

Oberlin, Ohio,  
March 16, 1906.

My dear sister:-

Mamma says that I will have to write to you because that note would "get up your hopes, so much."

I hope you are not working too hard because I want you to be rested when you come home next time, so that you can have a good time & not be tired all the time. Are you coming home this spring vacation, or not? You want to think a whole lot before you decide because it will cost about \$10. won't it? But I don't begrudge you that. Could you not spend that \$10 for clothes or something & have us write you a lot of letters instead of talking direct to you? Now, please do not think that I don't want you to come home, will you? I do, but would it be worth while to come home for just four days?

From that \$40. that you sent I paid Mr. Goodrich \$30. & have \$10 left which mamma is going to try to save to send back to you to use.  
Now, I would like to tell you of what I



am doing in my spare time, working for a prize. It is to get the most words out of Y 90 grape-nuts. The letters can be repeated in the same word and plurals are counted. I started about two weeks ago with A + have about 1105 or near that with the words beginning with A. There are about 550 beginning with E and so far as I have gone in G there are about 100. I am working for the first prize of \$100. the next twenty are each \$10, next ten \$5 each next 300, \$1 each. I started at the beginning of the dictionary + took down every word with those letters in. It is a lot of work but I am going to get 100. The contest does not close until April 30<sup>th</sup> so there is time enough.

In my mind I have already spent that hundred dollars about ten times. One thing that I want especially is a small house in our back yard, where I can have a gasoline engine, etc., and dynamo + regular machine shop. I could do things in the shop such as grinding + sharpening knives, hatchets, etc. + do other such things besides having an awful lot of fun + learning a great deal

After I had earned enough money in my shop I could buy a dynamo + make electricity to light the shop + house with.

Excuse me please, perhaps all this stuff is not as interesting to you as to me.

Since Wednesday I have been getting my own meals + taking care of the house because mamma is sick + not able to get around.

Well, I hate to stop talking to you but it is ten o'clock + I have business yet to night to take care of so hoping that you can read this badly written letter.

CB

I remain your most affectionate brother

"Cusley"

P.S. Do not forget to write to me soon + tell me what you think about everything, especially my shop + your school.



Dearest Penny:-  
I will just add a word about vacation  
on Selden's sheet. Just when is your vaca-  
tion? If you have told me I can't find  
it in your letters. Evelina comes this Sat.  
17<sup>th</sup> & I presume Jeanne Marie the following  
Sat. - 24. Evelina has to go back Mon. 26.  
which leaves J.M. alone to visit with me,  
which may be tiresome for her. So I rather  
think it would be best for you to come  
home, if your vacation comes at the same  
time J.M.'s does. Or have you some invita-  
tion for that time? I didn't know but Mary C. or  
some one might ask you. I think you must  
have some sort of a change anyhow. I am  
perfectly decided on that. What would be  
most restful and changeful? I saved  
10<sup>00</sup> to return to you for this purpose, but  
some man came to be paid so I had to break  
one 5<sup>00</sup> bill. However, I enclose the other 5<sup>00</sup>  
& it is to be used for your vacation exclusively,  
& in the way you will get the most good out  
of it.

I was quite worried about your  
having so much pain in the back of your  
head & spine, & wish you would manage  
to have less work next term. Speak to Miss  
D.V. or Miss Porman about it - do.

No more now, because I want to send  
this to the boy with Miss P. -

These letters came this am. from Mary.

Your lovingest ESB