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Janie is having a good time this summer, going all of the time. I do not know just what she intends to do and I do not get to see her long enough at one time to find out. Dick Reinbold is home for the summer. I wish that Janie had taken physical education for I believe she would have been good at it. Pearly Mandell has a nice position in one of the schools in the suburbs of Cleveland and is getting \$1200.00 to start on. Janie is not prepared for anything as yet and I doubt very much if she will do much with the art business. I think it well if you would tell her that she must prepare herself for something as we do not have enough money to have her live a life of leisure. Her intentions are good but she just does not seem to want to settle down. She is taking typing lessons from Mary Shinn. She should have gone to school and taken them but eight o'clock was too early for her to get up in the morning.

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It is now Wednesday morning the 10th. I could not quite get my letter finished yesterday. I found that Sarah had gotten energetic and written you a letter which she mailed yesterday but I will get mine [to] come along anyway.

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We have the electricity connected at Sarah's country house and we will be able to go there once in a while. Everything there is dependent on the current. The pump is not yet in working [order] but hope to have it in order soon. There is [an] electric range, electric refrigerator and electric hot water heater and a bath room, so we need water to operate properly.

I do not know if we told you that the box we sent with your things was returned to us from New York and today Janie received a refund of the postage amounting to \$1.41. We are also wondering if you ever are able to get the U.S. on the radio set. It seems so strange that you could get China and other far away countries and not hear a thing from here.

I have taken a couple of hitches at this page and think that I will wind up for this time. Be very careful and take good care of yourself and watch your food and try to eat what will agree with you. We are all well and all send you our love and best wishes. Write often as we are so delighted to hear from you.

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P.S. Wish that you would write a letter to uncle Cary Montgomery, R.D.1, Newark, Ohio. He is fast [losing] his sight and is not able to read any more and it would please him to hear from you. Tell him about the crops and fruit.

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THE CRANE-KRIEG-FLORY CO.
No. 11 South Park Place,
NEWARK, OHIO.



Mr. William L. Krieg, Vice Consul,

Milan,

Italy.

C/O American Consulate.

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VIA LISBON.



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