

Saturday March 9.

Dear Ellen,

If you come home I had thought I might engage you to help me do embroidery under a rather different scheme than we have yet tried. I wouldn't go into any expense of buying materials for that has not succeeded so far. My plan was to advertise in the Y. W. study room that an experienced artist would design, stamp or embroider shirt waists during the Spring vacation. Lots of girls do their own embroidering but even poor ones will pay

a good sum to get the pattern stamped on. Now we wouldn't probably get so many orders that we would have to work hard and I don't want you to anyway. But I can't bear to think of doing nothing a whole week and with Amy here there is practically no housework nor cleaning etc. as we always have had. I don't even think there is any sewing to amount to anything. I don't need any and Mamma's work would have to be done by a dressmaker. This seemed the only paying kind of work I

could think of. There must be several student girls who would want a new embroidered white waist either batiste or linen. They must supply materials, if they want to work the waist during the vacation I could stamp it and send it to wherever they are. You see the only trouble in this whole scheme is the making of the pattern. The rest is not more than we could use our idle minutes for without housework.

If you don't come home I don't know whether I should

attempt it or not because  
haven't artistic ability enough  
nor experience to do it for  
pay. But I do want to do  
something. Really I didn't  
have enough to do Xmas  
vacation to make me  
satisfied after it was over.

Now as Mammai says  
perhaps you would enjoy  
another trip more than  
coming home. I should think  
it might be more fun to go  
off to some of those places near  
you and study human  
nature in the form of  
niggers and Kinkadees.

Can you answer right soon what you think about my doing it alone or our doing it together? Mamma gives no advice + says you will know better than she. I'd really like to do a couple of waists very much. I can show my two Xmas waists as samples of work if any one wants to know more than I could tell about what they would look like.

Sincerely

Suzette

I will wait for your answer  
before doing anything  
about getting orders.

Mamma went in car to  
meeting yesterday afternoon  
& is now the worse for it. She  
is a great deal better.

Mr. Burgner was here. I guess  
I told you, about taking the house  
to rent for next year. I am  
putting in an application at  
Talcoff.