

for your letters - what joy. Your train letter still serves well.

Do take all peacefully darling. Remember that you are about your FATHER'S business - NOT just Dorr Co. You are an EMBASSADOR of the LORDS! People will look into your beautiful face and tell themselves that AMERICANS can be trusted.

Now I must pack my lately inherited new blue bag MARKED "DORR" - so that I can get an early train. The rain has turned to sleet - with radio promises for snow.

Good night John dearest one, think of me here where I belong - keeping your place for you - and doing every little thing I know to make it nicer than it ever was before. This beginning that we have made is cumulative! It gets better and better.

Keep well. Delivers my love to our friends.
Ever and ever.

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Alma 11/29

Thursday Night.

Dearest

Yesterday the telephone kept ringing while I was in my dark-room and I was hard at work on your present - I kept thinking how pleasant it would be if it were my husband calling me (which it couldn't be) - and guess what? Western Union with a cable! How very nice. That's the first part of the journey. I came back to the dark room feeling all warm and happy, and loved. Bless your darling John.

I have had such happiness working on your present - I hope it turns out well. If you get half the happiness from it that I have - then it will be worth much. I have accomplished so much - I feel very set up. Everything is going ahead very satisfactory. The fence is ordered. The White house is at last starting its new kitchen. My desk is cleared. The painting is started. The clearing of our new house site is being cleared. The dream of the house is being born for our sake. The Xmas list has been checked with Robert - the foreign list is on its way to you. The Xmas card (ours) will be finished Dec 15th. Robert is helping me every way. We are going to have you so cleaned up you will hardly know yourself. Your books, your desk, your room is being turned inside and upside

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It has been heavy rain and high wind for several days - the West Branch is rising high and handsome. John continues to be better every day - but I can't seem to get our Insurance man to even admit we have a claim - annoying for it ties up the station wagon from starting repairs. The truck is so decrepit that it breaks down even coming from the barn - and can't carry on. That means all that I can hear you saying I know, I know!

So I won't tell you.

But that is all - the good far outweighs the bad as you can see. It all will seem far away and relatively unimportant to you which it should. It is important to me because I am heart set on working out these unimportant details of our life until they cannot ever again control us. We are far more than they!

I go in town tomorrow for a few days with Nett. Saturday morning I do photographs of MAC - for NETT. So it goes. Each day I see a satisfying progress along the entire line. That line is the ever-shortening one that is between us. I can hardly wait

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You won't be able to ask for a thing that we can't put our hand on it. Even the Christmas list is not too terrifying for what says he will help.

There is a problem on the Secretarial and as you suspected. Robert says he doesn't think he can stick it for she is openly war-like and bent on aggression. I talked to him on M.R.A. lines - and think it helped. I like him more and more, feel sorry for him and more than both. I feel he may have the making of a good Secretary. He says she makes him ill with her words. Told him that I would speak to you but feel safe in telling him that between here and the Mill - Christmas cards ect I could use him at Westport two days a week. He doesn't work Sat. or Sun - so that leaves only three a week to endure his persecution. If it got too much I advised him to tell his problem to Dan, or Bassett. Is this alright? He is so much more satisfactory than Jane who never follows through. I feel that I can help you get organized for a little free-wheeling into the New Year.

Did you ever have such a harassing woman?