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My Darling,

Boy, there is so much to write, I hardly know where to begin. Twice before I've tried to pen a few lines; but each time some interruption has stopped me. Boy, I've never known before what the word meant. Now the apartment is all over and we have only to head for home.

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Right now we are located
at a tourist-camp about
fifteen miles beyond Albany.
No. Sweetheart, Am just
too tired. Last night it
was 3:00 A.M. + the night
before it was 1:00. So, I'll
be dreaming about you. xv

Hello, it's now the 26th
+ guess where I am. None
other place than Grovertown.
We arrived here about an
hour + a half ago. Our
first stop was at La Harpe!

When I had a book to send
 back (and for many others
 to send my book!)
 I had never thought of
 sending it to the
 post office. But when
 I had never been able to find
 the letter to the one I have
 if I had just had to
 I had had to have had this
 letter finished by last night.
 But we drove up to
 the bank last night. And
 the time our baggage was
 in the cabin it was
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I believe I last wrote after
 we had left the Quimpise
 highway. That letter actually
 was not mailed until we
 had left Boston, Mass.
 All that time I had been
 looking for a post office to
 weigh the volume I wanted
 to send. Finally in desperation
 I posted three-cent stamps
 all over it + dropped it
 into a mail-box.

We went up to New York
 city, the Bronx, + Yonkers.

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 the 21st that we reached
 Providence the first time.
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 home, meeting her parents
 + presenting the gifts we
 headed for Boston. About
 mid-way between Providence
 + Boston we stopped for
 the night. Our cabin
 was rather nice, two rooms,
 with toilet facilities +
 shower. Elsie + Mom went
 to bed + Dad + I stayed up.

It was a beautiful evening
 when we proceeded across the
 river. The night was
 very beautiful. We went to
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listening to the Republican
National Convention on my
small radio. We finally
turned in at about eleven-
thirty. Early the next
morning we packed our
baggage + continued to Boston.
In Boston we drove around
a while + saw a few of the
sights. With time running
short we hastily drove to
Plymouth, Mass., where the
Pilgrims landed in 1620.

When we saw the words on
which the Pilgrims were
supposed to have landed
+ a cemetery where were
buried many famous people
in early American history,
including Governor William
Bradford. When we were
nearing the museum
Abraham (spelling) Lincoln + the
grave of his wife. From
Plymouth we went across
to Great Point where we
visited our mother + father.

the points were stopped & the
 the tie was on account. Wow!
 Point & 4 of course, were
 the same thing. The maker
 offhand in the robes of the
 tie.
 When we finished up five
 again & proceeded on to the
 better supper at a rather
 hotel. The meal was
 delicious & we all had our
 first. The groom-to-be
 passed out gifts at the
 supper. Mine was a "Golden
 21" gun. When we were about

Thinking something had happened
 to his best-man. This was
 3:30 on the 22nd. Paul
 made me hurry & wash &
 change. We were to pick
 up June at the hair-dresser
 in Bristol at 4:00. You
 can imagine how fast I
 dressed (you should have
 helped me). Then we shot
 into Providence where I
 picked up my cut-aways.
 Boy, did I look sinaggy!
 The suit coat was a cut-away,

thought had just been finished
 to the best man. This was
 8:30 on the 28th. I had
 made me a good & made a
 change. He went to bed
 up from at the time dinner
 in 1904. To the best man
 very much enjoyed your first &
 second (you should have
 had me). I think you
 into a number of other
 years - but you are looking
 good. What a beautiful
 566
 The best man was a very

The pants were striped, &
 the tie was an ascot. Wow!
 Paul + I, of course, wore
 the same thing. The ushers
 differed in the color of the
 tie.

Then we picked up Jane
 again + proceeded on to the
 bride-supper at a ritzy
 hotel. The meal was
 delicious + we all had our
 fill. The groom-to-be
 passed out gifts at the
 supper. Mine was a "Parker
 51" pen. There were about

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Twenty-four guests present
 They included Paul's folks,
 Davis folks, Paul's aunt &
 uncle, & the bride-party.
 The maid of honor was a
 very charming & beautiful
 college girl. Her name was
 Jane Wilkins (you need
 not worry; Rhode Island
 is a long, long way from
 here). Really tho', she was
 a small girl. We had a
 lot of fun together. She
 wore a gorgeous blue gown

at the wedding. Jane & the
 other attendants were fine.
 One of Paul's attendants, as you
 know, is a Miss Jones
 from W. Va. (I think)
 makes more his two bottles
 + 130 of from W. Va.
 after the supper we went to
 the Central Baptist Church
 for refreshment. It was
 more fun than words.
 Finally, we had that fine
 evening with Paul's folks.
 Paul's folks appear from

