

Friday 11 am

My dear Doctor

I received a royal  
welcome this morning when I  
reached here. They were all down  
to meet me in the ante-break-  
fast was waiting, I had quite  
a comfortable night and slept  
a little. I do so hope you are feeling  
better today. It grieved me to leave  
you feeling so badly and hope  
you will be able to see things  
differently. For my mind I was



with you as you went back to  
the office and as you went home  
many times during the night your  
face was before me and in fact  
have had you constantly on my  
mind. You will chide up with you  
I am in such a hurry to get this  
in the mail I hardly know  
what I have omitted with a  
great deal love. R.M.H



as soon as she looked at the basket  
you tied up I need not ask who  
did this. She was so pleased with the  
jelly and jam but said it was too  
much for me to do. She made many  
kind inquiries after you. I fully  
realize what a poor letter writer I am  
and hope you will overlook all errors  
for I feel you will be glad to hear  
from me even tho' the composition  
is faulty. Yours with a great deal  
of love -

P.S. Please do not work so hard let things  
go and try and rest up.

Sunday afternoon

My dear Doctor.

About this time  
I fancy you are stretched out on  
the couch for your afternoon nap.  
How have you been getting along  
any way I wish I knew I know  
you do miss me a little and it  
really detracts from my visit. This  
is the way I have spent my time  
in the morning after breakfast  
we go for a ride in the auto. get  
back in time for lunch. Then I go  
to my room and Bill to his and



and we sleep till four, then we get up and dress and ride till six then after dinner we ride about an hour and a half and then go to bed. I am beginning to feel rested so you know how tired out I was! Now if I could only know you were having as good a rest as I am having I could enjoy my self. They are very grateful to me for coming and try in every way to give me a good time. It is lovely and cool here we had a nice shower last night and this afternoon it is cooler than ever I shall have to put on a warmer dress. So tell me just how you are feeling and all

about your self in general and just how you are putting in your time it truly seems a month since I left home. After I had been out the train a short time the night I left the bottoms of my feet began to burn and if you believe me I put my hand down on the floor to see if the floor was hot I have had the same feeling each night since I have been gone about the same hour, it does not last long but is quite uncomfortable. I havit untied my parasol it is just where I can see it and it is a constant reminder of the lovely way in which you do every thing - Belle



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What a time they made getting you. Belle thinks I am a sleep so I will slip this in the mail box before she gets up there is one on the corner they live on. Now you will be careful of your self. Won't you? Let things go. Promise me. It is just one week today since I left home it truly seems much longer. I hope you will have cooler weather soon, my feet are like ice this minute. Write me when you have time and tell me all the little things you know I will be so glad to hear about.

Always your friend

Ruth Harrison

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Thursday P.M.

My dear Doctor.

I was so pleased to get your nice letter. But please do not pick and pit cherries for sauce when there are such loads of every thing in the cellar. And it did make me feel horrid when you said you had the last of the steak for Sunday dinner. Now don't scrimp yourself but take home something fresh each day I shall feel so much more comfortable to know that you are having things a little like other folks. And do be careful



about over doing this hot weather  
I recd. a paper from Charlie this  
morning telling of Mrs Cherry's death  
caused by the heat also of Mr Villards  
resignation from man I do feel sorry  
for him. After all. It is lovely and  
cool here in fact too cool I will have  
to buy some warm underwear which  
I would have needed later any way.

Mrs Phelps came in from the Lake  
yesterday and took Mrs Hahn and  
myself home with her for the  
day, we dined at the Club and  
had a delightful day came back  
on the train. We go out in the  
Auto. Morning and evening for a

ride which I like very much  
Lew is a careful driver. Mrs Kenyon  
is not nearly as bad off as she thinks  
she is the doctors have scared her most  
to death. I told her what I thought  
about it and she agreed with me.  
she is about to change <sup>Dr's</sup> she has treated  
with one for fifteen years a homeopath.  
and is going to take an allopathy I  
can't spell it but you will guess it)  
she says she does not like to make the  
change but he is getting to be an old  
man and does not keep up. I receiv-  
ed the mail you forwarded. Thank  
you. When you write again tell  
me how Mrs Smith is getting a  
long. I am glad to know Sabra  
is better I can just imagine



