

It would be necessary for you
to come on to go home with us.
Madeline Laughlin is going home
on the same train with Louise
and me - we have just been
discussing it, and Bob Laughlin
has gone down to make the
reservations this morning for
us. We want to take the
"American" - Pennsylvania Limited
car which leaves North Phila
about 7.40 P. M. on Thursday
and gets into Louisville Friday

August 17th
1928

Hotel Chelsea
ATLANTIC CITY

Dear Ego,

Your letter written Aug.
14th has just come - you didn't
expect of getting my last letter,
mailed on Sunday, Aug. 12th,
enclosing two letters from the
boys, and a postal card picture of
Louise, so I suppose it had not
come.

I think it would be better for Gordon
and Francis to come home with
the other boys and Mr. Kelley.

afternoon, about 3.30, I think.

Louise has gone to the Steeple-
-Chase with a crowd of children
and the father of one of the
children -

I wrote Mother and told
her the news - thought it might
be easier to write it than tell it.
wrote to her yesterday about it.

Grace's children have little
colds, so they are not going
in to-day. I am going up to
their room now.

I hope you wrote and told the
boys to write Mother and Grace
right away and thank them for
the candy.

Affectionately

Mary.

The other boys were all talking
so much about the trip. A letter
from Francis said that he hoped
to win his letter in athletics -
and also to win ~~the~~ a doubles
match in the tennis tournament.
He sounded very optimistic and
happy. They are taking several
two day trips instead of one
long trip in his group.

My four weeks here will be
up on Thursday, Aug. 23rd
and I am planning to leave
then - so when do you plan to
come on to get us.

Mr. Sarah Kelly, the same

Aug. 12th
1928

Dear Ego,

I was awfully glad to
get your letter written on the
seventh, as it seemed a long time
since I had heard from you.

How did you come out with the
Sheep Sale - I hope you were able to
sell them for good prices.

I am enclosing a letter from
Gordon, saying that he was leaving
last Thursday on a week's trip
through the White Mountains - so I
suppose his cold was better and he
hated to be left behind when

young man who took the Louisiana
trips on, is also going to take
them home, so we will let them
come with him. You had
better write and ask them how
much of their money that they
took on with them they have left,
so you will know what to send
them for books, etc. - on the trip
home. They will also have to
pay for their Pullman reservations
too, - won't they? Grace said that
some cold water stuff. - so when
you write to Sam and tell them
to write to her and to Mother
right away and thank them.
Maybe it will do more

good if you tell them.

I am awfully glad that you
joined the Country Club - I was
~~the~~ ^{the} nice to be able to go out
there. Louise is delighted - as
she hopes to use the swimming
pool and the tennis courts a good
deal.

The Rob Mc Kellars are here,
and Louise is enjoying playing
with Lucia - she has also played
with Caroline a good deal.
Yesterday Grace, Edna, Louise
and I spent the afternoon on
the steel pier - taking in Sousa's
band, the Hawaiian divers, the
minstrels and movies all for
50 cents.

When did you move our stuff

P. S. I am enclosing a postal card
picture of Louise - I thought it was
unusually good for a cheap picture.

Edua is still here, but
leaving to night, I think.

M. S. W.

to - Mother wrote me that the
Day Motor Co. was going out of
business. I hope you paid my
Durando Perry and Selman
bills - I will pay you back when
I come home. I had paid
Mary Elizabeth up to yesterday,
so suppose you started paying
her yesterday. Aug. 11th. ^{now} Don't
do anything about the house
'til I get back. It is something
for a life time and we want
to have it just right - even if
it does take a long time to decide.
With love from Louise and myself
and hoping to hear from you soon
(over)
Devotedly Mary.

one - I believe we had better not
have that sleeping porch over our
side porch - so that heavy brick
side porch is very ugly - I think
could either have a sun-room
at the side or a pretty, attractive
side porch with wavy columns
like the small front porch it
would be even so much prettier -
So don't let E. J. persuade you
to have anything else, as we
want the outside pretty as well
as the inside.

I am so glad about the Country
Club - it will be awfully nice to

May

Aug. 5th
1928

My dear Ezra,

I am enclosing some
letters from the boys which have
come here - they evidently are not
going on a long trip.

Louise and I were both awfully
glad to get your letters and enjoyed
them very much.

Friday afternoon we went for a
lovely ride in Brad's Packard
(Idea driving) through Ventnor and
down to the inlet - wish you had
been with us to see all the pretty
cottages - especially the Colonial

belong.

William and little Watson went home Thursday. Watson was awfully cute and so good - he certainly had a good time.

Yesterday Edna and I went down to the Garden Pier in a chair - came back by Hughes and had a chocolate soda. Last night Louise and I went to the Dennis to see the Harway. Mrs. Lewis had lost her pocket book on the boardwalk and was quite worried about it. We are going with them this afternoon to hear Sousa's band on

Young's pier. Louise went down there with William to see the fish haul when he was ten.

There is an enormous crowd here for the week-end - it is a real pleasure to see Louise eat - I have never seen anybody enjoy their meals so much.

