

Dear Billy Boy,-

How are your affairs going? I am very anxious to know whether you are getting your money all right from the West or whether things turned out so that you could not get it. Please tell me. Are you planning to go way out there this summer and back again before Ellie's wedding?

Do you know any thing about land in New Mexico? A friend I have made here has down there, a New York woman who has bought a ranch there. She seems to think it is a splendid country. I think the Northwest must be a much more attractive place, however.

Do you play basket-ball? The boys here talk basket-ball all the time, and the college has a team now, since the new room has been fitted up for gym. work. The faculty took a ~~good~~ ^{part} of almost all the expenses of it, the new teachers giving ^{\$}10.⁰⁰ apiece and the board ^{\$}5.⁰⁰.

What English do you take in college, — any under Professor Wager? I wish you would tell me about it; it might be suggestive for my own work. Do you think here as good a teacher as we girls do?

Today is real wintery again and I feel freezing cold sitting

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here in my room; but I don't say
any thing, because I see the
wind is the wrong way to heat
my room as Mrs. Harper is so
good about keeping the house
warm. She keeps it just to
suit me. The rooms are warm
as toast when we get up in
the morning. The boy comes to
fix the furnace fire an hour
before any body in the house
is up.

I am going to have dinner
with the Harpers today. They
have a friend visiting them
who is a very interesting woman,
very well read and has travelled
much less narrow or provincial

than Mrs. Harper herself.

Do you hear from Jeanne Marie? Aunt Jenny thought you two had quite a case — though I do believe I want to say any thing about it. You know nothing in the world pleases Aunty or Aunt Jenny so much as to have any one admire their children. I am glad you were such a general favorite there — I know you deserved to be.

How are the Hilliers treating Lizette now that she is actually in their family? Are they going to make a fuss over Harry's engagement too?

You never told me what you sent
Lizette and Percy for a wedding
present, and Dad wils to know.
Aunt Janny thought you were
very flush of money.

I wish you could step in to
see me this afternoon, as you used
to do last year on Sundays so
often. At any rate, that was
one of the nice things about my
year in Tacoma.

Do you hear from Maunna
often? Selden says he doesn't and
I surely don't. She really is pretty
busy if she is just visiting
and can't write, I suppose. It
is harder, I think, to write

letter when ~~for~~ one is visiting
than any other time.

Well, I do wish I knew
whose house you board at and
whose you room at and where
they both are. I can't place
you in Oberlin at all.

Did you get the First Church
circular that came here for you?
Bate yours and Evelyne's were
sent to 1114 Neosho St., Emporia,
Kansas. Are you going to give? I
hate this yearly business; it's
such a bother!

Well, good-bye -

With love
Mary.

1114 Neosho Street, Emporia, Kansas.
March the eighth, nineteen eight.

M. M. Belden
1114 Newell St.
Emporia, Kansas.



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