

The Henry
NEW CASTLE, PA.

Sept 5th 1915.

Dearest Mama & Dad;

Your dear
sweet letter came yesterday
was sure glad to get it, I
telling you so happy you
like the little things we send
you, so you liked the little
pin? I think its the sweetest
one I ever saw. Just yesterday
we sent serge for a skirt for
you Mama, It was a fine
piece of serge 3 yds hope
its enough for a skirt, its so
wide. surely will be, I can
see Papa help fit it for you.
and hope you like it, Its
from us both. My Stiggie
says when she did it up
I'm going to have some
fun with music and
she put my Xmas on it.

Oh! we are so glad the salve is
helping your dear hand,
A couple of weeks ago Higgie
wrote to her uncle who is
superintendent of Borden's milk
factory in Wassiac N. Y.
and asked him if he could
give you a position the factory
is clean, and a lovely place to
work, and it can't be very hard,
and as Papa doesn't drink, smoke
or chew, and is honest, it
would give him a better chance
to climb up. Well her uncle
answered, said he had laid
off men just there, but the
first of Sept would be getting
men again, and would give
you first chance. so as soon
as we get route, she will write
again, concerning salary
and work, we told him you
could do most any thing,
you can do. We wouldn't that

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be grand? Tell us what
you think of it. We are
trying all the time to get
something for you, that
isn't too hard, so if this
pulls thru and you are
satisfied we will be so
happy. and Higgins Aunt
is so sweet, I know
you will love her. It is
Mother Dudley's sister.
It is turning quite cold,
I hope so I love cold weather
my! Poor Mrs O. Waller, I
feel so sorry for her I
am still suffering with
my foot, but Higgins is
doing all she can for it.
This is our first night off
for seven weeks. It has
been an awful strain on me

Higgie and I are both so nervous
and worn out, we are taking
Malt for our nerves. Sure feel
better for it. We had new
photos taken yesterday will
send some when they are finished.
Rehearsal at 10:00 to-morrow,
we had an all night jump
in here, left at 1:40, got here
about noon, sure are tired
we have won and both here
so we can jump in at night
after show and rest our weary
bones, sure do need three days
rest, but we can't afford it,
we must work. So glad Dad
made a few dollars and hope he
gets, I is home. Must close in
so tired we all send our hearts
love & kisses to our darlings,
I made two dresses and a petticoat
for Bis Baby, one crocheted yoke and
bottom of dress, one emb. Higgie sent
a rubber diaper & beautiful silk hood
from Canada, also will give it

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some beauty pins if every
thing is O.K. I know the
little things you've made are
lovely, cause all your work
is beautiful. So sorry you've
been so sick, I do hope you
all right now, are you mama?
Take good care of yourself.
Glad Dad is well, he says
I should do with out luxury
to send Woodman, little
does she know, what little
luxury we have, Will do the
best Deean, always want
me? I even begrudge
myself a nickels worth of
candy, so she doesn't know.
Will close sure nuff now.

Love & kisses from you

Two Kids.

New Castle Pa.

Jim & Hil.

The Henry
NEW CASTLE, PA.

NEWCASTLE,
SEP 6 - 15
10 - 30 AM
PA.



Prof & Mrs J. B. Eckert
509 - W - 6th St.

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Corner Eighth St. and Third Ave.
Opposite Huntington Theatre

Huntington, W. Va., Sept 26th 1915-

Darling Mama,

Both letters
to hand here, one last
night, the other here this
A. M. now to answer
them, I didn't write the
letter to Aunt you and
Dad, was only telling you
how mean they are all
the time, God knows I
realize what you sacrificed
for insurance for us,
but what I mean, if
they would only quit
writing about how little
I do for you, I do as
much as I can, and
I only wanted you

to convince them I had
done a little for you, because
I loved you so, not to
be grudge it, God knows
I wish I could do more,
As for Higgin saying
a tablet wouldn't hold all.

Well B is the biggest liar
I ever saw, not a word
was said against you,
or about you. Higgin
even used to write and
tell her, she didn't treat
you right, and that she
would get paid up for
it and this is what she
gets, then B. says she
loves Higgin, she's crazy,
and has no love in her
heart for no one. I am
more than willing to
pay my share of Woodman
but not all the time

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as they expect me to, I tell
you frankly, and I'm
sorry to say, I hate both
of them, and wouldn't
pay one cent for either
one of them, or what's the
matter, can't I ad
divide it as I say?
Yes they should be
ashamed to keep it up
constantly, that's all
B, can write about,
the D — old insurance
as she calls it, I'd rather
have Dad. I could
never enjoy a cent of
it. ~~knowing~~ why I'd
have it. You see I can't

write you as I like ;
because you take me
up wrong, You ~~do~~
neednt write me your
affairs, I dont suppose
it is, any of my business.
I also said in my last
letter I didnt believe, he
Dad, said anything
against Wiggie It
is them, I wrote the
letter with a good head,
and you are always ready
to take me up wrong,
I bet you'd never take
Leo wrong, or write
him, about his Birdie,
Wiggie is more to
me, than B, is to
Leo, because I love her
and we never have a
word. Leo & B, always
fight, Still they are

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not to blame for nothing.
I see that you blamed
me, for that insurance
but thats alright
I'm used to it, All these
years, that Geo & Co
have slandered us,
you believed them
against us, and I tell
you it hurts me,
I love you two deady
with all my heart, so
does Higgle, I only told
you, so you would make
them stop it, so as
to cause me less tears,
but instead you angry
with me, not them!

I have Malaria fever,
been quite sick, Higgie
gave me, seven doses
of Calumel, then a
dose of pluto water, so
to-day I feel better,
yesterday she hired a
rig and drove me out
in the Hills, so I'd feel
better, and I do, she is
so thoughtful, Will
try and see Bessie, the
moving picture star,
I'd like to see what I
look like. Higgie has me
wearing ~~her~~ curls
again, She couldn't
stand to see my curls
gone, so I have about
fourteen, my hair is
getting so long, now
I must close, I have
a Matinee to do, and

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it is quite late, so bye
write soon, I'm just
sick because you
took my letter up wrong,
I didn't mean it to
be mean, as you thot,
we were so happy
in getting your dear
letters, and all was so
bright and sunshiny
again, and all because
Bess, expect to make
a fool of me, and I keep
up payments alone
as Bess, mentioned in
her letter, that as
I hadn't done anything
for you, I should keep

it up by (her own little self)
as she says, but no,
not for them will I do it.
I'll send it for Oct. Monday
when I get in Newport
News, if we have
enough to live on, after
our \$10,00 jump down
there, worlds of love
and kisses to you both.
Your heartsick girl.
Hazel.