Knowing that you were present
 at the wedding. I was
 + I was in the
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 a number of
 beautiful
 the
 from
 not
 is a
 that
 a
 that
 more

at the wedding. Elaine + the
 other attendants wore pink.
 One of mine's attendants, as you
 know, is a Marica Young
 from Wharton. Paul's
 ushers were his two brothers
 + Bob Young from Wharton.
 After the supper we went to
 the Central Baptist Church
 for rehearsal. This was
 more fun than work.
 Finally, every thing finished
 every body went home.
 Paul, a Paul Pappoon from

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It was about 10:30 when
 I approached about 11 A.M. so
 I decided to head back
 get the papers ready
 the serial for paper was
 almost finished. On
 checking into this I found
 that in the meantime he
 had left about half of
 the stuff out. So I
 packed everything. When
 I had to get out nearly
 11:30. He was in
 a hurry that he could get

Wheaton, + I went out for
 something to eat + got home
 at about mid-night. On
 Wednesday morning everyone
 was up bright + early.
 I slept well, but Paul
 claimed he didn't close
 his eyes. I wonder why!?
 In the morning we visited
 Paul's Dad's factory + saw
 how boots are made. From
 there we visited his Dad's
 summer estate on the bay.

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It was about that time
 approaching eleven A.M. So,
 I decided I had better
 get the groom ready.
 He said his bags were
 already packed. On
 checking into this I found
 that in his excitement he
 had left about half of
 the stuff out. So I re-
 packed everything. Then
 I had to get Paul ready
 + what a job. He was so
 excited that he could get

I have now been in the
 shop itself was situated
 in corner of Paul's
 grandfather. Well owned the
 books were kept for the
 study of the members.

When the wife first came
 the mother, working in town,
 then came the wife -
 He was Paul's nephew,
 quite little fellow + a neat
 little man. On the morning
 before at the dinner
 arranged a table with
 his mother on it. His

nothing accomplished. We
 did get ready by 2:00,
 although I didn't get a
 chance to start dressing
 till 1:30. Most of our
 time seemed to be wasted
 in trying to tie the ascot
 ties. What a mess they were!
 at 2:00 Paul's uncle picked
 us up + took us to the
 Church. The Central Baptist
 is a rather new, large, stone
 building. It is one of the
 most beautiful churches

I have never been in the
 chapel itself was dedicated
 in memory of Paul's
 grandfather. All around the
 sides were large gothic
 stained-glass windows.
 Down the aisle first came
 the ushers, walking in twos,
 then came the ring-bearer.
 He was Paul's nephew, a
 cute little fellow + a real
 little man. On the evening
 before at the dinner he
 secured a tie-clasp with
 his initials on it. His real

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stepped in one of the
 above + up in front of
 (half front) the
 + up in front of
 the
 to
 there were two
 of
 + the
 of
 on
 in
 one of the
 up
 +

name is Maurice C Smith IV
 What a bundle! He was so
 proud of this sleep that
 he went around with his
 chest out + his suit-coat
 pulled back. Later, when
 the boat was tied, the flower
 girl didn't take his arm +
 he pushed his arm into
 her ribs + insisted that
 she take it.

Time out for champagne!!
 -Gum, feel better now.

Back to the wedding.
 As the ushers were coming
 up the main aisle, Paul +

name in the name of the
 what a bundle! He was
 ground of the ship that
 he went around with
 knots and two knots
 pulled back. When
 the boat was full the
 + and about the time
 he pulled his oars
 that he was + and
 the boat
 I came out for
 of the first
 (I took to the water
 as the water was
 up the main water

slipped in one of the side
 doors + up in front, facing
 (half facing) the girls
 coming in. When June +
 her Dad arrived, Paul +
 I turned to face the preacher
 There were two preachers
 officiating: a Dr. Dale Putton
 + the minister of the church.
 If I remember I'll include
 an article about Dale
 Putton in this letter from
 one of the American
 magazines.
 The ushers + attendants

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I + my wife (was in row)
followed the rest of the
procession after the ceremony
was the organ in the
back ground. During the
wedding ceremony I
played the organ. I
I + my wife were
at the back of the
procession.

The bride & groom
were seated with all the
of guests. It was quite a
and there were the
at the back of the
procession.

stood on the steps to the altar
+ the bride couple, the
ministers, June Wilburis + I
stood below the steps. When
a part of the vows were
taken we marched to the
altar. Then June + Paul
repeated after Dale Dutton
some more vows. Then Paul
+ June knelt. I guess this
was after the rings were
given + they were proclaimed
man + wife. Then the bride
couple left, followed by
the ring-bearer + the flower girl

stood on the steps to the altar
+ the bride couple, the
minutes, June 18th 1884
stood before the steps when
a part of the women were
taken in procession to the
altar when four + four
represented of the bride
some more women. When Paul
+ June went to give the
was after the organ was
given + they were pronounced
man + wife. When the bride
couple left followed by
the wedding party + the women

(arr in arr). Then June + I
followed + the rest of the
procession. After the ceremony
was the reception in the
church parlor. During the
whole reception a harpist
played. The whole wedding
was about perfect + I
met all kinds of "big
shots."

