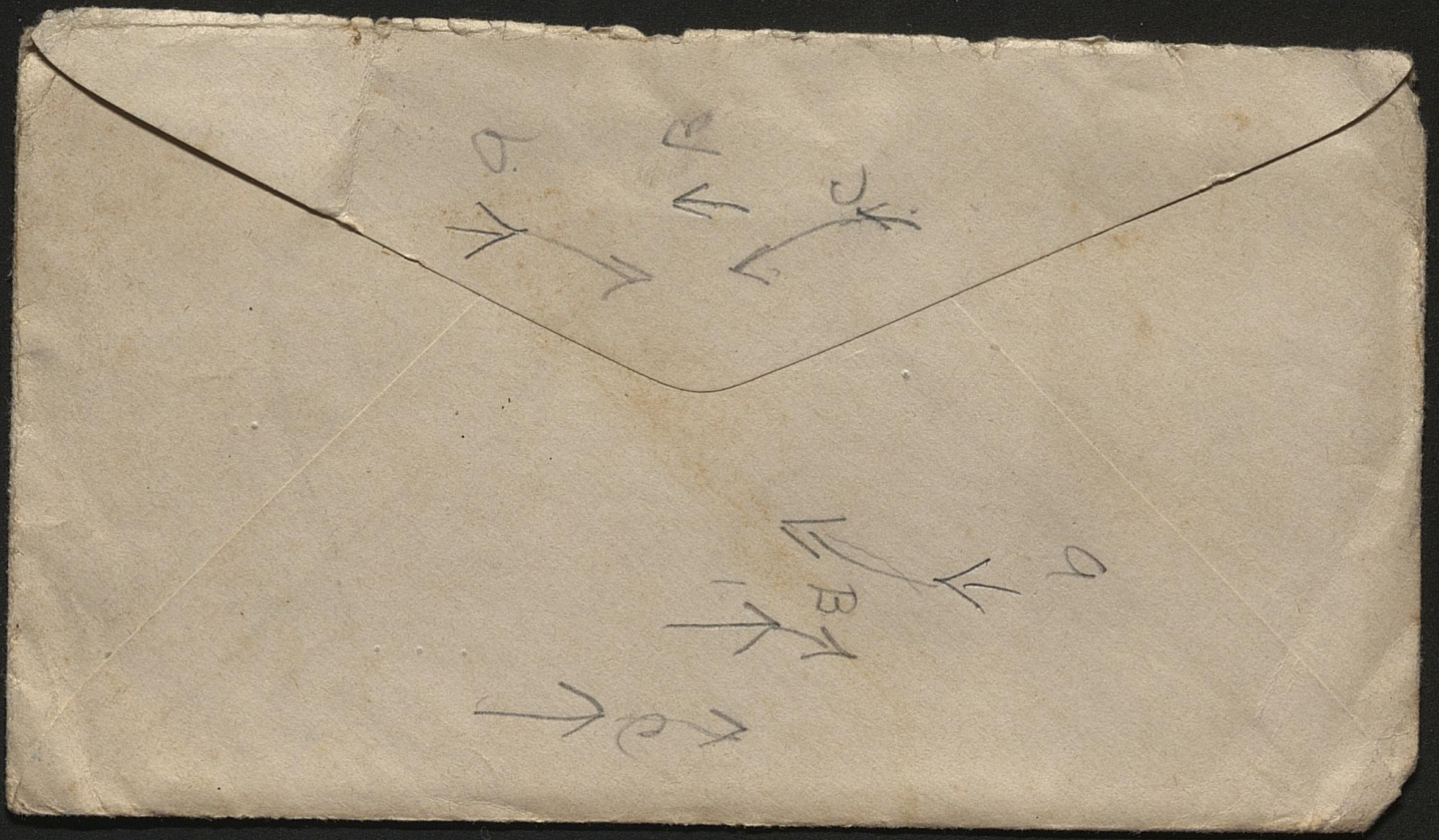
I think I've already spent mine after one weeks stay here.

The chaffees have built a

YORK HALL
96 WALL ST.
NEW HAVEN, CONN.



