

When you see for the first time the higher apartments in  
the lightest and sunniest, toward some part of the  
ground on which they are in a straight line. The buildings  
are placed on steep rising ground. They have full hill building  
proportions. The other morning when I came down I said to the  
man, "What a glorious perspective this morning!" He said, "It is a  
"What is the matter, want you to know of the perspective?" He said, "No  
not indeed, I see it?" But that time we were in the main floor and  
I was perfectly ignorant - How could we know the perspective  
to which I had said that I came in the floor & have a perspective picture  
which the man showed me half the day, you will know I am fortunate  
after all. There is much to see there in interesting about being

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Dear Beatrix, Raymond + Mrs. Phillips:

I am printing a composite letter for you  
for some proof copy and it may be a long time  
before I can write me individually. I have wanted  
to write you for some time but I have  
had my hands more than full and I have had  
to take it all out in thinking.

I came here Sept. 23rd - I was under the  
impression that I had several days longer & I had  
a heavy departure. Had written for a catalogue  
in order that I might know just when I had to  
go. I did not want to be here any longer than  
necessary or being in so expensive and I wanted to.

be with Aunt T. to the last minute - but it was exactly two weeks before the catalogue came. It came on the afternoon mail of Monday. I hastily perused the calendar as outlined and saw with a glance that my last chance was the next day, unless I paid \$5 for late registration. Well I saw that. I did not know what to do. I walked the floor for 15 minutes simply horrified and then I hastened to Aunt T. She was pleased from the office & returned with me. Fortunately she remained calm & collected. It was then past 4:30 P.M. and while I gathered my belongings she tucked them away in my trunk. My clothes were unfinished but it was impossible to do anything about them so we concluded they would have to go parcel post. Well 12:10 that night I found myself on

the train moving to New York. I arrived 6 AM. and found the room that I had engaged - gone! I was pretty nearly ready to turn back for I was prone to weep but I realized I hardly had the strength to return. Well I started out for a room. All the reasonable ones were gone - there were a number of \$5, \$6, \$7 rooms for sale (no brand of course with that) to be had but those were impossible. I finally found one within my price and took it for the present. This is no place to choose, I can tell you. You must take what you can get & be thankful. I am thankful now for I realize it is my price. I just of all the higher up you go the more expensive they pay because you are nearer heaven, see? Well if you can imagine it all the Apt houses are 6, 7 + 9 stories high - the elevator makes it immaterial

You can ride in top or inside. Of course when the weather is pretty  
muggy or windy the top. The pricing is just a lot better in general. You  
feel like a monkey climbing a pole. But the descent is beautiful. It is so  
pleasant you wonder how you ever drove and you look in with genuine  
awe. It is just only when you are clear weather - there is no top +  
you have the benefit of the air and of the picture in vol. I went into  
several of the large places - one of them is the one. It is considered the  
best place - things are very expensive - you cannot get the because  
everything is in peak of exquisite taste. I went also to a big in front  
of park - remarkable thing was - a dozen or so people per capita  
hunting for bugs. I found out several pretty things - only 10-  
\$ 10 + \$15 per hr. Reduced because they were short tonight. I  
couldn't to myself and then short weeks to see if people were

in N.Y. but the advantage and disadvantage were  
about equal for visit in N.Y. only and pay a fabulous  
price for it too. As return they give you excitement and  
advantage that are unequalled anywhere.

I am living very near, just a block from Columbia  
University. This means the blocks and blocks of buildings  
it is hard to comprehend at first just what is and  
what is not Columbia University. There just four blocks  
to walk to the Hudson river. It is indeed a beautiful  
river and the banks up to Riverside Drive is a  
wonderful promenade with trees, parks, shrubbery + benches.  
As parks in itself when you can walk + sit + watch  
big boats + little ones in countless numbers go up + down  
the river. It seems a pity that our beautiful Ohio  
is not transformed in some such wonderful way.

It would be possible to find three thousand just as the Hudson is here.  
I love to go down there and watch the sunset. It is truly a wonderful  
sight - to see all those wonderful colors.

I have been uncertain about my work and this week made a complete  
change. I shall do all my work this year at the Medical School  
in Physiological Chemistry. This means I have to go from 118th to  
59th st and then over some blocks. I have been going on the  
wonderful subway. I walked over 4 blocks to it + after I am on it  
it takes just 12 minutes to reach 59th. then I have 3 blocks  
to walk. It takes just a half hr for the complete journey. Guess  
that subway is a wonder. You shoot along at a terrific rate,  
making stops at about every 6 blocks. You have to hustle on +  
off for they don't believe in wasting any time with you.

One day before I began my work for good, I had an appoint-  
ment to come down + get my desk. I decided I'd walk down  
Broadway while and take the car later. I was amazed to  
know there was simply a succession of stores from 118th to down.  
I stopped at 59th and of course from there on down you come to the  
big stores. It was indeed a wonderful walk. I stopped and  
rested in beautiful Central Park which is just a block over  
from Broadway. I was actually dizzy watching the automobiles  
and carriages. We little realize how much wealth is here.

