March 3, 1924

My dear Florence Ann—

My honey child is not going to be a flapper. Not if I can help it. Anyhow, that’s one reason I am glad she is to grow up here where I can put my fingers on her when I need her. I suppose she’ll go to High School in Shanghai but they do say as how the missionaries kids there make quite a respectable group and who balance the kids of business folks.

Your letter about H.S. girls sounds like Hilda. She says she knows that the girls in her school smoke like veterans (in private, of course) but they feel the need of being good pals with the boys and that is their method. I don’t believe that H.S. was like that when we were there but there were a few hodgepodge girls etc. We knew about them and realized why we had sterilizers put in the toilets. They wrote such a disgusted letter about
She says she is having to keep up with the girls who have joined the Clubs and is drinking a lot. They say that work and all the crowd of young married folks they travel with are drinking a lot. They have the jazziest kind of parties and neglect their homes and babies.

What is this old world coming to I wonder?

I feel sadly disillusioned for two years ago Tom Home seemed quite an ideal couple she'd go a lot further towards keeping her husband if she'd have a baby - she needs an operation for an inverted uterus and is afraid of it so she suffers agony each month and never can have a baby - foolish isn't it? Doug & I have told her what we think several times to no avail -

I know it has been an age since I wrote you away back when Doug was ill sick wasn't it? Well now he was in bed almost five weeks, got so weak we had to have a nurse to help me. In fact he isn't well yet

His neuritis is all gone but he suffers with a nody home feeling in his arm. His right arm was absolutely helpless. When he first began to get up - give it was a hard month - Seemed like a nightmare now that it's all over. Phyllis and dear one big benefit from it tho - I got well acquainted with her habits. She learned just when she was tired enough to go to bed without any remonstrance and things of a like nature - So that now she is just like clock work. We rise and kneel and sleep and play and go out doors at exactly the same time every day - down to her bower morning me sit her on her little white chair every morning while we get dressed and she comes and wakes me and brings me the baby to feed at six thirty - Pretty soft I say - and another servant Edith brings Phyllis is so happy and jazzy and peppy - never cries much all day, at one time she is the cutest thing I ever saw when I first her in bed
She snuggles down in her quilt with a smile and often squints her eyes tight shut as if to say: "All right, go away, I'm asleep." She is gaining rapidly, has three chins at present. Perhaps I have raved enough but I know you'll be interested in knowing how my ideas work out. If I had had enough milk last summer she wouldn't have cried then. I am sure I can start out better with my next baby. Last summer I worried so much over trying to keep peace between our two families that I couldn't make milk. Sally surely sounds happy doesn't she? With her Bills were old. I'd like to see her getting married. There is nothing quite so fine as a nice husband sleeps at sweet baby. Goodness loves I am a million times happier now than I ever was before. I never dreamed a baby could be so nice. She is getting quite a bit of hair now, golden and shiny, not as dark as mine.
I have been keeping my eyes open for Swatow peddlers to get the handkerchiefs you asked for. This seems to be the wrong time of year. I won't forget that you asked for them. Ponget peddlers will be here soon too. Pearl Days. I will send some to pay for all my furniture catalogs. I am going to make me some nighties and under-wear and get some shirts made for Doug. Or better I'll use what folks call raw silk. I have yet to become acquainted with Chinese fabrics.

You talked about going to Cal. in your last letter - I should think you'd love it - and how your mother would glory in the flowers you might have some trouble getting established in the Cal. schools. Probably would have to take some exams. I have always heard about their high standards. You and Sally start a shop in Los Angeles and we'll send you things you could
get rich selling heads and tapestries
and cross stitch and drawing-stitch.
I don't blame you any for wanting
to get away from Willmatt. You should
have a peaceful summer after the hard
work you are doing now.

Here's cheer for the new house. I surely
will love to have one you make for me!
Guess I'll make myself a sleeveless sweater to
go with it. I have a brown, clip-salt sweater
that Doug's Spokane Club bought sent in
our Christmas box. I have been enjoying
it a lot lately. Puppies is rather hand
on it for she sticks her paws right thru
the meshes some times.

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Saw a tea party to which
she invited all the married women of the
neighborhood. She gave me a cutely little
brown tapestry bag and Mrs. Max - a
blossoming daisy plant. Mother & Sally sent the
paper and a rather apron - so I had a nice
birthday.

