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Wednesday afternoon

Dear Mother:-

Your nice long letter arrived this morning and I am certainly glad to hear that the sale of shells for next fall has been good.

Your letter of Feb. 6 made a new all-time high record for speed up here - it arrived the afternoon of the 7th. Apparently 11:30 is the right time to mail letters ^{for} here, as the last one, post marked 1 o'clock did not arrive until this morning. From now on I think I will not write until I receive your letter, which will enable you to get my answer in time to write on Sunday. In this way we will each be answering the most recent letter of the other.

After thinking it over I have decided that it would not pay to send the laundry home for a number of reasons. In the first place, my pyjamas do not last over a two week period. Then, where I take the laundry now, I get a 20% discount, so that a \$2.00 bill only comes to \$1.60. I was not planning to send the shirts home anyway, so counting two shirts per week, that would be 60¢, there being no discount on bundles less than a dollar. The parcel-post change would be about 50¢ each way, so there is the whole \$1.60 of the present cost eaten up with no saving for your labor and the longer time involved. You see, at this place I take the bag down on, say, Monday, and I get it back Wednesday. This is much faster and, counting the discount, cheaper, than my last year's place. So that's the story on that.

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Yes, we had snow for Carnival. The snow did not arrive until Wednesday of last week, but there was plenty for all the events. It began to melt yesterday, and at present only about half is left. In spite of the depression there was a larger crowd than ever at the Carnival, and the girls certainly looked good after not seeing any for so long. I almost wished I had tried to have some one, but of course it was out of the question. I did not go to anything except the fraternity dance, which I had to pay for whether I went or not. I had a very good time there, especially Saturday night. I danced with lots of nice girls and had a good time generally. I did not see Eddie's girl, so I don't know whether she was worth bringing all the way from Columbus or not. The Carnival queen was a freshman at Smith. I had a very good look at her as she and her escort, who, by the way, is captain of the winter sports team, came into our house Saturday morning. She was one of the most beautiful girls I ever saw, and even if she was picked ahead of time, I think it was a good choice. The house was full of dancers when she arrived, and as a precaution against any trouble, the door was locked immediately.

Saturday night, between dances, I helped the fellow who was watching the door. No stags were allowed to come in. After a while the doorkeeper went home so I took his place and had a lot of fun "bouncing" stags. A few got in, but they they always do, and I had a good time out of it. You can read the rest in Janie's letter.

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I almost forgot to thank you for the cookies, just between you and me, I think you've better than Mrs. Long's. Thank you very much indeed, sorry to have been late with my valentine.

For our Carnival snow sculpture we made a big polar bear. It had to be made in a hurry because there was snow such a short time before Carnival, but in spite of that we got honorable mention. Only first and second places were awarded, and two were given honorable mention - ours and the Theta Deltas. The play was a fair success. It was more the usual type of play and did not call for such complicated technical work as some of the other have. For this reason it was rather dull for the men on the production. The audience was very appreciative, however. One funny thing happened on the last night. When the final curtain was being pulled, the fellow somehow lost his grip on the rope and let go. Then he reached up in a hurry, and without knowing it, pulled the wrong rope which of course opened the curtain again. He could not see very well from where he was standing, and as he did not look, he went away thinking the curtain was closed when it was wide open. The actors were caught walking off the stage, and of course they were very embarrassed. The cue man, who was standing nearby looking out on the stage went into action and closed the curtains in a hurry. Another funny aspect was that the curtain-runner, who walks out with the curtain to keep it from catching on the furniture, had to jump back very rapidly to keep from being caught on the stage.

The check you sent was just in time as I had only a dollar between me and the well-known wolf and my laundry had to be paid for, not to mention eating. Now I must get down to work, so I hope you are all well, and happy. Lots of love,

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Dear Daddy:-

Thank you very much for the check. I was almost down to rock bottom when I got my interest check at the end of last week, and I still have my house tax to pay. I don't believe I told you I had an interview with the personnel bureau (required), and Prof. Mathewson seemed to hold out a chance for getting my physical science requirement removed. He could not say anything definite, but without knowing that I had already planned to do that, he suggested it as a possible thing to do. He said that he was on the faculty committee that ^{de}alt with such things, and that he would like to have something to do as they had not received a petition all year. Of course the Dean has to signify his approval, but if I ^{get} ~~did~~ good grades this time I don't see why he shouldn't.

I am going to see about getting a job in the library next year, and if I have this in connection with a scholarship, that ought to help a bit. While I might not get both, either one would be worth while. I think something like this would be much better than waiting table ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~. I know you will be glad to see that I did not spend much money at Carnival, and I did not miss the things much as they are much the same each year. Next year I am going to have a girl up even if I don't eat for a month, for it isn't very much fun being a stag. I don't believe I can write any more now, as I am getting woozy from doing all this typing at high speed. Please don't worry too much. Things have to get better some time. Take care of yourself.

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Dear Janie!-

I was certainly glad to get your letter the other day and even glader to hear that you made such lovely grades. I think perhaps it is because you have learned to study, or at least are beginning to learn. That is half the battle. Horace said, "^{deed}Dimidium facti qu^{have}i coepit habet". See if you and mother can figure that one out - it isn't very hard.

You will be glad to hear that at last I have been out skiing. The weather has been very good, especially on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, so on Saturday afternoon Bob and I went out to the golf course and skied around a little. I took a few spills on the steep parts of the hill, but on the whole I did pretty well for a beginning. I do not know when I will have time to go out again, as the snow is melting now and even if it weren't, I am very busy with the Aegis plus the school work at present; and I suppose I always will be. In addition, I have been appointed an assistant-editor of the Kappa Pillar, a small book which the fraternity puts out every year. At present, I am making out a list of all the brothers who have died since 1928. This is a long, hard, and gloomy task, as there seem to be a lot of them, and for the important ones I put down what they gained distinction in after college. I think tri-Kappa must be a mother of lawyers, as there seem to be many good ones in the past. Several have been in their state legislatures, and many have been judges.

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