On Sat. afternoon I went down to 34th to get some shoes.  
I walked over to Riverside Drive and took the bus down town.  
They are very convenient. Stop at any corner for you on their route.

me in the AM + return at night. I regret the great distance  
in the old road winter. The snow all around so terribly packed  
that each day was itself. It seems a terribly long time since I was  
in New York which I could not do in and see you all but God  
only knows when that will be - it may be years and it may be late.  
I know you will be good to each of you. I think of you so frequently and  
wonder what each is doing. It is pleasant to know that the same  
peace shines upon you by day and the same peace of night and  
the same joy both night and day. I know the day is not far distant  
when we shall all be well and shall see each other. Be good to yourself  
write to me when you can - whenever I can I will write to you. When  
we do something it requires much minute. Just one to write to the girls - the  
same as we had in the school. Just one to each of you - Boston, Richmond -  
I know Philadelphia and many other places. I am very glad to hear of you.  
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I am very glad to hear of you.  
I am very glad to hear of you.

buying and they did just like I'd pick up  
a piece for \$39. but I realized I was in a  
new place. I walked down and up and up +  
down + feared my eyes. Saw some very pretty  
pictures for \$25 per set and later I don't forget  
what they are. Now this \$25 picture was not enclosed  
in case just lying on the counter with lots more.  
I happened to like the color, looked at more carefully  
+ inquired the price. I passed on! Gov. Mendon  
the owner of this wonderful store died - a bachelor  
73 yrs. old worth \$45,000,000. He was said he pro-  
posed to the store except now + then but kept informed  
as to every detail - had 3 stenographers in his  
home half constantly. His art collection is worth  
15,000,000. This he gave to the city of New York.

Money seems to have no value here - it seems unreal. One of the ladies gave me the other evening to a fashionable restaurant + gave a man give the waiter a \$20 bill as a tip. I don't that make for dignity. It is very wonder that foreigners ~~that~~ are appalled at the extravagance of American people.

Well I have written you a great long letter. Mrs. Gachup will ask how many you had I don't know when I'll have the chance again so I took this opportunity. I had today + I am writing letters all day long. Note how just a sheet tho but in this is 3 in 1 I must make this 3 sheets I trust myself is well. I and I are not very well. I feel no more and no better than I did at the close of summer. I was pretty nearly dead when

I came this summer and more than dead when I left. During my entire stay I went no where except for a half hr. walk to the river + then to my room again. When I returned to Wash. I perhaps died with the heat. It really is the hottest place on earth without a doubt. The humidity in D. is awful but Wash. has it best. I sometimes feel that T. & rheumatism is greatly aggravated by the climate there and that she has malaria added to it. She feels so bad all the time. I am pretty worried about her. She has nearly killed her - she was almost prostrated several times. It is an unbearable heat. N.Y. is a summer resort compared to it really. It was always pleasant at night and you can always get relief somewhere. On Monday I begin my work down town. I start

apparently built because some were taken off across  
from me - directly across and the damage to building, trees  
and the surrounding the city was enormous. I had trouble  
figuring when I learned about the post but I wrote  
at once to prevent you. They have most awful storms  
in Washington because of the heat - hot - they are  
decidedly the worst they have ever had here. It had the  
effect of an cyclone - they are probably a cyclone - and  
people are pick pick from wherever they get a storm cloud.

I have wondered many times if you had fruit in it, there  
is absolutely nothing to be had. Oranges + grapes all in if it  
was in the winter. One absolutely enormous hot horn is 20¢ for dozen  
+ station + all vegetables are awful. Washington, D.C., Sept. 12/13.

Dear Bertha:

I have been postponing a letter for  
so long that I am quite ashamed but  
the drops are as full as you and that  
it goes. I and I speak of you all  
so often and wonder how you are and  
what you are doing.

I made up my mind rather suddenly  
that I would go to N.Y. for the summer.  
That meant lots of work altering clothes  
and etc. I made nothing new at all

simply used what I had and soon so it kept me  
busy. Well I had a long, hard, hot time of it. Got  
back about the 20th of August. When I returned I felt  
pretty nearly all in. I was in bed several days then  
I contracted at once the most awful cold I think I  
ever had. It was a bad one and held on for full two  
weeks. Now I am busy making things for the winter  
season. I had an awful time this summer. This is  
reported the hottest place in the country and it surely

is. N. Y. is a summer resort compared to it. I. & I  
compared it straight along. The humidity is most terrible  
here. She said it was almost more than she could  
bear. Perhaps you read in the papers about  
the fearful storm here. It was most awful. Fortunately  
I was in N. Y. at the time. When we are living it  
was terrible. It was at noon as it occurred in the P.M.  
Two blocks away from us a house was blown down  
entirely and several people killed. The roof of a big



to print some thing in me. I would have to get + some T. It was  
before that summer. He has had other readers this last week +  
the paper the last week. He is terribly nervous from the strain of  
the work and I fear is almost ready to collapse but he won't  
give up. I shall probably teach after this so that will relieve  
him. There is always much to be done. I trust you all have been  
well. He speaks so frequently of the oil and under my tongue are there  
I trust not in his own words. He has some good things to  
write that summer. I hope some has had just about what he was - I suppose  
it has in getting ready for another year's work. I wish to see you and  
Mrs. P. have had no pleasure this summer. This is a

I trust Mrs. P. is not making so bad + that she will + you at  
some - but she will take a day off and go for a long - tell her to  
rest. might the teacher of a parish <sup>in it</sup> without  
she called. He was very nice - not so good  
paraphrased for her. He told me that he  
married the wealthy old Mrs. Smith (over 80)  
you remember four years ago to that Baum-  
garten. It was funny to hear him tell about  
it. He said B. called him up and told him  
he wanted to be married. He said he then  
asked B. how old the bride was and he said  
47. Mr. Huddle said for me would see picture  
his purpose when he saw that old lady appear  
dressed up in a fine pink dress. but he said  
she was real "kitten" (to use his expression) and

wanted the ceremony just as elaborate as possible. He said  
she now wanted the preacher to kiss the bride. I could  
not refrain from asking him if he kissed. <sup>He</sup> He winked  
and his wife laughed and he said, "Of course I did." Well  
it was funny to hear him tell about it. He said  
he knew Dr. Walby quite well and that Dr. W. was in  
wash. the day of the terrible storm. They were a most  
elaborate service at this church, preacher near gown, also  
choir and the preliminary service is very full.

