

Wed. Eve.

Dearest Mary,

I'm terribly sorry about your birthday greetings, I was under the impression your birthday was Oct. 27. I'm sorry I was wrong. I'll wish you a Happy Birthday now.

I'm glad Bob wished you a Happy Birthday, whoever he is, I hope he is a nice fellow.

It has been quite chilly here lately. Freezing and frosts. All of the winter dance places are opening now. Have been having lots of fun going to Jitterbug contests right regular.

They are having Detroit's first "World Premiere" of "Disputed Passage" at the Michigan Theater tomorrow nite. Dorothy D. LaMour, Robt. Preston, Olympa Bradna, John Howard, and others will be there. Had to pay \$3.85 for a seat. It's really going to be a big event what with klieg lights, searchlights, loudspeakers, and unlimited sources of noise. They'll interview each star as he or she walks up the aisle outside.

A gang of us are throwing a Halloween party the 28th. We plan on having a grand

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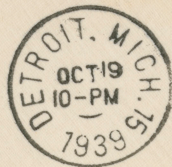
time, with a hayride as the climax or anti-climax. We had to pay ten dollars an hour for the team, wagon, and driver. Sky high I think.

I'm glad you like your work. Won't you tell me about it? I'd like very much to hear about it.

Jim and Louise are to be married New Year's. I've promised to give them a good party. -Any suggestions?

If you like recordings listen in on Glen Miller's of "Baby Me".

Love
Allen



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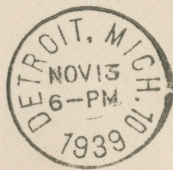
Sun. P.M.

Dear Mary,

I don't know what's wrong but something's certainly is. Your letters come in three or four week intervals. I don't like it at all, you're not so terribly busy but what you could write me once a week. You surely aren't any busier than I am and I can always find time to write. If you don't want to write say so. The way it is ^{now} you are wasting my time and yours too. At least mind anyway. If you stop and think about it I believe you will realize this. The way things stand, I'm not being fair to several persons here, the way it is now I'm wasting their time. If you wish to terminate our engagement say so, and let's get it over with. You should think of other people's feelings besides your own. I believe you deserve this letter Mary, think about it and I believe you will agree.

Sincerely
Allen

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Nov. 25 - 39

Dear Mary,

This is the third letter I've written to you since you answered last. I received your last letter over a month ago. I'd like, very much, to know the reason why — why? I really ~~don't~~ think you're not considerate of my feelings at all. I realize how busy we must be, but you are not so busy but what you are able to answer my letters. Casual friends even write ^{more} often than you do. As things stand at the present I'm unable to see any point whatsoever in prolonging our engagement.

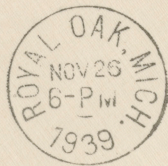
You are the one to blame, you are really responsible for all this. I've done my part, I've even met you more than half way, and you didn't put forth any effort at all to hold my love. As things stand ~~at~~ you can't think very much of this thing called love, at least where it concerns me anyway.

I expect an answer immediately, (by return mail) explaining yourself. If you don't care to explain things or redeem yourself with me, please consider our engagement

broken, a thing of the past, and I will
expect my clearing back. You will not
have any claim on me or mine nor I
on you and yours.

