

& the sand blowing  
just like snow in  
certain parts of the  
boardwalk.

Yesterday there was  
an enormous crowd  
in front of the "Am-  
bassador" to "Ritz". It  
was really awfully  
pretty, the gay  
mixture of bright  
greens, oranges, purples,  
reds & blues & the  
brows, arms & legs.  
Every one seems so

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Hotel Chelsea  
ATLANTIC CITY

Monday July 21.

Dear Mary -

I was awfully  
glad to hear from  
you - the mayflowers  
sent your letter on -  
We got here on Friday  
& are planning to stay  
only a few days,  
before going to Camp  
Perry. It has been windy



tanned - Beach pajamas  
& long coats & slubbed  
& short breeches. I hope to-  
morrow will be pleasant  
so that we can all  
go in.

To-day we went out  
on the Steel Pier &  
saw the Diving horse  
& the Hawaiians. The  
woman Cannonball  
had already been shot out  
of the canon, so we  
missed that.

Atlantic City is  
celebrating a 'light'  
carnival - 50. yr. anni-  
versary of Edison's discovery  
of Electric light - & there  
are lights on all the



Mrs Rees & her  
mother Mrs Paucoste(?)  
are here in deep  
mourning for  
Mrs Widener, who  
died last spring.  
Mrs W. was the eldest  
of Mrs Paucoste(?)  
children. I haven't  
seen the Russian  
gentleman at all.  
The hotel doesn't seem  
awfully crowded,  
but the Boardwalk  
does. I miss you

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building & hotels  
near the boardwalk  
& beautiful new  
boardwalk lights.  
The new Convention Hall  
is finished & a big  
"Show" something  
like the Hippodrome  
is going on. Felicy  
Hopper - Susa - etc  
skaters & etc.



all very much, & am  
glad I am not going  
to be here for long.

The bell-boy &  
head waiter & this pretty  
wife who has charge  
of the hat rack greeted  
us all in a most  
friendly way, & a good

many of the same  
people are here; The  
little flopper crowd  
who usually gathers  
in these little rooms  
in the old part of the  
lobby, are wearing  
sun-tan & carrying  
lips & blister pearl ear-  
ring & look 35 or so.  
They seem to have a gay



I brag, one of them  
gets something.  
Ellen Mary had  
come down with  
measles. Edward  
has picked up  
some of the weight  
~~that~~ he lost last  
winter & having  
measles, but doesn't  
seem to have any  
appetite -

Francis has  
taken possession

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time.

There is a thro'  
train from here to  
Cleveland, so we  
don't have to change  
in New York or  
Philadelphia, but  
go right through.

The children  
seem pretty well  
now. Every time



have changed, again,  
& the little place that  
Brook leased, has been  
sub-let until July 27<sup>th</sup>  
& so I am taking the  
family to Atlantic  
City to ~~morrow~~ <sup>before starting out to Ohio</sup> for a  
week. - It seems hard  
by worth while, & yet  
they are a little tired  
of the city now &  
the hotel. This is a  
very nice hotel & we  
have had a whole

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The Mayflower  
Washington, D. C.

July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Mary -  
It's been a long  
time since I wrote  
you - I was afraid  
of passing on the  
measles which we were  
at Branning for the  
last month we were  
there & I've been so  
nursed & tired since  
we started out for the  
summer. Our plans



wing to ourselves almost,  
on this floor - The painters  
are doing it over, so it's  
rather painty smelling,  
but we make so much noise  
I'm glad no one is near us.

It seems funny to be going  
to Atlantic City & the Chelsea  
Hotel again, ~~and~~ thought  
I had had enough for always  
last summer, but I never  
know where else to go, that  
is near & convenient.

I have a permanent wave -  
I just got it yesterday - It  
looks very nice - They used an  
automatic wrapper to wind  
the hair & it didn't take  
very long, three hours was all,  
including two champoes &  
a set. I think it was the  
best one that I have had so far.