I have ripped up my black broad cloth dress, <sup>cleaned +</sup> pressed  
it and we have made quite a nice new dress out of it  
which you could see it. Then the blue serge I sent you I  
have cleaned pressed and will get some new silk for trim-  
ming. I ripped up one long black coat, cleaned and pressed  
them and we have turned them on the wrong side. We have  
not yet finished them; then we have have made two  
kimono's. It takes a long time to do very little you  
know especially in making things over. I suppose I shall

had place for it and I have had my share.  
I am sure this climate has aggravated Ty-tor.  
Tulonia is terrible here too because of its low-  
ness and people are always dying for it.

I was terribly shocked to hear about Dr.  
Morrison and his family. Truly in the midst  
of life we are in death. Was there the only  
L. people in the muck?

Little Sue is still the same dear cat.  
She talks quite a great deal but nothing  
as much as the old lady. By the way  
if any of you pass 1127 First St. please  
notice if Mr. Richardson is making

any changed. He was going to begin in  
March for Kenosha and when he did he  
was to make another payment.

Give my love to "Miss" Florence and the girls.  
Hope Ruth is entirely well and that  
Florence has a nice position. I hope "Miss" H. has  
been winning prizes right and left. I often  
think of the time she won her chair.

Now let us hear from you soon - we are so  
glad to hear from you - Trust you will  
keep well and that we may see you soon.  
If T. would only get well I think I should ask  
no more. She finds me in love to all and  
hopes we may hear from you soon. Lovingly  
L.

this choice was something. Every teacher + prof. in the dept congratulated me personally + I began to be embarrassed for fear they misunderstood + thought I had a professorship! but they assured me I didn't realize fully the honor - maybe I didn't. Of course you feel me proud of me to know I am part of the great faculty of Columbia University - salaries of course are of minor significance, the honor is what one lives on in N.Y. where food + lodging are almost beyond the average person's consideration. I suppose I'll be getting chemicals + glassware in general if prices continue for of course boarding places will be conscious of conditions. Each other half day I shall be occupied with histology so you see my time will be full - the night will have to suffice for studying sleep + etc. If any one should inquire of me for my day I am teaching half time + studying the other half - details are unnecessary so please omit them. I am sure you understand.

1914

Washington, D.C. Sept 2.  
Dearest B. R. I + Mrs P.

This is a great general letter for you all. At some time will now be time for individual me so will call this a family one this time.

The days are slipping by so fast I can hardly realize I shall soon be back in N.Y. I came to see T. the last 2 weeks of May and then returned to N.Y. to work on my research until Aug. 15th. Now I leave the morning of the 14th to begin work the morning of the 15th. so my post has been brief. I came back (both in May + Aug) completely worn out. I really thought

it was about the end of Aust. H. for sure but I can  
never remember if I just got from the medicine  
I need. My friends in N. Y. were quite frightened and  
perhaps they know but we don't realize it. I had  
and. I had an awful spell of tonsillitis the second week of my  
return. In fact I had it pretty nearly all winter. I feel  
an operation will be due when I can least afford the time.  
Aunt T. came up for a wk. and tickled me nearly to  
death. It took lots of tears + pleadings to get her away  
but it did us both lots of good. The med. sch. friends

and saw a little of "little" N. Y. Everybody loved her and  
was awfully nice to her. I have made some personal  
friends of my professors and they surely are friends. Their  
wives are equally lovely and they have been very kind.

I am working in the library all day long, looking up  
literature on my thesis and it surely is a task. I am  
very nearly bewildered. I shall assist in one of the laboratories  
half time next year and this means a great loss of time. I  
fear now I shall not get the coveted degree in June but the  
my major professor offered me this and advised me strongly  
to take it. The experience + training will be valuable so maybe  
it is best. It is really hard to decide. Of course the honor of

The weather has been most awful here - the heat almost more than any we could bear. I never saw any one pitched away like Aunt T. under it. I suppose it from she is not well. When she returned from N.Y. she had an awful spell of fever - malaria - we suppose - but we were both frightened we feared it was going to be typhoid. She complains a great deal & it worries me much.

We think of you all often & wonder how much longer it - it seems so long since we left L. Don't she seem dreadful? Oh it is beyond description. We hope it may end soon for conditions are alarming. We were told yesterday if she was gone we could

perhaps more interesting. I must hand to the Librarian  
note + list of line to each of you. We've been from you  
when the case. Remember you've frequently in our  
strength. - June 17. Another list of line + go over little old

Love -  
Dorothy, June 17

will be \$15 a ton + sugar \$15 + other things in  
proportion. It is awful indeed.  
I suppose Bron is turning his attention to  
the East. I hope he had a rest - a good one -  
Poor Raymond + his long fern, I dread to ask about.  
He wish Raymond could come on with Bron + see  
wash for a wk. It would do him lots of good to  
get away + have him to "burn" with. There will  
be great things in Baltimore just when they sleep  
but it comes at a hot time. He says Bertha  
+ Mrs. P. are both real well and their chemistry  
has flown elsewhere. I suppose Mrs. P. is busy  
with her fruit + etc. I must stop now. I had written  
so fast I fear you will have time reading this  
but it will make my letters seem longer +



June 1915

Sunday Afternoon

Dear Ruth:

We have been anxiously awaiting your wonderful letter but we are patient and know it will come life and life. In the meantime I'll write a short letter.

