

807 Carter Ave
Wichita, Kan.
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Dear Major Humphord:-

Please pardon my long delay in answering your letter but I have been working very hard indeed and usually tumble in to bed when I get home. Work has been lighter this week and also I am better adjusted to my job and am getting a better understanding of what it is all about. It is really something, this great plant, I wish you could see it.

I have at last heard from Dad giving me his address and telling me of his job. He seems so pleased in punch over it, and to whoever arranged it for him I am very grateful. He seems quite happy and contented and I expect he will buzz merrily along for another ten years. In spite of ~~what~~ he says he feels he is in the best of health and all doctors agree his physical condition is exceptional for his age. He tells me he is getting \$60 a month for his job and this with the \$60^{1.95} for Aunt Mattie's estate should fix him very comfortably. I shall put aside as nearly \$120 a month as I can, but for the present, I see no reason to call a card.

He tells me in this letter that he is sending me a statement (which he failed to enclose) of some of our? debts. I don't know what he can mean for they can be none of mine. For the past ten years I have booked him repeatedly if he owed anything other than the club & he has always told me no. I know very well that if his bank account for the past ten years were examined it would ^{reveal} ~~show~~ to quite a bit and as he has had no expenses to speak of he should have been able to pay off any bank debts of his own. He should have done this rather than put any money into 317 Cheyne Road which I requested him not to do.

Before ^{Dad} ~~he~~ left here, he and Francis went to the mat about things that Dad had said about him. It seems that Dad came here and told other people here things which he certainly should not have said and accused Francis of something he has now done, I know. I felt Fran. quite justified in speaking his mind about it. He is holding a very responsible job here, of great technical importance, at a good salary and is paying off on his old debts ^{with} the

Yes we can hold such a position at Boring without ability & dependence.

greater part of his earnings. I have great admiration for what he is doing and I fully expect him to make good over any past troubles*. Dad never seems to give him credit for what he does do, which is a great pity. I wish someone could & dissuade Dad from his constant reading of the "True Detective" magazine. It makes him always look for "hidden motives" and I truly think his attitude to both of us is greatly influenced by this. He has said many very unfortunate things about both of us to comparative strangers and these things always have a way of coming back.

So for the present at least, I trust that he will get along alright. In the summer, I hope I may have a short vacation for I shall need it. It is no easy job I've tackled and the past five years have taken a heavy toll of my strength and health. Father may laugh at my leaving him something

in my will - I hope he is right, - but there is the old address of being a candle of documents
Write kindest regards to all

Sincerely Yours

Laura Gilpin