

BX. 1134-A-R3

May 20.

Dearest Mary,

Say - you're getting pretty snappy
aren't you - a rather unique way
of addressing letters my dear - you
snort - if I could lay my hands on
you we'd go round and round.

(I moved) eh - say I have a notion
to take the matter up with Jim
Terley. In fact I will if u don't
mend your ways - well it is
rather cute at that.

Mary, I'm disappointed very
much to hear that you're not coming
up this summer and I'll miss
be more when I go to Eastwood Park.
Henry Busse opens there the 27th.

I'm very sorry to hear about
your Dad's misfortune - I hope he
pulls out of it O.K.

3 Why haven't we answered my
questions? I ask them and ask
them and I never get any
answers. If we want to answer
them dig out my last letter - if
we still have it - and answer the
questions therein. I never have
found out what those questionnaires
were all about.

I got a bid to the local N.S.
from last Fri. mite so I went. I
had the most fun and they had
a swell orchestra - especially the
singer - ha. They had it decorated
very nice too - just like a garden - a
high picket fence and arbors & a
rock garden - very pretty. I had to
dig my flannels out of the Moth
Balls.

2 I can't possibly come down this summer, but ~~if~~ would it please u any if I promised sincerely to come down Xmas? I really would like to come down this summer but I can't possibly save enough money. If only I had a decent job it would be a cinch. I told Mother the other day that I guess I'd have to open an Escort Bureau - maybe even then I'd be worse off than I am now!

Its really grand here now, the trees ~~are~~ are all leafed out & flowers are blooming and so much to do & so many places to go - Wish u were here. "I Fall In Love With you Everyday", "This Time Its Real".

"Somebody Loves Me" - "Always^{ed} Always" -
Is it you?

4. Mary - my love, your Salutation & Greeting were quite cool - Anything up? I hope u haven't fallen for your fencing teacher or any other College boy wandering around the Campus. Have u? (Ans. this question by all means.)

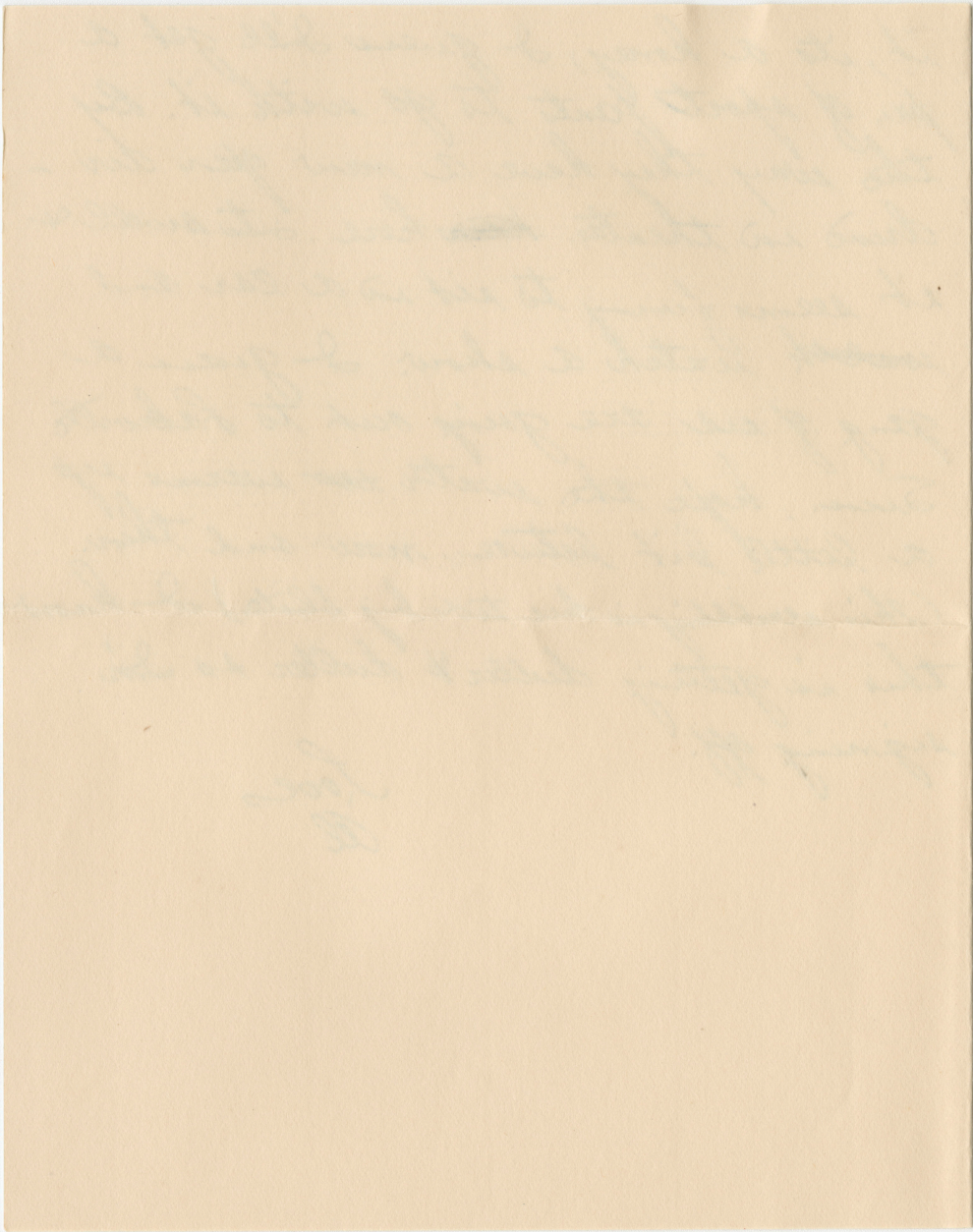
When I come down I think I'll take a plane - I've always wanted to, and it's much quicker (if a wing doesn't drop off.) and it only costs a couple of dollars more. Do I have your ok.?