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been there before. I did not rest well last night my back ached and I dreamed bad dreams but dont think I had the night-mare. Does the salvia begin to look pretty - I suppose the tomatoes are quite large by this time and the lima beans are nearly covering the poles. It is just two weeks since I left home it seems much longer. We have had a little fire in the furnace a gain to day. I dont like it quite so cold I wish it would warm up. I have a nice large room nicely furnished, and a writing desk so I can write when I please. Now dont you forget about stocking up at Marshall's and have some thing to eat you can stop at Franks every day and get a lb. of meat and it will make you two meals. Please take better care of your self. I hope your old trousers will all be worn out before I get home I dont like to think of you in that old rig. Take good long sleeps - and dont work so hard. With love Always your friend  
D.W.S.

Wednesday 9:40 P.M.

My dear friend  
your nice letter came to the house this morning before we left for our ride. I liked the diary style very much and so decided I would write a little in that way to you. I also received a letter from Sister Laura in the same mail she can hardly wait for me to finish my visit here. I am so glad you are getting a little more sleep, do not work so hard let the loads stay on the corner it is not worth it. I do not know what to think about the red ants I hope they will not find the



jelly and honey, boiling water is  
the best thing I know of to keep them  
away. I see you are caring for every  
thing but please dont work so hard.  
The weeds seem to have grown very fast.  
I did used to pull a few, didnt you  
certainly have a time with the squash  
bugs. Your office must look fresh and  
clean but how tired you must have  
been. I am <sup>while</sup> doing nothing but resting  
if Lamb's folks offer you any thing more  
take it I will make it all up to them  
when I get home. I wish you would go  
to Marshall's for cookies & pies they are  
fine perhaps you could get a black-  
berry pie do try it and let me know.  
Am so glad Edith brought you some.  
thing. And I appreciate your taking  
the flowers to Donald's grave. Had a nice  
letter from Ruth Mary she said you were

passing and looked lonesome. Lillian  
also spoke of the currants all picked  
over which you brought her. Mrs Hixon  
called up to night to know if I would go to  
Christian Science meeting with her but I  
told her I was just ready to go out riding  
Monday we went to the Crematory it is a  
beautiful spot and the Chapel is magnif-  
icent I will tell you about it when I come  
home also went down into the crematory  
a grewsome place but I wanted to see  
what it was like. Yesterday it rained  
and was so cold we had a furnace fire.  
Today rode as soon as we had break-  
fast till nearly lunch. After dinner  
we went a gallop I never saw so many  
beautiful drives. Lew is a careful driver  
and can't do enough for me. Bill is gaining  
Now I am going to bed. Good night. Thursday  
I am expected to be in bed this minute but  
am going to finish my letter instead we both  
go to our rooms for a nap after dinner. At  
half past three Lew is coming for us to go to  
Fort Senelling it will be a beautiful ride I have



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Tuesday morning

My dear friend - your nice letter received. I am sure you told me all you had been doing and I think you are doing too much. I read the letter to Belle with two others I got from home. She thought there was nothing lacking in regard to home crew & I am so glad the ants have left. I was afraid they would think they had to wait for me. I am not going to try to write a letter I will just tell you my troubles. For several days I had a sharp pain in



my bowels extending from a little left of the naval which seemed to shoot down five or six inches. Then I would not feel it a gain for a long time. I was constipated at the time. Monday morning early my bowels commenced running off. At first with out pain but after two movements I had a good deal of pain. and at noon had to go to bed. I took some whiskey and felt easier. At night I took a strong cup of tea and felt better. - and before going to bed took a cup of boiled milk. The tea kept me awake but I had no pain. Tuesday morning. I feel sore from the effects of yesterdays pain ate a piece of toast and drank a

