

Tuesday 6-30 p.m.

NELL KOONS

400 EAST 59TH STREET

NEW YORK

WICKERSHAM 2-2189

Dearest — Leaving for Coedy
in a Ford - are you? - Well
I am leaving for D.C. in a
Pontiac!

What a lot of appendages we
hang on ourselves in this world.
Have been packing for two days -
china - books - pictures -
bric-a-brac - maps - lamps -
furniture - pictures - ect - ect -
this to storage - this to 1040 -
this to Kit - until my head swims.
The rest they can do without
me I think - have things well
in hand — now to pack a
few old clothes for D.C. -
go over last things with Eleanor

and were off. I will stop
 Garrison Forest to-morrow -
 probably getting to Warrenton
 to-morrow night. Will stop
 and look over Chatham just
 to compare. Goldthwaite called
 me yesterday - so very like
you dear, over the phone and
well - so kind - and quite
 and dear! Said he couldn't
 possibly make it out west -
 but wanted me to take the clean
 house ect ect - very nice. Said
 nothing could have pleased
 him more than for Bob to
 choose Garrison - that it
 would give him an excuse
 to visit there again - that
 the Dover tradition is very

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strong there and that I
can go to the ends of the earth
knowing she will have care-
and real intimate sweet
development - it all sounds
very reassuring and I was glad
as well as he.

Only there is so much to tell
you. I went to see your Realist
friend - at first it was
a little hard I think he
thought I was going to sell
him something - but once
I got the idea before him
he was enthusiastic over the
possibilities. Said we would
have to make our idea tangible
and he would submit it to.

someone whom he thought could
best advise us how to proceed.
Anyway - we ^{you + ?} will go to see
him between Aug. 12th - & 20th!

The more I think of it, the more
uses I see - how simple to
take with one any place - to work
on trips - easy to dispose of -
who would take a tooth brush
to work? Yet, if, for instance, they
were installed in wash-rooms
how simple to clean one's teeth -
and how refreshing. The dentifrice
would be in the pad - that one
would work out. - Think in hospitals -
so many times not able to sit up
as lean over - sanitary and
in keeping with modern scientific
hygiene - I really get

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enthusiastic. Dr. Geis says
there is nothing now on the
market - that it would fill
a real need and have
good medical value. It is
something so applicable to young
old - rich - or poor - and such
a constant demand that if
we can patent the idea it should
make something really saleable.

Now about Mr. Schenck -
another darling person. I went
there this morning. His kind
blue eyes so full of understanding
and he so full of praise of you -
did your ears burn about 10 am?
We talked you for such a
long time - and agreed that there

are no more like you! Finally
 we got down to gold. and
 ringset. He brought out the
 conventional platinum wedding
 rings which I did not want -
 fancy or plain -

I told him I wanted to keep
 if I possibly could the feeling
 of virgin gold - as though it
 were hammered out by hand into
 a symbol of marriage. He
 laughed but liked the idea.
 Then he said "that gives me
 an idea"! He brought out
 some tiny yellow diamonds
 that come from Arizona I think
 and are beautiful. His idea
 which pleased me beyond
 words was To

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embed say five of these
little yellow diamonds right
in the hammered gold -
not set in but in! It would
seem as if they had come
up from the earth to - gether -
Black Hills earth too -
don't you like the sound of it?
He said the diamonds were to
be his engagement present to
us - as a small token of
his feeling etc. we both
waxed very eloquent! It
is everything and more than
I could imagine - because I
did not want to lose the

utter simplicity of the thing. The diamonds are so small that they might almost be the glitter of the gold itself - and that is exactly as it should be - oh Bernard it is so right for us both. Now you must see (1) that he gets the gold - for no ordinary gold will do - (2) you must give him the inscription for the inside of the ring. Do you know that my initials are really (or will be) V. N. D. - and yours J. V. N. D. (Virginia New Don) we are almost related already - yes?

E. is here - with letter from

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Mr. Raven which I will
enclose - E. will get all
necessary information - my
aren't there a lot of things
to consider? Not nearly
so simple as falling
in love is it? Not so
pleasant - but we will
get everyone satisfied
in the end. Better let him
know about dates, dear -
I told E. to tell him it might
be the 20th - (wasn't that
what you said last night
in the wee hours?) Two
am. and I wide awake

when my phone and your
 voice as though I had
 simply reached over
 and spoken to you —
 it's a great world, isn't
 it? — July 24th. To-morrow
 Time marches on toward
 August — be still, my heart —
 be still.

Now to finish packing and
 the rest — to mail this to
 you with a special touch
 to my lips here — for
 you to find if you
 can —

Bless you of the dearest
 another good-night — this time
 no P.O. W. porch to show — Always &c.