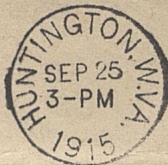
Newport News Va,

To Mamma,

private
This is in answer to the
letter I received this 9th M.
It is not to you Mamma, as
I realize it was dictated.
but I know you love us both,
bless your heart, it is lots of
consolation to us,

HOTEL REGAL
AL WETHERHOLT, PROP.
HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



Prof & Mrs. G. B. Eckert
509 West 6th Street
Sterling, Ill.

Zogun O.
Oct 8th 1915.

H Darling Mamma & Papa,
No letter
for me here, again I'm
dissatisfied. Well I guess
I dissappoint you to, at
times, so turn about is
fair play. To-morrow
Mamma, Figgie is going
to send you that pretty
pair of low shoes she
wore when in Sterling
about the last time
she wore them, they hurt
her so. and in
Columbus we will get

you a pair of spats to
wear with them, and
then you'll have a nice
pair of shoes. Am writing
this between shows
and therefore only a note
as I've brought my work
over and do want to
finish it, as all I give
for Xmas this year will
have to be made as I
cant afford to buy big
presents, so I'll have
to make up in stitches
My Higgie is emb
me a beautiful quest

towel in blue birds. It is
beautiful and her work is lovely.
I can't hardly believe it.

It snowed here a little today.

We went to the county
fair today, saw the funnest
races, but had fun anyway.
Innest, we three girls are
a crowd ourselves. and don't
worry about meeting another
soul and still we have
fine times. Now I must

Love sure miss. Love
to Dad and you, from
Your girls.

Columbus Ohio
Jan 21.

Love
to
Dad
and
you
from
Your
girls

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Order Mrs. J. B. Eckert,
609 - W. 6th St.,
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Illinois

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Sogan, O.

Oct. 9th 1915.

Dearest Dad & Mama;

Another little

I note in answer to your two dear letters that came to-day. I'm so sorry Dad that the horrid old ladder hit your head. Do hope you won't feel any ill effects from it. And glad you have those two jobs to bid on. I've suffered dreadfully with my back the last few days. and last year out in California there were times. Wiggie and Slim

anything heavy. she saves me
as much as she can. Oh yes.
You remember I told you about
the N.Y. firm leasing Huns
land for oil, well, just $3\frac{1}{2}$ mls
from his land. they drilled and
struck oil, and Mother D. says
they will surely do the same
on there land. So everything
looks bright ahead for all of us.
Now I must rest a bit
before we go on again.

had to almost carry me.
And not I could cry. I
think it was strained
in that wreck in N. C.,
so dont expect much of
a letter, will you, and
I know you will overlook
it. Higgie is going to ~~wait~~
take me off the road as
soon as possible, so
when I'm tired. I can
rest. Oh, Mama & Dad
you dont know how dear
sweet and thoughtful she
is of me. She never
lets me lift or carry

she carries me

Love and kisses
from your own
- Girls -

Columbus O.

Dear Miss -

Only a few lines
to add with Date -
Sent you my half shoes
you liked so well to here
we were in Sterling last -
hope they fit you - They
are to print in me
and when I work and
walk long they hurt
and they are large & hot
guess its because they
are to print or if they
are the same print
and hurt you may
be you can give them
to some one. Its sure

⁴
cold to night and we
have an early jump, really
hate to think about it.
But such is life -
now I must be
right now nearly
done for last show -
I can't kisses to you
and Dad and write
Love Young
Higgi

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Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Eckert
* 509 W. 6 Street
Sterling,
Ill.

Sunday Nov. 2/15
New York City

Dearest Mamma + Dad -

Time for a few lines
between shows - How are
you any way - Really
don't know what to
write you haven't any
news at all to write
about - we are all well
only Dottie is awful
nervous nearly as
bad as she was at
Asheville - And will
you send on the
nerve prescription

the one the doctor gave ²
her in Des Moines
guess you will know
the one and please
send it on at once -

Well we are still
working first half
of next week we stay
Six blocks from
the Lewis & Robert
ranch - so guess
they will all be over
and look us over
Mama is coming
Wednesday A. M.
I wish you were

coming also - ³ for I
would like you to
know what I think
you would see &
know some things

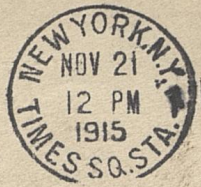
Dutch Reynolds said
could never be true -
I'll maybe some
day you can meet
her - At time I was
getting ready for
my next stop
I guess I'll have
to close for this
time - Dottie sends
love & forever

same from me
Do write soon &
what ever you do
don't forget the
prescription will
you - once more
Yours & kisses -

Sincerely

Dunfield

~~245 West 43rd
N. Y. C.
Apt. 131~~



Mrs. J. B. Eckert,
Sterling,
509 West 6th St., Ill.

New York City -
Monday P.M.

Dearest Mumsie -

Guess it about time I wrote you
a few lines any way. Dottie got
your letter today and it the first
day she has been free from a
bad headache since your letter
came saying you only had a
dollar and would have no
Thanksgiving dinner unless she
happened to bring something in
to you from the country. Oh if
you only had of said you were

going to that house she would
of felt so sad - but your letter sure
did put her on the beam for one a
week and I thought we would
have to quit working - I know you
didn't think for I know you would
not do any thing for the world
to so upset her I'll tell it all
over now and she's letter only
please be careful and let her
know a head about naib until
you only have 100 left. you will

would you? Hall's mama & Pa's have
gone home last night on the eight
o'clock train and we are some
onesour kids - she's been here for
a week and you must know
how we do miss her - she's the sweetest
and dearest mother in the world
the girls love her a I do and she
loves them as she does me - I do
so want you to know her and
she wants to know you also -
won't you some good news for you
mama is going up to see my

