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Dear William:

We have not heard from you for over four weeks and we are beginning to be a little worried, especially since you said in the last letter that you were taking typhoid shots and had a little cold.

Well I went to Arkansas hunting and we had very good shooting, took Leland Korb with me, he lives in Newark and travels for the Pittsburgh Steel Company and he was instrumental in getting a nice order from the Pure Oil Company for a fence for the refinery. It will probably net us a commission of \$600.00 or more. We killed our limit of ducks on several days and we each shipped forty home.

We have been having some cold weather, while we were away it was down to six above, while in Arkansas the lowest we had was 20. John Taylor was at the camp and I had some nice hunting and visiting with him. Mrs. Taylor is with him and they are staying at the Sollars and will possibly be there until after Christmas.

I got back home on Thursday afternoon and Thursday night we attended the first dinner meeting of the Executives Club at Granville Inn and had Dr. Will Durant as the speaker and he gave a mighty fine talk on the different phases of American democracy. This club has seven speaker[s] during the winter season and we take the ladies to the meetings. I would say that the club was on the order of a refined Chatauq[u]a.

The Newark Merchants had the Christmas opening on the 30th of Nov, and it just poured down rain and spoiled the affair. The t[ow]n is very nicely decorated and looks better than it has for several years. We also have a new electric clock in the court house and it has been keeping perfect time.

I have not heard from Janie for a couple of weeks. She moved from the apartment she was in and is now at 15 W.12th St., New York City. She seems to like her work very much and I believe that she will get along in good shape. She told us that she had dinner with Luke and Cornelia Metz and Mary Lou and her husband on Thanksgiving day.

Sarah and Betty are just fine. On Thurs. last Betty had to make a talk in her English class and in preparation she painted some very nice pictures of the early English scenes. She worked very hard on it and was supposed to talk for twenty minutes. She said she was scared to death to try to talk and sure enough she just got to her feet and started and then had to stop. She was all broken up on Thursday night. Miss Crilly had called Sarah and told her about it. She is getting along very nicely with all of her work, except Geom[emtry] which she has a hard time with.

Our apple man has not yet taken all of the apples, but is coming Sunday to get the balance. I imagine they must be well frozen by this time.

We are invited to go to dinner at Bett'y [Betty's] on Christmas and while I rather hated not to have Aunt Maggie and Jennie over with us, I do feel that we should go to Betty's. On Wednesday evening we are going to have cousin Emma Montgomery(of Philadelphia), cousin Phil's wife,

Emma, Uncle Cary and Aunt Bertha to dinner. We want to have several parties on the ducks this winter and repay some of the people that we owe.

Sarah has m[o]st of her Christmas shopping done. She has a very beautiful dressing robe for Janie and well as two pair of pajamas and a half dozen pair of hose. We brought wreaths today to take out to the cemetery and will doctor them up some and take them out next week.

We have been expecting Grandpa for the last week, but to date he has not put in an appearance. Last we heard from him he was as well as usual.

Well, I have been home to supper and back again. Just listened to the Notre Dame and University of California football game and the Irish won 10 to 6. It was quite a thrilling finish but California could not make it.

Well my dear boy, I hope and pray that you are alright and that we may have a letter from you real soon. I know that it does no good to worry, but I just cannot help it when we do not hear from you for such a long time.

We see by the papers that the Greeks are certainly giving the Italians a run for their money and it looks as though they would get Albania lock stock and barrel. Give us all the news that you can when you write. How are you getting along with your Italian lessons, you have not mentioned it for a long time.

We all hope that you will have as good a Christmas as possible under the existing conditions. I know that it cannot be much, but believe the American colony will make the best of it.

With all our love and season's greetings, I am,

Yours,

Daddy