Sincerely

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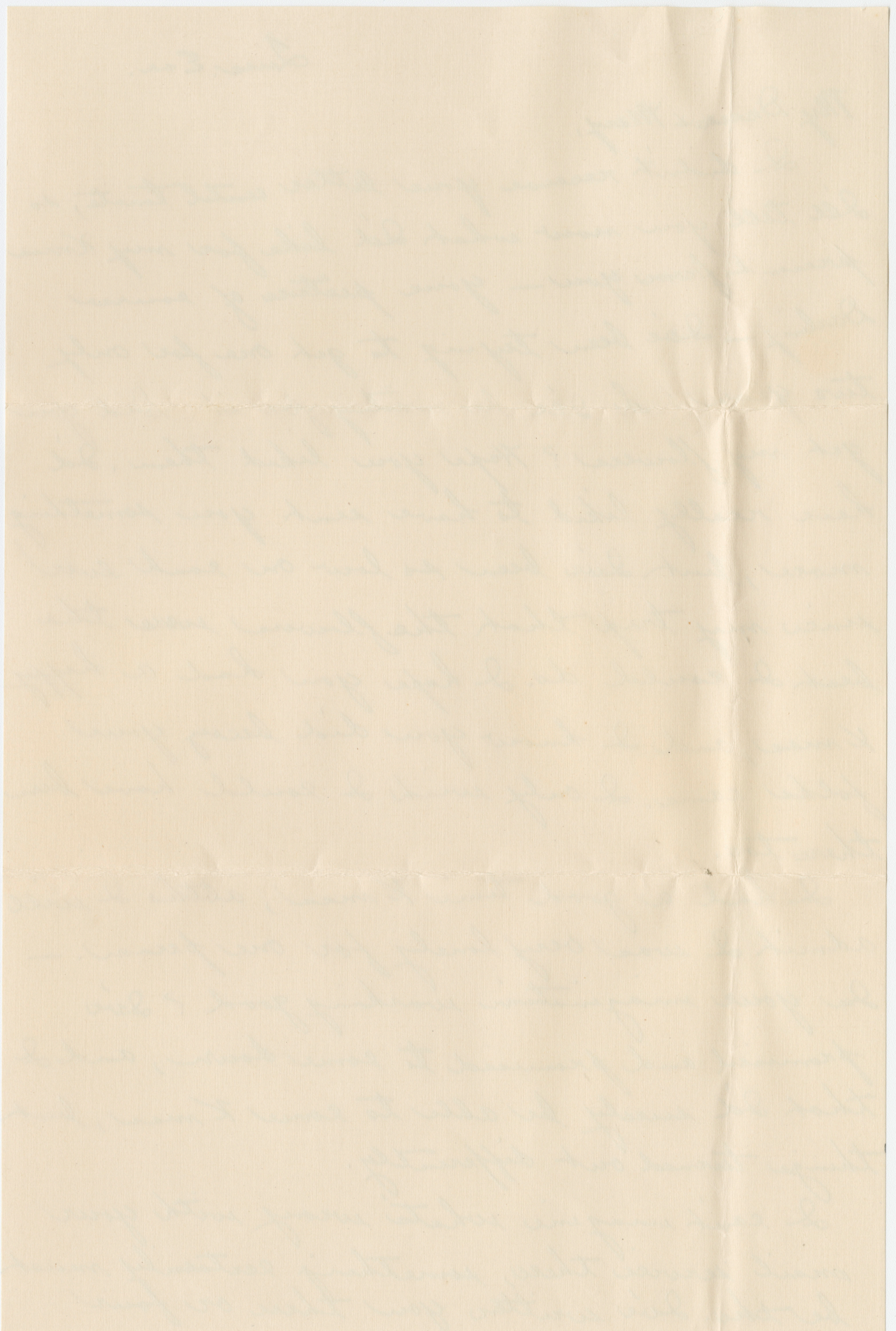
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My Dearest Mary,

I didn't receive your letter until tonite, so I'll tell you now what I'd like for my Xmas present from you — your picture of course Darling — I've been trying to get one for only two years! So I'll be waiting for it. Did you get my flowers? Hope you liked them. I'd have really liked to have sent you something more, but I've been so low on cash ever since my trip that the flowers were the best I could do. I hope you had a happy Xmas, and I know you did becuze your folks came. I only wish I could have been there too.

I had a good time Xmas, altho I will admit I was very lonely for one person. — Is your imagination working good? I've promised and promised to come down, and I thot I'd surely be able to come Xmas, but things turned out differently.

I can't imagine what's wrong with your mail service there, something certainly must be tho. I've written you three or four