Amnt Clara and Uncle Henry young ⁽⁴⁾
just to have a talk with Uncle Henry
about Dad - and I'm sure all
will come out fine in the end
and you may bet we girls will
be just as happy to know you are
fine and dandy and in right
as you will be for it was marrie
is all really it was - I'm as no
better and never will be as long
as he is in New York - I know
they know it now or I'm written

Anna Brigham & see if she can
still get Geo that job. Bert came to
the station & see mama off and
then came up to our flat for
a while and she's going to write
Anna also about job. The kid
is fine and Bert says he's getting
fat and looks more like the Eckert
every day. That's funny isn't it.
We haven't seen him in over a
week - we don't call at the Eckert
sew in flat very often - I wonder
why - Oh: well that is well that ends

Ottie just cant stand Ma Sewin. (6)

He are laying off Elis first half hope
na work the last half - I nearly go
crazy when we lay off just cant
stand it - Dont know for that it do =

Bertha looks the same as she
always did - better I think if any
thing - So looks awful old
and Baldheaded and very
much hen pecked - really feel
sorry for him - Bertha is ~~the~~
hen pecked - Now of course I

ask that nothing I write comes
back - as there is at least peace
between us all and no need of
starting it all a gain - guess
you understand - Well if I don't
stop Dottie won't have any thing
to write you - Pam said she never
got a line from you, so I guess
you forgot to remail that letter
that came back didn't you - Now
I must write some more
letters - My darling is in the

(5)

Bath Tub and she's sweeter every
day and I love her better we girls
have great plans a head and really
have something to work for now
so we do see light a head for us -
Now I really must close, write
me real soon always love to get your
letters and better worries when
none comes or when they are
a long ways when - And more
love & kisses - I'm sending you
also - Yours most lovingly
Figgie

NEW YORK, N.Y.
NOV 30
5:30 PM
1915
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Mrs. J. D. Eckert -
509 West 6th Street -
Sterling, Ill.

At Home -

Oct 9th 1918 -

Dearest Dad & Mama,

The kid

rec'd your card. I've been
nearly wild worrying for
fear you had that terrible
influenza - That's why
we are not out working
all the theatres are closed
and gee! we need work
now, you write here if you
have time - (I've heard
twice in the weeks)
because we will jump
right out as soon as

to write about only
mother D. is very ill -
we had a specialist
from New Haven, and
Mama was even
too weak to be
examined, it is
internal trouble of
some kind - worried
on all hands around -
Sickness - no work
in sight and no word
from you - Must

close - no news -
write soon - here -

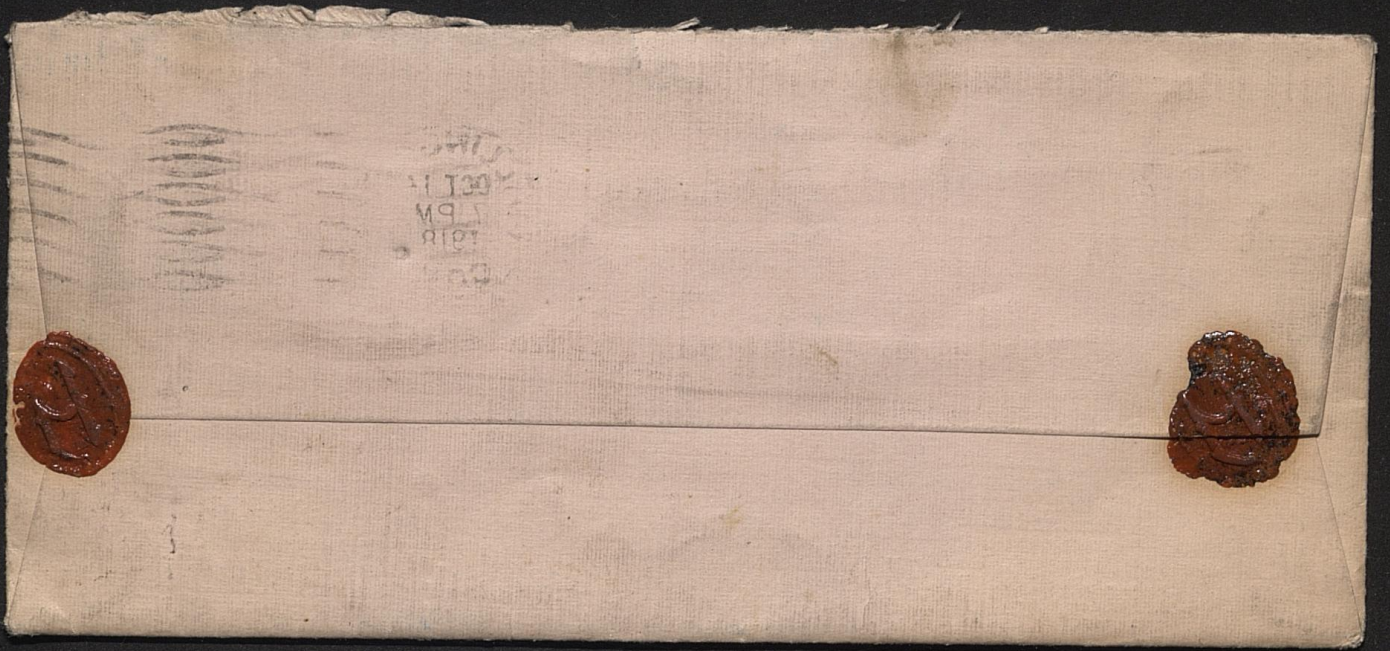
Love & kisses
from us all -
Sincerely,

Dottie -
#2 Dudley Ave -
Wallingford
Conn.

the houses open, it is
~~so~~ terrible, and we have
pledged to buy W-S-S-
and I'm back on insurance
it sure is awful, then
worrying about you
not writing ^{me} ~~me~~ up
in the air sure - I
must you write me
in a while - the last
word I had, you said
Dad wasn't well -
naturally I'm worried
I don't know a thing



Mr + Mrs. J. D. Eckert
308 West 7th Street
Sterling - Ill.



At Home -
Oct 28th 1918.

