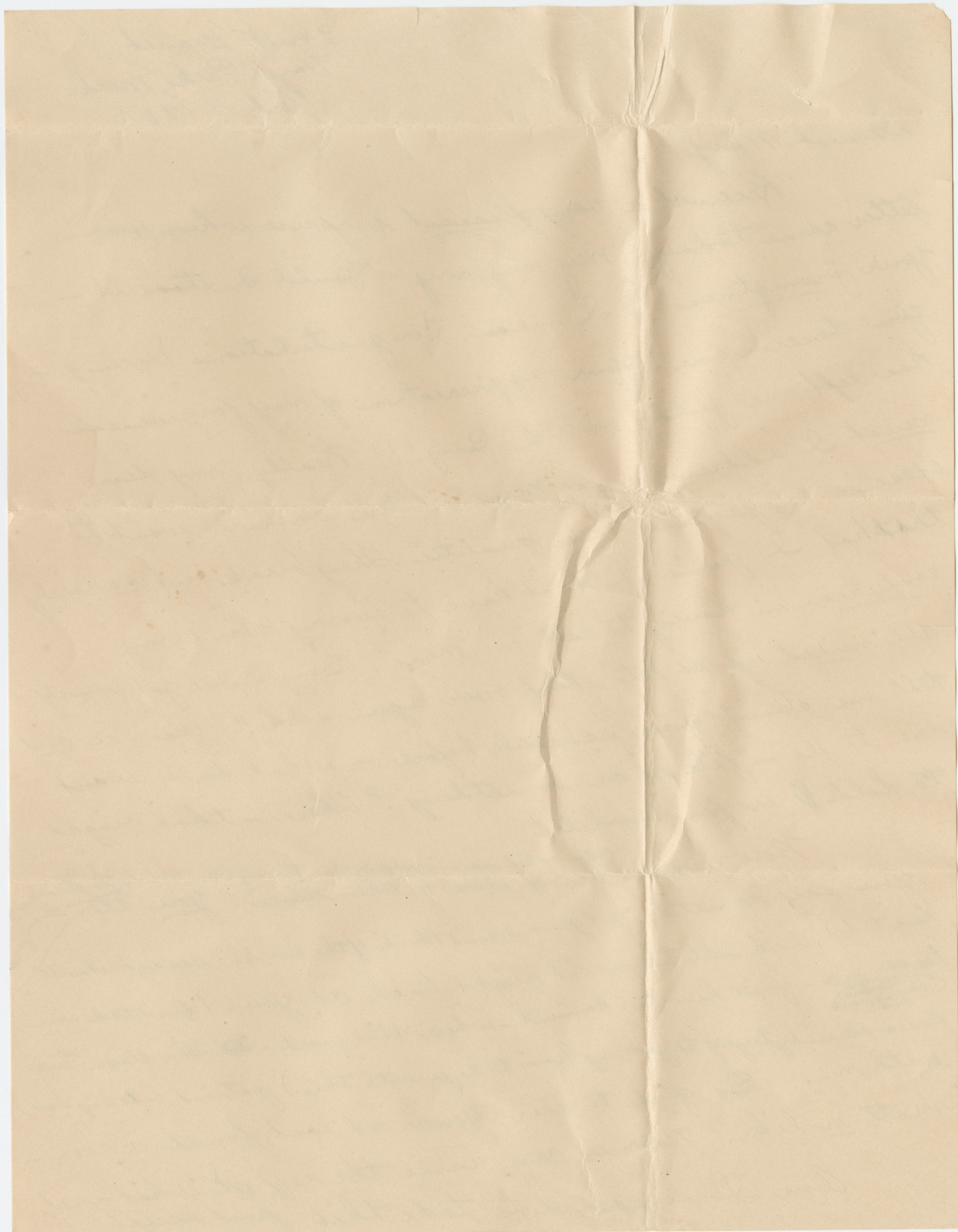


346 W. Grand,
Hazel Park, Mich.
Oct. 11, 1937.

Dearest Mary,

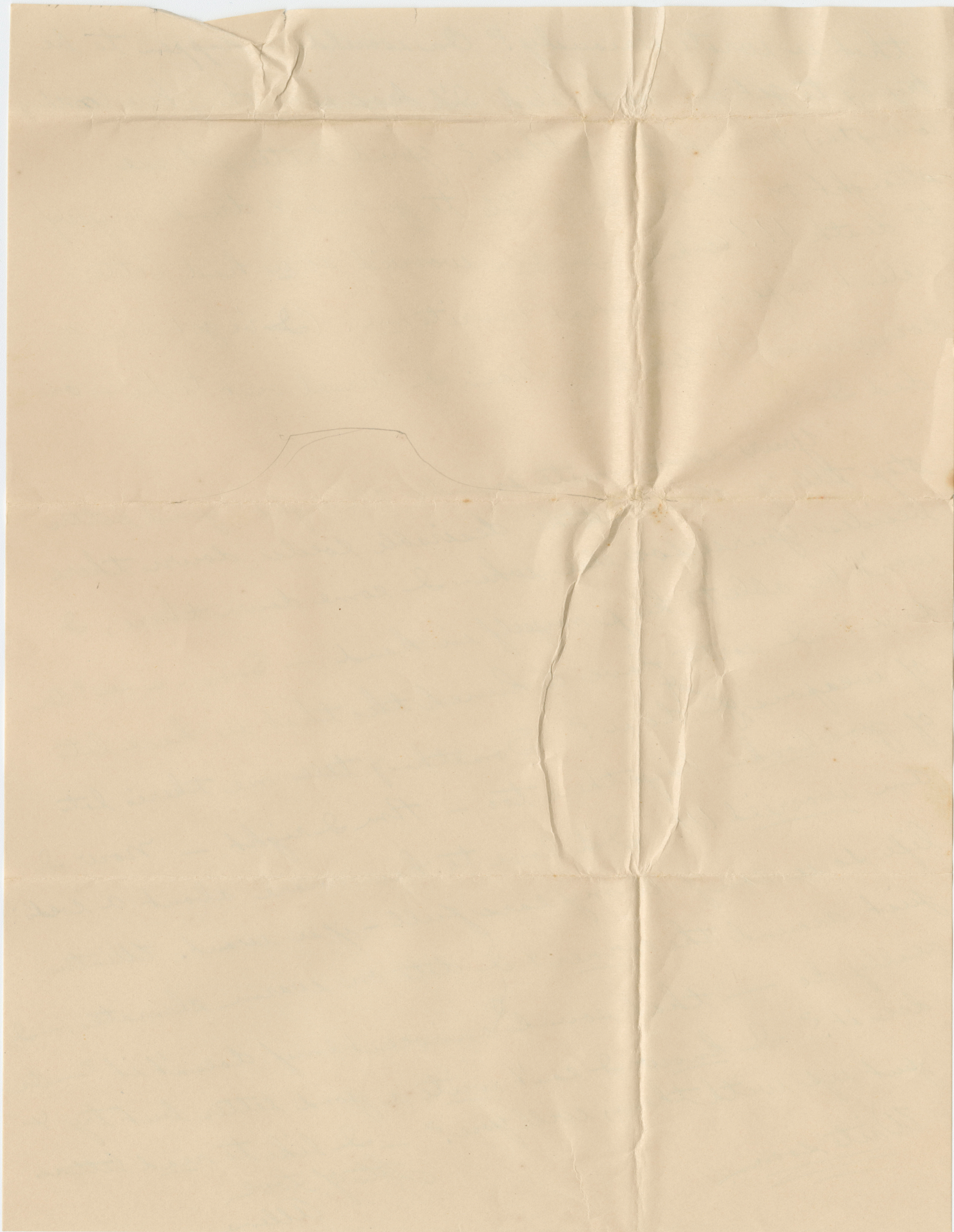
Received a very pleasant surprise when your letter came today. My, my, my - Could I stand it - your promptness - I mean. Congratulations Darling - you deserve em! your appreciation of my forgiveness has left me giddy - Oh Boy!!! Really, my dear - must I address u as Miss Switzer when I want to exercise my professor-like qualities. They break out so rarely that that I guess I don't have to worry about my confusion in having to call u "Miss". Say - I've got myself all mixed up so let's start over again - O.k.? yes - u did tell me about your schedule before - what do u want me to do - file it or something? There - that ought to hold u for awhile!

Now who's ^(you asked me - would I come tearing down there) being sure of themselves? ^(oh you temptress!!!) You ^(beckon me in and seduce me) all you say something (gr - (I can't think of the word)) Sassy (it will have to do) and I'll throw it right back at you. (Don't take me too serious - you'll have to (dammit! - where's that word - ~~o~~ I've blown two fuses all ready trying to get my brain to cope with this.) patient (it's my best) with me. So glad to hear you've at last found a room-mate u like. Now u can raise the roof ~~at~~ what - not. Am I supposed to take that post script



that u wrote seriously? Or would it happen to be
trying to get me so heckled I'd drop everything here (~~nothing~~
~~to drop the~~) & rush down there? you'd better set me
straight on it or I'm liable to go out & drink myself
to death!!! (sake). I am worried so u had better
relent, repent, or what & write me. (I've got u in a
corner now!) What a villain I turned out to be - or
did I?

Your room-mate sounds all right! You'd better
stop telling about all the desirable coeds down there
besides yourself or else when I come down there, I
won't be able to keep myself in hand - Good - u see? Or
do u? I sorta have a hunch tho that u have lots
of weapons ^{yourself} do u? Something tells me there's lots
of good-lookin leys there too - Am I right - Now I
am worried!!! I'd love to hear more about a "coeds"
life so u can fill my ears full - if u want. Winter's
just around the corner & I tote on warm climates. - I
really do - that sounds innocent enuf doesn't it? - Or
does it? I know I can't write a good letter but try &
put up with them, will you? - I like to read letters.
Write soon!!!
Lots of Love
Allen