Write to me after. I love you

Grace
March 3rd

A letter came from you yesterday so I'll have to talk to you about something more. Thanks for telling me about the carbon paper. I won't try it again. Everybody out here does it with the writers but I guess that's different.

So you didn't like your doctor. I had a dentist in Yakima. Patted me on the cheek, called me girlie and everything! Doug says that's always his way but I didn't fall for it much.

Your English print makes me think of the Egyptian one I had last summer. To make curtains with! Pretty.

So you want a dissertation on our seasons? Well, in the first place grasp the fact that China has as many seasons as we mean as by a variety of climates as does the U.S. Up north around Seattle folks have lots of snow and it gets way below. Here it
is not what I call cold—at least it never stays on the ground—the climate is like Oregon Doug says—misty + damp + muddy—we wear woolens and enjoy them because of the raw penetrating cold and because folks don't keep their houses at 90° like they do at home. Many of the rooms in these big houses are unheated. Han's school has just enough to take the edge off—it gets very hot here in the summer and babies are not safe in sprawling them—so we go to the mts or seashore. We are going to Bei Tai to up near Peiping and live with Evans. I think a whole summer of swimming will be gorgeous—yes. There are radios in Shanghai—none here as yet. I expect the day will come when we'll be having them. Love to you.

Gram
Dear Bernie and John,

Both your letter and mother telling of the great, good news of your possible advent into the mysteries and life of ancient China came in the mail yesterday. My goodness, what fun it is to hear that good news and to imagine the excitement.

We certainly will welcome you to this place where we have so soon grown to love. We must, as soon as possible, make our plans work out so that we can spend some time together. You must arrange to take the Empress Line from Vancouver, B.C., or the President Line from Seattle, stopping off at Shanghai from one ship to the following ship and let me show you Peking and your first look-in on China.

Our school here in Yankin is out about the middle of June but we must take a private teacher with us wherever we spend the summer and we have language study all forenoon daily until
about the 10th of August. You will find
our present plan is to go to
Peitaiho (pronounced Pātāhō), a seaside
summering place, 600 miles north of
Tientsin. Our house is on a high rocky
cliff, overlooking the sea. We can see
the seaward end of the Great Wall
of China, where it runs out into the
ocean at Shanghaishan, just ten
miles north of us, from our cliff. As
are told.) These are fine beaches there
for bathing.

I also wish to run over to Peking
after the language work is finished for
a short brush-up course at the Peking
Union Medical College (Rockefeller's school) before
returning to meet you and then start
work at Ichowfu. Peking is about 75
miles inland from Tientsin.

During the Chinese New Year Holidays,
Miss Paul, a globe trotter and friend of Mrs. Davis,
who is living with me, went to Canton. I have
sent her for information to send to
Canton is a thousand miles by boat from Shanghai, and takes three and a half days on the boat. The larger boats, such as you will take down to Canton, but stop at Hong Kong, where you change to a smaller boat to sail up the beautiful Pearl River to Canton. No need to fear because of the unsettled state of affairs politically at Canton. While Mr. Paul was there, there was a stir, and 18 warships steamed up from Hong Kong and arrayed themselves before Canton. The U.S. had more than any other country there. The foreigners all feel very safe.

Canton is a very bazaar city, one very difficult to describe. It is typically foreign in certain districts, with magnificent crowded huge banks of Russian architecture, and great 9-story modern office buildings, and they high department stores with foreign goods. But it is more Chinese than Shanghai, and you find very few foreigners on the streets (there are about 500 foreigners in the whole city of 1,000,000 souls). Now there are miles and miles of fine wide streets.
thorough the city; they are continually tearing down buildings to widen the streets, but you still see miles of narrow, typically Chinese streets. You can ride a horse in your automobile without exhausting the roads suitable for your machine. Canton is a very rich city, and it is there that you see your real "sniffy" Chinese, quite in their gorgeous silks and satins, and their huge touring cars with drivers.

Canton Christian College is across the Pearl River and up stream two or three miles from the heart of Canton, about 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour's launch ride from Canton. Straight across the river from Canton proper is this typically Chinese city of Honam (something like that) and the best Chinese residence district. But the College is just in the country in relation to this city. I do not believe there are any auto roads on this side of the river, but many cut past the College on the opposite side, the Canton side, of the Pearl River. The Campus is 1/2 long about 6 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. There are about seven large buildings and faculty homes, all brick, on the campus. The buildings are
well spread out, and the grounds are gorgeous in its vegetation winter and summer. The vegetation resembles that around Los Angeles, Calif. It is a 10-minute walk to the river bank.