Dearest Mamma:

Rec'd
your letter - and thinking
it over - I'm sorry I
hurt you, I really am -
and hope you over
look it, as I do some
things, and don't think
I don't appreciate all
you've done for me,
for I do - Will let
everything drop -
except, please
understand me -
I don't mean I can't
come home without
Higgie, I mean -
I wouldn't - She does

not hold me back, or
dictate to me in any
way, in fact, she
always does, just
what I want, I don't
want you to give me
~~insurance money~~
I intend sending
\$10,00 as soon ^{as} I get
to work, if the Heales
ever open. that
pays up back
insurance from
this summer or
last, and now we
4,000 counting this
month - There isn't
much news. my
Mother 20, is getting
stronger every day

We have 85 bushels
of potatoes in the
cellar - isint that
fine, This rest has
come put me on
my feet. I've gotten
so fat, and I feel
fine. My nerves
are all slam and
no more headaches -
which were caused
from spinal nervous-
ness. Dr Russell said
but gee! it seem good
to feel fine all over -
Higgie rubs my
back every night
and just puts me
to sleep - I dont
know what it is

to ever waken in
the night. I'm sure
gotten to be some
~~good~~ these few
weeks. the gravy
just melts in your
mouth. I take a
tablespoon of
lard or butter - and
brown a tablespoon
of flour in it then
add milk salt &
pepper, and you
cant tell it from
meat gravy. Here's
a nice way to bake
halibut frcture,
1 1/2 lbs of halibut wash
& dry with cloth -
put butter in roaster
put half fish in



PALACE HOTEL
C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

1.
Dec 16th 1914.

Dear Mama;

Your letter came yesterday and found us very busy getting little gifts ready for each other. We are going to have a Xmas tree for Baby, and she is wide eyed in her joy in anticipating same.

We will try and get an apartment. As we are there a week. Am glad your so busy papering and etc. Now as for the insurance B. added

2.

\$1.90 to my bill for insurance
money, so you see my part
will be paid, and made a
little easier on poor Leo,
and I'll send what I owe
him soon. B adds it on

even without asking, how
did she know I could send
it, or had it to send?

It is absurd that you are
in the way, why write
such letters to me, and
at 7mas time, I shant ans
anymore like them.

If any spot is made of
Dad, it comes from
Sterling, as the ones from
this end. love him



PALACE HOTEL
C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

and if B says, that J. writes
those things she lies. for
J. only quoted in her ans,
what B. had written her.

Dad evidently tries for work
or he wouldn't be working
now. But I don't see why
so much is expected of me.
I do all I can, if you
were both sick it would
be different, and see
both in better health
than I, and are more able
to support yourselves than

I. No one has ever said
one unkind word of Dad
at this end, so don't
blame P or I, for any
thing else. Its that
snake in the grass that
says them, that you
idealize and thinks is what
the Dr ordered. I've tried
being blamed for untruel
things, and if it dont
stop, you wont hear from
me anymore. You say
you hope it isnt too
late for me to realize
how I hurt you two,
D, you realize how

5.



PALACE HOTEL
C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

you two have hurt me?
No you dont, and dont
care either. Die never
hurt you intentionally
and have sure have
been sarcastic to me,
you were in Chi.
It was always Leo.
I saw it, and Birdie
to. Die made my bed
and its laying good, and
Higgie loves me and I love
her and if you cant be

as you used to be, then
I don't care, it makes
me so tired to take
all those sneers and
sarcastic remarks all
the time, and keep on
swallowing them, I'm
all done out. Always
before we go somewhere
to enjoy ourselves, then
comes a sarcastic
letter and all B. can
do is dictate what we
give for Texas or buy
for money. My goodness,
we've got to live to,
Does anyone care? No!



PALACE HOTEL
C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

4.

and who goes on working
when there ill, or suffering
we do, no one sends
us anything, who worries
when we lay off, and
have big jumps, no one,
So why should I worry
myself sick, Every tooth
in our heads need
fixing, and one of mine
is broken so bad, it
cut my lip, and its
all swollen now but

8//
cant get it fixed. both
our corsets are broken.
and no new ones in
sight. We always think
of others first. Oh! well
such is life. Remember
that we are humans, and
cant do ungodly
things. As for church,
I love my God and he
loves me, therefore I
never forsake him, I
need no dictation from
anyone, neither one of
us have any inclination
of being ~~so~~ bad. Were
bad in your eyes

I know too
that Dad dictated
some of that letter
Great for a father.
You all hate us, you
cant stand to see us
along.



PALACE HOTEL
C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

9.
tho, are you wouldnt
be reminding us of it
all the time, must close,
I'm too disgusted with
your sarcastic letter to
write anymore. If you
write decent letters I'll
answer if not, I cant,
I'm too hard working
with out being upset
all the time.
Love to Dad. Hazel

San Bernardino

Dec 31st 1914

Dear Mama;

It's time
to go to rehearsal but
must drop you a line
to wish you a happy
New Year and thank
you for beautiful night
gown, its the most
lovely work I ever
saw you do, thank
you with my heart.
And I'd given the
world if you had of
not slighted my darling
so. She felt it
terribly and of course
I cried. it might lead

not been so beautiful
I wouldn't have felt
it so, if only you
had put an edge on
the handkerchief like
you did Slims, it
would have been all O.K.
just so you had
put a tiny bit of
work on it. It was
she who picked out
your quilt basket,
and the best was
not too good for you.
It just hurt that
all, Mother & Daddy
never made any
distinction and I
couldn't help but

feel it. Perhaps you
didn't intend it so,
I don't like to judge
you. But even if
noticed it, still I
appreciate the lovely
gown, and thank
you for it. I've told
Dad all the news,
and I know you
read it to, so must
wish to Theatre.

Write to
San Diego,
Lovingly, Cal.
Hazel,

San Bernardino

Dec 31st 1914.