We are truly distressed to hear about Mrs. Eggers' illness. We are wondering what it can be that makes it appear so hopeless. Don't despair. Believe as long as there's life there's hope. I have seen it proven here with a friend's brother. He after Dr. gave him up but they still tried and now we believe he is going to be permanently cured. We surely hope there have been signs of improvement and that we shall hear she is better when you write us.

As you know I have been very sick. I was back in N. Y. but 6 days when I <sup>was</sup> called there and for weeks I did not know what might happen. I brought her here principally for treatment - my work has not been touched and as far as time is concerned this period has brought me nothing. She is better thank God and I am indeed thankful. It will take a long, long time before she is well and I am doing all I can to make her contented which you can imagine is not easy. My plans all depend upon her health. I am hoping to do some work before

semester so that I can eventually finish and settle  
plans for my future. My professor has been truly kind  
and I love them much.

We were really sorry to hear about Mrs. P's accident to her  
foot - we hope she is quite over it now. I hope the illnesses that  
come are of but short duration and that considering all you all  
have been quite well. I have worked like hell for hours that I work  
I went to work, I was in town because T. was not well. She  
frightened me when she looked so wretched and then I came back  
and packed until the middle of Aug. I had her here a few days  
in July & it seemed to do her loads of good. I went to work then  
and tried myself writing my dissertation for an M.A. degree  
from Columbia. I succeeded in doing this and now the Ph. D.  
looks up like a phantom in the night. I do not know  
now whether it will ever become a reality - it all depends.

Last week I received a letter from Dean Patterson of Louis. W.  
asking what each graduate was doing as he was preparing  
his annual report. I wrote him and I received a letter  
from him since telling me it had been put in the paper.  
Of course he feels mighty proud of me & is glad he  
does. I took a brief day's rest of the week and I  
am left the remaining time for myself with I promise to  
do. If any one asks for about it, as they will I know.

simply tell them I ~~was~~ have a position in Columbia  
 University ~~in~~ in physiological chemistry in which I  
 received my master's degree from Dr. Robinson of Louis.  
 but that is all you know. Of course it is putting wonderful  
 feet under me but I have a position in Columbia which  
 gives me a prominence that is worth much to me.  
 Prof. Gies my major professor in physiological chemistry  
 offered me this last week and urged me to accept it  
 because of the prestige it gives. You can imagine the  
 honor of it when he offered it to me instead of to a woman  
 who has had a similar but lower position <sup>for 5 years past</sup> & who was  
 really eligible to the position. My increasing work of  
 course did it for me. I worked seven days of the week last  
 year in his lab. and never missed a single day. Many  
 a time I left the lab. at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday morning  
 stopping for my dinner so after all work being done  
 would. I have never said a word about this to any  
 one except to T. because you know I never brag about my  
 own achievements but as this has come in the paper you  
 all must understand. Perhaps many are wondering  
 if I am a professor! Well I'm not ~~far~~ far from it by a big  
 jump but if I am spared health and strength I

mean to be such some day. All things are within  
our own reach. We can be what we please to be if  
not exactly we can come so near it that it is  
worth the effort. I had hoped Dan might be  
interested in this wonderful field - its a wonderful  
subject, chemistry, and one of its many branches &  
I would indeed be happy if he took to it but even  
we must follow his own bent - we all have our own  
tendencies and they must direct us.

We are so truly happy & proud over our boys home as  
diarom. It gives us much pleasure. Aunt T and I kept real  
tears of joy and it is my earnest hope that Will, mama &  
to him in that far away heaven of rest may be conscious of it.  
Aunt T was going to write right away but it seems to  
excite her so and she postponed doing so. Rest assured  
dear child we are happy & proud and we hope your affiliations  
will increase with the church from year to year and that anon  
you will be what you <sup>are</sup> in our beloved First Church. And  
our good-bye to each of you Beata, Raymond & Mrs. P. bid us love  
to see you all and we hope to soon bid surprise you all some  
day soon. Rest assured we speak of you all often and think  
you are in our thoughts. Write us when you can. Our best  
wishes, love and kisses to each - Very truly always  
Hattie

P.S. I hope to feel for that I met the preacher Sunday & he said  
all sorts of wonderful things about you & is so glad that  
you will be back next year with them New York, June 16/15.