Mr, Hart Gibson Foster,
Olympic Portland Cement Co.,
Bellingham,
Washington,
U.S.A.



HOWARD C. SYKES.

Standard Oil Company of New York,
Penang,
Straits Settlements,

Dear Skinny,

Your letter of the 5th of January arrived the other day, and mighty glad I was to get it too. Was like a message out of the void. I had so much to do before I left that I did not have time to drop you a line and let you know just where I was going---and now I have changed my residence again. The company is opening up a new field and I have been delegated to do the dirty work. Our main station will be situated at the above place and our various sub-stations will radiate out from here. Of course, you have never even heard of Penang. Therefore, for your information, I might as well state that there are 7,500 Europeans living in this little place---out of a total population of 375,000. Not a very wild piece of the jungle, is it?

Thus far I have been having the time of my young life. The climate is wonderful. It never goes above 86°F in the shade, nor below 79°F. There is always a cool breeze, the air is very invigorating, and taking it all in all it is most satisfactory. Everybody knows everybody else. There are two fine golf courses, a lawn tennis club, a cricket club, as well as numerous other clubs of various sorts. It is like spending the summer at a fashionable summer resort. Your servants cost you next to nothing, indeed we have just ¥ 6 of them for the aggregate sum of \$32.00 (16.48 U.S. Gold) per month. You dont know what you are missing. Have to move out here and join me, old man.

Outside of a postal card bearing the greetings of the season I have not heard from Ben since a week before I left. I think he is in the same position you were. Either that or his "necessary" correspondence with Omaha is too much for him.

Oh, by the way, I have that picture you spoke about and will forward it to you as soon as I can get hold of suitable wrapper. I had forgotten all about it to be perfectly frank. As regards my picture you are thanking me for something I never saw myself. I had them taken before I left home and they were developed after My departure. Since hearing from you about them I have sent an order to New York to have one of them forwarded out here in order that I may see one at any rate. I simply left a list behind me of all the people I wanted to get one if they were all right, and when I reached Europe I got word that they were a complete failure. Your letter was therefore a great surprise in this respect.

Well, old man, keep on writing and let me know how you get along. It is possible that I may plan it in going home for our vacation to pass thru Seattle. If so I shall expect you to come down to meet me, and all that sort of stuff. With the best of everything to you, Hart, the best everything, old man, I am,

Yours,

Howard

Bill

The "family" joins with me
in sending you the best -
whatever the "family" means.
Sounds insulting.
You ought to see my
"Dutch wife"

331 White Hall
N.H. Conn.



Mr. Hart Gibson Foster

The Olympic Portland Cement.

Bellingham

Washington

331 White Hall
New Haven Conn.
March 29, 1914.

DEAR Gibson:-

No doubt you will be surprised to receive a letter from me in type but it is my latest hobby so please don't mind if I ride it will you? Really, Hart, my conscience hurts me for not having answered your letter ages ago, still, you know my speed when it comes to letter writing and besides have a very forgiving nature, as I recollect, here is a good chance for you to prove it.

Well, I suppose that you are a regular old business man by this time and have gotten an entirely new attitude. DO you remember the discussion we had at Savin Rock on that subject last Spring? We have had some rarely interesting arguments in our time, eh what? Especially those we used to tear off up in Bancroft! Please excuse the mistakes I make at this game as I am yet quite an amateur.

College is still sliding along in the same well worn groove and I too have been more or less in a rut since Exmas due partially to a little streak of indifference and perhaps to laziness even. At any rate my work has been the gainer by it as my marks have such as to cause me no worry, a rather unusual epoch in my career heretofore.

We have been all greatly shocked to find that Harry has developed tuberculosis. He was examined in N.Y. by a specialist just after Exmas who told us he had this trouble. Most fortunately it is in the very earliest stages and had made no headway beyond a rundown condition. Harry has been up at Saranac Lake since Jan. and has made wonderful progress so we are all very much relieved. He has gained some 20 odd lbs and is awfully cheerful through it all. Poor ^{mother} of course, has been all up set and worries more than she ought to. The doctors won't let her be up there

except now and then as absolute quiet is a requisit in the cure. How-
we are both going up for a little while at Easter time.