Dearest Dad,

Yours and Maurice's letters came to day, was so glad to get them and I'm so glad you liked the gifts we sent you, we tried our best to please you, and Higgie just couldn't get enough for you, and all, was the best we could buy, so I'm awfully glad they pleased all. You were certainly well remembered for Xmas, and I'm glad, This is what I received, A hand painted photo of my

Higge in a large silver
frame. just beautiful.
a nickel music rack
in tan leather ^{carrying case} ~~box~~.

a Japanese blue silk
sofa pillow hand imb
in gold silk a dragon
design, a little white
leather book of Jesus
lover of my soul, with
lovely pictures in it,
a bottle of Japanese
perfume all these from
my Higge, a pink
sape du chin hand
imb dressing gown
just beautiful, a pink
silk shirt with pink
crocheted top, a budior

cap, this from Slim.
a ribbon bag with
bands of Perched
and a traveling
sewing case from
Baby, a bonnet cap
and hand emb apron
from Elsie Fraser,
a photo of Brownie,
she looks swell, a lovely
combination from Mother
Dudley, its white cape,
with lovely emb, and
blue ribbon, she remem-
bered us all alike.
a handkerchief from
Him, with "D" in it,
for Dotter as he
calls me. Higgin's

from me, white ivory
military brushes and
tray, her blue silk
and pajamas,
a pair of kid gloves,
a photo of me in colors
in silver frame, a set
of lingerie clasps, ^{also money} bag,
Slim gave her silk
combination with
crocheted top, silk
shirt to match, and
tie, a combination from
Mother, a white ivory
clothes brush, lovely
than our lovely boy
from home, I put the
gown the prettiest
you ever saw,

I fixed a beautiful
roast pork, mashed
potatoes, cranberries,
gravy, it was lovely.
and every one says
I'm a fine cook!

You should have
been there with us.

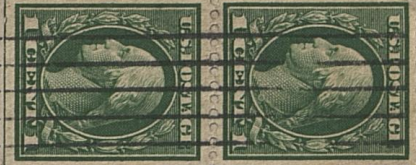
The box came yesterday
and I thank you
with all my heart for
everything. So sorry
it is cold there, it
grand here, we went
in bathing yesterday
it was so warm
and nice. had some
apartments there.
Have lovely ones here

pians and all, and
we are going to do
some playing. Higgin's
and the piano is
every day. Now I must
close and write Ma
and thank her for
lovely night gown.
So with love and
kisses. And wish
you all a Happy New Year
Sincerely,
Dorothy



PALACE HOTEL
 C. W. BERRY, MANAGER
 VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

VISALIA
 DEC 16
 1914
 CAL.



Prof & Mrs. J. B. Eckert.

509 - W. 6th St.

✓ Excellent
 content

daughter

with her
 parents

Sterling

Illinois

S.A.G.

Sunday Nov. 11/15

New York City

Dearest Mamma + Dad -

Time for a few lines
between shows - How are
you any way - Really
don't know what to
write you haven't any
news at all to write
about - we are all well
only Dottie is awful
nervous nearly as
bad as she was at
Asheville - And will
you send on the
nerve prescription

the one the doctor gave ²
her in Des Moines
guess you will know
the one and please
send it on at once -

Well we are still
working first half
of next week we stay
six blocks from
the Lewis & Robert
ranch - so guess
they will all be over
and look us over
Mama is coming
Wednesday A. M.
I wish you were

coming also³ - for I
would like you to
know what I think
you would see &
know some things
Dutch Reynolds said
could never be true -
Hill maybe some
day you can meet
her - At this time I was
getting ready for
my next stop
I guess I'll have
to close for this
time - Dottie sends
love & forever

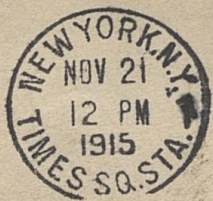
same from me
Do write soon &
whatever you do
don't forget the
prescription will
you - once more
Love & kisses -

Loveingly

Dunfield

~~245 West 43rd
N. Y. C.~~

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Mrs. J. B. Eckert,
Sterling,
509 West 6th St. Ill.

New York City -
Monday 7th

Dearest Mamma -

Guess it about time I wrote you
a few lines any way. Dottie got
your letter & day and it the first
day she has been free from a
bad headache - since your letter
came saying you only had a
dollar and would have no
sharp given dinner unless she
happened to bring something in
to you from the country. Oh if
you only had of said you were

going to that hangout she wouldn't
of felt so bad - but your letter sure
did put her on the beam for one a
week and I thought we would
have to quit working - I know you
didn't think for I know you would
not do any thing for the world
to so upset her I'll tell it all
over now and ones letter, only
please be careful and let her
know a head don't wait until
you only have 100 left. you will

would you? Hall's mama & Papa have
gone home last night on the eight
o'clock train and we are some
lonesome kids - she's been here for
a week and you must know
how we do miss her - she's the sweetest
and dearest mother in the world
the girls love her & I do and she
loves them as she does me - I do
want you to know her and
she wants to know you also -
won't you some good news for you
mama is going up to see my

Amnt Clara and Uncle Henry young ⁽⁴⁾
just to have a talk with Uncle Henry
about Dad - and I'm sure all
will come out fine in the end
and you may bet the girls will
be just as happy to know you are
fine and dandy and in right
as you will be for it does worry
us all really it does - Leo is no
better and never will be as long
as he is in New York - I know
they know it now or I'm written

Anna Brigham & see if she can^o
still get Geo that job. Bert came to
the station & see mama off and
then came up to our flat for
a while and she's going to write
Anna about about job. The kid
is fine and Bert says he's getting
fat and looks more like the Eckerts
every day. That's funny isn't it -
we haven't seen him in over a
week - we don't call at the Eckert
sew in flat very often - I wonder
why - Oh: well it is well that ends

Ottie just cant stand Ma Lewis. (6)

He are laying off this first half hope
no work the last half - I nearly go
crazy when we lay off just cant
stand it - Dont know ~~for that~~ & do.

Bertha looks the same as she
always did - better I think if any
thing - So looks awful old
and Baldheaded and very
much hen pecked - really feel
sorry for him - Bertha is ~~the~~
hen pecked - Now of course I

ask that nothing I write comes
back - as there is at least peace
between us all and no need of
starting it all a gain - guess
you understand - Well if I don't
stop Dottie won't have any thing
to write you - Pat said she never
got a line from you, so I guess
you forgot to re-mail that letter
that came back didn't you - Now
I must write some more
letters - My darling is in the

(5)

Bath Tub and she's sweeter every
day and I love her better our girls
have great plans a head and really
have something to work for now
as we do see light a head for us -
Now I really must close, write
us real soon always love to get your
letters and better worries when
none comes or when they are
a long ways when - And more
love & kisses - I'm sending you
also - Yours most lovingly
Figgie

NEW YORK, N.Y.
NOV 30
5:30 PM
1915
TIMES SQ. STA.



Mrs. J. D. Eckert -
509 West 6th Street -
Sterling, Ill.



