

3248 Burton Ave.
Lynwood, Calif.,
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Dear Evelina -

It is just terrible the way I have not written to you at all since getting around, but I wanted to get a job and get the money to send to you all at the same time. I have not yet been able to get the job or the money, but cannot put off writing any longer anyway. You were so kind to loan me the money to get to California with and also so kind to help us out again when I was sick that I want to return it just as quickly as possible. Will you please tell me if you need it right now or whether it will be all right to wait until I get to earning? I could sell the car, but I need it for almost any job that I would be working at. Also it could be sold only at a sacrifice - I mean I could not get nearly as much money for it as it is worth or as much as I would have to pay to get another. I might be able to borrow from some of our friends here to get you the money if you need it right now pretty badly. Please let me know what you are thinking about it .

Lindsay Hadley was here yesterday for two hours and a half. I drove him down from Los Angeles and he had supper with us, and then I drove him back to take the train again as he was going to San Francisco. It was certainly a pleasure to have him here. We grasped the opportunity while having him in the house to have him christen our baby. Mother will be delighted to hear that he was here and christened her, wont she? Lindsay is fine - we wish he lived closer. He was out in Beverly Hills at the Scruby's for dinner at noon before he came here. Wouldnt it have been nice if Mary could have made this trip with Lindsay too? I wish Coral and Mary could have met and become acquainted while we were in the East.

This letter will hardly get to Chicago in time for your birthday, but please consider that it is a birthday letter . We wish you the very best of birthday greetings and hope that this will be an exceptionally happy and successful year for you all. The children should be more pleasure ~~to~~ each year as they are growing up , and they are not quite so much work now as when they were very small, so that you can enjoy them more. We get so much pleasure from Teddy now. He is taking in so many new thots and ideas which he talks about in such interesting ways. Jane Scruby gave him a set of blocks some time ago which have several different colors so that he can make patterns with them and he gets lots of fun making them.

This lovely warm sunshine is so nicē. It makes us feel almost guilty to enjoy it so much and think how much you all need it . I wish Mow and Henry especially could spend a year or so here in this climate. If I had had that sickness in Chicago it is doubtful if I would have been alive now. I have skinned off all over now except my feet; they are still skinning. Did Coral tell you about my skin blistering all over ? The doctor said that it was ^{be}caused I sweat so much when I was sick that the sweat glands could not handle that much sweat and they burst. Anyway I blistered all over from head to foot and my skin all peeled off. I have gained back most of the twenty pounds I lost - I am sorry to say. How is Henry ? Well, I hope. Coral and I think a lot of Henry. Wish you all lived closer .

About the only kind of job I can get an opportunity to work at so far , is Real Estate. I am not especially anxious to sell real estate but I will do that rather than have the family starve. For the real estate business I have to have a good car. I have an offer of a job to start soon on an ocean front subdivision about sixty miles from Los Angeles and I would get so much per head for each prospect taken to the property whether they buy or not. The company furnish the people and I would only have to pick them up and drive them there and try to sell them. I am simply no good whatever at house to house canvassing trying to sell things.

I am enclosing some pictures you will be interested in . Will you please send them on to Mother ? She will want to see the baby and the Polks. In the picture taken at Fort Worth , both of the babies were asleep, little Coral Belden and Billie Polk. Did you know that Billie had the pneumonia just after we left there at the same time that I had it ? Wasnt that queer ? He did not have the intestinal flu and pluerisy also tho, the way I did.

Please let me know about whether you need the money returned immediately Evelina . We are down almost to the last borrowed cent right now . I hope I can get something to do to make money pretty soon.

As ever,
Selden

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