

Oct. 2, 1940.

Dear Mary,

Before you lose your entire reasoning I would like to inform you of the following: —

①. Breach of promise, but I'm not that dirty.

1. The letter I received from you today is the first I've received since March 6.
2. I did not receive a letter from you when you sent my ring back.
3. I've never known your reasons for returning my ring — I've never received any explanation whatsoever, that's why I kept writing you and asking for one.
4. If you loved me you wouldn't have sent the ring back. You should have let me know what was wrong.
5. You never tried to cooperate, it was all so terribly one sided. @ Example — one letter once in four, five, or six weeks.
6. Everything was done according to your wishes.
7. I don't recall any bet, but I'm willing to be reminded.

8. How was I to know anything was wrong, you never let me know.
9. You're so terribly spoiled you can only see your side - what there is, is there? X
10. Just what is your, "decision"? I've never heard anything about it. I'd like to know, and also your explanation.
11. As your letter reads you weren't even honest with me in your letters, "were you Mary"?
12. All this "yelling", I've been doing is because I wanted your explanation - sit on that for awhile.
13. I didn't send the ring back because it appeared to me you didn't want it and I don't force things upon anyone.
14. I believe in honesty and truth.
15. I wrote you a heartbroken letter the same day I received your ring. Laugh will you -
16. Your last letter, the one I'm answering, is the first prompt reply I've ever had.
17. If you ~~want~~ ^{want} my love you'll have to redeem it, it's still here even after what has transpired. Allen

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VIA AIR MAIL *Via Air-mail*

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Mich.

Sat. P. M.

Dear Mary,

The bitter blasts of winter are beginning to blow - ah me, sweet is Springtime -! How's that for a little poetic effort, do you think I should encourage it? - I see a big black "No" staring me in the face. - Well, all true poets have to struggle thru life, - yes I know, who said any thing about me being a true poet! How I have to struggle to quell my emotions - ha. - What is it Dale Carnegie says - something like this: - "Do not let your emotional life control you - unless you have first learned to control your emotions. Feel deeply, but think clearly. - There's somethin in what

^{2.} he says, but personally I think he's a
Louse, with a capital L. Sometimes I
think his philosophy is O.K. — especially
that which I just quoted — and
he might have written it for me,
don't u think?

In about another month (I hope)
there'll be ice-skating. I guess I'll
have to start jumping rope to get my
ankles up to par. And then tobogganing
at nite with a gang of us — that's
really fun.

Something clicked in my memory
that u had a birthday the 4th. "Happy
Birthday Mary; — I'm afraid that's the best
I can do at the present.

Apparently u didn't understand me.
I don't expect you to marry me
now. I'm perfectly willing to wait
three years. I believe it's worth it.

3. Mary, when I asked you to go out with no-one for the next three years I didn't really expect it of you. I just wanted to see if you'd be willing to. That would mean a lot to me.

I want you to go out, and I want to go out. If neither of us did we'd become terribly stale, don't u think?

And we'd be missing lots of fun fun and lots of good times. There's times when you go out with a gang ~~that~~ ^{when} it's essential ^{for} to take someone.

I like to have a good time and I know u do too. I like to dance better than anything else and I won't stand in any stay line and it's still worse for girls in my estimation. Really I'm not the kind of fellow who would expect you to

4. sit around and chew your fingernails,
and I hope you're not the kind of
girl who would expect a fellow to do
that.

I'm glad we had such a swell
time over at Stetson. From all
descriptions we must have been mobbed.

You didn't tell me what Spence
said about it all or perhaps we
don't want too, altho I would like to
know.

Do I have the right to ask you if
I may trust you when we go out? If
I do have the right in your estimation,
— May I trust you when you go
out with anyone? I do mean this
Mary. I don't want to appear to be
dictating, I hate anyone being too
possessive — do I appear to be
that way? I hope not. I think

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necking is ~~hard~~ harmless & Ok. Do you?
If u want to give my ring back
you may. For my part I want you
to keep it.

A gang of us are going over to Ann
Arbor to see Mich. (I've forgotten) but I
think Minn. or Iowa State. It really
ought to be a good game. I saw the
seasonal opener & that was fast &
hot. They had a crowd of over 86,000
people. A lot of them had to sit in
the aisles. Does Stetson ever play
Purdue? I know a little lad of
6ft. 7in. in the lineup. We graduated
together in Oklahoma.

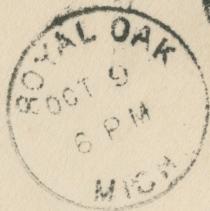
Have you seen "Footst to Hardle"?
If u haven't don't miss it. It's the
picture of the season.