The Russell
J. F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES

Dearest Mamma & Dad -
Guess you will say
well is Gladys going
to do all the writing
why dont you write.
I'll see Mamma
her head, and we
leave here at three
o'clock, so she wouldn't
have any time to
write, as I was
writing to Mamma
why, said I would
drop you a few



The Russell
J. F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES

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lines - To say we
were well & you
wouldn't worry - I am
so glad Dad has that
nice job a head of him
No one was more
happy to know you
two had something
nice a head of you to
look forward to
then your girls -
Now we will send
you a dollar or two
so you will have
cash by Monday



The Russell
J. F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES

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and it will help
some more it -
Do so hope you get
some nice rooms
and I just know how
very happy you but
will be - I don't
know how happy
we are because
we know you are
happy - and I only
hope God will bless
you with a little one
if you wish it.
I for one would



The Russell
J. F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES

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See that it got one
nice present if
nothing more.

Now really I'm
tired and want to
write a line to Bert
don't write her often
for she says to
many unkind
things of Dottie &
that I won't stand
for from no one
not even my
mother But less



The Russell
J. F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES

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her dear old sweet
heart she loves
my Dottie very
dearly and wouldn't
say anything un-
kind of her. And
she also wouldn't
let anyone else.

I'll must close
with love and
kisses from Dot
and Irie.

Your Aunt
over - Doreen
or Pamela -

Jan. 13-14-15-

Ithaca N.Y.
Gen. Del

Jan. 17-18-19-

Binghampton

N.Y.
Gen. Del

Hurry & write

us



The Russell
J.F. QUINN PROP. ST. CATHARINES.



Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Eckert,
A 509 West 6th Street
Sterling Ill.

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A tree. This is what Hig and
I recd. 5.00 and was dinner
from Mgr for Hig. I a combination
and dinner from him - I from
Betty to Hig - a \$10.00 silk shirt -
a \$10.00 waist for me - From Slim
to Hig a signet ring. for me a
beautiful purse and tiny rosary.
From Mazie. a Kaiser silk
undershirt for me, for Hig, a
pr silk socks and garters for
slage - From Bonnie to me
also paper. to Hig silk stockings
From Coy to Hig - a silk stock
and a Koufy pillow that blows
up. for the train. for me, a
silk undershirt and an
ivory cuticle scissors. from
Peggy. a set of Lady Mary

Whattanooga Tenn.
Dec 25th 1918-

Dearest Mama & Dad:

Your boy

received on our arrival
here, and I just couldn't
wait until Tmas so I opened
it, and oh! everything was
just beautiful. My apron is
gorgeous! of all that beautiful
work, we surely appreciate
everything and Hig is so
proud of her handkeries.
and the dear little shakers
are lovely to - Thanks
with all our hearts
We hate to leave our Tmas

for Hig - and a french ivory
mirror for me - and from
my Higget, one of those
beautiful silver flower
baskets, I gave her a
watch fob and a fountain
penicil - Our box from
Wallingford is in Amistar -
We had a wonderful
Xmas according to the
"Fili" will have to drop a
card with route, I will
make what I promised
Dad for his birthday, for

I couldn't buy the kind of
material I wanted -

Now I must go to Theatre -
so with the best of every
thing for the new year,
from us both, and thanks
a million times for gifts
and all the work -

Slim sure had a good
laugh over the card it
sure was cute, and

Hig says thanks a million
times for gifts - she will
write soon Love & kisses
Dottie



Mr. Mrs. J. B. Eckert -
#308 - W - 7th St -
Sterling
Illinois -

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since we wrote you -
a cut glass five dish
set in silver tray from
Mother D. - a silver gravy
ladle from Osbe - I rec'd
a blue sapphire ring
with platinum top a
modern hand emb hand
mercheis case and hanky
and photo ^{from} on bill.
I rec'd bed room slippers
from her - got a tatted
guest towel from Helen
and I rec'd two tatted
hankys from her

At theatre -

Dearest Dad & Mama -
Just a note between
shows to tell you I
rec'd your letters
to night so glad to
get it. But you look
nifty in your new
vest and waist - I
knew how Dad loved
fancy vests - but at
that, Stiggie suggested
both gifts - we rec'd
some more gifts -

Didn't we receive lovely
gifts. Both of you sure
farred lovely, didn't you?
Noe sent the dress,
a little better than we
thought, on account of
our Hotel trunk going
out sooner than we
expected - Now I must
close, it is time to go
on for our last show -
Write to Augusta Ga -
Gen Del, and will have

it forwarded, for so
~~so~~ many houses are
closed on account of
the flu and it upsets
the route -

Love & kisses -

And Happy New Year
from both of us -

Am making your
birthday gift. It isn't the
material I wanted, but
the best I can get down
here - will mail it
to-morrow -

Blottie
and Ha-

JACKSONVILLE
JAN 4
3 36 AM
1919
FLA.



Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Eckert -
308, West 7th Street,
Sterling -
Ill.

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out the necessary - you
cant do it - we may
leave here any day - ad
write home dear ad ill
get it right away -
I write Leo last - but
ill try again - I dont
see why there should be
fading anyway - do Mrs
bevin there? Higgin
Baby & I send all our
love Mamma, to you -
write often

Love & kisses -

Your Girls -

21 Morning side St -
Hartford

Dont know Leo's Plida Pa
add so will enclose it. Apr 21st 1921

Dearest Mamma -

Your letter
and notice about dear Dad
came yesterday - It shut me
all to pieces again - I
just get myself to - gether
then it breaks me all up
again - But we must know
it is best - or God would
not have called him -

So glad Bertha & Leo have
been so good to you they
should, because - you
have been, a wonderful
mother to us - you have
been sweet ad unselfish

was ours? Let me know
and we will send it.
Let me know the day
of the Mass and we will
go. Glad you sent your
letter special because
I was so anxious to
get it. We will try and
come this summer.

if we can get a second
hand car and drive there
it wouldnt cost us much
that way. if we had it
we would gladly come
at any cost - always
would have, but with

with us all - You've been²
a wonderful wife to Dad
and you have always
considered your own self
last, in every way.
I know what you've
been and will always
feel this way - so always
remember that we,
Higgin and I, love you
dearly. Wasnt it wonder-
ful to think that Annas
could make the wreaths -
that tender loving
hands could make
them instead of
strangers. How much

