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Joliet, Ill.

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Dear Will,

You can't guess how glad I was to hear from you. Had begun to think you had forgotten me. The best letter I have had in a long long time. Wish you would write more like it. Not your turn for a letter but I am writing anyway. I wonder why I don't answer any letters. Suppose you will start into school in just two weeks. Wish I were going to. As you intend to play foot ball. I had my pants ripped last year, a patch on knee and between the legs, a small bunch of crimson & blue ribbon tied onto one of the belt straps. If you could get hold of them I wish you would. You could use them yourself if you cared to but don't like to loose them. They took them while my eyes were on the bum. Hope you will get a chance to write before school opens. It is lonesome here with out any letters. and I have had to work so much that I don't get much chance to write to anyone. Would it scold you if you should write two to my one. Will be busier than usual for next two months. May get my flipper when just now it started but oh it was awful. Eleven scars on my lower arm & hand, looks like a small fox victim and where it was lanced on the arm it has broken out again. The finger was lanced also but it I hope is going to get well. Certainly kept me going for a while. Had a fine little nurse at the hospital. Yes I think I was extremely lucky.

You have been spending quite a sum. Well you have done remarkably well. Here I have been at work since Jan. 10. at \$50.00 since April 15. ~~and~~ enough over time to pay my board and I have the enormous sum total of \$25.00 saved. Can you figure out

How long it will take for me to become a millionaire.
 It will average \$300 per month or \$36.00 per year
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Well "I'll have to hurry" I had a good long vacation of course at the hospital and some nice bills to pay. Had a specialist \$3.00 for house calls and \$5.00 when he called. He came every day while I was at the hospital and I went to see him several times before & after I was there. Well I can still beat you a little I weigh now just about 150 exact. Have gained 8 lbs within two months but can't seem to come any more. My loss didn't affect me the way yours did you. I can't walk. I can't start & walk a mile without just trembling all over. Never was much worse of than at present! Tell all right if I don't exert myself but can't stand any thing. You better not start on any long walk with out your take money enough to get back on. It is a long walk to Cleveland & back. Go up to "Beldens Signor Saloon" should say 31 min. for 3 1/2 miles was good walking. It is the record Percy broke can't or not having been there. I'd a duel meet. Do you remember our trip to Buffalo with Hattie. Ever since there I have liked her. You better start in and go with her. A nice little girl all right. There cheers for Hattie and a good hand shake if she has quit dancing. It is a good to think of it. Guess I know her example. but her nearly broke. How good you feel when right comes. How long days the you work. Who didn't you tell me who the two girls you & P. & took out to camp were. Of course it is really none of my business only I am interested, curious.

Wish I could come back & get acquainted with Miss Holgate. Haven't been with a girl since I left Berlin and only know six girls in Joliet by name none of them girls that I would go with at all. Son is all right to me yet but Clara doesn't write & I shan't urge her to at all. She has changed an awful lot seems to me. Her son & Jim really go together again. I hoped that was over but more of my business I suppose who they go with. My Mrs. Taylor & the rest must have been glad to hear from Rob. Hope he is doing well for all I never renew him I have felt sorry for them. Do they expect him to come home for a visit. Would it they be pleased though. Hattie's advice certainly is all right or better still. How and soft with a girl at all. Do you know that Nettie probably thought you were just "prancing" her

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when you began talking about S. W. I hadn't told you
or any one else that we were through simply because
I didn't wise to think of it and wanted to wait until
I had cooled off. She of course didn't know but what
you knew all about this. Well it can't be undone
now & no harm done anyway I guess.
Don't want to pump & if what was said was confidential
don't tell me but if it wasn't would like to know
about the conversation. Does she blame me & is she
angry. Please don't answer this unless your own free
will prompts you to. Must say good bye & good night
and hope to hear from you with a nice long -
letter your old. chum -

Mr. Harry Hillis.

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