Brad is going to drive to Washington tomorrow to see his brother - Edna leaves for Washington Wednesday or Grace and I will just have the children there.

Did Mary Elizabeth come last Wednesday - and did Gordon ever write to Mother.

With love from all,
Devotedly,

Mary.

decided upon.

Will you write me
whether there has
been any further
activity in regard
to the Sainsville Key
concession - There was
an offer at \$40⁰⁰ in
the late fall, but I
am still holding
mine.

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 9th

Dear Syra -

I am very anxious
to hear about the
meeting Monday
& what happened -
I suppose that it
may take several
meetings to settle
all the things to be

I also, in looking over
my list of stocks, find
B. F. Avery. What
do you think of the
Common, 1st pf., &
2nd pf., would bring
& is there any sale.

The two preferreds pay
dividends. - The 6%
Second pf. pays
more than the 1st pf.
7% stock, I think
it is paying off
back dividends or
something.

I should like to
sell some of it, especially

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that is keeping the price up - that it is really worth nothing over \$20.00 a share. I saw in the paper that to buy it on a margin the Brokers require \$100.00 margin.

I think the children are a little better. We found

at the corner -

Can you let me know what you think about it soon?

I sold the 20 shares of Radio to-day about 198 - It went to 209 yesterday. Every one says that it is the short interest

that Diatussei helped
them so much.

This is our first
summer day, all
the windows are open.

Do you & Mary
take the "House Beauti-
ful"? The advertisements
are always so interesting.

Best love to all -
affectionately.

I am always intending
to write to Gordon & Francis
& Louise - but the
days get by too fast. I
think about them a lot tho'!

I will send you, the
Powers of Amendment &
the Proxy, both signed
& witnessed - I didn't
put your name
in, but you can
if you think best,
but I don't think it
would be wise to try
to reorganize the business
ourselves. I think it

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May, 3rd

Dearest Ezra -

Your letter en-
closing the letter from
P.G. came yester-
day. It was not
a letter from P.G.,
but the power of
amendment, which
had not been enclosed
in the first letter.

best to accept their
reorganization plans.
We haven't the money &
I don't want to tie up
my capital, but would
rather put it in bonds
or notes on real estate
etc.

I happen to have bought
20 shares of Radio Corp
two years ago at two
Bobson's suggestion in his
bulletin, It was about
\$20 00 then - It is 176
now, - I am going
to sell it. - It just about
makes up (not quite) for
the dividend that P.G.

the first of October -
Brood will have
two months leave,
& will be north during
July & August I
imagine.

We are having a
warm spell now -
The children's whooping
cough seems better -

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passed. This will
be an expensive
summer, as we ~~shall~~
be in hotels a good
deal for several months
& hotels for our
family run to
about \$3,000⁰⁰ a month.
I am planning to
go to Benning about

might take a
turn for the better.

I don't believe that
it would be a
wise plan to try
to reorganize the
company - It would
involve too much
capital etc, which we
haven't got, & such a

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

April 24th

Dearst Syra -
Your letter with
the news about
the P. S. Co. came
yesterday.

I suppose that it
was to be expected
really, but we kept
hoping that things

lot of responsibility etc. Of course I am not in Louisville, & am so out of touch with business etc. I think as you suggest, that we had better do, as the rest of the Company are going to do, and accept the cash bonus; But does that mean that we continue to hold any stock in what remains of the P.G. Company? and if we do continue to hold it what will it be worth?

gotten a good
deal out of the
P. G. Co. financially,
and I am willing
to sell my interest.

I think though that
if we are only to
receive the cash
bonus, & if the stock
will be worth nothing
~~at all~~ that we

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I suppose that will
depend upon how
well the P. G. Co.
continues to succeed.

The proposition
sounds rather con-
fused to me,
but I have the feeling
that we have

will be losers.

I don't have the same
sentiment about the
P. G. Co. that you

do, as I've been away
from Louisville, & you
have been right there
all along. To me it is
purely of financial interest

& I would prefer the settlement
that has the least risk &
the most money in it.

It seems too bad, but it only
shows that Uncle 'Bill' & Uncle
George were good business men
& made the Co. & as soon
as they were out, the Company be-
gan to go to pieces - I suppose con-
ditions changed in the country
too, & the new manage-
ment of the Company did -

when he dies, that
will go to pieces too.

Can't you make
him ~~accept~~ ^{accept}
proposition, buying
our stock at $\$850^{00}$ or
 $\$900^{00}$

I would take the
cash that we received
to consult Mr. Bobson

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not expand ^{in the way} to meet
modern requirements,
They were of the
old generation.

I think that we
ought to get
Mr. Callahan to
buy out our
stock in the other
Co. too - because

+ I believe our return
would be pretty good
in the investments that
he suggests.

Write me what you
think would be the
price of the stock in
P. G. after the reorgani-
zation, + whether there
will be any market
for it.

With best love to all
affectionately -
Grace.

dividend.

The Louisville King
common was selling
for \$40⁰⁰ in January,
but I am keeping
it, as it may be of the
moment, and I've held
it so long any way.

