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Dear Mother

You asked me in a recent letter to tell you the date of Coral's birthday. It is August 8th. I wish I could give her a birthday present of a home to live in. We are considering seriously buying <sup>some</sup> house, probably out in the suburbs five or six miles, because we need a home. <sup>the price is too high - nothing under \$6000.</sup> We can't stand sleeping in the studio & living at restaurants very much longer. Now is an especially good time to pick up a place at a reasonable price because real estate

business is dead this summer. If we can trade in our equity in the lot we have, as first payment, & pay the balance same as rent we will certainly get a place.

I bought a second-hand Chevrolet roadster 1921 model, freshly painted & in fine condition, for one hundred & forty dollars, last week. You know it is almost impossible to live in California without some kind of car. The roadster is a real bargain & we need it.

Hope Will has managed to locate a position, or soon will. Reports from Alberta are very discouraging. I wish Will would cooperate with me in trying to trade the farm equity for California property before we lose it entirely. If the debts could be lost at the same time I wouldn't mind losing the farm. Hope you are all well. Please tell us all the news as often as you can.  
Love Selden.