Our prospects this year for an exceptionally good ball team are
fine and all most all the last years team is back. Unfortunately Pum-
pelly has come down with scarlet fever but as it is a light case he
will probably get in for the latter part of the season. Crew also is
in much better shape than for a number of years under the coaching of
Guy Nichols, the new English coach. He is teaching the old Bob Cook
stroke more or less and there is a spirit of confidence throughout
the college that was lacking last year and the one before - not a sus-
picion of favoritism and plenty of hard work for all. There are, at pr
esent, three varsity boats and the rest of the squad divided up into
class crews. WE row 9 and 10 miles every day, if not more, and as some
one said, the men will either be in wonderful condition by June or
very stale, most probably the latter. (hell, the former I meant to say
this machine and my mind go off at tangents every now and then!)

I am rowing, as usual, this Spring and so far have managed to stick
at bow on the first Junior boat. How long that will be for only the
Lerd and the coaches know.

Considerable excitement has been caused throughout the Junior
class by the vote which was taken on the resolutions we drew up last
year. Most of the eligibles seemed to think that the movement had
accomplished all that was expected of it i.e. a better choice fo men.
However, when the vote came to be taken it was found that a certain
element in the class had not come to such a favorable conclusion
and all voted "no". As a 2/3 magority was necessary to attain a vote
of "yes", the power was in the hands of the descending 1/3 or more,
and as the situation now stands, every one who signed the petition
will be unable to receive elections. Frankly and confidentially

speaking the entire matter may be summed up as follows: a body of men in the class who have slight if any chance to do any thing, realizing the power which is in their hands have decided to play what might be aptly called the "dog in the manger" act. Now that the vote has been taken, and with the result as above stated, everybody is awaiting developments. What will happen no one knows but just between you and me there are some people who are pretty nervous. Please consider this as confidential, at least for the present. Needless to add, my chances are not so prosperous as to warrant any sleepless nights!

Well Hart, this letter has stretched itself out a great deal more than was at first intended, I hope it hasn't bored you and that you will be charitable towards the numerous mis-prints. Write to me when the spirit moves and give me all the dope. Please give my best to all and believe me,