We had Paul's honey-moon-
car painted with all kinds
of signs. It was quite a sight.
And there were tin cans
tied on the back of the car.

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making all kinds of noise.

Paul Dapoon & I rode with Paul about the city with a number of cars chasing us. What fun!

Our destination was June's home where the girls helped June change & I helped Paul. When I drove the Bridle couple around. Previous to this Elaine had given me the key to June's suit-case. Paul's brothers, Bob Young, Stanley Savinetti (another maker),

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I changed pajamas + various "unmentionables" from one suit-case to another. I had the key to Paul's suitcase. Also was inserted various idams into Paul's suitcase that I can not mention (you know why!).

After driving around for awhile we went back to the church. There I jumped out of the car + Paul took over the wheel. Everyone had given up the chase but

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unmarked old hands of names
Paul's suitcase + various
I had the key to Paul's
number of cases
I had four!
Paul's suitcase was found
I have under the quilt
I have always + I had
Paul's suitcase was the
I had the key to Paul's
Paul's suitcase (But I had
I had four!)
I had four!

the next morning I went
 Paul at Boston
 to see him. He arrived
 at 11:00. I went
 about four hours after
 leaving Providence. He had
 a big bag of clothes
 and had done his suit
 and put into them
 the tools he had spent
 a fine night & made
 himself comfortable
 again.
 I would have had some
 more with me

Stanley. When Paul went
 around the block again
 I pulled our car between
 Paul's car & Stanley's.
 Thus Paul was able to get
 away. If I hadn't of done
 this, Stanley would have
 followed Paul all night
 if necessary & I did want
 that to happen. From Providence
 Paul & I went to Boston
 for the night ~~where~~ where
 the hotel - suite was rented

I had a letter from Paul
 at Boston from Bristol.
 He arrived at Boston about 11:00,
 or about four hours after
 leaving Providence. He had
 a big laugh out of what
 we had done to his suit-
 cases + put into them.
 He told me he had spent
 a fine night + whole-
 heartedly recommended
 marriage.

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I really should have asked
 June Wilkins out with me

on Wednesday evening & I
 wanted to. But we were
 to leave for Chicago (Grouse-
 town) on Thursday I wanted
 to visit with Capt. Doctor's
 wife & parents. They live
 just outside of Providence.
 After a fine supper in Bristol,
 Paul Dapoon & I headed
 for their home in Patuxet.
 We wound around the traffic
 in Patuxet & got ourselves
 lost about a dozen times.
 Finally at about 10:30 we found
 Mrs. Doctor's home. She was

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expecting me because I wrote
+ told her I would come.
Already, tho, she had put
Carl's daughter, Sondra, in
bed. But I did sneak
into the bed room to see
her. She was a cute kid
+ looked a lot like Carl.
Mrs. Fruton wanted me to
come with her to ~~the~~
Carl's parents home. This
we did by following her
car. We arrived there at
about 11:00. Carl's parents
are wonderful people +
they really love the Lord.

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I + ...
wanted to ...
to have for ...
Carl's daughter ...
and ...
first ...
after a few ...
I ...
for their ...
the ...
in ...
that ...
at about 10:00 ...
Mrs. Fruton ...

I know you will find me
 at the factory to see you
 to Mr. Smith's house
 next week's better days
 I talked for some time
 up there in front of
 Smith's office & talked
 for half an hour
 we had four
 at night
 I got out the
 paper tonight a
 the former
 had been

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Do you remember how Carl
 used to talk? His mother
 talked much the same way.
 I also met his small sister
 (married - ah heh!!). We
 talked from eleven until about
 two in the morning. I had a
 very interesting & inspiring
 time with them. They are
 lovely people & I am glad
 to have met them that
 night.

On Thursday morning we
 rose about nine. Mrs. Smith
 had a fine breakfast for

The four members of the
 board to take a few minutes
 talked through the same way
 of other work in the
 (11) (11) (11) (11) (11)
 talked from a few minutes
 about the morning
 very interesting
 time with them
 have a few
 to have met them
 night
 on the morning
 was about
 had a fine breakfast for

all of us. Then we went to
 the factory to say good-bye
 to Mr. Smith. There we
 met Paul's brother Floyd
 & talked for some time. Then
 up-stairs we found Mr.
 Smith's office & talked there
 for half an hour. Finally
 we headed for Providence
 where we picked up the
 folks at the hotel. Paul
 Pagon caught a train there too
 The journey from Bristol
 has been beautiful, but
 uneventful.