

Sept 28, 1902
Plain City, O.

My dear Mamma:-

Your postal safely received. The equinoctial storms are having full sway down here. I scarcely got back from Urbana till it started raining and it has kept up ~~it~~ practically ever since. I am in a pretty tight box as far as money matters go but maybe will be able to squeeze through, though the prospect is not very bright. It seems as if I can't hold a dollar a minute. As fast as I get any money I have a chance to spend it although I am very economical. I have gone without eating from 24 to 36 hrs. several times just because I couldn't get the cash. It is that in connection with the constant change in the water I drink, the irregular hours, the mental worry I necessarily have when everything is so uncertain, and also my being

out in different sorts of weather, that
~~has~~ kept me sick a good part of the
summer.

Who are the boys you have for
roomers? ~~Perhaps~~ Perhaps I know some
of them. Have any of you ever met
John Rudin? If you ever do, you
want to be nice to him to help pay
back for his kindness to me.
How much do you get for the roomers
and how are financial affairs? Have
you bought coal yet? Perhaps wood
would be cheaper.

I hope before frost comes you will
take in the gladiola bulbs especially
those little ones I planted. I never heard
whether you got any water-cress seed.

I would like very much to subscribe to
that H. S. paper but can't afford it
at present. I had heard nothing
of Mrs. Bedortha's death till you men-
tioned the funeral in your postals.
I never know a single thing about
what is happening in Berlin

and you people never seem to give me any news outside of family affairs. I wonder if you could remail the Berlin papers to me. If you ever want any thing saved, mark it, and I would cut it out and return in my next letter home. It would do me good to get a little news once in a while. Burr gives me a little news once in a while but that is about all I ever get.

What is George's adress and do any of you ever write to him? I would like to write if I only knew where he is.

As to my birthday letters - Gertrude wrote me a short one and Aunt Mary one. Then Grandmother sent me a little book of Proverbs, Katherine and Charles some fancy pin cushions, Aunt Mary a pair of military hair-brushes, and Evangeline I send me "The Footpath of Peace" by J. an D. yde. (The some thing I have in my room)

The pin cushions I thought were very appropriate as a symbol of my condition. They were three balls of yellow yarn fixed up somehow in white lace or something and strung together by a ribbon of the same color as the balls. It reminded me of the sign of the three golden balls.

If Euelina knows any thing about the schedule for the U. S. football team I should like very much to hear it.

I hope to hear from you soon again.

Yours truly
Willie

W. H. Belden
Plain City
Ohio.

HOTEL SMILEY,
PLAIN CITY, O.

Return after Five days to

W. H. Belden

Plain City, Ohio.

Assd by

Mary

Ellen

Eviline

Mamma

Sept 29, 1902



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