M.F.S. if u wait as long to answer

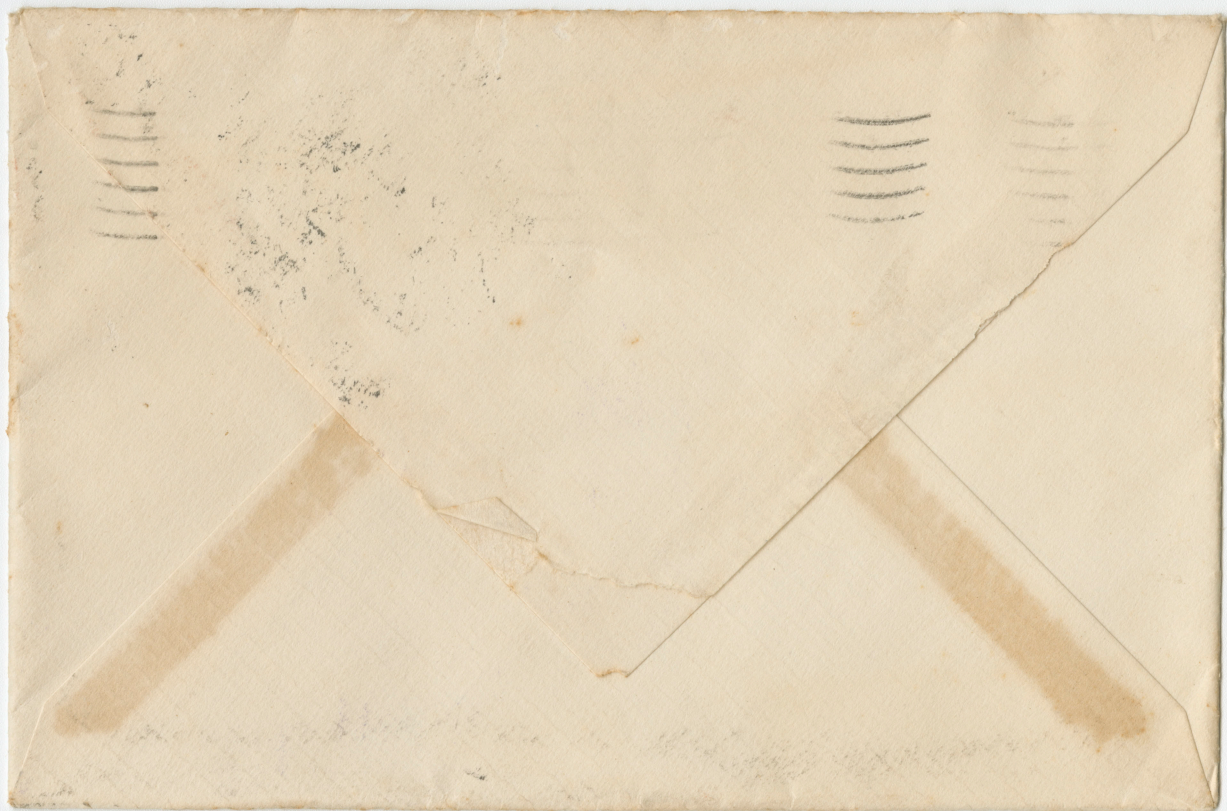
my letter again, I'll come down there
personally and twist your neck.

I would like to know what Spence
& Sarah said. —

Love
Allen



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Oct. 24 - 1940.
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Hazel Park, Mich.

Dear Mary,

It has been some time since I have received a letter from you. I've written a number of times, but never received an answer. I don't know if you received my letters and didn't bother to answer them or didn't even receive them. I do know however I received my ring, but no explanation with it. I felt I was entitled to an explanation and so I wrote and asked you for one but you never bothered yourself to answer and acquaint me with your reasons. As I said before I felt you should enlighten me on several things, among them the breaking of our engagement. You should have the decency at least as long as ~~it~~ you apparently haven't the regard, to ~~reply~~^{write} and acquaint me with your various reasons for not answering my letters and the questions in them.

I really believe and feel that I am justified in asking you to do this. As things stand ~~at~~ now, I

Oct 24 - 1882
Blair A 23
Lafayette, Ind.

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have every right, among them, a legal right, to
expect an answer from you immediately, explaining
your reasons, why, and wherefore for not writing, for
not answering my letters, for not sending your
explanation for your breaking of our engagement, and
for not returning my classing as in and considering
our agreement on the latter.

I sincerely advise you to answer this letter
immediately as it will be to your own eventual
social and financial profit.

I sincerely believe it will be best for you this
way and I advise you friendly to proceed as to my
advice as it will save you unpleasant proceedings.

Sincerely
Allen Galer

P.S. It's only fair to tell you this letter was
written under legal advice and in legal presence.

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Dear Mary,

This is to let you know I have never received your explanation. I received an answer to my registered letter a month or so ago, wherein you said you'd send me your explanation. Since then I have written you three letters, and a number right after you sent my ring back, but I have never received your explanation. Your letters never reached me, not even the one you said you sent back with the ring.

I would like your explanation very much Mary, because it's preyed on my mind these many months and I would like to feel my ease very, very much. So, will you please write me your full explanation, the why and wherefore? Please register it so it will reach me? There is a mystery about the whole thing of which I know nothing. I justly feel I've been done a great wrong as I didn't do anything to preagnate the break between you and me, nor to give any excuse for it, Mary.

Sincerely
Allen



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