Everyone says that the climate is delightful at Canton, warm in winter, and not as hot as Hankou in summer. It is more sultry in Hankou. But the summer won't bother you much for you will take to the mountains or sea more anyway during the summer months, the months of intestinal disease. Here we move away from disease and more heat during the summer.

Let me caution you. Don't make too great plans for what you may do in America after your 3-year term is up. You very likely will want to return; for the pull is great and the work is so much needed and worthwhile that you delight in the part you have to play in helping to make
this new, most ancient nation. If you don't want to be held by the spell of it, stay home.

Don't form any more of an opinion of what China is like than you already have; for no matter what that opinion may be, it's wrong. Letters, pictures, books won't make you see China, feel the queer feelings at seeing things done in a way that you have no background for appreciating, nor smell the smells, nor hear the strange sounds of an oriental city, where man, not the motor truck is the burden-carrier.

There is a summerying place midway between Shanghai and Canton so we can spend at least some of our summer together.

Don't try to bring the Ford. You can sell it and buy me here. Transportation is too great for a single car.

We should be at work in Chongquin during the first week in September.
month's short course in eye work under Dr. Stenius of Vienna. Dr. Hugman is in our mission you know for reading the World Call, and is quite famous in this part of China as a surgeon.

Please please send this letter on to mother. I'll add her letter on to yours.

Dear Mother, Father, Mary Roy, May 26th,

I am back to normal now, and playing volleyball twice daily during our 10 minute recess periods. At school, I am almost back on my feet again in the conversation part, but I can't seem to make up any of the characters. They got 60 characters ahead of me and it is all we can do to learn the 4 or 6 a day which we have assigned. They are so hard to remember, and to leave even a dot out or put it in the wrong place will make it mean something else. Viz. Take the character for "day", 天, if you write this way 天, it means something altogether different. This 天 is the character for "large". 天 is part of the two characters for "sun". And this is a very simple
character. When you get into one like this to "hear" you have a combination which can be split up to make the character 1 one finds it hard to combine them correctly. Fig. 4 教 means "tell." Splitting this up we have 故 which used alone is the second character of many verbs and nouns. 故 with the cap retained it means "words" but has the same sound as 子. 好 has two of the part changes about and mean "good."

Again the same character may be written in two or many ways and retain its meaning. Fig. 裏

Phyllis Ann hasn't cried for a month. We were wondering tonight if it would be possible for her to have a hard cry like she had when strangers were around at Yakima. At 9 months she weighed 17 pounds. She plays so hard that she sleeps all the time we are at language school.

Grace couldn't have her touch out Xmas because of a ear thread; nor during
Chinese New Year vacation because I was sick. March 21st about 85 people are going to Peking on the annual language school trip. We are saving our money for furniture and Grace will have her trunk out on the 22nd if all is well.

Today I ordered our dining room furniture today. The Chinese carpenter saws his own wood by hand, and makes every stick by hand. I had to have pictures and give him exact measurements for every dimension; all conversation in Chinese. The "Sheraton" cabinet and solid oak. They can't make anything here; and anyway all静脉 tear off imported furniture as impractical. For 6 dining-room chairs (like enclosed illustration), I liked this with arms on them, one 42" x 48" extension table, 2 leaves, one buffet 49" high x 22" x 60", and one serving table 70" high x 18" x 36" all for about $159.50 each $75 gold. Also ordered a "Victrola" cabinet (which was advertised in $24.50). It will cost $24.30. We already have one bed made & Phyllis' bed made at $47.40 for $94.80! Love to all,

Douglas.
Dear folks,

We are all very, very well and enjoying the fine spring weather we have been having for the past month. I am as strong as ever again and can pitch baseball; and I am coaching basket ball in a boy's high school.

We are having our furniture made now. It is a rather slow process for the Chinese carpenters take your order (you have a picture and then figure out every dimension for them) and then start with an oak log and saw out the lumber right eight for each piece of furniture. The results are very satisfactory. Yesterday we got our bed and the head board. Our bed is in the Sheraton design, with the cross open work on either side of the head of the bed. I wouldn't trade it for your bed even though it did cost only $150.00 gold. We will give the order for the rest of the things this week. Last week we got them started on our dining room set:

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Total: $75.60

We also ordered a phonograph cabinet for $5.00 gold.