Dear Aunt, Raymond & Mrs Phillips - <sup>Admirable I suppose will be most</sup>  
<sup>reasonable for any class for you enjoyed</sup>  
Just returned this noon from Princeton and  
I shall write you briefly of it for I know you will be anxious to  
hear of it. I left Sat. AM arriving there in good shape at 11 AM. Such  
trains of people you never saw - me after the other - throng and throng of  
people happy & in for a good time. The town & campus were indeed  
a sight to behold. - bands & bands of music men  
arranged according to the manner adopted by their respective <sup>classes</sup> each  
bearing on hat or lapel his class numeral. It was a joy to  
see them parade in classes at odd times during the day  
after their band, bawling out with joy and gladness. At 3:20  
was the ball game but an hour before the Princeton band  
from 1850 down to 1915 formed in their classes and formed  
no past parade - 1850 was represented by me for old man -  
think of it graduated 65 yrs ago. I think I never saw a  
more inspiring sight than those men - I am sure I shall never  
forget it. Princeton lost to Yale in the ball game. That  
night the seniors sang on the Nassau steps and lit  
the campus gas with Japanese lanterns & the beautiful  
serenade I tell you it was lovely. Sunday was the Baccalaureate  
Lecture sermon & it was excellent - very inspiring & very

very impressive. That evening one of the fathers, Mr. Pate, entertained the club boys at Rose tree Inn - wasn't it lovely & the relatives of the boys came at 9 P.M. to meet each other. We had a very nice time. On Monday morning the class sang exercises with the boys planting lots of seeds - very beautiful indeed! In the afternoon the Cannon exercises which I enjoyed so much - the last smoke was very touching - and then they broke their pipes in the old cannon. Tuesday morning the boys pinned their diplomas and they were wonderful looking - faculty & class in their grand array of caps, caps & gowns. Perhaps you have heard that we have pinned "high hours" in philosophy & psychology - I was very proud and happy. The class & alumni had a luncheon theater in the Gym, they <sup>have</sup> come & took tea out in the lake - I enjoyed this so much but our joint was spoiled by a most terrific storm - he will tell you about it. Oh yes on Monday night I went to the Glee Club concert & I was so delighted with it. I intended leaving last night but the pain was so terrific I did not dare. Last night they had the long cap service which I did not get to see -

account of the rain - they had it however & the usual  
business of the benches - so sorry I didn't see this too. During  
the intervals between meals here & I visited many things on  
the campus; the buildings are so attractive & numerous.  
We also walked through the attractive parts of Princeton  
and visited the quaint and beautiful cemetery - I paid my  
respects to the grave of John Sherman as well as to the  
Princeton presidents. Well I had a wonderful time - the  
happiest of all my life I suppose and principally because  
one of my dreams has been realized that is that Frank  
has graduated from a university. I trust I shall see  
him for his Ph.D. after another three years. I was  
surprised of course that he has decided to be a minister.  
I cannot help but feel some disappointment though as that  
may seem to you. I would rather you would say nothing  
to him about it for each of us must live his own life,  
each has his own destiny to shape - I left P. this morning  
having enjoyed some of the happiest days of my life.

I was terribly disappointed that I did not feel well enough  
to go with me. She thought she would have a terribly  
stimulous trip & that perhaps she would not be equal to it.  
The regrets she did not go now. We shall be here until

July 1 + there we shall go to work until July 15 - I shall  
try again to get our little apt + if I fail I shall have to  
store my furniture for the time being. Aunt T is much better  
but the Dr. thinks she should not go to work for some time.  
I do not know whether or not she will be content. She fretted  
so this winter + doesn't like J. G. I am sorry for it so.  
She does not want to be lived with winter perhaps - I am  
hoping she will feel differently in the fall.

We were terribly distressed to know Mrs. E. had died  
but oh if she suffered so how pleased she must have been  
to go. I am so sorry she could not have been spared until  
Henry graduated - why must these things be? Our people  
never denied us! I have had a strenuous winter much  
more and much uncertainty with lots of hard work. I left  
my promises to be two times worse and I trust I  
will finish up my work. I am very tired but the worst  
is yet to come. I am awfully interested that you had  
got to a house - too bad you didn't have the benefit of  
our First Street pacific. Well I do not know when I'll  
get to L. perhaps next year - I do not know. How Aunt  
Ed has so much to see for all if only for a few days  
it has been so long + I sometimes feel a peculiar  
homesickness. Well see my little see you + the things  
that will help me some. I trust you are well. I do  
hope you can read this but I wanted to get it off quickly  
to let you know I am from you + may God bless I  
am well - until we meet again - Kindly  
Hattie



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June 1917

Dear Bertha:

It has indeed been a long time since we received your letter telling us about your long illness. We were surely dreadfully grieved to hear about it and I do hope your recovery has been rapid and permanent. I hope we shall have a letter soon saying this is true. I was unable to write you at the time. You will never know what a busy time I have had. You and Raymond and Mrs. Phillips will rejoice to know that the goal for which I have been so earnestly striving has been reached and won. Yes, I am through. I received my Ph.D. degree in Biological Chemistry on last Wednesday. I wished that you all might have been here to have seen me on that day.

Commencement is a grand and imposing sight here. This is now the largest university in the world. 2,440 received the various degrees given. A number of famous men received honorary <sup>W</sup>degrees, among them Marconi. Aunt T. of course came up for the event and was with me 8 happy days. She presented me with the wonderful gown indicative of my rank. It is a superb thing and I am truly proud of it. I shall have some little snap shots made soon and send them to you. Aunt T. was never so happy as that time. I have had a strenuous time this year - teaching every morning and then doing some extra paid work in the afternoons. I was obliged to do this in spite of the fact that it was too much but living in New York is something beyond your conception and of course it is now worse than ever. All rents have increased 20% and food as much. We now have to pay 2cents for street car transfers and I simply do not know where it is going to

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stop. I shall be teaching here again next year and it is going to cost me all I earn to feed and clothe myself. This is a proposition. I hope things are not so bad in Louisville but I suppose it is that way every where else people would find it out and all flock there.