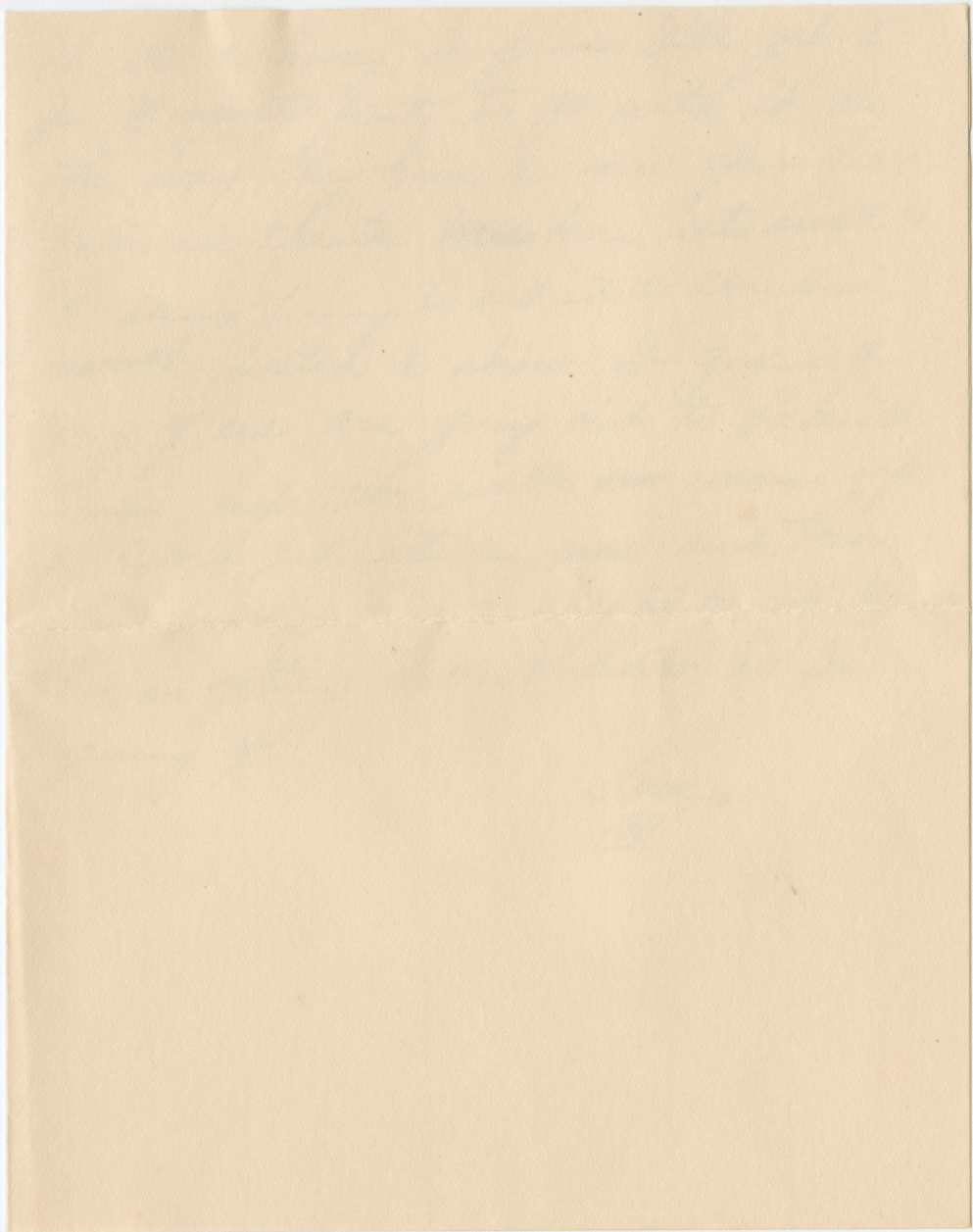
Do u ever worry about me with all of these girls up here (or don't u care?) I worry about u lot & believe me, I'm coming as soon as possible.