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
APR 23
4-PM.
1924



Mrs Marie Eckert.
507 - W - 7th St.
Sterling
Illinois

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NINTH AND BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Nov 23rd

1918-

Dearest Mamma & Dad,

Arrived in
here this noon - and Hig
& Laura walked three
hours for rooms. There was
a big parade here so
every room was taken, at
last we have rooms
Slim - Peggy, Hig and I
in one big room - only
for to-night. We are
playing B. J. Keiths house
here, and oh! its a real
Theatre - of course it is
real time, yes, same cast
and same people - other
wise we would have had
to rehearse - Here this
week, Lehattananga Tenn
then Knoxville - Suppose

we will live on grits & gravy.
Had a small steak for
supper 75 cts, couldnt
eat it, so tough - coffee
10 cts a cup - ice cream
20 cts a dish, com starch
at that. oh! it is awful -

In January we will make
up all back insurance -

just cant until then -

You should see my red cheeks

Hig & I both have the
natural red cheeks of the

mine girls - Better write

to Le Hattenanga Tenn,

for I'm not sure, if Knoxville
follows or Memphis - so

dont get mixed - Gee I'm

cold, as soon as we get

the trunk Hig says, long
pants for me, Ill sure put

em on, cause I've been

chilled thru all day, and



NINTH AND BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY.

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You know how much heat
we get in these Southern
Hotels - I'd rather be North,
for its cold out but the rooms
are warmer - Figgie too
has been chilled all day -
We are both expecting to
be sick, guess that's why.
We are sure glad the country
the U.S. has gone bone
dry - its the best thing
that could happen -
Dear Figgie could sure give
some lecture on it for she
has sure argued on the
point - I'll have to go to
bed to get warm -
So good - night - love
& kisses from us
both -
Dottie.



Mrs Mrs. G. B. Eckert -
308, West 7th Street -
Sterling - Ill.

3/ house all 3 weeks
getting ready, in case
we all sent for.
Just been practising
My Higgie and Fidge
and down town
shopping for dinner.
De Higgie is the shopper
In the back the kids
are all hand me guys
We've had rain
all summer, and
terrible electric
storms. There was

Wethersfield Conn.
Aug 25th 1920

Dearest Dad + Mamma
Please dont
think I've forgotten you
or that I didn't think
of your birthday the 16th
for we shot of you all
that day and wished
we could remember
you but couldn't, as
soon as we get to
work will send back
insurance to.
We've been cleaning.

3/ on awful wreck
on N. Y. N. H. and
H. R. R. down near
Meriden the other
night - makes us
leary about starting
again - Hows every
one in Sterling? I
We are all well.
Yes we love company
people who love us
for our selves not
for our entertain-
ment. It has turned

quite cool - we started
fire this morning
to take chill off the
house - Must close
here comes Peltiggi
and I must get
dinner - Love
kisses from both
of us to all -
Sincerely
Dottie
&
Higgie
Box 176
Wethersfield
Conn



Mr + Mrs G. B. Cochrane
308 - W. 7th St
Sterling
Ill.

Hartford Conn
Nov 6th 1920

Dearest Dad & Minnie,

Please excuse

me for not writing sooner
but oh I've been so
busy I just couldn't write.

You see we had to
cancel work on account
of our terrible colds, Slim
and I couldn't speak.

It was awful, so we
jumped home, and the

first day Maggie was
making our bed, and

something gave way
in her back, and she
hasn't been able to
walk or barely move,

she has suffered some
thing awful, I've been

caring for her, and
doing house work
so I haven't had
time to write. We
all are better now
and will probably
be able to work by

Thurs. Our new

address, is 224

20 Whitney Str

Hartford Conn.

We are having
real summer

weather and fortunate

to, especially when

coal is \$16.50 a
ton. We have hot

water heat - and

lovely to - a big

gas range, so we

have no dirt in
the house - We
are so happy that
Dad is better. B
wrote that Dad
had gained 5 lbs
feel. I'm so glad.

I nearly worried
to death. We are
getting ready to
go up street to shop
for Sunday dinner
We have 6 bus
of potatoes. we raised
our selves - and
have a bus of apples
of course we have
no jelly or fruit put

as we were in N.Y.
rehearsing - coming
time. I do hope I
when we do start
to work we can
keep going. I must
send back insurance
as soon as I can.
Sorry to make you
wait. We sold the
car, as we are away
from our own garage
and no use paying
dead storage all winter
and Gladys takes
care of our home
when we are away.
Of course there's
rent to pay - but it's

worth it. I'd rather
do without good clothes
than to store our
lovely furniture and
besides I make things
all winter for our

love it
As well I do hope &
pray Dadkins,
you are getting as
fat as a pig -

Now write some
love to both -
from us both -
Dottie.



Mr. G. B. Eckert
308 West 7th Street
Sterling Ill.

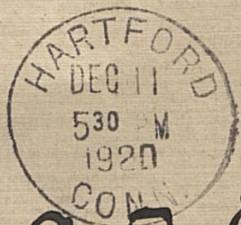
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Dearest Dad & Mumsie:

Your nice
long letter came a short
time ago, I would have
answered sooner, only
I've been trying to make
a few Xmas presents -
I hope you all will take
them as we give them -
they are small, but all
we can give - We are
home all week again -
sickness caused our
canceling of route, now
it is catch as catch
can, until they can
reset our route -
I'm so glad Dad, you

are feeling better - and
gaining, that sure
sounds good to me
Gee! its cold to night
Little Leo must be a
sweet little boy, by
your description I'll
bet you and Dad are
wild about him, well
you should be, he being
the only grandchild I
and being Leo's boy -
I'm writing this on
my lap - hence the
awful scribbling -
My Maggie is drinking
coffee as usual, oh!
she is so dear to me -
so good, and thoughtful
always. Lena was
surely fortunate. I wish

it could have been you
all, instead. The girls
always help me all they
can, they dont cook
but they do help me -
We were over to Ida's
for supper to - night
it was lovely to they
all, are so sweet to
me - Well we are
mighty glad you are all
better & I hope and
pray you will keep
on being that way -
Must close now
write soon - to
224 So Whitney -
Love from both of us -
Higger & Lottie



Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Eckert
308 West 7th Street
Sterling - Ill.

New York City
Sunday 8.30.