I had an awfully nice letter from Ivan this morning. He seems quite well now but I do not feel satisfied about him. He seems to have been sick a great deal this winter. I do not yet understand what was the matter. I feel quite worried about him. I wish so much that he were back in dear Princeton. He seemed so well there and I am sure it did him good to live there. It did seem too bad that he could not have been there this year when I graduated so yhat he could have been with us. I hope he will soon be back and I sincerely hope he will some day teach in Princeton.

Tell Raymond and Aleathea I did appreciate the baby's picture so much. It is indeed a lovely baby and every body loves her. She seems unusually bright for such a little thing. I do hope she is real well now and is a joy to every body. It seems a long, long time since I saw you all. Yes, it is now four years and there have been many changes. It is surely strange how many very strange things can happen. Little did I think that I would never see Mrs. Eggers and Mrs. Z. again. Really it makes one sick to think of so many changes. I hardly know when I shall get back. Aunt T. said she nearly died with the heat last summer. Of course winter is the nicest time to come. I shall probably be busy winter and summer. I am now working as hard as I can even tho school is over. I have work left over, which I had to drop while I was getting ready for my exams and this will take me far into the summer.

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I shall then begin some more and so it will keep on .One has to keep going at an awful pace. You will be proud to know that I am still holding my weight 111 pounds. I know you are not very proud of that but I am afraid that when I was studying for the exams that I did not weigh a hundred . Aunt T. maintains the noble weight of 106. The climate evidently has no exhilarating effect on us.Thank God we are reasonably well except for our awful nerves.

Now I must stop my letter for this time. Tell dear Mrs P. I certainly would love to see her. T. and I spoke of her so often and oh how many times we spoke of her delicious soup and wished we had some. We had visions of many other good things -oh dear me how many things dance before me right this minute. If I thought about it very long I am afraid I would be hiking out for old Ky. Well never mind Mrs.P. we shall have some good times yet. Now Bertha take good care of yourself -write us soon for we are so anxious to hear how you are improving - I know it will be slow and you will have to be very patient for you have been awfully sick. My work makes me rather familiar with the nature of your illness and I know you will have to adhere to a careful diet. I hope Raymond is having success with his house that all is going nicely with it. I hope he is getting along nicely with his work too and that he likes it. I can hardly think of him as married. I suppose I shall never get accustomed to it. I trust he is very, very happy and that every blessing and happiness will be his as long as he lives. My love to each of you -Bertha ,Raymond, Mrs.P and Aleathea and the baby. Each of you kiss the baby for me - that will mean four big kisses from her Aunt Hattie, Doctor. My wish is that

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she too will have this wonderful degree some day. Ivan says he will have his soon and that we shall have two Doctors in the family and now I think we can have a third. What do you say, Raymond?

Again with love to each, I am,

Lovingly,

Hattie.

I am no expert on the type writer. I got one this winter to copy my dissertation. I pick out a letter at a time. I write terribly now as I am so nervous and did not have the nerve to ask you to read my scrawl. You will understand why there are so many mistakes.

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Friday Nov 7-1927

Dear Bertha-

The days have gone by rapidly & it is already Friday but I have been very busy & have not had time to put a minute. I stayed a day longer than I should for I left earlier than they expected me to because Aunt T's unexpected call to Jacksonville. Had no letter from her & she said she found orders to proceed to Miami which means the end of Fla. now. I do hope this is not going to be permanent for back is so close and so easy to get to. There are so many trains there & we could get to each other so quickly in case of sickness.

We had a wonderful time in D. & accomplished a lot. We saw a lot and we saw many people too. It was so nice to see the family. You must take good care of yourself now. I believe that if you follow the Dr's advice exactly you can get perfectly well. Don't go fifty - fifty or let him do what he says - Bob your hair & get rid of the worry of carrying all that weight. You will feel like another person. You were quite like yourself in the face - not a day older which shows that your illness has not reached the serious stage if you take care of yourself. Please now give me a nice report of yourself soon. Get in good health again & come to see us here & in back. The train trip is very nice if you come as we did. We took a sleeper this time which makes all the difference in the world.

We had had a beautiful trip to Saw Hill. We got beautiful

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flowers and put them in many graves. We had a hard time finding Mr. & Mrs. Campbell & when they were giving up but a man helped us & we succeeded - we went first to our lot & after we made all the rounds we paid a last visit to our own lot. They had not been taking good care of it in spite of the fact that it has been in annual care for many years & we reported it. They said they would do all the graves on at once & they did. We were quite pleased - Tell Helen Walter we found her father's grave & left flowers on it - she will perhaps be glad to know that he was not forgotten.

We had such a beautiful trip with Sam. I shall never forget it. I enjoyed every minute of it. I wish we could have had more. Aunt T. naturally was upset because she was going to I.W. If she had been going back to work, she would not have been so nervous. She had had such a sick spell in Toronto & she began to feel she might have another & be unable to go & of course that would have been very bad. I wish I had some more perfume to take to train. That train trip was the limit. We stopped so often it made me quite sick -

Now write to us when you can - It will do you good to understand your heart to us. It was so good to see you those few minutes. Tell us all about yourself & what you are doing. I do hope you will soon be able to get about easily - my rheumatism is very bad at times & I fear I shall some day be a cripple from it. The Drs. cannot find out the trouble & it grows worse from month to month. God bless you & keep you - Lots & lots of love from  
Hattie

BURY ME IN OLD KENTUCKY

There is somethin' in Kentucky  
That gits mighty close to me,  
Somethin' in the bluegrass country  
That is almost heavenly---  
Jest a kind of nameless somethin'  
That is native to the sod  
And that keeps a feller feelin'  
That he's livin' close to God.

