

Chunook Alta

Wed. 16, 1913

Dear Mary

I guess it is quite a while since I have written a letter direct to you, isn't it? I always include you in my mind when I address my letters to mother. I feel as if I were writing to you both but maybe it doesn't seem that way to you! I wonder if you remember a suggestion I made to you in a letter a long time ago. I suggested that you correct my letters, as if I were taking a course of letter writing under you, and then you send them back for me to see my mistakes so that I would not make them again. I guess you decided that if you corrected them I would be so discouraged that I would stop writing letters, didn't you? I really wish you would try this scheme, Mary, because a man ought to know how to write a good letter; intelligent & to the point, to get along in the world. Of course I know that I ought not to write

on both sides of the paper but when writing
home I am more economical than when
writing business letters or ones to friends
or distant relatives. (don't mean that you are not a friend.)

May, I wish you would tell me some
plain, clear, tangible reasons for my
finishing the college course at Oberlin. I
do not intend to live in Oberlin & probably
not even in the East; I expect to live in
the West. What will I learn at Oberlin that
will be worth what it will cost? You
know three years time at my age now
is a great deal. Would I be better fitted
to make a living by spending three years
in Oberlin College, or spending it getting
experience? What will I learn in school
that will enable me to make more money?
You will admit that money is a very
important factor in making life
endurable. There is only one thing more
important than money in this game
of life and that is love; but love
needs money to support it, so that
the importance of each is about equal.

If I should go back to college, say this coming fall I would have to mortgage my place to do it, (pay 8%). Then of course I would have to pay back the mortgage, probably as soon as I graduated. How would I be able to pay the interest? Would I be any better off at the end of three years with a diploma + a thousand dollar mortgage than if I stayed here + had no diploma + had my place, + a thousand dollars in cash besides? Personally I think not. However, I would like to know what your opinion is + the reasons for your opinion.

~~There~~ I have a notion to write an article concerning our experiences at pioneering. Do you suppose that the Saturday Evening Post or some magazine would take it? If I should write such an article would you correct it for me? Do you think I had better try or do you think it would be a waste of time?

I am on the advertising committee of the Chinook Board of Trade + am having a hard time thinking up advertising schemes that don't cost anything or that cost only a little. The Board of Trade has only a few dollars

depend, ten or so, so we have to be very wise
& careful. I donate photographs.

I expect to start travelling with my
camera the first week in April if the weather
is good. I intend to go east on this line
stopping in each town about two & a half
or three days, "shooting up" two towns a
week. I hope the cash will come
my way & that there are no other
"photo-grafters" ahead of me. Cash is
terribly tight up here now. I hope it
will loosen up a bit soon. The price of
grain has been much lower than usual
this year.

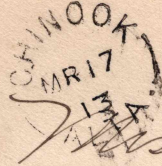
I must go to bed, it is twelve o'clock
Lots of love to you & mother.
"Curly."

CHINOOK, ALTA.

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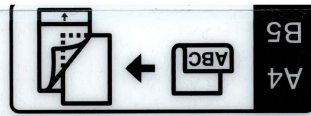
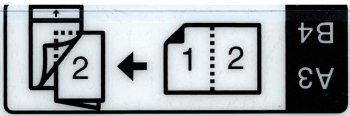


*Miss Mary Belden
287 West College Street
Oberlin
Ohio.*

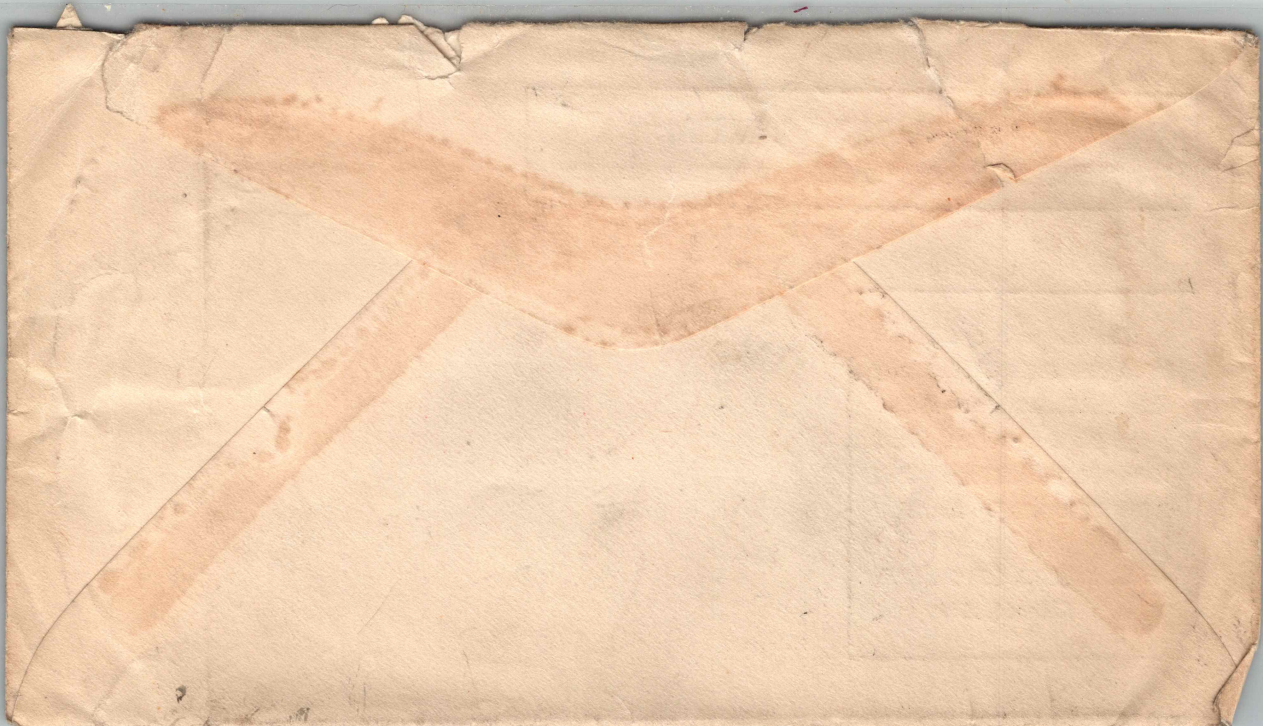


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