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Dearest John:

Hooray! The picnic next Saturday. I know you will go this time without asking again. So will you call at the same time as stated in last letter, but please don't say that you must be home in time for school, for you will not. You will not have to bother with the hat, for Almeda will take it out as soon as it is finished, which will be Saturday sure. The hat looks pretty nice, but you will have to tell your mother not to be out in the hot sun without an umbrella, if she want them to keep their color, for Almeda cannot guarantee it being fast, I mean the flowers.

Anna Lindeman said last night that the boys have postponed their going until a week from Sunday, for her sake. Will we have to postpone ours? If we do I don't think that I will be able to go, for I promised I would stay at home a week from Sunday while the folks take a trip across the lake. They have not fully decided, but I am pretty sure they will go. Anyway we will talk about it Saturday.

How was the water last night, I bet it was fine. When mother said Monday night that I could not go in that pond to bath. I thought best not to go, so we were not over to Anna's place at all. Mother said so long that I am in her home she is ~~going~~ going to have some control over me. Instead, do you know what I done. I made my gray hat over again. I suppose ou will say that I am as daffy as Dave said I am. but I don't care what they say, for I want something that I like. and so long as I can do it. I will, isn't that right?

Dave and Ethel are going across next Sunday, and what do you think Ethel said. She said if we go we cannot be with them for they want to be all alone. So I said I would not be with them for anything, and never thought of tagging after them, for I was going to be with you. She was only fooling as she always does. She said they were going on the "Eastland", and then I said we would go on the "City of South Haven" and that is the way we kept on.

How do you like this type written letter for once. I guess it is the first one I have ever written but the reason I do it, is because I have to sneak to do this, <sup>when</sup> ~~and~~ Mr Elmore is not looking, and it will also go much faster. I guess you do not care as long as you receive a letter that is signed by 'RUTA' as you call her, and the same with me. <sup>↑</sup>

Now **TEDDIE**, take good care until Saturday, and hoping to receive that long, long letter which you promised

I remain your own

Darling,

Ruth

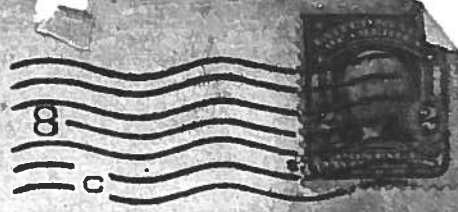
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My dear Ruth:-

I promised to write you a long letter this time but I don't think I can for this moving turns every thing upside down so there is no place to move around and much less to write, so you have to excuse me for this time, I can pay up for it some other time.

I don't have to tell you about the picnic across the lake for you know all about it already for Yalmar. Annie tells every thing she knows, but I didn't decide with Yalmar to go across the lake a week from Sunday, for I thought to myself that we can go alone just as well, so wait till Saturday and we will talk it over.

I'll be over next Saturday afternoon at said time. for I can get off then for Friday night we are going to school to pay up for the picnic night.

Did Annie tell you that I was in swimming last night? well the water was fine I wish you could have seen us in there, we felt like fish before caught on a hook.

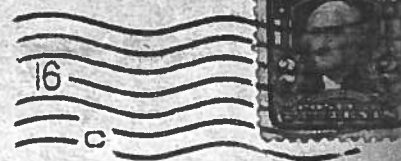
If you saw what I was in writing this letter or you wouldn't expect 4 pages full, but do you see there is another week next week.

Hoping you all are well and specially you,

I remain as ever

Your own

Ped.



Miss. Ruth Swanson.

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