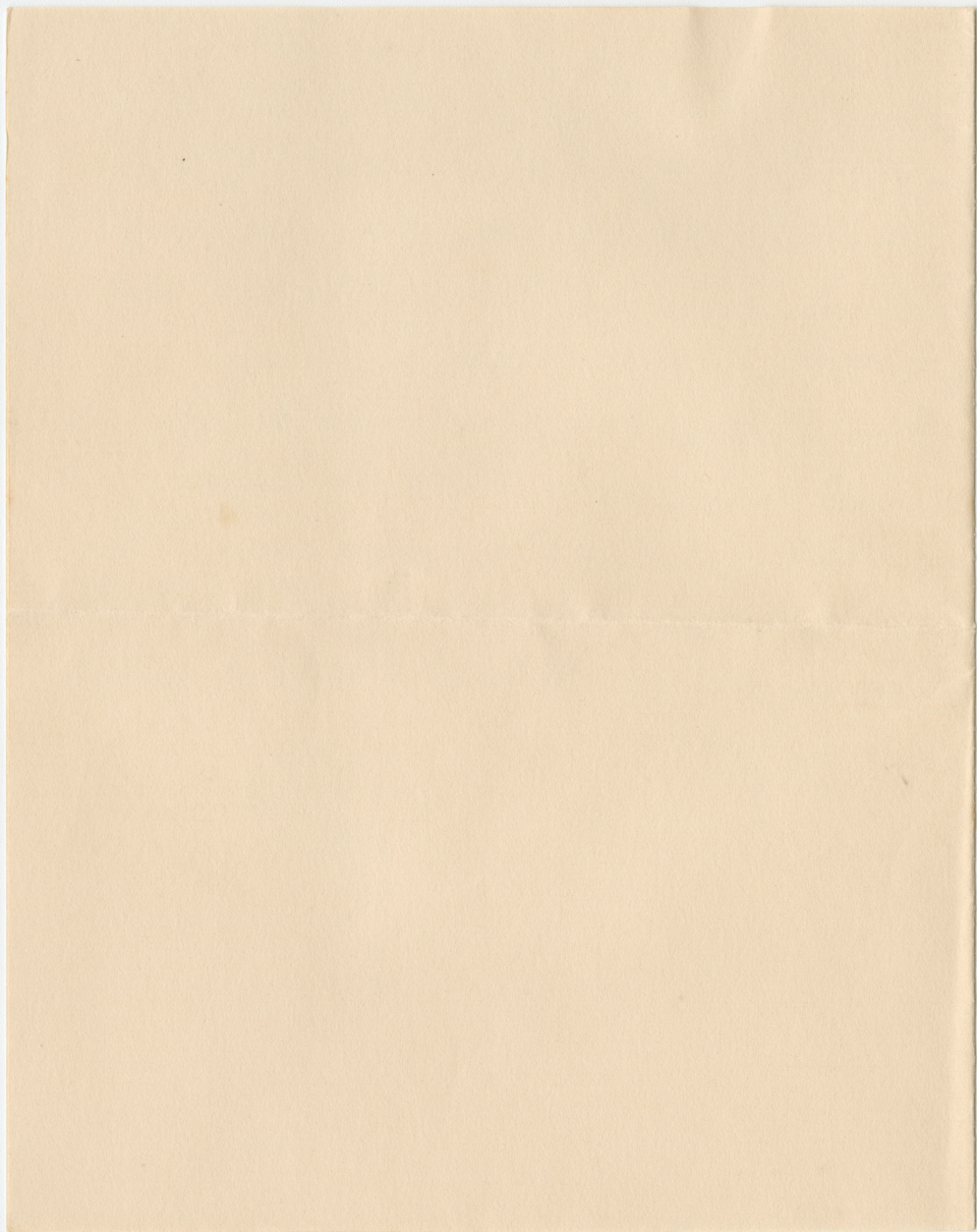
I'm getting a gabardine bush coat for summer - I wish u could see