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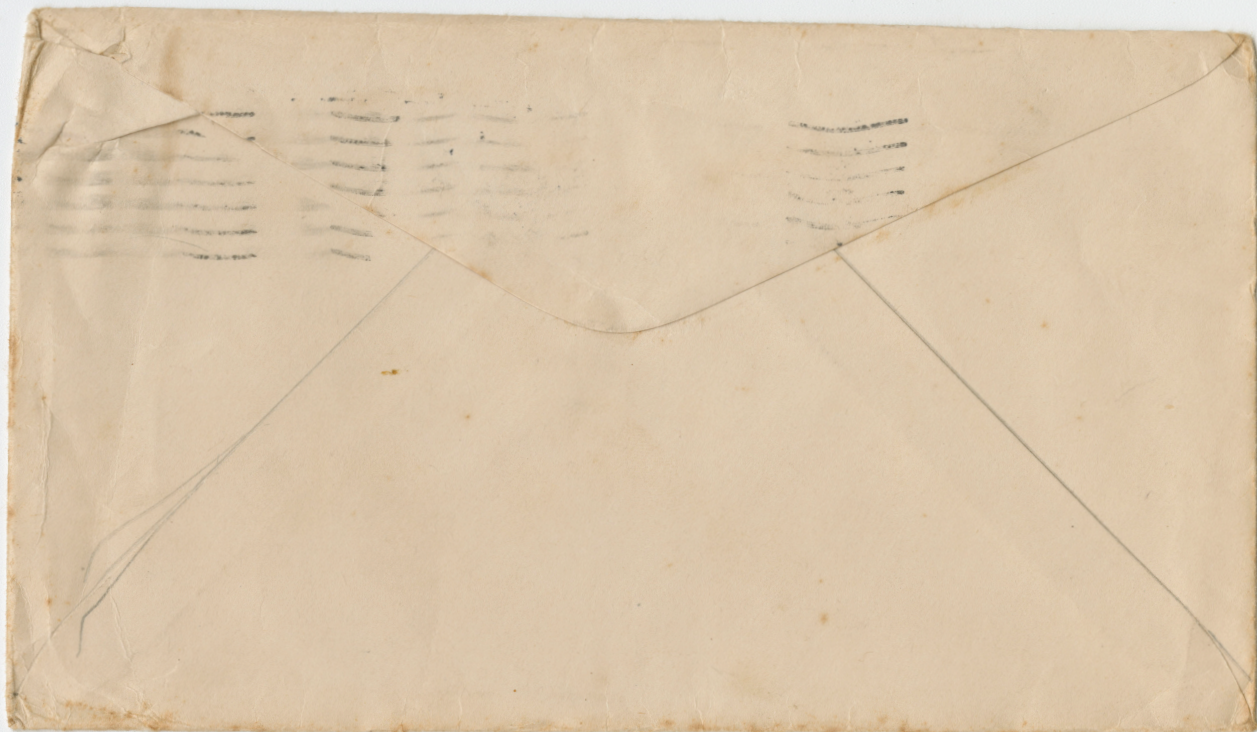
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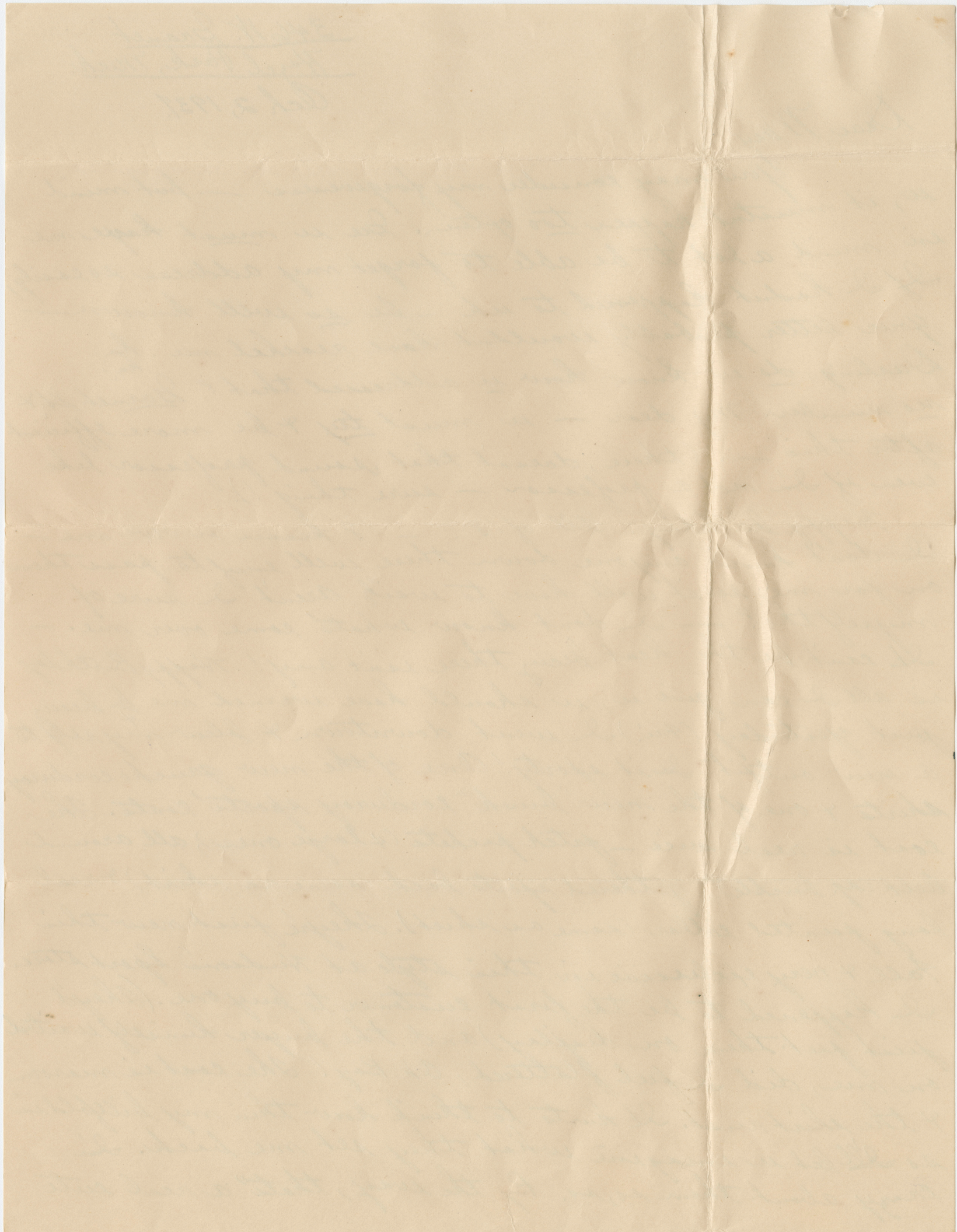


