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Dear Florence Anne

I have been reading Dray's letters to him mother 1923-46. I find them very entertaining. They make me amazed at how difficult his life but did.

For Douglas continued these letters and when he had spent four days with his cousin needing them he said he had been no another world and felt they should be published. But there have been hundreds of such books - one woman Myra Shourd was very controversial she wrote "Chinese Ginger" and it was almost and inter...
success. You might feel it
in February. The trade country
children broke up February 1st.
I found on of my letters to
you that you would return.
We live at 10. I'll bet it is the
one that required you to come too.
How are you coming with
your pet rabbit? I don't suppose
any thing short of a fence will
keep him out. Maybe you could
call him a crow if necessary.
I am getting away from
how I used to have only old
Chinese gardener. But I need
the experience. I can't seem to
work out more than an hour
yet. Maybe I can work up to
this season progress. My
shoulder is much better.
You surely had a good birthday. I hope yours was special, too. I got a good letter from Ruth this week. She seems to sound like her old self. She says her legs are fine.

The only hard part is commenting. Have you read the March Reader Digest? About making your child into a wife by age 18? Our Colby was a good example. By that time, she rebelled against home authority. She tried going to college in California but had just wanted her money. She did not learn anything. Nor that she is married. She has learned to work and help.
They rent. She knew both got
thinking classes at University.
With John both are both
working part-time, she got a
good scholarship for the girl.
They at least support their rooms.
Mary is feeling bad
because she can’t afford
her age insurance on work.
He is absentee and has his license
but her insurance would be 
its only for each week she can’t have
a car. They never is sentiment to
regret traffic accidents or
labeled by the rules but with
parents get their licenses can
a car as soon as he can drive.
Our Tom has learned by
cars’ along. She is working

as a file clerk for her dad. She also gets free lunch this summer.
She wants to go to college. She says it costs $5,000 a year. She
told me last night she was hoping to work part-time in a
Family Assistance Plan in Florida, but she still needs a car. She
is driving an old clunker now.
Ask your daughter if she
has read that article? It
don't
became her. She is such a book worm.
I have my tomato seeds planted.
I put a seed in each pot, just as a plastic bag over each to make
a little greenhouse. They are not up yet, but will be soon.
I have some sugar peas I will
get in ground soon.
I got a letter from Earl today and a package containing a lot of spread of butter and bread. I had sent this from there. spelled in
an unlimited number of times. Frank said it was a problem. I think I will give up trying to read it. It is a heavy one and the
all the rest of us. She lives in Kansas City. I hope things are well.

I like this plastic point pen. They are in all drug stores now.
No doubt will replace the felt tip.
I must get to work. I don't
want to talk to you a little while.
Sally has ordered a new and
is going over to our advice to her
and drugs. Rome needs.
I love you. Grace
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Dear Florence Ann,

I was so pleased to hear from LuAnn late last week and to know that you were doing so well and expected to go home the next day. I sure hope you continue to mend and can manage in your own home. There is no place like home especially when one doesn't feel quite up to par. LuAnn will keep an eye on you and see that you have food and such. It's wonderful to have a daughter like her. You seem to have come thru this surgery with flying colors and I am so glad. Surgical procedure certainly have improved over the years and the newer anesthetics seem to have no bad effect. I've never had any nausea with any of the four major surgeries I've been through. Dr. Rudey has put me on a new chemotherapy medication - a capsule - an eight syllable word but I'm only taking one a day for the first week then increase...
on a day each week until I get up to four a day. It's supposed to have about the same side effects as the intravenous med I had been on for the past 8 mos. This is an experimental medication still not approved by the Food & Drug So I had to sign a Consent form to protect my ill. I suppose, so far I'm handling it O.K. If I can give it a good try.

We've had a drizzly rainy day today except for some sunshine in the early A.M. I went down & picked a bucket full of d'arzon peas & salvaged some wind falls. Now I'll get the ground so covered again. I had intended to go back down & get another bucket but it began to rain power out in many areas in the Seattle area according to this evening news but no power failure around here. The last time we had a few days ago did blow out the pilot light in my butane heater in the green house but I'm able to relight that usually.

Grace tells me she is finally getting
his new green house construction started & hoped to have it ready in a couple of weeks. I hope he will be able to rent a bale & van to haul all these plants over the Int. pass, but I guess that's his worry. I am enjoying some of my blooming plants here in the house & they look so lovely under the growlight - especially a red cattleya. I have three cattleyas in bloom - 3 in bud one phalaenopsis and four paphs besides several red Sharry Baby, some ferns & a Rex begonia so it begins to look like a jungle in here. I plan to bring in that other big growlight from the green house & hang it in the South bedroom & will put mostly the paphs back there where I can keep them cooler.

I only had four little trick or treats last night, just my neighbor's kids. They looked so cute & well so manfully. I'm stuck now with extra treats but I usually offer gems little phq, raisins, peanuts, etc. So I can use up some of it myself. Do you have a lot of kids come in your court?

I love you & pray for you Sally
Sally's last
2 letters

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Dear Florence Ann,

I'm sure slow getting my Xmas cards out this year. Most of them will be late since I can't sit long enough to write more than one or two at a time.

Your package arrived some time ago & since much of the paper was torn I feared it & am delighted with both books. Thank you so much. You know what I enjoy. The notice from Girls' Tea arrived too & I share that with you. She enjoys it because of her New England background.

She & I plan to go out for Xmas dinner somewhere since we don't either one feel like fixing a holiday meal. Food doesn't mean much to me anyway and I wish I didn't have to eat at all.

Bruce Wyatt has been coming over every AM. Builds a fire & makes my breakfast and cleans a little. It really has given me a lift and she seems happy to work a couple of hrs a day. Can't think of a better way to spend my money & I'm lucky to have her.
I'm so glad that you are getting along so well & are able to stay in your own home. Keep up the good work.

The Corrigan's were here the week end of the 11th & we had such a good visit. The weather was not too hot or too cold and they were able to move most of the Orchids over to Angela's new Green House. I have quite a few plants here & there in the house & several nice things blooming. I will enjoy just a few rest in the house where I can take care of them.

Mike seems to be well & has so much energy I envy her free feet.

I sure wish I could have gotten this check to you sooner but hope it will buy you something you especially want.

Have a Happy New Year and good health in the New Year.

I love you, Sally