

do the very best we can to get us
home with what you and Coral
need. Only I don't know how
far it is possible.

As to the wedding & the visit to Calgary?
We should not for a moment con-
sider stopping with Coral's relatives.
They will have enough, and more
than enough to do to without us.

We should engage rooms at the
W. C. A. - perhaps some one
would do that for us, and we
will pay for ourselves, under-
stand that, everybody.

Also, I should not (nor Mary) ex-
pect to stay with you & Coral in
Chinook, but if (Mie's car broken)

50 Woodbine Avenue
Youngstown Ohio
June 13, 1918

Dear Helen:
Ever your loving mother
Ellen S. Belden

I answered the letter
from Alberta in the order of re-
ceiving them - Coral's (the one I'm
and the one to Ellen) then Marie's,
and now yours. There is nothing
very different in the letters to day
of you, and you need doubtless
see one another's. Yesterday I wrote
to Aunt Mary, asking her to read
the letter to Uncle Joe, and send
it to Evangeline and Barbara.
I also wrote to Aunt Lennie, and
today it's the same for other ones

relatives - Cousin Willie Megie, for
one, who has been our true and
loyal friend in joys or sorrows.

Your playful remark about not-
denying presents I shall be very care-
ful not to repeat beyond your
three sisters who will see from
letter ^{anyway} - for there is too much
truth in it, alas! I think your
letter explains so many things, and
especially shows the good under-
standing between you and Coral
in such a very conclusive way,
that it is an argument which
would appeal to the girls. As far
as I am able to see, your sisters
are absolutely unselfish about

you and Coral in every
particular, and only de-
sire the ~~the~~ arrangements that
would be the happiest and
best for you both. I know
that is my feeling too, and that
I should rather have you marry
July 8, than have either of you
disappointed, even if I can't
do so soon as that. I have

written Evelyn to look up rates
from Chicago, and to Mary to
see if it would be possible
for her to accompany me, and
to back after that to New-Haven.
It would be Mary's turn to go. He is

perhaps you & Coral would like
to ask, if any one should ask me,
I think useless things are only a
bother, especially in small quarters,
don't you? At the same time,
presents should be nice - better
than you could afford to buy for
your selves, and something really
good and lasting, like sterling silver
furniture is a good present too, or
the money for it. No Coral a sewing
machine? Would duty have the
pair's sewing into Canada, or is
that removed during the war? I
have an idea I read that some-
where. If you know, tell me. Of
course a sewing machine, furniture

If a tent or something nice
make headquarters with him,
if the weather is, and the visit
could not be long, anyway. And
then we could see you and Coral in
your little home. And if you like,
we can help with anything, but if
you & Coral would rather not, we
don't have to.

Now about wedding presents:-
We all want to give something
of course, and would prefer to have
our gifts something that you both
would really like. June is a very
hot month for rice, for he has
an awful lot of obligations to meet,

payments on horse & office and I don't know what all. Later on he may be less cramped. His expenses have been bigger than usual just now too. That is one reason Ellen is sorry to have the wedding so soon. Then until fall, it is all outgo, and no income with Mary. As for me, I have not rented our house in whole or in part for next year. The Sedgwick's leave this week. I should be in Dublin myself to give this matter personal attention, but can't leave here quite yet. I may go next Monday, for it will be commencement

week, and the town will be full of visitors (it is now, for festivities have begun) and the house being closed, I may lose a good chance of renting it.

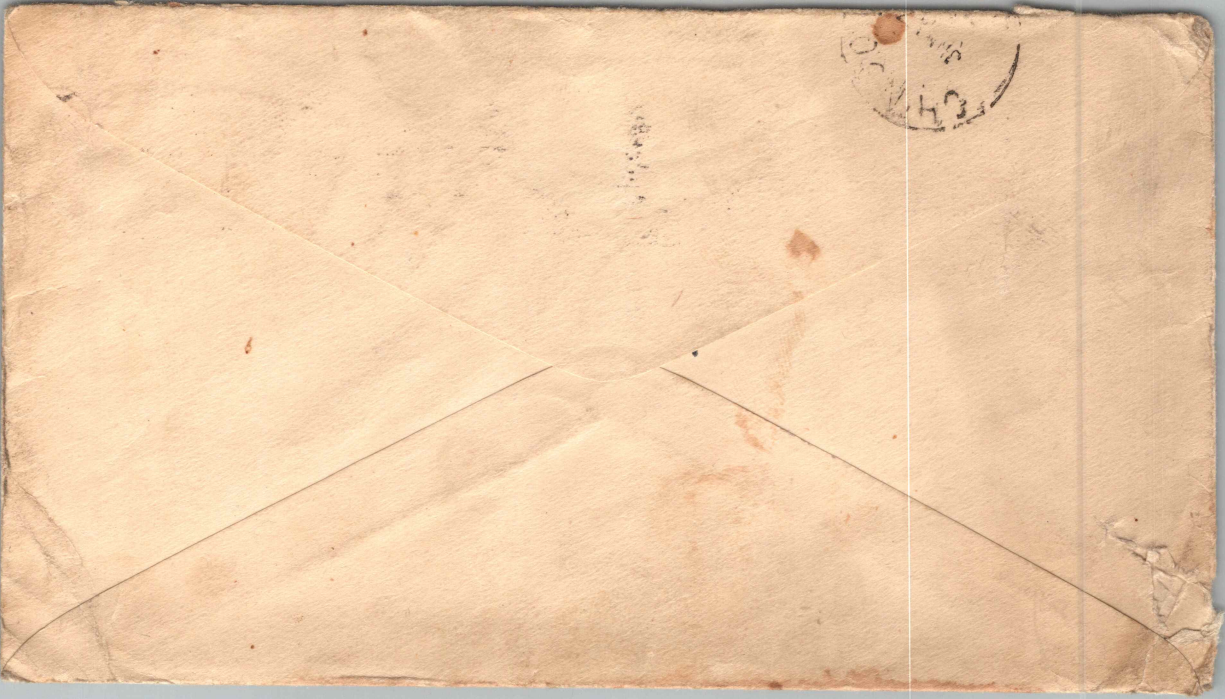
So you see, a little later we may be better off. A while ago I bought material for a comfortable, which I intended to make this summer for you, but there is no time now. And Mary and I bought $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. sterling spoons while I was in New-Haven, as a start of your "check." The wedding seems so indefinite, we did not feel like doing much yet. I am wondering

9) or anything heavy should be bought
in Canada anyhow. If it is
possible to go at all - I should
like to be in Calgary for a few
days before the wedding anyhow,
and have a chance to see you,
also to get rested from the trip,
for I find I get tired quicker
since I was so ill in the
winter (or early spring rather). We
should not try to go by that terrible
hard Detroit-Toronto route with so
much waiting + changing in the
night. But still to get half rates
from Chicago it may be necessary
to go on a certain date. I have been

very prudent and have saved up
money in the bank for this trip -
against a sudden need. But after
all, this is too sudden for me!
And I know the suddenness will
make a difference about wedding
presents and that sort of thing!
I am sorry for that. And I am
sorry that you side of the family
hasn't known about the engage-
ment sooner. But I am using all
my diplomacy to justify the situation,
you can trust me for that, Teddy,
so don't worry. Everything will turn
out right, I am sure. Keep me
posted sure, & if July 8, must be
the date, I'll be on hand, if possible.

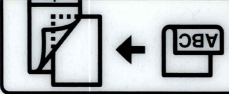


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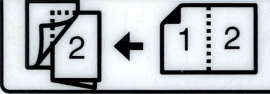
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