346 W. Grand
Hazel Park, Mich.
Oct. 2, 1931.

Dear Mary,

You may consider my forgiveness — but mind
u, it mustn't happen too often. Gee u must have me
in mind a lot to be able to forget my address so easily!
If I hadn't happened to u — be so well known —
your letter probably wouldn't have reached me. ^{ha!}
Darling, do u know how u addressed that? Garnet St. &
no number. My dear — u must try & be more efficient
after this —. (there, doesn't that sound professor like
even if I'm not a professor — sure thing!).

Happy birthday! All of 18? — 18 kissie u owe me —
I don't know anyone down there well enuf to pass them
on for me so it will have to wait. Aren't I sure of
myself tho? — I don't know what's come over me. —
It can't be the heat becuz there isn't any! Happy Birthday
is all I can give u, u should have warned me by becuz
just yesterday (Fri.) I went downtown & blew myself to
a new outfit. Is it sporty! One of the new gauch corduroy
shirts & one of the new "bush" corduroy sports' coats. The
coat is real nice — patch pockets (4 large ones), all around
belt (w. buckle), gathered sports back (same as shirt) & real
long pointed collar (same as shirt). They're just new this
fall & very exclusive in this style at Hudson's Sport store.
I happened to be the first customer to buy one. (They'd
just put them on display) and the buyer kindly waited
on me, did I feel flattered, Oh Boy! The coat is maroon
& the shirt rust. It hurts to think how thin my billfold is
so I'll let u imagine what they set me back. I'm
crazy about them so, so. By the way, that's a real cute

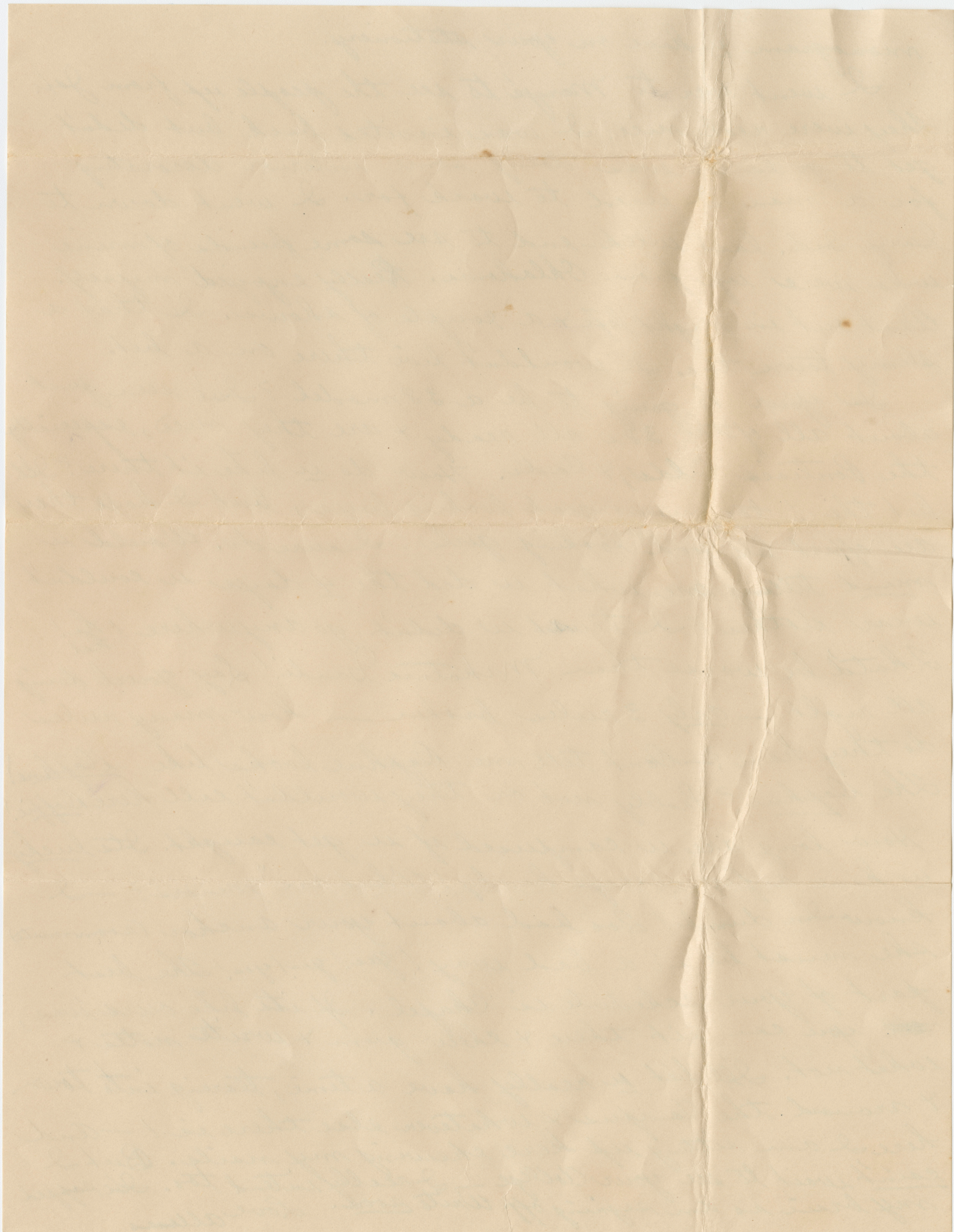


monogram u have on your stationery.

