

It was  
awfully nice  
of you to send  
me the birthday  
present. I haven't  
thanked you before  
but thank you again  
C. Selden Belden

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June 8 1924.

Dear Mother

Your letter of May 27<sup>th</sup> is still not answered. <sup>I meant to write to you as soon as it came.</sup> I hope no news is good news in this case & that Henry is well again by now. Please tell us when you have time to write next. Henry must have really been sick before & did not want to spoil Evelina's trip. Anyway it is a good thing she did not get away before he was so sick, & then have to return. I wonder if she is in Oberlin now.

We have been attending the Eastman School of Professional Photography in Los Angeles for three days, June 3, 4, 5. We closed the Studio for the three days & put a sign on the door that we would be at the School. Before we left we varnished the woodwork & painted the floors & the place looks much

better now. We stayed the second night  
at the Scripps at Beverly Hills. The  
third evening we had dinner at the Scripps  
and afterwards Mary & Coral & I went  
to hear Galli Curci sing at the  
Hollywood Bowl - which is a natural &  
outdoor amphitheatre which holds about  
fifty thousand people. Galli Curci's  
singing was certainly wonderful & we  
certainly enjoyed it immensely altho we  
were sitting on the dirt & thorns on the  
steep hill with our shoes full of dirt etc.  
The ninety piece symphony orchestra was  
grand. We left in a big hurry to get ahead of  
the crowd & ran about three-quarters of a mile  
to where we <sup>had</sup> parked Mary's car - the nearest place  
we could get an hour ahead of the concert. Mary  
left us in Hollywood & we came home on the  
electric cars from there to Long Beach.

Mary had a letter from General Marie

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in which J. M. had said something about  
Will wanting to get some help with  
his invention. Mary told me to be  
sure to tell him that Horace would  
help him in any way he could, by  
advice, or machine-shop or whatever he  
could. You know Horace + a partner,  
Mr. Dickenson, - have a machine shop  
in Los Angeles equipped especially for  
experimenting with machinery + according  
to Horace, Mr. Dickenson (who is 47 yrs. old)  
is one of the smartest mechanical engineers  
of the age. He has invented any number of things -  
his interest is in the inventing, + then he loses  
interest + someone else makes the money.  
Mary suggested that if Will is returning to  
Alberta that he should come via California  
+ stay at her home while he talks over his  
ideas with Horace. I think it would be a

good idea too, I think Horace is fine. If  
Will's idea is really any good Horace & Mr. Dickson  
will be in a position to help him & if it isn't  
they know enough to explain why it isn't.  
Mary & Horace at the present time are losing  
money on their mine, but for a long time,  
she said, they cleard a thousand dollars per  
day from it.

Mary expects Adelaide & her family for  
a visit in July. Mary is going to have  
her children's pictures painted by an  
old artist this summer.

So far my proposed trip to the school &  
the East seems impossible. Real estate is  
dead here at present, I cannot seem to  
find anyone who can buy my 5x7 Graflex  
camera for cash and we have only  
enough money in the bank for  
running expenses. I certainly would  
like to be at your birthday party, reunion Mother  
Something might happen yet, in case it does I  
will let you know. When is W. I. intending  
to leave Oberlin? If I don't go East I might be able to

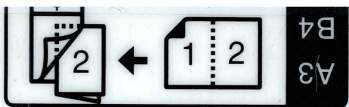
sell him with a few dollars to get back to Alberta via California  
ought to go to the school if it can be managed.  
done



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Ohio.

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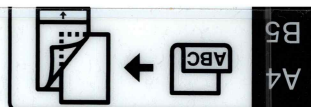
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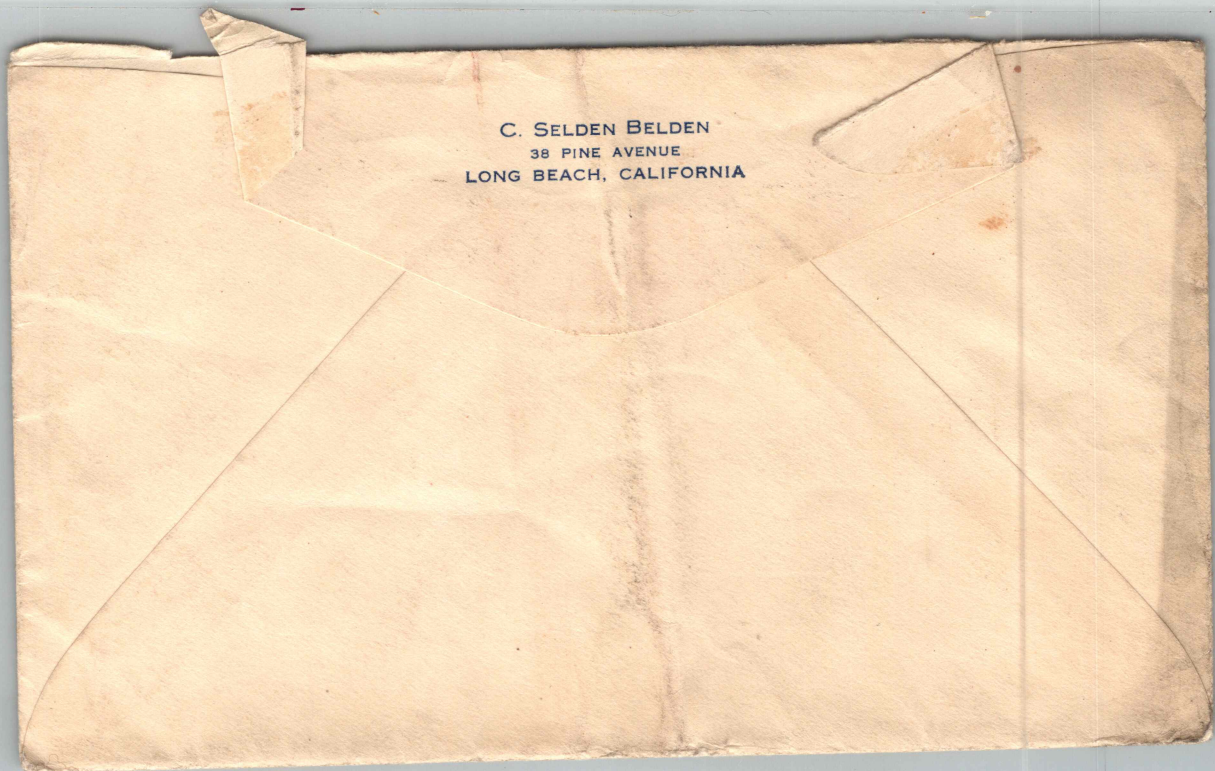


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