it, its a honey, I guess I'll get a
pr. of sports pants to go with it. By
the way they have a new open air -
dread in theater ~~to~~ here. Its swell &
it seems funny to sit in a car and
~~watch~~ watch a show. I guess a
gang of us are going out to Lakeville
Sun., hope the water ~~too~~ warms up
a little bit between now and then.
(This scribbling is due to a big blister.) I know
this is getting duller & duller so I'm
signing off.

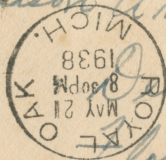
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Stetson University



Island,
Florida.





Bx. 1134 AR3

Hazel Park, Mich.

Dear Mary,

How! How! My wee freckled by
now, Lass. How is old Pappy Sam
treatin' u.? As for me, I can't make
up my mind whether I'm an Indian
or an old much chewed chaw of
terbaccer! — Ahem — June is past —
Alas, Alas. — I lost my ring,
ding-a-ling-ling! There, how do
u like that? I guess I should
be a poet, I don't know my own
strength ?????

Oh, well, at least you should
congratulate me for trying, anyway.

How do u like the beach by
now? I'm practically living in the
water now — I expect to start


³
the Summer?

I was terrifically hot here but it's really nice at the present — just right to park (with you). I imagine it's darn near boiling down there isn't it?

I still would like to have a picture of u.

Are u celebrating tomorrow (4th)?

⊙ A bunch of us are going to Pontiac Pine Lake up by Pontiac. We know some fellows who have a couple of cottages there. They have a sailboat and a Chris Craft cruiser, a Gar Wood racer (their folks) So u see what we intend to do — fish, swim, and make merry dancing at Rotunda

² quacking any minette. ~~.....~~ 

Perchance well be a pair of ducklings together.

They're really swinging it at the Eastwood Park Ballroom (not the Gardens) these days — why not come up some Tuesday and well can a Shag together?

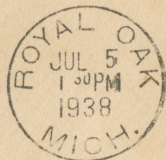
No-one has asked me to work for them as yet, so I guess jobs must be scarce. I think I'll try the Confidence Racket or the Numbers Game — does that meet with your very necessary approval?

I met a very cute little blond the other P.M. — "Gay" by name. — What are u thinking? I Love you says my heart. My very dear Brownette, why don't u come up later in

4. I'm some mightfall. I'm really very
sorry I couldn't surprise you the 4th.
- I do like surprises - don't you?
I would like to have your picture.
It is very lovely here, lovelier still
if we were here.

Love
Allen.

P.S. I'll bet we take grand pictures.
May I have one or more?
The weather is lovely here.



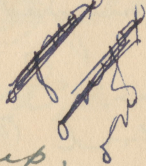
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Hazel Park, Mich.

Dearest Mary,



you really should come up,
we are having grand weather now.
When I "arose" yesterday A.M. it was
58° and the warmest all day was
78° - you almost shiver. The pic.
I'm inclosing is a photo of a girl
I used to go with way back when,
and before. I guess she couldn't
wait for me any longer - he. - The
four-leafed clover is for luck
for both of us.