This trip. Spent from a Velux picture.
Some of the other things we will order this week will be:

**Living Room**
- Library table (for the back of the fireplace settee)
- Bookcase
- Upholstered chair
- Other chair

(We have 3 lounge chairs, 2 plant stands, + 2 stools.)

**Dining Room**
- (Besides the dining room set)
- Spinet desk (for Grace to keep accounts in)

**My Study**
- Table desk
- Desk chair
- Bookcase
- Leather chair

**Kitchen**
- Cabinet
- Table

**Hall**
- Console table

**Our Bedroom**
(We have the bed)
- Rocking chair
- Chiffonier
- Chiffonette
- Small table

**Nursery**
(We have R.A.'s white bed)
- White tablet
- White chair stool
- Chair
- Rocking chair

**Sweet Room**
(We bought a child's iron bed of white pine)
- Dresser
- Chair
- Desk
- Stand
- Washstand
We figure that the whole lot will cost
her between $475.00 and $550.00 Mexican.
Do you think you could furnish an eight
room house there for $250.00? Building
must get Certain, mashing, maz, etc.
I think our money will be mostly mashing
to start with. This will keep us pump-
ing with the summer vacation
coming and cost of our staple greens
for most of the coming year. We have
$200.00 Mexican saved up toward it.
We are so sorry that we won't be
seeing Berenice and John this fall.
That was almost too good for us to be
true. Nor doubt it is best for John
to get his Ph. D. first. I feel that
if they would go out here they would
want to stay and would not then
go to China. I hope this won't stop
their wanting to see China.

Design B: 2 large printed. 2 $1.50 total cost $3.00. Combine tax on $3.00 $0.30 total tax $3.30.

C B: 2 blue $1.25 total cost $2.50. Combine tax on $2.50 $0.30, total tax $2.80.

C B: 2 small white $1.50 total cost $3.00. Combine tax on $3.00 $0.30, total tax $3.30.

I am going to get your table moved
out of the way this week. I have
all the things I'm going to need for
and I am rather lame because
our five weeks in bad weather. So
I'll get them off by Thursday at least.
The table runner needs a border of black satin to make it fit your table. It will cost you $3.00 gold. This includes the postage. Your pillow top will cost you $1.75 gold worth postage.

If anyone else wishes the table runner or a pillow top of the same design, it will cost them $4.00 gold custom for the runner or $2.00 gold for a pillow top to town. We will call this design with black/white background -- Design D.

The dragon pillow top will call Design E. It will sell for $2.50 and custom.

I am sending you something that really takes my eye. It has the tapestry beat a mile in my estimation. It is black velvet with a flower design of cats' velvet. I bought it for you, but if you can't afford it you may sell it. The cost is $2.50 gold. If they want it we will call it Design F and retail at $3.50 and the custom.

The lunch clothes cost me $2.50 to $4.00 gold. Napkins are $2.50 to $3.50 a dozen. Retail at $1. more each in cloth or silk, machine.

Friday, March 21st, ninety people of the Language School and friends went to Petting on the 2nd annual sightseeing trip. Grace has her tonsillectomy on Saturday.

Phyllis Ann is very well and happy.
There is a long ceremony with chanting, flute playing, and drum pounding, and the chief, being thus contorted with a sword in each hand, is like a sitting-up exercise in a Y.M.C.A. gym. But everything is done according to the ancient custom, and there is a man who has no other job all year than preparing for and conducting this ceremony twice yearly.

Within the huge temple there is the central tablet of Confucius, and on either side some tablets of a few of his most prominent disciples. On this occasion a scroll is hung under the tablet of Confucius upon which is drawn a picture, supposedly of Confucius. At either end of the room are placed killed boars and sheep as sacrifices. After the ceremony these are carved up and cut up for distribution to the men with degrees.

The night before last Grace and Miss Paul and I went down to Heia Kwan (on the river just outside the North City Gate) where
She had her first hard cry in a very long time last night. Then we just helped her in her new bed for the first time.

When she outgrew the clothes basket, we had her sleeping in David's old, huge baby-pram. This had a nice hollow into which Phyllis Anne fitted nicely, as she objected to the big, wrong flat bed.

