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Dear Mamma:-

It is so long since I have written that I hardly know where to begin. I have started letters half a dozen times. I have three sheets of one upstairs now that I might have sent weeks ago if I had only finished it. I haven't any real excuse for not writing but of course it has been extra hard for me to get any time since Harry has been sick. I never get through work till ~~half past~~ six and often not till after seven or later. Then of course the process of cleaning up, shaving, and dressing takes from twenty minutes to an hour more. Then the four mile ride through the city to the Hargers takes another half or three quarters of an hour if I make good connections. I generally leave about nine o'clock and eat my supper down town on the way home which makes it about half past ten or eleven before I get home. Sunday isn't a very good day to write on because Mr Parker lately almost always has some one in the office talking business or else the whole family of them come over. You see they're keeping a pet puppy here in one of the stables now and have to come see it and feed it whenever nothing else is doing.

I think I wrote Mary since I wrote you but I haven't heard a word from her. The Great Northern has just withdrawn from the railroad combination that was holding rates up and offers a rate of twenty (?) dollars from St. Paul to Seattle, that makes it thirty-three dollars from Chicago and forty-one from Oberlin. I believe it is a second class rate and only entitles you to the tourist sleeper and not the Pullman. The tourist sleeper is seven dollars from Chicago and the Pullman fourteen. I don't believe Mary could travel three nights and four days without a sleeper, but the tourist is comfortable enough I think. I don't know how long this rate lasts. I wish I had any idea when she expects to come. Will she come the last of this month or the middle of September? I know Wash. U. here opens on the twenty fifth of September. I wish you would

send me word about Mary as soon as you can. There is about thirty dollars difference in the price offered and the usual rate. I am trying very hard to get the money together for Mary's trip I guess I can make it if she doesn't come too soon and the rate stays down. Harry owes me twenty dollars and I haven't cashed my last week's check yet for \$13.50. Another check of the same denomination will be due day after tomorrow. I have a little cash. I have a five dollar gold piece that I couldn't find the other day but perhaps an extra thorough search will bring it to light. I told you, didn't I, that I paid twenty dollars for an accident insurance policy for a year. My rate was very high because of my working with planing machinery, if I change my occupation the rate will be changed so that for my twenty dollars I would be more heavily insured. I get thirty-three dollars a month in case of accident and after Sept 30 in case of sickness I get three hundred and thirty dollars if I die. ^{anytime} This amount in any case is doubled if my accident from a car or some traveling conveyance. I carry a leather pocket-book with an identification certificate and in case of any serious accident the company will telegraph you. A student can't get insurance but if I go into school my insurance will go on, and my rate will be according to what I earn my living from. I am getting next to the poorest rate there is at present. There is no physical examination required and for that reason you are not insured for sickness till three months have elapsed.

Harry has finally gone to work. He has a night watchman's job and sleeps daytime, till the end of this month. He doesn't have any manual labor and is out only in the cool night air. He has been awfully sensible about not going to work until he was strong enough. He is getting along finely now. He still stays at the Hargers.

You people must think I have changed a bit from your last letters. I didn't know that I ever said that was going to learn to dance. I meant to say that I had no intentions of it. As long as I am just a lumber man I don't think that will make much difference but if I should go to the "U." it would be pretty hard not to be able to dance although if a man is smart enough he can maybe get along without very much embarrassment. I think it's harder for a man than a woman if I don't dance for five or ten years of course I'll be too old for it to make any difference. As to my playing cards, the one game I told you of is the only one I have played as yet though I would like to learn. The Hargers girls are real old fashioned and seem to care any for dancing or cards so we don't spend all our time at cards as you might imagine.

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As to the class of my reading I haven't done much outside of magazines and daylies. Harry and the girls have just finished "The Belgian" and from their arguments about it I feel pretty familiar with it. I told Ellen some of the books I read in the winter and spring. We spent Sunday afternoons for a long time at the Hargers reading and discussing the King's "Rational Living." - I just phoned up to find out if I had the name of the book right. Fanny answered the phone and she says that we've only read about a third but that will do a chapter next time I come up. Martha Fisher got a copy at Lowman and Hargers the other day and the man said they had quite a sale for the book.

Chester Livingstone and Brissel '04 were to have been in town this week but some way we have missed seeing them.

That was an interruption. I want to tell you what we do besides playing cards at the Hargers. Besides discussing ethics and other equally interesting topics we have a great deal of music. Ligitte plays and also sings well. Fanny has a fine contralto voice and plays a little. Edna doesn't sing very much but plays a little. I sing too a good deal. The girls have found a number of my songs and whenever company comes I am supposed to perform with the rest. I enjoy the music of them almost more than anything else. Almost all the music is something worth while and for a steady diet

I think classical or good music is so much more satisfying than popular music. Of course we all sing hymns together sometimes. Harry won't sing much and neither did Pere. Percy started to take lessons of Madame Clary before he went away. You remember her solo work in Oberlin I know. She charges like the dickens. I think it is \$2.50 per lesson. When we don't have music we often go walking and up on Queen Ann hill where they live there is a simply superb view. On one side is the long sweep of sound with the snow capped peaks of the Olympics across it. In another direction is Mt. Rainier. Then we get a view of the Cascades looking over Lake Union and Lake Washington. At the other end of the Cascades from Rainier is Mt. Baker, showing its white top ninety miles away. I'm just crazy for Mary to see the scenery here.

I suppose you very likely would be interested to know which one of the Harger girls I like best. Whenever I try to decide, which is very rarely, I always think it is the one I happen to be talking to. I think perhaps on the whole I like Lizette the best. You know she is the oldest - a little older than Mary and Ellen. She claims to be an old maid. Edna claims to aspire to that happy state and they both insist that Fanny can't be as they don't want three cold maids in the family. Fanny doesn't say anything but I guess she won't take up with the first chap that happens along just to suit her sisters.

I haven't any more time to finish this at present but guess I'll send it as it is and write later. Maybe I'll send my unfinished part of a letter up stairs. I'd like to know about Mary as soon as I can. Good bye. Shall I send you ten dollars for Willie for look or wait till I have enough for Mary?