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My dear Will,

I think you are an awfully good fellow to take so much of your time, of which you must need every minute for studies and football, to write me such a good long interesting letter. I was and am very much interested in what you say and also in the magazine, copies of which, earlier numbers, I have bought at the news stands. I should have answered your letter sooner but was hoping to be able to give some intelligent idea of what my plans were going to be in the future. While we have disposed of the farm I have still been pretty busy out there and will be for some time yet, while there hasn't been as much as usual to do, at the same time I haven't had much help to do it.

The far North West must be a wonderful country and I am extremely enthusiastic and anxious to visit it. The lumber idea is what I have in my mind exclusively however. I don't think I care for any more farming. You know I was in the lumber business for six years sixteen or seventeen years ago and have been very

pieces on a small scale, and I think I have a pretty good idea on a good many points in our way off lumbering which I ought to be able to make useful to myself or some one else. I can set and run a portable mill, file a circular or band saw, and saw up to almost emergency in hardwood though I suppose I would be as green as grass among your big timber. I am glad you are coming East at the holidays for I want very much to see you and talk it over. I don't think there is any danger that I will have taken up with anything else before then.

We enjoy so much having your mother here among us. Your Aunt Sara, Kath. & Chas. just returned from a little visit down to Staten Island. The folks there are counting greatly on having the whole gang there at Christmas.

I am so proud to learn that you are on the team. You know I used to play foot ball a little but my highest rank was substitute on the Phillips Academy team. I got to play center in one pretty good game with the big boys.

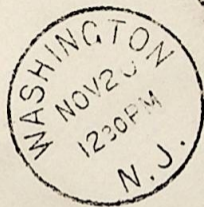
Thank you ever and ever so much for your letter and more than all the interest displayed. Give much love to Eviline
Affly, your "Uncle Joe"

After 10 days, return to

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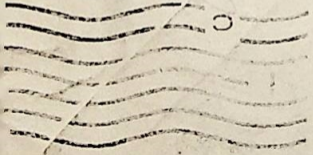
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