

3248 Burton Ave., Lynwood, Cal.
May 2nd, 1928.

Dearest Mother -

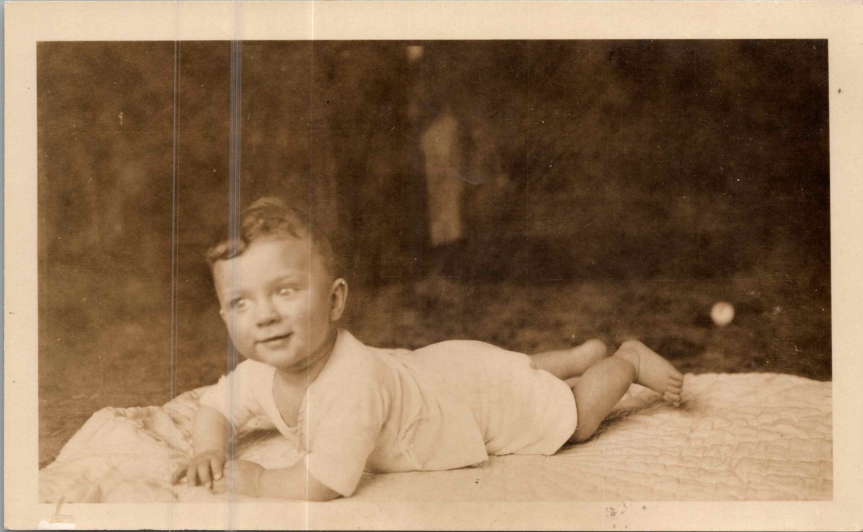
Your letter that you dictated to Ellen is before me. I wish I could say right off that Coral and I could and would come to Oberlin for the coming year. We would like to for many reasons you are the principal reason of course. We would like very much to be with you.

The suggestions you make as to Horace sending me East would never be done tho. The Brake Testing Machine that I started at selling when you were here is now nearly done as far as Horace is concerned. He had a license to build a certain number under patents by paying a royalty and the license has now almost run out. However we are now starting to market a new kind of Power Brake as accessory for automobiles and it is going fine. If I can arrange any way to get East I will certainly do so because I want to very much, but as things are now I can not make any plans at all. Horace has no money to develop new fields, and if I go far from here it would have to be on my own initiative. I have been working on commission only and the last few months business has not been anything to boast about!

So many people of all types come to California to make a visit and then stay, when they intended returning that the state is over-run with people looking for jobs, and most of them willing to work at any price, just so that they can stay here. This makes it almost impossible for a salesman to get a job on a salary, because so many salesmen are ~~waiting~~ already and waiting to try out anything at any commission. One of the mechanics in the shop gets about \$42.00 a week working for Horace. He came to California on a leave of absence vacation about three years ago from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was Superintendent of Service in a large garage at a salary of \$475.00 per month. He liked the climate and country here in Southern California so well that he intends to stay here permanently now, and yet he is making nearly three hundred dollars a month less here than in Pittsburgh.

I wish I could plan with you now to be in Oberlin with you for the coming year. If it can be made possible at all we will certainly try to arrange some way. Just at present the way matters stand I can not see the way clear. I wish you and Mary both could be here in California with us. We have an extra room and two extra beds now. Besides we have a larger, more comfortable car, and then, think of our wonderful climate !! I wish you could see Teddy too.

Teddy took a few steps today across the room for the first time. He will be a year old next Friday the 11th of May. He is so healthy and full of life - everyone remarks about it. He has never had a sickness. He weighs 22 pounds. His hair is so curly and pretty ~~and~~ Coral is of course very glad of this. People on the street remark to each other about what an exceptionally pretty baby Teddy is. I wish you could see him. On his year old birthday next week we intend to take another movie reel of him to save for him when he grows up. The one we took at his six month



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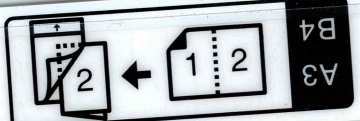


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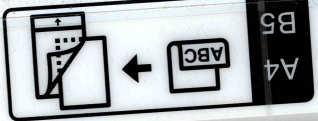
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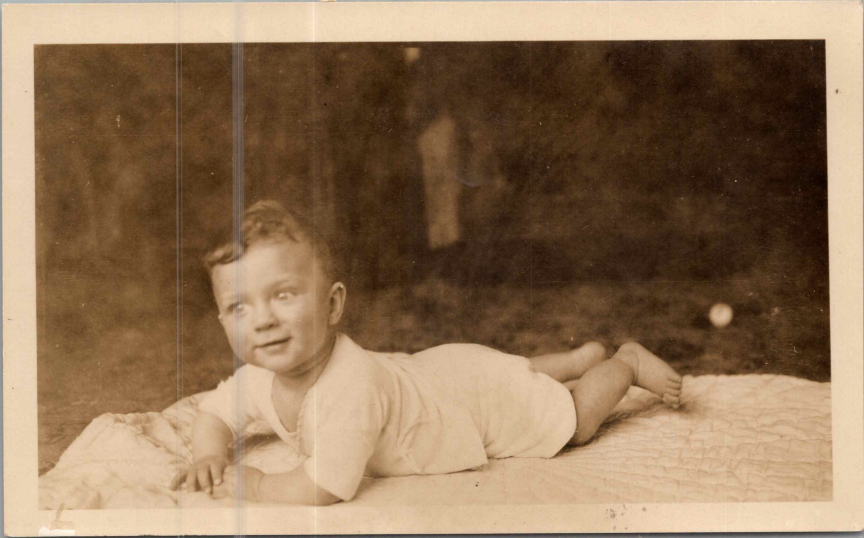
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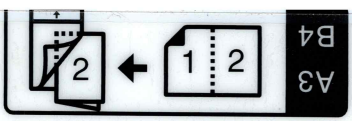
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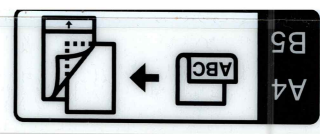
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