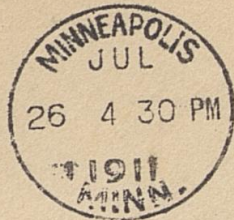
cup of hot milk <sup>bowels have not moved</sup> for breakfast. I think it all comes from a cold. and probably I shall not need the medicine when it gets here but if you will please send me some I will have it in case of another attack. - And while you are sending, send some on general principles not forgetting the itching you may address me here if you get this in time. I leave here for Superior Saturday at two. I am trying to get this in the morning mail so will not write more hoping you are well I am ever your friend

Ruth Harrison

P.S. Please send Sam's house number



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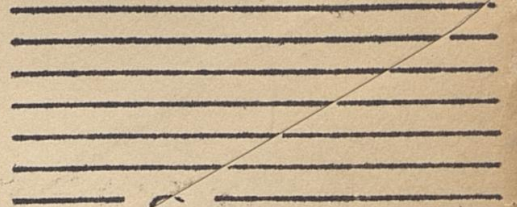
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Dear Friend

I am down as well  
as usual please send  
me some snowmed-  
icine Mrs. Barkson  
came Saturday night  
and we are enjoying  
every moment with  
her. She looked very  
tired and complained



on her back I kept her  
in the bed yesterday  
<sup>afternoon</sup> and rubbed and spalled  
her back she said  
it felt better and went  
to sleep but I fear it is  
not as well as it should  
be. she is writing to Charley  
and Mr Thurber is  
waiting to take over  
when he returns to the office he will  
take his vacation while  
she is here all join  
me in kindest regards

take good care of your  
self your friend  
Mrs Thurber



Monday morning

My dear Doctor.

I am going to send you a few words in Laura's letter. I have written a few lines to Charlie and sent him a remembrance for his birth day which is tomorrow. It rained big guns all night and this morning every thing is thoroughly drenched. They have quantities of currants yet so you see I am going to get my usual amount yet, but they will not be picked by the same hands. I think I will get my medicine this morning. Though it is not my front, but my back which is in



evidence now. but Laura has rubbed  
it good and hard and it is very  
much better now. It is low down.

How are you getting along are you  
taking any advice and getting  
something to eat and not working  
so fearfully hard? I hope so. My visit  
is drawing to a close slowly and  
it won't be long before I am home  
again I think I will stay here two  
weeks. Can you stand it that  
much longer? This pen refuses to  
work at times I wrote to Charlie  
with a pencil but thought perhaps  
you would be able to decipher this.  
With love your friend

Ruth W. Markison



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me while you were in the city I know it will be pretty. A card from Edith says she is having a delightful time at the lake while Bess writes from Macbrac so you see I am hearing from most every quarter. I have taken my medicine religiously since I got it and am feeling quite well a gain. I am sorry Mr Cooper is not well even tho' he is near to you so glad the neighbors send you a little once in a while and hope they will continue to do so till I get home. Will see about the honey when I come. I am glad Lambs are having a yard for their dog and hope he will be kept in it. You have never mentioned the neighbors a cross the street in the Banks house I can't think of the name. I thought they might be needing your services. Take good care of yourself for another week.  
Sincerely your friend.

Ruth W. Harrison.

Superior Aug 7-11

My dear Doctor.

Your nice letter received.

I see you are doing your usual stunts each morning and evening and know every thing will look fine when I get home. I am going to tell you the first thing when I am coming. I will leave Superior one week from today in the afternoon over the great Northern and will meet me in Minneapolis and I will take dinner with them once more. Leaving some where about seven over the Burlington for home. So you see it will not be much longer till I am there. Charlie writes and he will leave on the Eleventh for his vacation in Camp.