Always, your ex. roommate and friend,

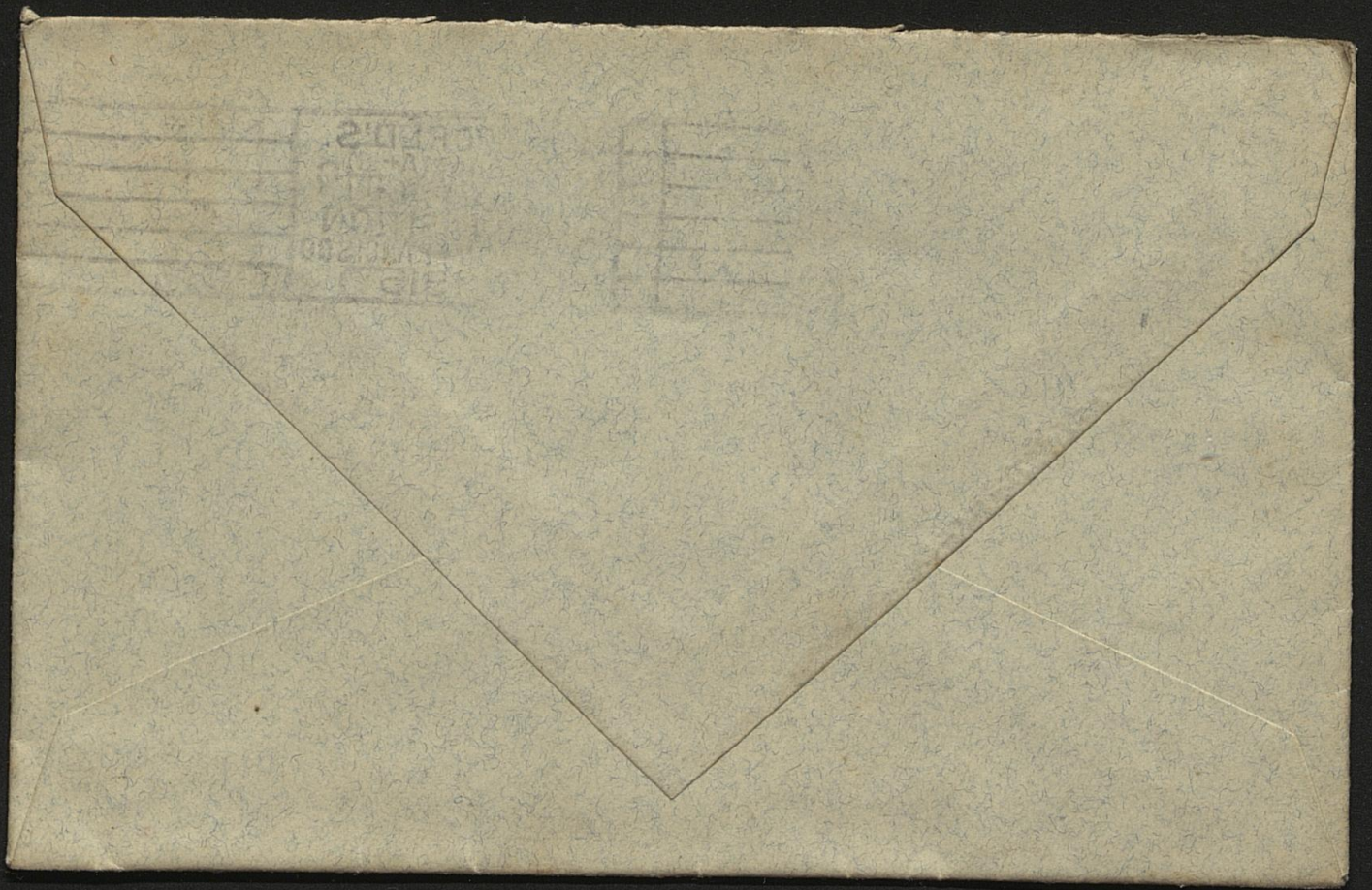
Hennington T. Moore



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Mr. Hart Gibson Foster
c/o The Olympic Portland Cement Co. Limited
Bellingham
Washington



Sunday

14 Tacoma Avenue South,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

My dear Gibson -
It was such a disappointment not to see you last Sunday afternoon. That is the second time that I have missed you and it is just twice too often. For several days I have been intending to write and ask if you could

Come down here next Saturday,
May the second. There is to
be a dinner and dance at the
country club that evening and
we would like to have you
dine with us out there and
spend the night at our cottage.
I am trying to get up a small
party and think we could have
some fun.

It has been rather quiet here
lately but I seem to keep
busy. The dinner-dance at the
hotel Friday evening was very
nice although there wasn't
a large crowd.

Hoping that you will be able
to come on Saturday.

Yours sincerely
Agnes

April 26th 1914

Standard Oil Company of New York
Penang.



Mr. Hart Gibson Foster
* 900 Elk Street,
Bellingham,
Washington,
U.S.A.

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"SOCONY"

Penang

14th May, 1914.

SUBJECT.

Mr. Hart Gibson Foster,
Bellingham,
Washington.

Dear Hart:-

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 13th of April which came to hand to-day contents of which have been noted.

In my last "epistle" from Ben he told me that he expected to drop in on you at Bellingham before returning to Butte. You must write me and let me know what kind of a time you had. Did you celebrate the occasion in true Chi Phi style, or has your spirit been "touched with grey hairs".

Last week I received the announcement that Jim Tod is the proud father of a "mite" which he and his wife have seen fit to call "Rae Antoinette". Personally I think that they might at least spell the kid's name correctly. His chances of obtaining the class boy are sadly on the wain. Cheer up, Jack Stewart is rapidly getting into line I hear.

I haven't much time to myself these days, old man. Therefore I am afraid I shall have to bring this to a sudden stop. With the best of regards to any of the boys you may happen to meet, I am,

The "always younger",

Yours
Howard

*These native
stereographs are
always doing things
like this.*

After 5 days, return to

B. P. Hamwood
#304 Craigie Hall
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.



Mr. Hart G. Foster,
#312 N. Cliff Ave.,
Tacoma, Washington.

