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Dear Mother

I hope everything went off nicely at the wedding and you are not having a relapse from overdoing. Have all the friends & relatives gone away again now? If so you will be mighty lonesome. In any case with Evelina married & Mary so far away you will be more lonely. I wish I were living somewhere near so I could visit with you often.

The West is so absolutely dead that there is little likelihood of getting a position here this winter. I really cannot decide what to do - whether to stick around here with the hope of getting something in the spring - or go East now. If I go East I would have to start almost at the bottom of any business, and also all our household goods would be wasted because the freight on them would be more than they would be worth, and we would have to start without anything. But to counteract that - I would probably be out of work at least all winter here & by spring if I didn't get a position I would not have enough money to go East. Will advise me to stick around here

but of course he has a good permanent position & is not so pessimistic as I am. I certainly am trying & will try everything possible. Calgary is the deadest place now I have ever seen. Nearly or about one-fifth of the last year's population have moved out and there are any number of unemployed men here. I really think the chances of getting any good position in the west are mighty slim but it is best to try everything before definitely deciding to go East.

I hope you were able to get some ideas from some of the relations that were in Oberlin, and have already written to me. I don't know Evelina's address & if I go East I would want to stop in Chicago for several days to look around. It would hardly do to stay at her home tho, ~~so~~ soon after her marriage, but she certainly could help me look up chances of positions. I haven't seen Evelina for six years & would like to get acquainted with her again!

Last night Will & I ~~called~~ on Julia Kidd & her mother, who live in Calgary. Julia has a good position as Secretary of the United Farm Women of Alberta.

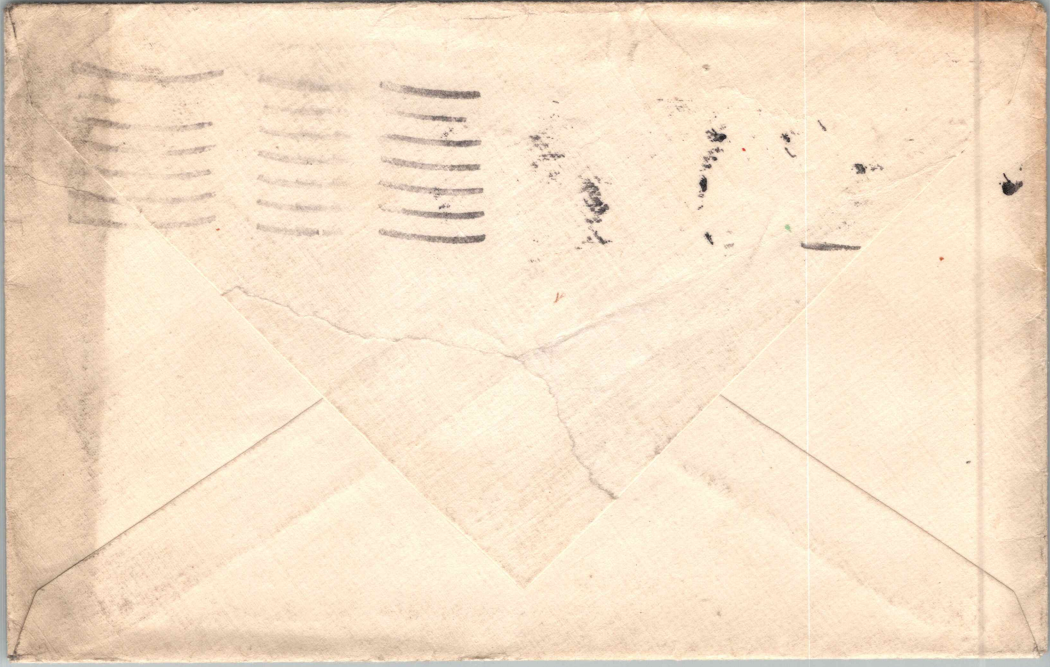
Please write to me as soon as possible what you have been able to find out & what you advise. I will have to make a move somewhere very soon. Coral's school closes at the end of this month, and I don't know where she would stay in case I go East.

Love Selden.

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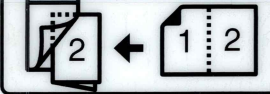
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