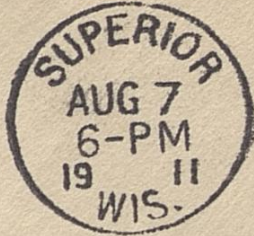


and gets back the 19<sup>th</sup> then the  
following <sup>Tuesday or</sup> Wednesday for Michigan.  
I will be home just in time to see  
them. He also wrote me Charles has  
been having another sick spell.  
and they had been giving <sup>the</sup>  
Willards a great ovation buying them  
silver and so. I told him I was glad  
I happened to be away through it  
all - as deep down in my heart it  
smacked of hypocrisy - have I  
spelled it right? I am going to a  
tea given in my honor at four  
this afternoon by one of Laura's  
neighbors. Saturday night we went  
to the theater. And yesterday we  
went to church and heard a fine  
sermon. The Cong. and Pres. hold

services together during vacation  
time. The Cong. pastor preached they  
had a fine bass soloist. Yesterday  
was the only nice warm day we have  
had since I have been here today it  
is raining and cold. I am sitting in  
the kitchen writing where it is warm  
and Laura is getting dinner wish you  
were here to have dinner with us. I  
think you have had a very simple  
diet. I told Laura what I had written about  
the dinner and she says Oh don't I wish  
so too. Tell him so. I will try and do some  
stunts in cooking when I get home.  
I do hope the Apples will not all be  
gone when I get there. An Apple is  
a great treat here. I think the neigh-  
bors have profited by my being  
away. Right here I want to thank you  
for the cup and saucer you got



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Friday morning Aug 11-11

My dear Doctor.

I am the first one up in the house and am writing this last message to you before I appear in person. Pardon me for not making my self clear in regard to my home coming. I leave here at about 3:40 PM will reach Minneapolis at 6:30. Lew will meet me with the Auto and I will take supper with the family having nearly two hours to wait for the Burlington train on which I will reach home some where about eight o'clock. You can look it up however your nice letter reached me last night so full of the



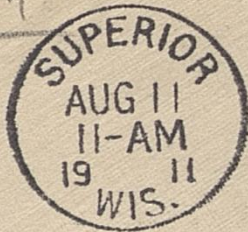
home news I was glad to get it but  
hardly looked for another. A loaf  
of bread a peck of <sup>Ordered Mon.</sup> potatoes. And a lb of  
steak when you come to dinner Tues. would  
be acceptable to begin on. Banks's  
would not turn in the alarm if they  
saw the house burning. The other  
neighbors can not well see the trees  
from their homes. I will soon be there  
to guard the fort. I want to send  
this by John when he goes down town  
the reason of my writing so early. I  
have my key so if you should be  
called away dont worry. Now I will  
say good bye till Tuesday.

Your friend

Ruth W Harrison



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was up early and was the first  
one in the dressing room so had  
things all my own way. Leas & the  
boys and Ruthie were at the train  
to meet us. And I assure you we  
had a warm welcome, as it was Sat.  
Ruthie spent the day with us.

Raymond came in pretty soon  
to see me. Ruthie came up to din-  
ner with us Sunday and we all went  
to her apartment for lunch. and  
had a nice time. Now I am writing  
to you. Haven't I given a good account  
of my self to date? To say they are  
pleased to have me is putting it mildly  
I have been wondering many times

Monday A.M

Dear Doctor.

Thinking you would  
like to hear how I stood the  
journey I will tell you all  
about I was so tired with not  
sleeping much the night before  
and being so distracted about  
some things that I did not go to  
bed till after nine but finally  
got to sleep and slept better  
than I ever did before in a sleep



about you and wishing I knew  
how you were getting along I  
hope you are well and taking  
good care of your self. If the fruit  
that I intended to make the pie  
of for the food sale is not already  
spoiled please tel to Lillian and ask  
her if she would like it if she  
would. just empty both in one  
and take it down to her. Tell me  
just how you are getting along  
and all about your self. you  
know I will be very glad to  
hear from you with love  
your friend  
Ruth Harkison



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Mr. Harper was a  
man of most marvellous  
character and merit  
everything in life to  
me. But I could not  
wish him back for  
his suffering the  
past year has been  
intense.

Thank you again  
Dear Dr. Bouslogh.  
Sincerely - Bev.

December 19<sup>th</sup>.

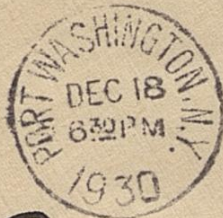
Dear Dr. Bouslogh.

Thank you so  
much for your kind  
words of sympathy.