There is somethin' in the people  
That gits mighty close my heart,  
Somethin' of the old time sperit  
That jest places 'em apart---  
Jest a kind of nameless somethin'  
That is native to the breed,  
That springs from its men and wimmen  
As a flower springs from its seed.

Yes, there's somethin' in Kentucky  
That has got my heart in thrall---  
Jest a kind of nameless somethin'  
That I can't explain a-tall;  
And the only thing I'm askin',  
When I go to meet my God,  
Is that they will lay my body  
Deep beneath the bluegrass sod.

Bury me in old Kentucky  
'Neath some weepin' willer tree  
Where the mockin' bird is singin'  
His sweet lullabies fer me;  
Let me sleep beneath the bluegrass  
In the land where I was born--.  
'Twill be mighty close to Heaven  
On the Resurrection Morn.

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Letters Nov 7-1927



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January 7-128

Dear Bertha-

I received your letter today and I hasten to answer.  
I wrote Raymond a couple of days ago & my letter probably reached him today. As I explained in that letter I had a rather serious & almost fatal accident. I am fast recovering. I rec'd Raymond's spec. Delivered in which he said serum was being sent. I was quite mystified as to why he was sending it. The serum arrived a couple of days later. As I had not asked for the serum to be sent and as the Dr. said nothing about what he wanted done, I have done nothing. I supposed he wanted some sort of bacteriological work done. I have had no bacteriology and can not do any of those tests. I am not connected with any medical research center and therefore I cannot take a specimen to them and ask for work to be done. It would be necessary for me to present a specific request of some kind and pay for such analysis. I am not a Medical Doctor. I do not know who is responsible for giving the Doctor that impression. It is possible that busy-body, Carl Nielson, did. He is what I regard as a real busy-body. He had not called me up in fear and then suddenly he did so & in a most round about way lead up to hair illness in a mysterious sort of way. He was not correctly informed & told me that hair illness was due to his previous trouble. I was very nearly frantic. Aunt T. in Fla. and I had tied up with my work. He promised to visit me or write me at once when he got to

hours. I was so worried that I wrote ~~to~~ Raymond at once to find out what was the trouble. I rec'd a letter from R, and not from you and no letter of any kind from Mr. Nielson. He called up yesterday & was ready again for about an hour's chat & I told just what I thought of him to alarm me as he did & need to write me a word. He said that he had been told you & R. had written, & told him that did not excuse him, that he had taken it upon himself to inform me of the bad news, that he had volunteered to write or write and I expected him to do so. He seemed to know that person had been sent & paid as I was associated with a research place they thought I would get the information. I am at Teachers College - I teach physiological chem., I do certain nutritional investigations with no diagnostic work. As I said I would have to know what information was wanted & then find the suitable place for it to be done. Everything is so highly specialized here that it takes investigation to find out what a specialist specialist does do. I have a most serious & complicated case of arthritis & yet I can't find the person who is competent to look after it. I have had to go to Hopkins at Balt. People here laugh & say "I thought the best was in New York." My friend & teacher Professor Gies of Columbia Univ. has said he never had a Dr. when he is ill in bed now, because he doesn't know whom to call & then he is at the Medical School. The best doctors are by no means all in New York. One of the things expected

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to do when I went to Louis, was to consult Dr. Skinner  
about my own condition. Imagine my dismay + sorrow  
when I learned he had died. Mr. Nielson said how hard a  
specialist of manual training - what progress is he making?  
I very much fear that both he and Dr. P. think I have said  
that I want to dabble in their diagnosis simply because I  
had had some special scientific training. No one is more  
modest than I am with what I have attained + I would be  
the last person on earth to do anything unethical or embarrassing  
any one. Medical Doctors are the most fastidious of any  
profession about any one especially a chemist coming into  
the picture. I was amazed when you said, Doctor P. was  
writing for a report from me. Why the case is his + that  
had no request from Dr. P. His name is on the plaque of  
ceremonial. If you will go to Dr. Steinberger, at Louis, Med. Sch.,  
Prof. of Physiology Chem, who succeeded Dr. Robinson + who knows  
me, I am sure he will have their Bacteriology dept. do  
anything that Dr. P. wants done - I will do the same but  
but I need specific directions. Please inform on these Doctors  
that I have not asked them to send the serum. I really am  
very sorry that I have been mentioned for have afraid  
they think have a critical third party + in that respect

they are only hampered. Raymond's letter puzzled me for it sounded as though had said something & I could not make out what - Then the person arrived & I wondered if a letter was coming & finally it dawned upon me I was expected to do something. My doctor's degree is not one of medicine though I did much of my work at the Columbia Med. Sch, just as I happened to do it in Louis. at the Med. Sch. This is a very embarrassing mix up & no one regrets it as much as I do. Too many cooks spoil the broth for no one feels the responsibility of the case. They probably are making time waiting some sort of a report from me instead of earnestly applying their own skill & experience. It seemed to me it would be advisable to test the fecal elimination for bacteria & determine if possible what bacteria may be involved. I once had a bad fissure & a long period of healing. Dr. Skinner thought he would have to operate. The trouble was that the fecal material got into the wound continually & made it worse & prevented its healing. Miss Harlow had to undergo an operation to correct hers. I wonder if a surgeon could not put his fingers on the trouble. It may not be necessary to have any operation but he may be able to diagnose the trouble & treat it accordingly. My trouble was caused by taking too large a dose of calomel.