#304 Craigie Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.,
12/18/14.

Dear Harv:

Guess I've been some time answering that fine long letter of yours but "tempus" sure has been fugiting around here for me lately.

Certainly wish I could have been with you on that cruise around among the islands of the Sound. One of these days will have to plan something like that on a big scale & sort of spread ourselves a bit!!!

Had a mighty good time at N-H notwithstanding "The Great Disaster" - stayed there till dawn. P.M. afterward & saw a good many of the boys we used to know - all of whom asked to be remembered when I wrote. Of our class in the house I saw only J. Darcie - bless his simple soul - & missed Mort all together in some unaccountable way. - Bill Defton is studying medicine in the Harvard Medical School & has been elected Pres. of his class. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Dykes - also Walter & his wife & Ted at the game & they all asked for you, as did Wood & Pauline whom I ran into at the Bowl. Had a long talk with Mrs. Dykes in which she told me a lot I didn't know before. Stan Dueson & I had a little session also - & I had quite a gay time with Overholts, Connell, Goulding, Jerken, Auch & Bill Hughes. Jerken is taking law at Columbia. Saw Trude Wiehe & "Wany" Foote (of Montana fame) both in Yale Law School, also many others whom we didn't know so well.

I'm going to Williamstown to spend Xmas & until the Monday after, with Laura, who by the way sends her best. Then I'm coming back & review all

my work till about Fri or Sat when I expect to go down to see Mom & also make a call in Worcester. If I see Remy I'll give your hellos to him - & of course to Mom.

As wish I could be with you all for the holidays - I don't know anything which I'd like better, but as it's not possible I'll do the next best thing - i.e. be thinking of you all & wishing you much joy.

Dorothy Kellar arrives tomorrow on her way to Maine for the holidays & I'm looking forward to the event with a lot of pleasure. Guess you'll smile a bit when you've read that - stealing a march - am I not or vice versa?

Mr Homer's last letter requests me to send on his best to you - also P. Butler & Bunn have given me a like message for you.

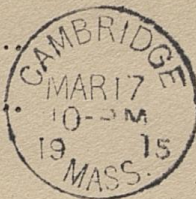
And now that I've told you about all I know I'd better quit after giving you my best (to the 17th power) wishes for a very merry Xmas and a New Year full of luck and happiness for you and each one of the family, who in turn have given me so much happiness this past year.

Yours as always, Hart - in X & and many other things.

Remy

After ⁵.....days, return to

R.P.H.
#304 *The Craigie*
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.



*Mr. Harb G. Foster,
#312 N. Cliff Ave.,
Tacoma,
Washington.*

304 Craigie Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.,

Dear Hart:

March 17, 1915.

Pardon the typing--but you will get more this way than in the other fashion. Your good letter received and I was rather surprised to learn that you were back in Tacoma--don't know why, but I guess because I couldn't see just why anyone would want to leave Calif. till later on in the Spring. Expected to write to you immediately after the Liability exam which came on the 2nd of the month, but I had so much back work to catch up with etc., that here it is up to the present.

Had a wonderful time on my three day visit to Washington. Certainly seemed good to see your mother and Dunster again and also the Gibsons. Well we sat up late at night etc.etc. and had a fine^{time} talking everything over as usual--and during the days we kept on the go from the time we got up till we just couldn't get in any-where any more. Saw a good many of the bldgs. etc of the capitol- the library- the Congress Art Gallery- met three senators (Ollie James, Poindexter, and Lewis of Ill.) and many other notables--went to tea at the New Willard with your mother and saw all the high-brows and others go promenading down # " Peacock Alley " etc.--went to call on a Miss Bruce who is living at the Stratford (I think it was), a very charming but rather intangible little lady, from Kentucky originally I believe--then Sunday I was over in Arlington and also went out to the Beach's home at Rock Creek, Md. where there were three charming daughters and I had the time of my young life, wishing every minute that you and Addison were there so that the odds would be more even. Some girls--all of them--and I enjoyed them and the party immensely. My three days went by so fast and so happily that I didn't really realize that I was there before I was gone. While in N.Y. on the way down I saw Bill Bailey at the Yale club and Fritz Fiske at " Tonight's the Night ". Fritz wanted me to be sure to send you his best.