The Old Maestro is out too at
Eastwood now. - I hear tell
Tommy Dorsey is on his way - in
about two weeks. Do a dance

3. somebody to take them tho so it might be ages before u get them. &

I've concluded ^{that} the Numbers Game and Confidence Racket gives the suckers too much of a chance so I'll have to think up something that would bring in a better profit than 1000%. Have u any suggestions? I'm sure we could really do things if we teamed up.

I hope that you are very good at persuading people because it would be grand if u could spend the winter up here. We'd have lots of fun tobogganing etc., - and spend

² much there at the beach? I
² certainly would love it if I all
I had to do was eat, sleep, and
make merry — and love.

About those two Georgia Tech.
guys — I'm thinking plenty —
if that goes to satisfy u any.

Gay is just something to take
² my time and drive away the
loneliness. — if u get what I
mean.

I haven't a single snapshot,
but I'll load up the old
camera and try to induce
someone to snap a few and if
I'm successful I'll shoot them
on to you. — I'll have to find

4.
time doing other things too -

I'm really glad that ~~if~~ you
like your bracelet and its
grand that it has an appeal
to other people too. — What
do u answer when everyone
asks who I am?

Let me whisper I love you.

Love
Allen.



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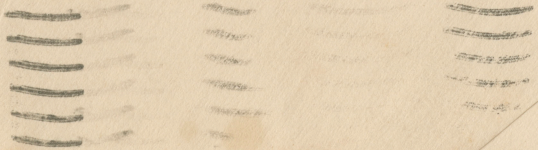
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Dearest Mary,

I'm really sorry I haven't answered before but I waited until I ~~got~~ ^{had} some snapshots finished up. They didn't turn out extra good. One was good tho - at least that's what I thought - of course you are entitled to your own opinion.

I gave the clipping to Mary. Don't that the fellow who asked you to marry him about every other week?

I had a swell time this week going swimming etc. Wed. nite the car stopped and I couldn't get it started so I had to leave it where it sat and then next morning next,

³ They're going to have Edgar Bergen & C. McCarthy again this year, Buddy Rogers, Rudy Vallee, Kay Kyser, Benny Goodman, etc., etc., and Robert Taylor, etc., etc. Quite an array - what say? Coming up?

When people ask who I am, you can tell them (if u want to) I'm a fellow who is very much in love with you and who hopes that w are with him. — O.K.? And now your question about the ring?

Will u be going back to Ireland now? Maybe I should have sent this to Ireland but I hope it will reach u some way.

What color is your latest swim

2^d Jun, and I pushed the darn thing all
over Ferrisdale trying to get it started.

We pushed it for about an hour and
we finally found a short in the wiring.

By that time we were so darn hot
we just panted so we rounded up a
pairful & went swimming at Cranberry
Lake - I never appreciated cool
water before as I did there. Then I
got cold and I was so darn chilled
my teeth chattered - and then started

~~DOA~~ hecu the water was so cold.
- I still keep counting up to ten.

You know we are going to have
a swell State Fair this year -
perhaps you can be induced to come
up - Aug 13 to Sept 7 - I think.

^{4.} suit? A lot of girls have them up here. Does yours have a ~~skirt~~ skirt?

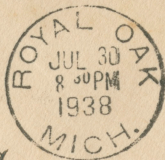
Do u have any recent snapshots u would willingly pass on to me? you have? Swell - when may I expect them? Did u say they weren't very good? Why, love, they couldn't be better, I think they're really swell!

Well my little (pretty) duckling, I've taped my brain so much it wobbleing so I'd better sign off. There's a faraway look in her eyes - always and always.

Love
Allen

P.S. Come on up & be sociable.

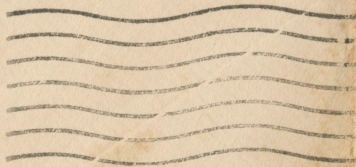
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Thurs. 6th.

Dearest Mary,

Surprises of Surprises - my God o' my, what can I say? When I read your letter I was so glad I felt like jumping up and down and yelling! - I'm glad u liked the pictures - I wanted u to - . What kind are u having finished - snapshots or a photo? Either one I'll be very glad to get.