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I was very much gratified to learn that Sam was im-  
 proving & was so disappointed that he was not on the road  
 to recovery - I had hoped that the Specialist was finding out  
 what was wrong & that all was going well. I had a letter from  
 Mrs. Jones who had seen Ethel & she gave me a very encouraging  
 report. I suppose she really did not know. I sincerely hope  
 Carl Nelson does not call me up any more. He one time told  
 me quite proudly that he felt it was he who had gotten  
 how to study for the ministry. I told him I did not thank  
 him for it & I do not. Sam was in the best of health when he  
 was Princeton & it was when he was Wittenberg & subjected  
 himself to all sorts of deprivations & hardships that he  
 broke down & started with the trouble that has taken so  
 many years of his life. Sam would have made a marvelous  
 teacher. He had the talent to teach & a most unusual brain  
 for very profound work. To my mind he could have done  
 just as effective work for humanity. Of course it is his  
 life and he must do what he is happiest in doing.  
 But I believe he never would have succumbed to that  
 fatal illness if he had not struggled as he did at  
 Wittenberg. The last thing I told him on the train was that  
 I wanted him to come back to Princeton & get his degree

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for my dream was to have him President of Princeton. I am glad now is a minister if that is what he wanted to be but personally I feel he is too sensitive a type to live daily in the atmosphere of sorrow & the serious thinking of religion. He needs happy stimulating atmosphere for the frail body he has. The responsibilities of a minister, the sorrow & trouble of hundreds of people, require a strong physical body. I am convinced he should be strong & well until he gets away from it for a good while. His body is not yet strong enough for so heavy a load.

If these Doctors will state what they want I will try to have it done but if they are routine tests that can be done in Paris, satisfactorily, have them there for doctors here would regard it as strange for them to be sent here. If they are in doubt & wish results obtained there, confirmed I should be glad to do it. If they think there is some thing unusual & want exploratory tests, have them say what. It seems peculiar that one of them does not write me if he thinks I can be of assistance.

I am glad you are getting along nicely. Be careful not to annoy Dan with your attentions. You mean well but I know just how your insistence can rep him. When you said you insisted upon opening his mail for him I could understand so well how annoyed he felt. It was always one of your good faults to be <sup>too</sup> insistent about doing things for people when they honestly did not want you to do them. Your intentions are good & you must be careful. Don't bother him by insisting so much & do not stay long. It was a sick person not to have any one sit so long - he may not pay so but I think his temperament is like mine - Brief visits are so much better always. Try it & see. My love to you & much to Dan - with love Hallie

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Feb 22 - 1928

Dear Bertha -

As I have had no word from you I am  
taking you at your word and believing that all  
is well - Naturally it would help a lot to  
hear you say so though. I surely hope I am  
well on the way of recovery. I cannot under-  
stand why a good Doctor should be so long  
in deciding what was the matter. I feel quite  
sure I had over worked, over tired, and his  
whole system out of working order. Let me  
know how he is.

Hope you and the rest of the folks are  
well - The winter is almost over and soon  
spring will be here. I had to think of Spring in  
Kentucky. It is the loveliest time of the year in the  
South. Next time, I want to come in the spring -  
time. Surely no week could have been as perfect  
as the one we had last October. I wanted to come in  
the fall of the year. Had my wish in beautiful  
measure. I shall never forget it. Much love to you  
and everybody -  
Sincerely  
Hattie

Feb 22 - 1938

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Dear Mother

I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy. I am well at present and hope to see you soon. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy. I am well at present and hope to see you soon.

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July 3-1918

Dearest Bertha-

I have long been planning to write you but it seems I never get to it. I have so many things to do that a day is indeed short. We are now starting summer school & you have no idea what that means. This keeps us going at a mad pace until Aug. 17. Then there is a respite until Sept. 21. The intervals between times seem busier than ever for I am doing other work than I could in all I can.

I had a lovely note from Sam a short time ago. It was so good to hear from him. We were glad of the improvement but so disappointed

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that it was not faster + more complete. Perhaps when the sunshine comes he will improve faster.

He said you were not feeling so well but that you were able to come several times a wk. I am thankful for that but I wish so much you were feeling lots better. I beg that you will follow the doctor's orders in every detail. Do please! I was so distressed over your letter. You told us about the continuous urine output. Has the Dr. controlled that? You must have a Dr. who can do something to check that over

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then you should have care +  
attention Bertha. Is there not  
a hospital you could go to that  
would look after you during such  
attacks? Oh you must have care.  
Do please have a Dr. advise you  
+ tell you what to do - Spend  
what you have on yourself + Bran.  
Remember that is what will  
wound wish you to do. Let those who  
are left work for themselves.  
Please feel this is your due -  
the money is yours - use it on  
yourself - Oh please do + when  
it is all used up Bertha  
there will be a way of your  
being taken care of. Please  
~~now~~ now be sane about  
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this - what is spent on your  
comfort + care during this  
crisis may be the means of re-  
storing you if not completely at  
least to a condition of taking  
care of yourself with more ease -  
You know how earnestly I am  
pleading + I trust you will heed  
it. I know if Bill could speak  
he would urge it - may insist.  
Now please write me that you have  
gone to a hospital + that somebody  
is taking proper care of you. You  
must have it + you must do  
this at once. God bless you. I  
trust we shall see you soon again.  
We do want to come soon + hope to.  
All my hearty love - Affectionately Father

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