Dear Mumsie & Dad.

Your letter with
Leo's picture came yesterday.
I am really ashamed for
not writing. It is my own
fault & neglect. I've thought of
it everyday. Because Wiggie
has asked me everyday.
~~she~~ have you written the
folks - and always the same
answer - no. she says -
they'll think I'm keeping you
from it - well I told her - you
knew better. but we've been
working in, and around N.Y.
for several weeks and commuting
back and forth wears you
out. we can hardly realize
little Leo is such a big boy.
He's a lovely little boy, isn't he?
That should be the happiest
day of his life. also I do think
children make their own

too young I dont think they
are old enough to grasp
the significance of it - It
is so deep - ad they are
only babies at that age -
How old is he? & you? Our
Blessed Baby is almost
three years old - she does
every bodies act - on the hill
ad sings & dances - We
are pretty well broken up
for the summer - around
here - It will be hard - but
with a baby's education
ahead of us - we have to
look ahead - but when she
is worth every to us - oh!
she is such a comfort -
we may take another one
some day - if we feel we
can handle two - if we
had lots of money - I think
we'd look like a traveling
asylum - God was surely
good to us ad we are very

thankful. The baby - says her
prayers, blesses herself - kneels
when she goes into the pew -
lights candles - and prays
for us - oh! she is wonderful

The snap is exceptionally
good. isn't it? Am glad Dad
is well - and I'll bet his garden
looks fine - We have had
very little hot weather here
to day was the warmest
day I believe - We are all

fine - tho my Xiggie has
lost a great deal of weight
also she doesn't feel badly -
I can't lose - well - I must
close - Gladys is to have
another baby in the fall.

I hope and pray she will
pull through - Love to both
of you from us all -

and thanks for snap -

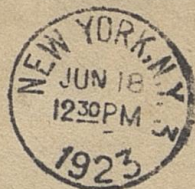
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Sincerely

Higgie & Dottie

Wright House -

15-6 - Brookline Ave.



Mr & Mrs. G. B. Eckert
507 - W - 17th St
Sterling,
Illinois

New York.

Dec 17th 1923.

Dearest Dad & Mammaie.

Your nice
letter came a couple of weeks
ago - was so glad to hear from
you - but sorry to hear of
Rudolph's death. However
I don't know him or remem-
ber him. The verse was
beautiful. Thank Aunt
Francis for the Holy pictures
you know how I always
loved them. Enjoyed the
Kodak picture of both of
you. I hadn't heard about
the coupe before. So glad
you have it. Sorry Dad
is having trouble with

that rupture - it must
be painful - I told you
Cirilla died - a year at
ago the 5th of Dec - you
surely dont get all my
mail. Slim is not
very well. ~~we~~ we are
trying to get her to go
to her sisters - Higgie
is not so well either
and I dont feel good.
it is nervousness I
guess. We arent remember-
ing a soul Thmas things
have been too bad this
season - so every one
has our good wishes
instead. Baby is fine
getting to be such a big

girl. and dances her
little head off. she is
mad about music.
and we sure make
her mind. we are
crazy about her.

Surely hope
you are both well,
because with out our
health we have nothing
Lots of love.

Higgie & Nettie
156 Brookline Ave
Hartford
Conn.

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sweet - she knows every
word of all our songs and
cost - and every body on the
bill. We are fools over her.
Just three years old - and
the greatest comfort in the
world - we will get another
one - if our season is
good this year - and a
little one at that. can
hardly wait of course -
How are you both. is
Dad well? I do hope so.
I sent him a bunch of
music a few weeks ago
did you get it?
I'm about frozen -

N.Y.C.
Sat -

Dearest Dad's Musician

Please forgive me
for not writing sooner -
honestly - since we got the
baby I don't write to any
one and when I get ashamed
for neglecting everybody
and when I hate to write
Gosh! its cold - is it out
there - We are back to
work - guess we vacationed
it long enough - Babe
is going to have another
baby next month -
Our baby is fine - she is so

and have a wretched
headache out side of that
I'm fine - Ha-ha - I'll bet
you have canned hundreds
of qts of every thing
we have - peaches, pears
especially tomatoes and
catsup - and 5 gallons
of grape wine - every
thing off our place
except pears - we have
a small pear tree
but not bearing this
year - We have about

100 qts in all - of course
Ida puts up everything
for us - we not being
there - she keeps our
home lovely for us -
well I must close write
home - because we may
dash out of town any day -
Heaps of love to both
of you - and love from
my Higgie & baby also
Slim -

Sincerely
156 Brookline and Dottle -

ms & Mrs

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Phila Pa.

April 6th 1924

Dearest Dad & Mumsie -

I've been
thinking you owed me a
letter, but I guess I
owe the letter so here goes.
Wiggie has been very
sick. but I'm gradually
getting her on her feet
again. oh! she looked
awful. and seems like
all her vitality was gone,
and she would get
numb all over. but
I guess I've rubbed

that all away and
to-day is the first day
she has looked herself.
We were up in Quebec
Canada a few weeks
ago - and we visited St
Anne De Beaupre and
I had rheumatism so
bad I could scarcely
get around - and I prayed
at St Anne Shrine.
and I broke out all over
with perspiration and
haint had it since.
I think it is wonderful
to see taken St Anne

as my patron saint
a little over a week ago
I had a terrible cold
I couldnt hardly breathe
so I put some St Anne
oil on my nose the
next morning there was
no trace of a cold.

Her feast day is July 25th
Baby's birth day is "23rd
and her name is Annina
so we will teach her

to have faith in Good St Anne
How are you Dad? Hope
your rupture isnt
causing a lot of trouble - and

~~Look at the teeth~~

~~"Broken-hearted"~~

See but you are getting
ready for house cleaning
This weather makes
me want to - We have

moved - We live at
21 Morningside St.
Hartford just one block
away - They sold our
place - we hated to leave
it - This is a larger bungalow
open fire place etc -

Write soon. All send
love. Baby is fine
almost 4 yrs old.

Doesn't seem possible - Love
from my little Dottie -

PHILADELPHIA PA
APR 10
4-PM.
1924



Mr. Mrs. G. B. Eckert -
507 - No - 7th St.
Sterling
Illinois -

Mr Claude Root

Hazel Father dead
locate her if possible

Answer immediately