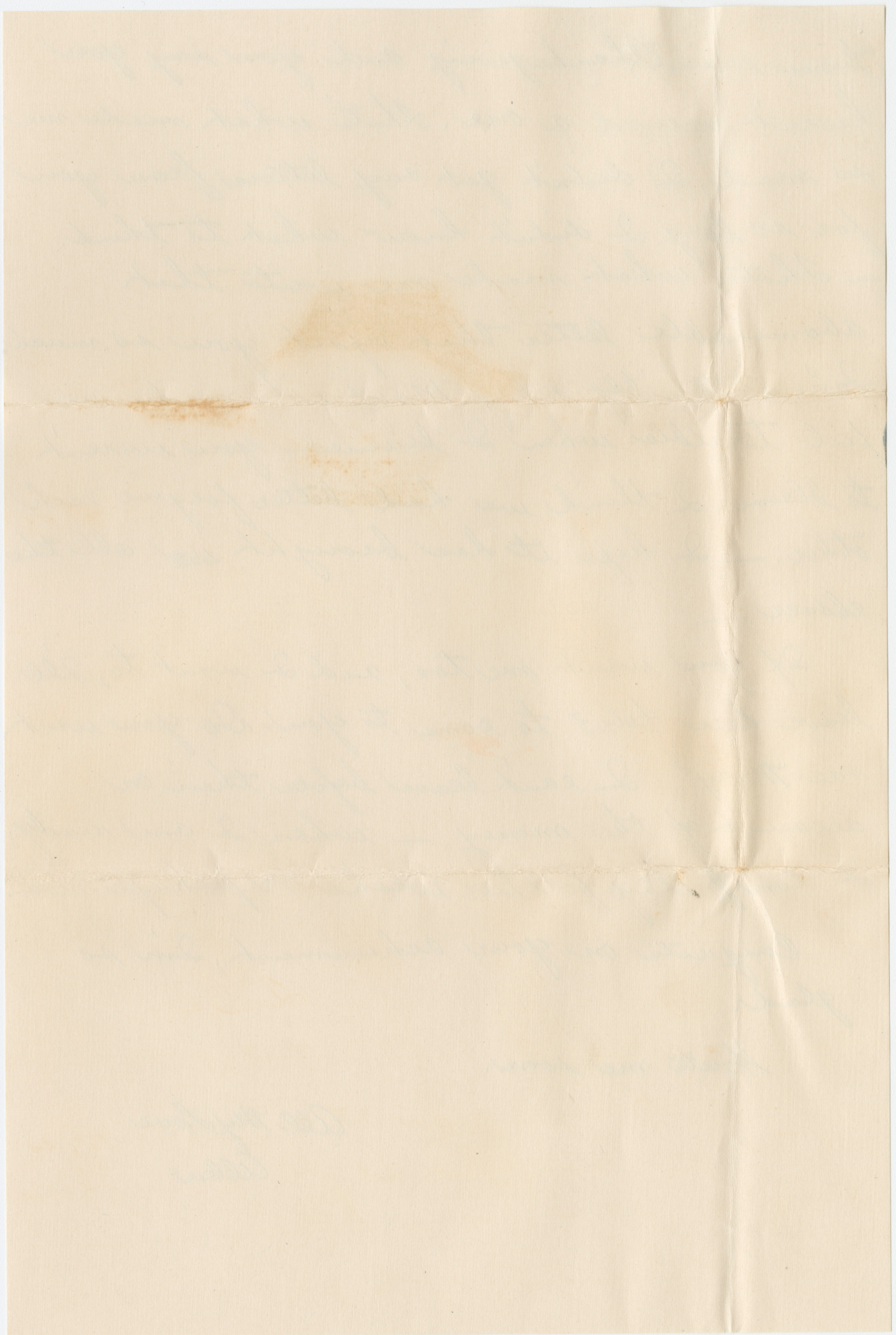
times since Thanksgiving and you say you
haven't received a one. That's what made me
so mad, I didn't get any letters from you
for so long I didn't know what to think.
— That's what made me write that
abominable letter that upset you so much.
I'm so terribly sorry Mary, it made me
feel terrible when I learned you weren't
to blame. I think we had better forgive each
other. — I hope it has brought us all the
closer —

If you want me too, and I want to, I'll
leave here Feb. 3 to come to you. Do you want
me Mary? I can't leave before then on
account of the money — when I am ready,
I can stay for two weeks or perhaps more.

Congrats on your achievement, I'm so
glad.

Write me soon.

All My Love
Allen

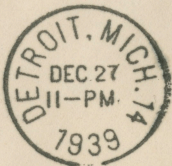


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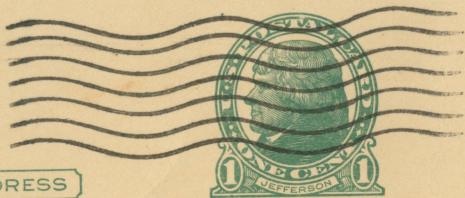
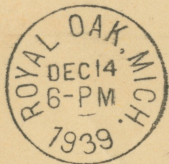
HAZEL PARK, MICHIGAN



VIA AIR MAIL

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Dear Mary,

Am sorry I couldn't
ans. sooner but I've
been in Iowa for the
past two weeks. My Uncle
died there. — I beg to
diff., but this letter
is the first I've received
since Oct. What's wrong
with your mail service?
I'm afraid my visit is
out as the Iowa trip
took all I had saved.
Will write later.

Al