Went up to see Laura for the week-end of the 6th and 7th-- she too has asked to be remembered.

2.

Expect to do little else but work from now on till June, even during the Easter vacation when I plan to review for the June exams. But after they are all over I intend to cut loose a bit and shall probably go to N.H. for the affairs there. Guess I forgot to tell you that I have joined Battery "A", 1st Battalion Field Artillery, of the Mass. Volunteer Militia. It is run as a club here in Boston and there are certainly a fine bunch of fellows in it. I am out for a driver's job which is really riding, for they are the ones who ride the horses which pull the cannon around. We have regular drills-rough-riding drills-and also a lot of special drills for various things. I am going to take the gunner's exam at the last of the month; also the tests for marksmanship in both rifle and revolver shooting. It is all great sport and I sure do wish you were here and in it. Mort belongs to Troop "B" of the Conn. Cavalry Militia, so if we get into a mess with Mexico within the next 3 years I may see quite a bit of the boy.

Mac Ross was here to call on me one Sunday, but I was out and since then he has not been in town. Haven't seen Mort since Xmas time, but he may be up here one of these days. Nor have I seen Bill Sefton, in fact I have seen him only once, and that was down in N.H. at the game and here he is right here in town--that's the way it goes here in Law School--mighty seldom a fellow goes out except for Sat. nights and then it's a show and home to bed.

Must slow up now Hart and go to dinner and then to work. With best luck to you in all things, and regards to your father, Addison and your Grandparents,

As always, yours in Chi Phi and much else,

Ben.



WORLD'S
PANAMA
EXP
IN SA

Mr. Hart Gibson Foster
312 North Cliff Avenue
Tacoma, Washington



My dear Gibson

How very thoughtful
of you and Addison,

to send me the dainty
little after dinner coffees
and creamer and sugar
just to match my china.

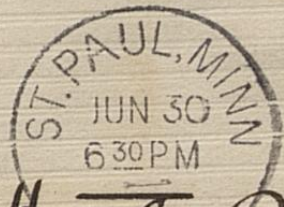
I truly appreciate
your lovely gift and

Thank you both, very,
very much.

Love sincerely,

Ruth Anderson

June the third.



Mrs. Aunt G. Jordan

312 North Cliff Ave

Jacoma

Wash —

I wish you could
have been here for
the wedding - Sleas
Park, Mrs Thornton
and Anne Ward all
came on and were
bridesmaids - and you
can imagine the fun
we had -

Chuck and I have
been spending our
honeymoon out at

Dear Aunt,

You don't know
how delighted I was
when that lovely cake
box arrived - It
certainly was awfully
sweet of you to think
of us and Roger and
I appreciate it more
than I can tell you -

Casco - having a beautiful
time into the whole point
to ourselves! Had we had
to come in Sunday after
three weeks' lagging!

When are you coming East
again Hart? It isn't one bit
nice having you run off here
for good - and I do hope you
will be taking your vacation
in these parts so we may see
you this summer - Eleanor is
going to stay indefinitely so
we could have some good
parties! Remember me to all
your family - I wanted to see
your mother when she was
here so badly - I thank you
so much for the lovely letter
with love and best wishes.
As ever - Helen -



*Mr. Harold G. Foster,
#312 Cliff Ave. North,
Tacoma, Washington.*

Handwritten scribbles or initials.

is, that will break our summer
"get together" record. Well, we'll
make up for lost time when we
can ~~re-une~~^{re-une}: Want to get a crack
at training you to come and
visit me if I can ever get
located & stop my suit-case
existence. Anyway you can
bet there's always a bed for you
at 304 Craigie as long as I'm
in Cambridge so if there's any
hurry business trips to be made
to Boston, be sure you grab the
opportunity to transact it.

