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Dear William:

I am going to try to get a few lines off to you this morning, believe it has been just two weeks since I wrote the last time. Since then it was my misfortune to have an attack of appendicitis, but I got through in fine shape and the soreness is about all gone. I felt the pain all through my lower regions on Saturday and as we were invoicing the iron stock and the back of the store was rather cool, thought I was getting the flu. Used the heating pad on Saturday night and that was the wrong thing to do. Dr. Davis was not well and he sent Dr. Jimmy Johnson to look me over on Sunday noon, he had a nurse come and take blood for a test and in a couple of hours both Dr. Davis and Dr. Johnson were back. They both said I had it but Dr. Davis, after due deliberation, thought I could pull through without going for an operation. They waited three hours and my temperature went down 2/5 of a degree and I got along alright, was in bed four days, stayed in the house on the fifth and went to work on the next.

We finished out invoicing on the 31st but still have a lot of work to do to get it finished. Merchandise is getting a little more difficult to get, it takes longer but prices, so far have not advanced as much as you would think. Think that our business will run about the same as last year.

In my last letter I forgot to tell you that your insurance would be due the 31st of January. I overlooked it until yesterday and I called Carl Ankele and had him send the check for even two hundred dollars, you have 30 days grace, so it was in plenty of time. The Newark Trust Company paid a dividend of two dollars a share, fourteen dollars for you, which I deposited to your credit in the Park National.

Have have been having some very nice winter weather the past few weeks, six inches of snow and we had a slippery time. The side streets are still very slick with ice.

You have not mentioned how cold your weather gets over there and how you get along heating your apartment. We would like very much to have some of the details as to how your food etc. are coming along.

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The bus business has been good but not as good as last January when we had so much cold weather, but we are getting along in very good shape and I must say that Harry Arnold has done a very fine job.

Believe I told you that Grandpa had gone back to Michigan, have not heard from them since he went back. Herman was sick but is out and alright now. We are all about the same as usual. Melody is getting along very well in school and Sarah is just fine. We are going to have a dinner

party on Friday night and will have the Lowes, Arnolds and the Dr. Barkers in and then on Monday night we are going to have the Wrights, Dr. Mitchell and Martha and Clarence and Mary Jones, then we want to have one or two more a little later and clean off the slate on our dinner obligations.

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Well, I must close for this time. The main item was to tell you about your insurance and to let you know it is attended to, possibly you had not thought of it. When you write, try to tell us all of the news that you can. We are so interested in knowing how you are making out and how the other things are coming along. By the paper and radio we learn of quite a bit of civil commotion in Milan and other northern Italian cities. We do hope that you are well and getting enough of the proper food to keep you in good condition.

With all our love and best wishes, I am,

Yours,

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