Now I don't know, - girls asking for dates is kind of forward, but being able to realize how girls act today - I'll overlook it. ^{he} _{she} - Darling, I accept with vim, vigor, vitality, etc., etc., in fact I leap to accept it before u might change your mind. As far as I'm concerned u may have all my dates if u want them - I'm very much in love with you. Did your Mother have to

Dear Mr.

Received of your - my
 your 2 days? When I will
 letter of your - I will
 up and down and yellow! - I
 liked the picture - I wanted
 had some beautiful - I
 a picture? Either one like
 look
 I would like to see - I
 that is kind of - I
 to see the picture - I
 would like to see - I
 your picture, etc., etc. I
 like to see it - I
 from your - I
 in my name - I
 remain yours - I
 see to you - I

tell you to ask ^{me} for a date - or would
you have asked me anyway? ha!

Are u planning on getting here Sept. 1. or
before - If before the 1st. I suppose u want
to look around before resorting to me - ha!
No, Darling, I really didn't mean that, I
just had to say it - it must have been
my baser self. ha! - If u haven't realized
it before (I think u have tho) I want you to
know now that u are the love of my
life and I hope, hope, hope, that I am of
yours.

Are your Dad & Mother both coming?
I hope I make a favorable impression -
do u think I will? - altho I don't know
what there is about ~~to~~ me to form a
favorable impression - I haven't even a
job.

What time are u planning on
arriving at Mary's? I ~~feel~~ feel like
getting over there at sun - up &

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]

waiting for u? ^{3.} are we expected to sit
at home our first date or can we go out
later in the evening? (I still can hardly
realize that you are coming - Oh boy! By *conceit!*)
- I am glad - are you?

State fair will be on too & we can
have a swell time there, (are u good at
climbing fences? ha!) I guess I told you
some of the orchestras & stuff they are
having didn't I? - 3 weeks from today &
you'll be here - hot stoddy!

I'm glad u liked my reply about
the bracelet and I certainly don't
mind the reply about the ring. - Why
didn't u kick the Company out - they
should know they shouldn't interfere
in our letter-writing! - Don't u agree?

Love
Allen.

P.S. I Love you - Says My Mark!

...the evening of the 12th ...
...you are ...
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Mary



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Sun. P.M.

Dearest Mary,

I'm glad you liked my reply — but I don't know why you should be afraid I might think you too forward. — you should and ought to know me better than that, — or is it that you just wanted to be coy — oh, so shy little thing you! 'ha!' And I'm very glad in decided (is that irony?) to accept me first thing instead of resorting to me later! (Aren't I terrible?)

I hope very much that I do make a favorable impression on your folks — do you? It isn't a question of would I get a job, it's a question of if, how, when, where, and then some! — I hope to get this letter before you leave for Jap. Should I answer your next letter or will you be up here by that time? — and listen Darling — aren't you going to stay here more than just a few days — and why not go in training here?

You know Darling I sorta think your picture wouldn't scare or even keep the roaches away — I think it's a damned good picture — gee you have pretty legs — sko
And just what, my dear young nuff!!!

2:00 P.M.

Dear Mary,
I have just received your letter and I am
glad to hear from you. I hope you are
well and happy. I will write to you
again soon. Love, Dad

I hope very much that I will
be able to visit you soon. I will
write to you again soon. Love,
Dad

lady, do you mean when you say that if
we come up on the train you'll have fun
the 2 days & one nite it takes to get here?
— you'd better be good w sassy little devil!
I'll be sitting here with a baseball bat in
one hand, a set of brass knucks in the
other, and daggers in my eyes in the
meantime — who said I wasn't jealous!

Do you still love me after all that?
(answer my question!) Mary will u please
tell me for sure when you'll get here — will
it be in time for our date Sept. 1.? — Say,
do u know u didn't answer a single
question in my last letter? What in heck
do u suppose I asked them for — just
to be blowin'! (How's that?) Oh, I'm a terror,
I am, I am — just get me started bawling
u out once. There, there, my little Chickadee
I didn't mean to frighten u that much. ha!

I'm very, very, very sure you'll be
welcome when u get here — I'm liable to
be a pest — I hope u won't consider me
one tho — hurry up and get here will
you? If u come on the train tell me when,
you tell the rest of them and etc, etc, etc.

I'll have to take a course in letter writing some
time

Hurry up — u don't have to bring
all that stuff do u sweet & ha!

Love
Allen



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