I want to thank you &
Addison about the Harvest
Dance - I'm not much on for-

Hotel Maryland
Minneapolis, Aug. 13th.

Dear Kard:

Surely was glad to
find your good letter and a
card from "Foster-Mother" await-
ing me when I arrived from
Leam. Monday. Have delay-
ed writing in hopes of hear-
ing from father definitely
about the trip to the coast
which he had suggested to
me and Dorothy (as a vacation
trip for Dr.) in June and
then given up in July when

be heard of my illness & acquired the mistaken idea that traveling in hot weather might give me some deadly form of debilitate prostration. Now it's most too late to make the trip a feasible or practical proposition, for Doris school begins the 6th or 7th of Sept.

I've written to father about the matter and will have a reply by the 1st of the week - but that is but 3 weeks leeway for Dorothy. Hence even if - as badly as I want to get into the land of friends once more - am beginning to think that it would, in many ways, be a shame to rush Dorothy past the Grand Canyon, the Yosemite - the 3 national parks etc - spending a hurried 3 or 4 days at each fair, a very few days around Puget Sound and then ship back here by Sunday, Sept. 5th; - whereas on the other hand - at some later date - I could give her such a great trip all over that west coast country & even Alaska if she cared to go.

So you see there is scarcely a chance now of our going west & hang

mal "respondy-si-vousies" -
the conventional thing would
not in any way express my
sincere appreciation of your
combined kindness in express-
ing the wish that Dorothy &
I could be with you on that
occasion. Have counted so
long - over since early June -
on being able to take Dorothy
west this summer - & you
may know my uppermost
thought was of having her
meet & know the Foster fam-
ily as I know them - that
it is a big disappointment

to have our plans fall thru. Also
want to thank somebody, or bodys, very
much indeed for sending the "genuine
panama". & I was received in the best
of order (a whole hell of a lot more care-
fully packed than yours truly would
have done it!!!) Somebody certainly bes-
towed a heap of affection on me - &
perchance, a bit of swearing - in the
doing of that job.) I'm sort of sorry
you sent it tho, for now, when I am
asked where I come from I can only
reply "a trunk in Butte & a lock-box in
Minneapolis are the locii of my res-
idence" - whereas for the past year I
could always add "& a Panama (?) in
Tacoma".

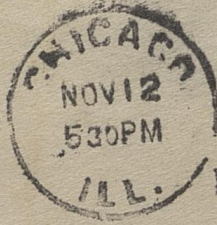
Will drop you a line when I learn
for sure about the rest of my plans for
the summer. With best wishes to you
all in everything - congratulations &
the best of luck for a happy birth-
day and for a big year ahead in
every way - As always,
Sincerely - Ben.