I went over to Mary's to see the people up from Jax. They were real nice. I was invited back but didn't get to go as I was doing some interior decorating for a man I used to work for. I went down to Gary, Ind. last week-end to see some friends of mine who were up from Oklahoma. Really enjoyed myself. Went out in night life & a couple of shows. Is that a skinny town tho. I wouldn't live there on a bet.

Is your '68 going to be a 38 model? I've seen just about all of the 38s all ready & are they nice, especially the Pontiacs, Olds, & Cads. How do u like it there? I'll bet there's too many good looking boys, but I hope they are offset by good looking girls! I sure do. Would u mind telling me what u did the 4 days u couldn't wear clothes? I trust u didn't go anywhere! ^{ha!} _{hai} That'd be worse than Mahatma Gandhi! Say you're doing all right — only 3 rules broken — how many rules do they have? — Don't tell me Daphne looks like Daphne! The Daphne? Probobly not or they wouldn't call her Daffie!

How long are u campused if u get caught. Its lucky u have a fire-escape handy! What are "minors"? — I know I'm dumb! Tos had about your anchor (room-mate) she must be in a bad way! yes! yes! yes! The best part of your schedule is Chapel. If its like ours was, ~~all~~ you can sit there & chew gum & write notes & what not. I'll bet u really have a time, tearing into town & around the Campus & whatever else there is! — And here I am sitting up here chewing my nails. But I can't wait to see your College — I really intend to. I've rapped my brain so am signing off. Write soon. Love allens.



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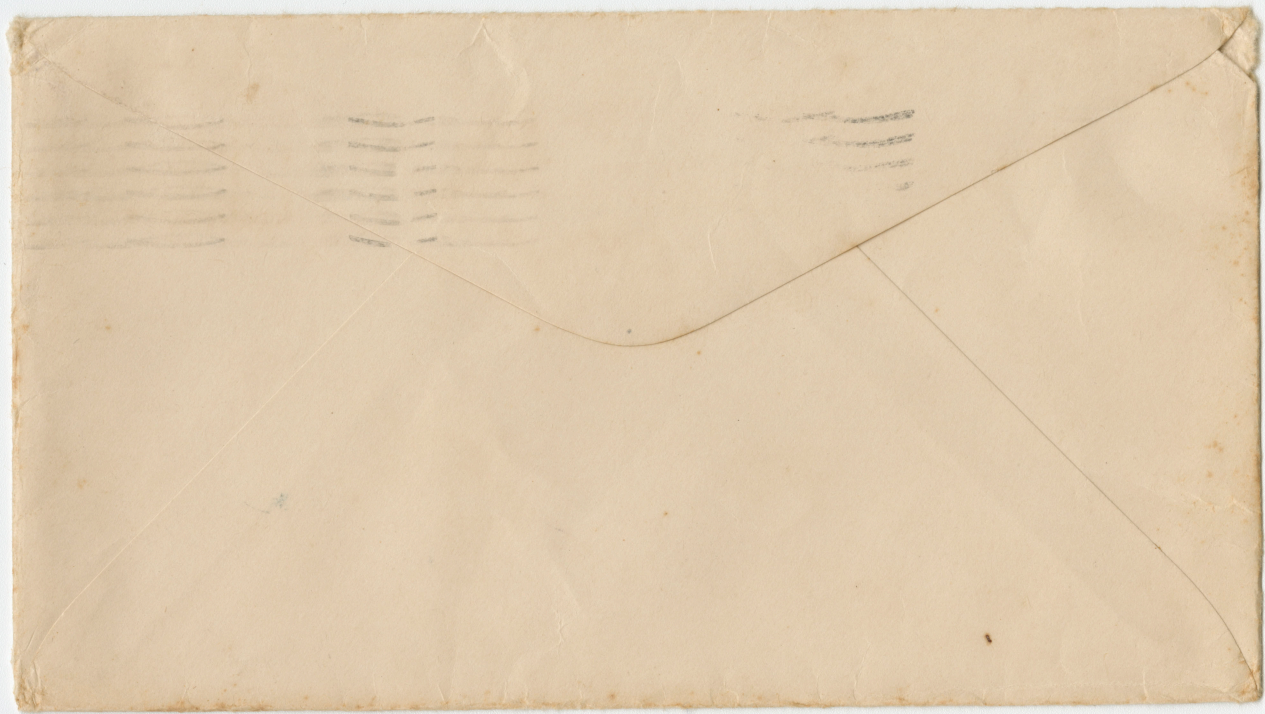
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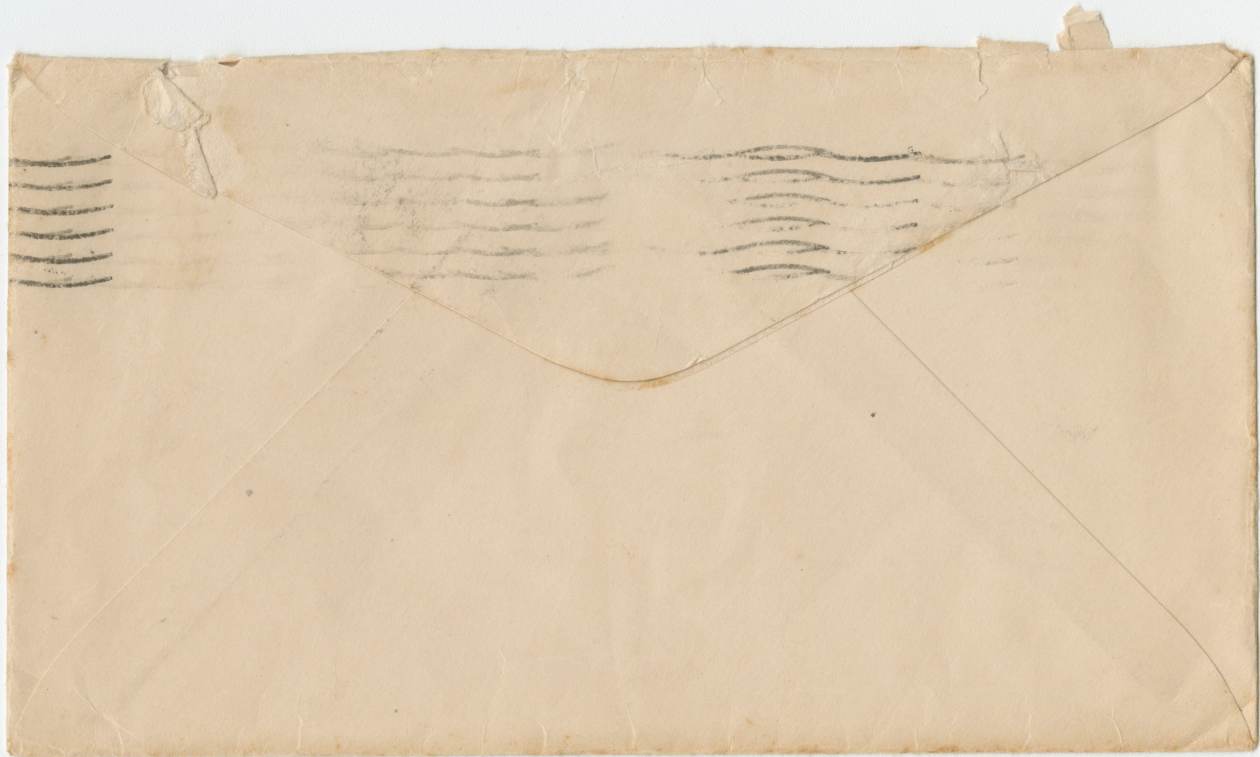
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346 W. Grand,
Hazel Park, Mich.
Nov. 17, 1937.