We are having very
mild spring sunshiny
weather - The wild geese

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March 22nd

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Dearest Eyr -

The Title company
sent me a receipt
for the cheque & I
will keep it.

The Varnish Co
gave me quite a
surprise - It was
quite welcome as the
P. G. didn't give a

are flying northward, &
so low that their ~~laughing~~
is very audible.

The stock market fools
seem to be booming
some of the states again.
If I were in Washington
or near a good broker, I
would be tempted to get
some of the stocks, but am
too far away here.

I hope that you are
all well, - This weather
is uncertain as it is very
changeable - Yesterday was 78°

Love to all -
affectionately -
Grace.

before break fast.

I hope that your
house will be a
great success.

When are you
planning to begin
building it?

Best love to all
affectionately
Gae.

The cigar & wax cigarette

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 7th 1928.

Dearest Syre -

I didn't get the
cheque off yesterday -
day as I planned
so will send it the
first thing this morn-
ing, as I am up a
little earlier with
Ellen, Mary & have
a little extra time

Came - It was awfully
thoughtful of you
to send them.

~~Idon't~~

Brad cut down his
smoking to three cigars
a day, as he thought
it was affecting him.
He used to smoke
about ten or twelve
a day.

P. G. preferred, that
I sold Last June -
being undecided
what to get, with
the market so
uncertain. I've lost
a good deal of income
by not investing,
I suppose, but couldn't
make up ^{my} mind to
put it into anything.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 5th, 1928.

Dear Syra -
Your letter came
yesterday - I had just
mailed one to you
suggesting the same
thing. I have been
holding off investing
part of the proceeds
from the sale of the

S^ro I have the cash
now & will send
it on to you. I
imagine that it ought
to be a good investment
& your house ought to
bring more than you
pay for it, if you
should want to sell
it in the next ten or twenty years.

I should think that
it would pay to put
up a pretty good house
on lots that have at least
a value as these, or else
have it so arranged that
a wing could be added

to make.

The plaster, if not good, & well put on, may fall, as ours did, & cracks will come in the walls etc.

Be sure to have a furnace big enough for the size of your house or bigger - then

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conveniently, if the people to whom ^{you} should ~~ever~~ sell it, should want a larger house. I don't like too big a house, but I think it pays to build substantially as you will have too many repairs

was too small, they
use oil furnaces a good
deal now. I don't know
how satisfactory they are.
Our plumbing was
not good either - The
force of water was not
sufficient to reach our
third floor.

I guess you know all
these things though.

I think that we
as a family have had
a fault in common, &
that is that we have
never put enough impor-
tance upon how & where

after all, the house
where we live speaks
for us more
effectively than almost
any thing.

I am thinking more
of mother & father
& myself when I
say that we never
put enough importance
upon where we lived -

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we lived - It was
natural that we
didn't, as our
army experiences
made us feel like
transients, but I
think that one should
mortgage the future
if necessary to have
a nice house, as

Will Woodruff & his family
always used to tell father
that; & I am going to
try to buy a nice
house in Washington
if Brod is ordered
back there again.

I will send the cheque
to - morrow to you mad,
out to the Louisville Title
Company. -

Affectionately -
Grace.

always wanted to
have - I cut it
out of the paper
15 years ago or more.
You can return it
when you are through
with it.

I like it because
all the rooms are
light & square
& there seems to be

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 25th 1928.

Dear Mr. Egan -

I was awfully
interested in your
deciding to build
a house, & having
already bought the
lots.

I am enclosing
a picture of the
house that I have

a general air of home
likeness about it. I
think it is the best type
of Colonial for a home.

I am not familiar
with the exact location
that you describe, but
it sounds to be very
nice - & I remember

your showing me several
of the last vacant lots
on the park that
you liked last year, so
can picture about where
it is.

I would like to help
you all have a nice

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we had a lot of wasted space on the ground floor that was of no practical use, & was wasted money.

I could buy one of the lots & you could use that money in making

house. If I can - can you build very much of a house big enough for you all for 23,000.00. The one we had in Washington was 33,000.00 & it wasn't well finished at all, but of course

the house better -
I should think that
you would want
five or six bedrooms,
so that the children
could each have one
& then you would
have a guest room,
when you need it -

Edna's house in Lexington
has five rooms upstairs
but only one bath. The
five rooms are nice to have.
We have four in this little
house & feel crowded.
Of course we have a nurse
living with us, which makes
it seem crowded.

should have more
freedom, also Ed-
ward.

The Robins & Red-
birds are coming
about, now &
look very cheerful.
I hope tho' that
we won't have a
hot spring.

I'll write more

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

I don't think well
keep Evelyn much
longer -

She was away for
nine days last
month - I found
life very strenuous,
but Frances will
be six soon & I
think that she

about the house
in a day or two -

I am glad that
you are going to get
a new one -

affectionately & love
to all -
Grace.

I was awfully pleased
that the heifer that
you raised won the
Grand prize & purple
ribbon at the show. I
should like to have seen
her.