Auditorium Hotel

MICHIGAN BOULEVARD AND CONGRESS STREET

Chicago

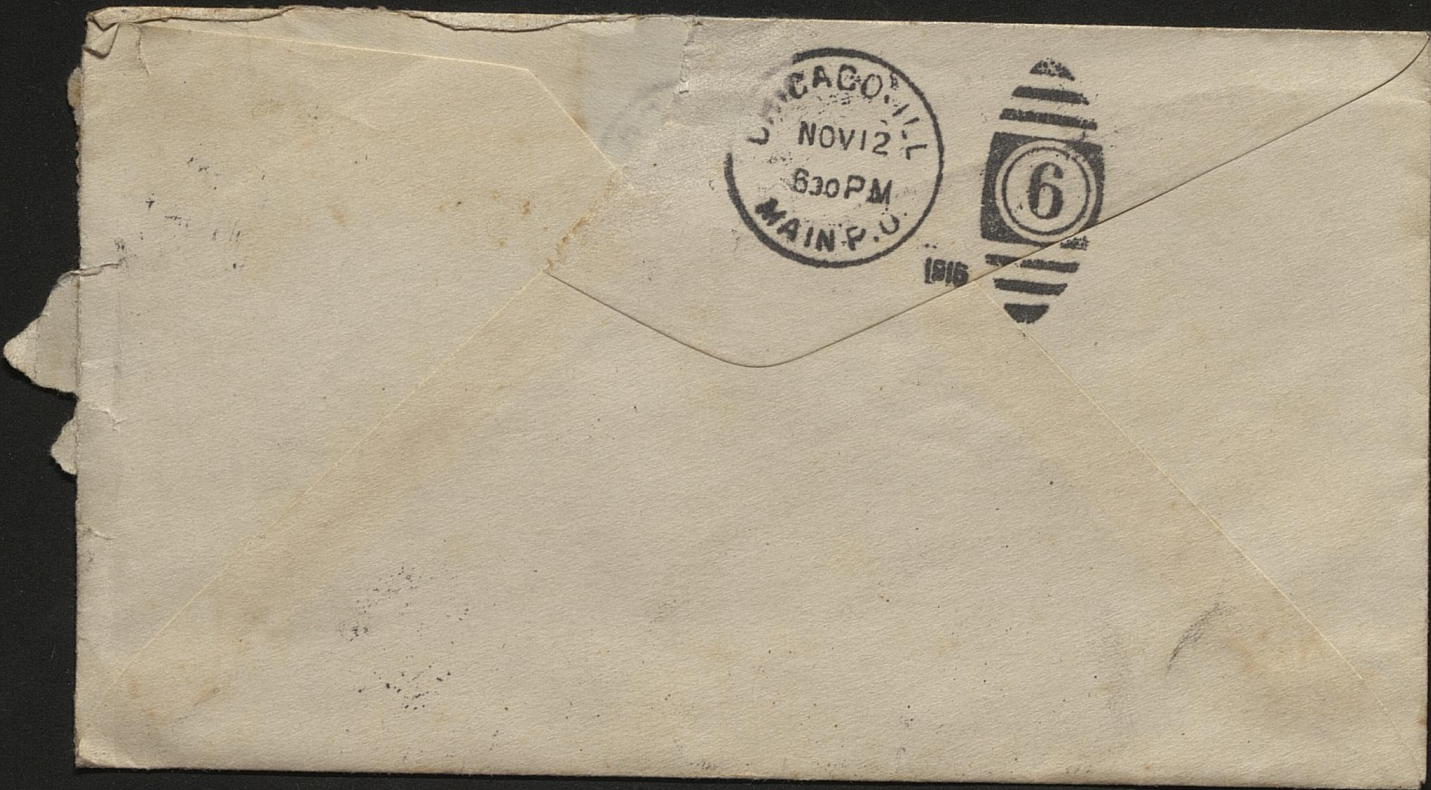
J. J. CALVEY
MANAGER.



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Mr Hart Foster
944 Federal Ave.
City

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1916

my address ↓

CABLE ADDRESS:
"AUDITORIUM."



Auditorium Hotel

MICHIGAN BOULEVARD AND CONGRESS STREET

Chicago

J. J. CALVEY
MANAGER.

1911

Dear Hart

Here I am in Chicago,
but just until Tuesday evening at
six o'clock. Do come and see me
if this note reaches you in time for
you to arrange it, or telephone
anyway because I want you to give
me your mother's address. She
asked me to stop and see her in
St Paul and, altho I am unable to
accept, I want to thank her.
We hope to see you back in Tacoma
very soon. What will our skating
parties be this winter without
"Skinney"?

I must fly to the mail box
with this

Your friend
Elizabeth Harman

No. _____ *Tacoma, Wash* December 18 1915



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H. G. Foster

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in payment for 1915 dues in Alexander Hamilton Chapter

S. A. R

[Handwritten Signature]

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Wart G. Foster Esq
Tacoma, Lock Box #1617
Wash.



Alexander Hamilton Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Taroma, Washington, December 10, 1915

Mr. H. G. Foster,
312 No. Cliff Avenue,
City.

Dear Sir:- Kindly mail me a check for \$1 at your
convenience to cover 1915 dues for Alexander
Hamilton Chapter S. A. R.

Very truly,

Treas. Alexander Hamilton Chap. S.A.R.

Had I forgot to
give Mr Grafton this.
Please give him one
dollar for me. His
Office is on the 5th
floor of the Berlin Bldg
Yours
1915