Dear Mary,

Sooo - now who's sure of themselves? - you my little sugar plum - it seems to me that I forgave u once before ??? This ~~th~~ time I'll put u on probation!! Boy, am I glad u got wet on that hike - ha - ha - ha - ! There, I'm mad at u anyway - Doesn't it sound like it? you said something about going swimming - and up here its cold enuf to freeze a polar bear! Its just unfair thats' what!

Do u have many dances at the College? Remember the "Barn" - well its all enlarged now and is the current attraction, very popular in fact! Everyone goes there and its lots of fun and swell music too. Its will soon be time for ice-skating and tobogganing and then well have one on you - won't that be fun tho - I really pity u down there sweltering in the heat!!! By the way - Id like very much to have u answer the questions I asked in the last two letters - when I ask questions I like to have them answered - so - ? And why dont u talk about us more - Heck, you never talk about us - just about your cute girl friends, your room-mate and so on, and here I am talking about us all the time and thats' all the good it does!!! Maybe the subject isnt interesting to you? Is it? Are u trying to evade the issue or what?

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Nov 11, 1887

Dear Mary

How - now in business of the day - you say
little paper plan - it seems to me that I forgot
in over before 7.50 this is the time all paper
top, and I got in got you on that side -
I have - I have - I have -
I have it seem like it? you said something about
going swimming - and up the hill and
papers for beer! the first paper is the paper!
Do in the many times of the paper? I have
"Beer" - well the all changed now and in the
attracting, very popular in fact, I suppose you think
and the rate of four and half cents, it will be
the time for me about 100 and the paper and the
has one or two - work that has been done - I really
fit in time the something in the paper! But the
way - it like very much to have in summer the
pictures I asked in the last time - when
I had pictures I like to have them answered -
and only but in the about me - that, you
never talk about me - just about you and get
finished your room - made and soon, and the 3 or
talking about well the time and that all the
good it does!! Maybe the subject will interest to
you? but, I'm in trying to make the paper or what?