One week ago today, I had a very novel experience. When I got up at 2 A.M. to attend the Spring Sacrifice at the Confucian Temple, it was a grand, ceremonial, with all the provincial officials, in their uniforms with epaulets and caps with high, white plumes; and a brass plate of metal in attendance. This is an especial worship of Confucius by the literati, the scholarly class. All men with degrees (comparable to our B. B., M. B., or Ph. D.) obtained from the pasing of difficult examinations in the Confucian Classics were there, paying their respects to their patron Saint. Nanking is a great center of learning of both the old Confucian and the Western learning, as there were hundreds there in Cape and Town.

(The Cape are like our college Cape, the roofs all glowing like ones only richly)
some rich Chinese gentleman was staging a $20,000 dragon parade for the pleasure of the people and finally to influence the Governor in a peace policy. It was a very interesting sight to see.

The streets were packed to full of sticking jostling orientals, having the time of their lives, and they enjoyed grilling me, these foreigners, and showing off their jostling. The parade came grandly down the street, not grandly, as American parade, with the crowds walked back by Boy Scouts or Police, but weaving, bumping, pushing its way through the mob. They have a strange method of "choosing" the crowd aside when the floats wish to proceed. Men each with two long sticks of bamboo (like two yardsticks) snap these together over the heads of the crowd which makes a way.

At the head of the parade strolled the red-coated red-capped band. When they saw me they stopped and played some long way. "Siberian." Almost all floats were like huge lanterns, all designed magnificently with Chinese characters to flick. Then they had several hundred of huge dragons, elevated on sleds by some 25 men. These men made the dragon go down a serpentine
motion almost as rapidly as a crack in the whipcord each foot or performer passed the large telescope of the scaffold. The owner of the rope would halt off a bunch of firecrackers, salutes and the rope would stop and do some stunts.

I must close this now and get to bed this warm night won't get on the boat along after tomorrow.
My dear Florence Ann-

You surely are a friend worth having and I have so many things to tell you thank you for that I don't know where to start. Guess I'll go back wards.

My Aunt came last night. It's a practical helpful book that really tells you almost everything you need to know. That and my folks I think bedside ought to be enough to raise my kids on. Considering the fact that you and I had them pretty well raised three years ago. I am starting to worm myself now, that is. She puts two bottles a day instead of one. I include a little cereals, water, and spinach juice in her milk. This is a wonderful country for spinach we have it almost all the year round. Tender and sweet. I never liked it at home but I am crazy about it here. I am going down in South City and see if I can find a little copper bowl or something like that that costs three dollars to pay for the book. Copper work is common in Nanking - Ok would you rather have some grog or would you rather have some money? I think. I know I reckon you'll enjoy anything that comes from China. I know you'll rather have it than money.

Secondly - my blood is cold. Such lots and lots of statistics. Did your mother make the taffy? I had a brown sweater with a round neckline that it will go with perfectly. I think it on last night and the others seem a bit long. I'll wear it a day soon...
And so - because it goes with my green sweater perfectly - the sweaters are about the only thing seen if I go to Language School now. Please accept and thank you for every stitch.

This morning I am sending you the gold thread added to me the other day. They looked too much like something you'd done. I couldn't find any like your others with dainty stems, they seem to all have rather wide coarse edges. These cost about three times as much but you call them part payment on your help with my house plans. I thought the tiny ones would make lovely corners for your pillow and the big one is plenty for cuffs. Now don't put them away to look at, they are made to use, that's sure. I have another big one yet may have if you need it. Just say so.

Wish you could see, and smell, a bouquet of violets. I have three on my table in my green bowl. They are the sweet kind. Big long stemmed (6 in) ones, the bowl is full to over flowing. Mrs. Hamilton, a next door neighbor, has a big patch of them's and she can't begin to pick them all. So she lets me come and pick all I want. See its few. I never dreamed of having so many real violets. They grow out doors all winter here. Every one has a patch Hyacinths and other bulbs too are blossoming forth all along the paths and borders. I have just been studying my March & April garden that came last night. It's just full of beautiful pictures and ideas this time. I believe it's time for the next Xmas present. I received. I can hardly wait to get a house to work on
We have two beds back from the carpenters now. Honey Childs made a little white one with a curve like this. Ours is made of oak stained a dark walnut brown and it's beautiful. Every body says so. Do that.香蕉sharpen with great work on the side—Better than this—but I must get the idea. My mind is very neat with lattice as this. Elaborate curves. Queen Anne foot, they don't do that. My dining room chairs are nice, things like this too. My! you would be here to help plan. Not that, you aren't doing it. Where you are, I believe you are just as thrilled over my new house. And that Sharpton love thing is beautiful and just full of ideas. Thank you a lot for having it sent. I come get letters from Shanghai, guess I'll have to send to you. Want the marquetry. I have part enough. That marquetry for a whole house will be quite an item. I suppose I am going to have my winter pieces stained a dark brown and have upholstered them with a nice cotton. Chinese tails do such work very nicely. This is a sketch of our house.
With a house like this one, adapted to living in choice.

