

HOTEL JEFFERSON
EAST FIFTEENTH STREET,
MANHATTAN.

Dear Mary:-

Do you know that I am not janitor of the school any more? I have stopped because it was too hard work for me. There were so many ashes to take out that it made my backache. I have to go over to school at night and fix the fires and every other night I have to clean out a furnace and sometimes I took out eight great big pans full of ashes.

I wish I could go to Carlinville and take out your ashes and bring in your coal and wood because that would be easy for me and would help you a little.

I hear that you have a boy to do that and give him thirty-five cents a week. If I were there I

thing which I want very much. By selling the ~~them~~
needles I can earn a clarinet.
If you want any of these things please send to me
for them and I will send them to you postpaid because
you are my sister dear.
We are studying Latin in our school in the
place of grammar, spelling and physiology. Next year
although I am not getting along very well. Next year
we will be in the second year of the high school
we get about 85 in everything.
Instead of working at school I am going to tend to our fire
here at home.
Willie fixed the furnace at night and sometimes brings up
the wood (which he has just done) and then I get up early
in the morning and fix the furnace and light the

would do it for twenty cents.
I think you give him entirely
too much compared to what I got
at school.

The last letter you sent to me
you told me of a trick which your
stove does. I think that I can tell you
a remedy for it if your stove is like
most of the stoves. There is a damper
~~is~~ in the pipe which you can open
or shut the same way as you could
open or shut the thing in the pipe
on the register near the furnace
for the registers. If this damper is
shut the smoke and gas cannot
go up the chimney but will come
out in the room.

I am trying to sell some things
for prizes. I am selling selling needles,
pens, court plaster, and sacket.

I am going to give you a sacket
heart next time I get a chance.

By selling 24 of these Perfumed
Locket Hearts I can earn a sweater which
I want very much. By selling the
court-plaster I can earn a watch and

kitchen fire.

It is quarter of ten now, Sunday night and time for
me to go to bed. My writing is not very good because I
am getting tired.

I hope you don't forget Evelina's birthday the 20th of February.

Please answer this letter and remember that I like to have
a letter to myself with no other notes to other people.

Your loving brother,
Curley.

January the twenty-fourth nineteen hundred
and four.