I know you miss  
Aunt Rutledge and  
can sincerely sympathize  
with you in feeling  
"the years ahead  
look very lonely."



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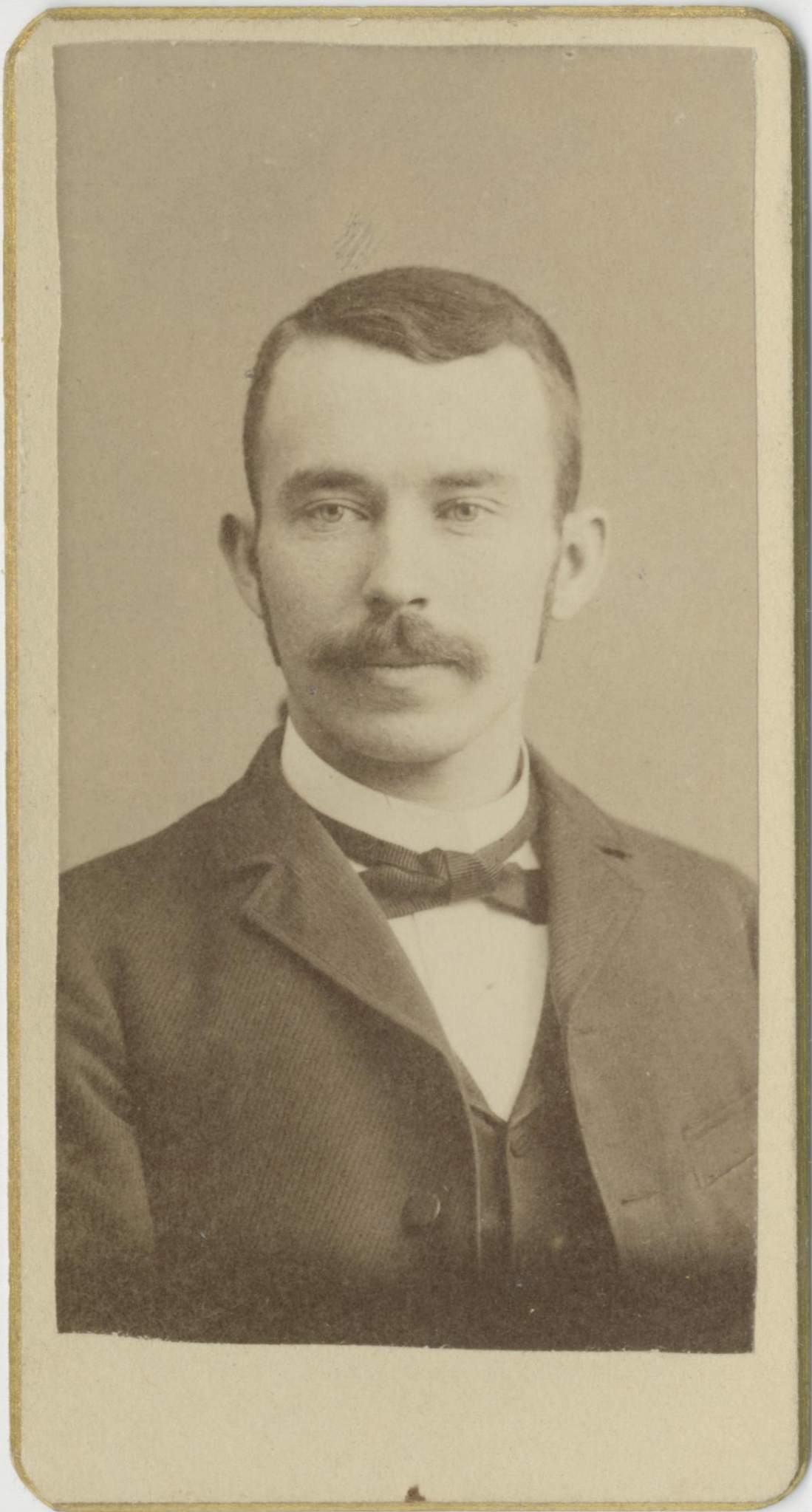






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