It's all very interesting to me. And the letter u just wrote — honest now — do u call it a letter? — I'm curious. I've read notes longer than that!!! (Boy am I rayzique — hot dog!) So my Darling (are u?) why don't — in reality I'd like to receive a long letter from u and a letter that's a letter if u know what I mean — if not refer to the preceding. So if u want too (& don't ~~feel~~ hold back) Truth I'll be expecting a letter —

It seems I did promise u a picture didn't I? Well, if u still want it after u read this I'll see my firm of photographers about it. Of course u know I'm one of the most photographed boys in America didn't u? (Dash, I'm broke all the time buying films! ^{ha!} ^{ha!}) And I hope — just for u — de touche! that it's 'good! Know what, I'll be a year older tomorrow! Don't u wish u were here to have a piece of my birthday cake? Or don't you? Mary & Billie's going to eat a piece if I have to cram it down them! Oh yes! about the pepper & jelly episode — I thought I told u it was an A.P. College Cutup's flash —

I'll be wanting to receive a letter — and

Lots of Love
Allen

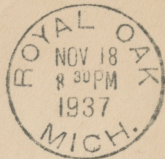
...all very interesting to me. And the little in fact
...but now - as a case in which I am
...the real nature of the thing. I am
...So my (something) only that
...like to receive a long letter from you and a letter
...that a letter of a few lines would be more
...to the purpose. If you want to
...the best of a letter
...I am sure I shall promise in a future letter?
...of the work it does or what it will do
...of photographs about it. Of course, I know
...of the most photographs I have in America
...but I don't know the time (something) (and of life
...the trouble, that is good! I know what
...I had in mind in your case
...to have a few fine photographs, but they are
...to let a part of it be to
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...the best of a letter

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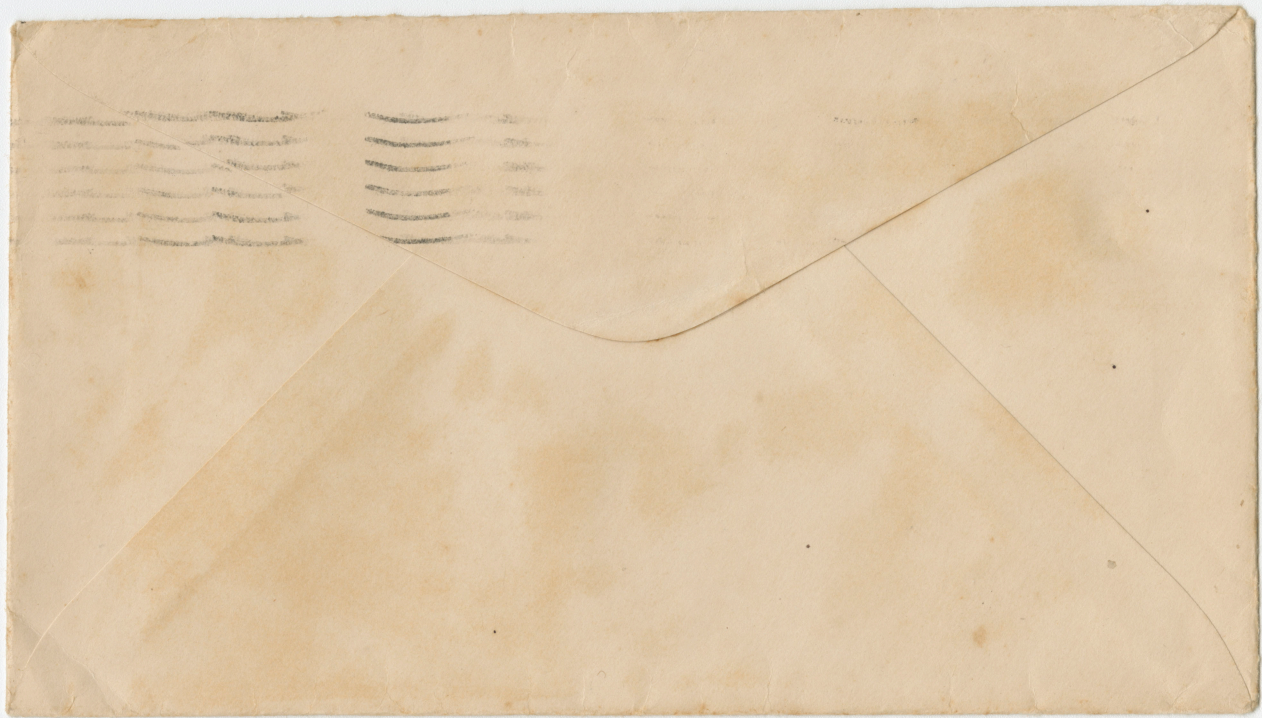
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HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN



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346 W. Grand,
Hazel Park, Mich.

Dearest Mary,

Howdy - howdy - howdy! Xmas joy & New year greetings and all that. My dear - from all appearances I shan't be able to come down either Xmas or New year - D. - - - !!! Mary said Hal & Frances were going down but apparently they didn't come back from Chi becu, I was over several times but no one was there. I did so want to come down - really I did - but then I've been disappointed before. (Xmas pencil).

Would love to have u here. So much fun. Ice skating - skiing & tobogganing. More fun! We went Tobogganing last Sunday out to Bald Mt. (a high hill). Had the best time and what a crowd - Only one leg broken in all the crowd - a record as u ought to see all the crackups and such - but it's really fun!!!

(They're broadcasting at the scene of the R. R. accident that happened 15 miles from here this morning - 16 hurt - train jumped icy tracks and tore out the rails for 200 yds. A mess!)