Of course, I like having the toilet apart from the B. Room. Then, with outside entrance from the hall, it's not without saving up the hall. Our B. Room will then be a dream and be heated with the kitchen's stove.

Wish you could see the collection in the middle of our floor right now. We have had a Christmas sale, here in the middle of our floor, with all his beautiful things. It's so much fun looking at all his things. I found some pretty good handkerchiefs this time. But had to pay $0.75 a dozen. Terrible price!!! Done and I picked out some plates to send to his mother to sell. Two luncheon sets, and some tray cloths. She's going to help us make money. You'll be able to hang up and start your little shop. We could send you all sorts of things. This man has lots of embroidered silks and towels. Perfectly lovely things.

I wish I had a bride friend to help something for. Speaking of which, really sounds rather interested in her. Bill. Don't you think? I don't believe Mother likes him. What have you gathered of the situation? They don't say much to me, and I can't write a lot back because they pass my letters all around.

Good for you. We're coming along. You should have done it long ago. How did you come out with your test? I haven't a doubt but what you'll be re-elected. I went right and you should have a good few minutes. I went right after my case and demanded $1600 from the insurance company. So my profit here to scratch around and get something for me! Hope your profit goes at it the same way. So you have learned how to play bridge. That's some thing I have never tried.
Doughly says its hard. The missionaries play it among themselves out here. I expect we'll learn this summer.

Doughly and I have just been reading Dorothy Canfield's new story in the W.N.C. that came last night. It's called The House Maker — very good. I'll say. I expect by now you have read it. It's the kind of story that will do all sorts of good.

Dougly I don't have many movies so we get a big kick out of a good street. Doug looks at this woman's nerves and her effect on her kids from a doctor's new point. He said — "No wonder the nurse had visions. She scared him to death!" Don't you think it's the best thing she has written? We enjoyed Edna Ferber's Helene a lot too — didn't you? Especially the first part of it. Hot Basket was very well done. W.ordinal Goods in the Large Journal also held our interest. She sat up until half past eleven one night and felt quite as though she had been at a fascinating play. I was glad she stuck by her husband.

Periodicals mean much at least here. We read them from cover to cover. Doug even has fun looking at the ads if good looking houses and luxurious things to eat.

This is our spring vacation, most of the language school students have gone on a ten day trip to Peking — we'll see it next summer on our way back from Tibet, so I again planned to having trouble from tonsils out but this time a bad cold interrupted. We all think had it. Ruby had a high temperature one night.
Has had cold chills with her nose. She's been ill for three days. For I was tired out with work and as I had a good time taking care of Phyllis and Doug stayed around all the time too. It was a real luxury to be able to rest that long. Never before can I remember having so few responsibilities. I wouldn't want to think Phyllis was in a stable one night that Doug had to go to his clinic.

Would you like to take a peak at Phyllis? She sits here in her big fur chair. Her cheeks are bright pink and her eyes look black because its tiny light. Her red hair stands on end in a hearted curl and she is raising and lowering a blanket in front of her face and talking and jabbering. Data — Data — is one of her chief rambles this week. The other week she used to please me and especially. Its nice to have her back. I cant tell you. She helps so much that she never bobs or bothers me the few hours she's awake. I never knew a baby could be so good.

I have been churning a lot lately with Dr. Helen Bunting Payne. She likes me and I know lots of people do. For instance she worked with Horace a lot. She knows that they pre medics work together at Oregon. We have lots in common. I like her a lot. She just confided to me yesterday that she is pregnant so now we'll have lots of fun talking. That's the rest of the year.

It's getting dark. I really must stop.

I love you.

Grace.