The streets are real icy here - u can't get anyplace - just creep along - 4 in. of snow - $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of rain & sleet so there's a crust of ice on top of the snow that's almost strong enuf to hold your weight. It will be extra good for tobogganing although it's impossible to

1844
Dear Mother
I received your kind letter of the 10th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.
The weather here is very warm and the
crops are doing well. I have not seen
any of the friends you mentioned.
I hope to see you soon. Write soon.
Your affectionate son,
John Smith

control the toboggan on the ice and ^{you} end up by going
down sideways or backwards. The week-end after Xmas
a bunch of us are going to take the snow train to
Draping — they have a 3 mile toboggan run there &
have a conveyor to haul the toboggans back up to the
top of the hill. So we ought to have fun! Don't u
wish u were here? (With me?) ah-ah-ah —!

Apparently u don't believe in corners do u? From
all retrospection at least — I haven't so far been able
to get u to admit answers to my questions. (Get!) Hope
u have a grand Xmas — I feel tho we could have
more fun together (at least I could — maybe u won't admit
even that!) Your Xmas present won't get there until
after Xmas as they're terribly rushed and I'm hoping it
will get there and I'd better warn u to fear the
worst — I haven't even seen them so u see even I
haven't much faith. Tell Mary "hello" for me. Well my
dear supacient/sugary sugar plume my brain is
on one track and this track is ended. (I'll have to see
about a double track!) Don't u think or don't u?
Bon jour ma chere — ah yes — Boy do I have a
mean tongue — hot dog!!! Say, & while we're at it, how
about writing a little often — your letters are like pearls
few & far between — where did I dig that up? I
can't seem to remember. Really, I must close,
All my love
Allen

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HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN



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Miss Mary Frances Switzer
713 Park Lake
Orlando,
Florida

Rec'd many etc. - thank - etc, Really nice
- I mean it!

346 W. Grand,
Hazel Park, Mich.
Dec. 31, 1937.

Dearest Mary,

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Well, well, and still another well — and what's the use of going South when the temperature here is 45° — no stuff — that's the truth, so help me! Am glad u were disappointed that I didn't get to come — that is I mean I'm glad u wanted me to come bad enuf for you to be disappointed! Do I make myself clear ??? What the ---- do u mean — "you guess I didn't want to come" — you know darn well or should know that I wanted to come — probably more than u think! But how could I when I didn't have the necessary shekels — u know that decides a lot of things, and they decided I couldn't come. I'd have liked to have rode down with Hal & Frances but they didn't come back here before they left — maybe they wouldn't have had me anyway. So u see my Darling how I threw a couple of snake eyes at Fate. I guess I haven't any fairy Godfather — I don't believe in fairies after this — — If that little line u said was bait — I sure exposed myself!

What do u mean — "you don't know whether u can come up next summer or not" —? you know darn well u don't have to do anything there so if u want to come — I want you to — you'll be here. you were supposed to have received the bracelet at 11:55 Christmas morning. I'm really glad u like it — I like it. It's so plain it's different and noticeable. I didn't know whether u would like that type of engraving or not but I was hoping u would. you know it's a "Sweetheart" bracelet — & you had better wear it or I'll choke u! I will to! I had to eat

a whole case of Spanish^{II} in order to get up nerve to have
"Yours & Mine" (name) engraved on it! No, really I didn't know
whether you'd like that or not and that maybe u chuck it
out the window or else wouldn't wear it! I would have
loved to give it to u in person and to put on myself—
oh yes I would!

Yes, Santa was good to me — especially the fruit, the
oranges were as large as grapefruit, and I kind of like
to get better acquainted with fruit right from the tree,
if u get what I mean and I think u do. Or don't you?
I hope u kind of like the picture I'm sending u — it's not
so hot I know — that "Gaston Francaise Compadour" got me
down — the wind sorta blew and I neglected to use a
comb & as the result — behold! That certain corner — I
have referred to it in about the last 20 letters — so if u
promise not to avoid it anymore, I'll tell u once again —
— that is; look thru about the last three or four letters
— if, of course u saved them which u probably didn't
do — and with that information and this outline,
perhaps you will get the idea. I have fairly jumped
up and down and shouted various things — refer to said
letters — and got myself all bothered and that's all the
good it done me as far as responses from you are
concerned — so far anyway! I said things about
what I thought and — felt — and then said more things
where I thought I had ~~to~~ u ~~cornered~~ cornered where you'd
have to answer but u didn't and haven't so far! Hope
u do though! So u see both the veiled & unveiled

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advances I've made were ^{it} fruitless - not ~~o~~ even an apple!
I'm hoping for a bumper crop this time - I hope-I hope-I hope!

Yes, and if u do want to have some fun "Truck" on up.
I believe I could keep u amused. Tobogganing - skating -
snow-fights, - we two - no skiing - etc. - and of course a
grand finale of me sticking u head down in a mud juicy,
cold, + snowbank!!! So when shall I expect u? Or shant
I? Boy - Spencer better be you cousin - but of course
I could do a lot about it with me way up here - or
couldn't I? - you tell me - . yes, I sort of believe we
could have fun, could we not? ^{ha!} ^{ha!} Boy we could really
tear! Lots of places to dance? - The good old "Lindy Hop"! My ambition
it to try and ride a surf-board - do I have your sympathy?
Thanks -

Are you going to celebrate New Year's? I am - we have
8 places and 5 private parties picked out. Did u ever crash
a party? Its fun!!! Well Darling that Sandman's here again -
I'll be wondering about that corner... Write soon -
Will be hoping you'll be wearing it.

Lots of Love
Allen

Happy New Year!!!

P.S. The surprise was grand - am hoping u keep it up!
yes, yes, yes!

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