I wish that you  
were going to be in  
atlantic city when  
we are.

The silver set that  
you & Eya sent Ellen  
Mary is perfectly beau-  
tiful - the knife came  
yesterday, so the set is  
complete, & it is a  
lovely one. She will  
enjoy using it very  
much.

I am very anxious to



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I didn't have any  
last summer -

The children are  
pretty lively, & Ellen  
Mary has just taken the  
measles, tho' she had a  
little temperature this  
week for three days, &  
I thought she might  
becoming down with it,  
but she hasn't.



see Betty, and am hoping  
to see her this summer if  
the children keep well, as  
may come by some time during  
the summer, but it is rather  
indefinite. I never make very  
positive plans far ahead.

I've been packing all  
afternoon & feel that bed  
looks very attractive so won't  
write more now.

I asked the Watsons, Mary  
& Sarah to lunch - they talked  
about their trip abroad a lot.  
They seem pretty well -  
with much love to you  
all - write to me soon -  
affectionately  
Grace.



to stay here until  
I had it re-invested.  
One of the men  
at the bank gave  
me the enclosed list  
of what he thought  
good - I got some  
Pennroad 100 shares  
they seem to think  
it will make money.  
A good many of  
these have advanced

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Washington, D. C.

July 18<sup>th</sup> -  
Dear Eye -  
The cheque arrived  
yesterday & I went  
down to invest it -  
I put it in bonds  
& in some stocks.  
Thanks ever so much  
for getting it, & sending  
it on to me - I wanted



in the present <sup>upward</sup>  
movement - ago - <sup>he gave me the list two weeks</sup>

I got some Jim Ken  
Roller bearing <sup>stock</sup> last fall,  
& they have been good.  
Mr Bobson is strong for  
Niagara / Hudson Power  
stocks.

The Niagara / Hudson power  
I bought at 20 <sup>some</sup> years ago  
is up. N.Y. Curb.

Bobson has given some  
pretty good advice, on the  
whole.

I am not going to Atlantic  
City, <sup>straight to</sup> but to Ohio - Brad  
took a cottage for us -  
He writes its been cool



To see Betty. She  
must be cute as  
can be.

(mine)  
The children are  
pretty lively travelling  
companionous now.  
+ I am changing nurses.

I saw Sarah & Mary  
They look well. Johnston  
lives with them now.  
They asked about  
you.  
+ Miss Johnston, she

I have been  
taking the  
children to  
various doc-  
tors here &  
am about this  
now.



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So far - It's been cool  
here, all but three  
or four days.

We are all pretty  
well, but hold life is ~~not~~

The silver for Ellen  
Mary is perfectly  
lovely - did Mary  
see it? I am anxious



you and Mary their  
love - She always makes  
a big fuss over you  
all.

This hotel is very central,  
but very dear - our laundry  
this week was \$6.00 but  
of course we had a lot of  
it & it was beautifully  
done & came back the  
same day that it was sent.

I got some of the bonds &  
stocks double starred on the  
list. I am enclosing.

I have been intending writing  
for a long time - I guess Mary  
thinks I am a poor correspondent  
but will write her soon.

Glady says Edna wants her  
to come out to visit - Moma is there  
at Knox now. Love to the boys &  
Sonia, when you write her & the  
baby - Love Groce.



I sent Gordon a little graduation present - to the boys some special things the other day.

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May 31<sup>st</sup>

Dearest Syre -

I answered your telegram + got your letter the next day.

I think it is probably the best thing to dispose of the Sainsville Varnish Co.

Shall they pay us any interest on the use of our money during the current



year up to the time they  
pay the first cash instal-  
ment. They are making  
10 % profit up to June, &  
then 10 % on the half that  
isn't paid until next January.  
We shall lose our whole  
year's dividend - if they  
do it.

I don't know much about  
the arrangements, but should  
think they would. Did they



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pay an extra cash dividend  
this spring - I suppose  
as we are ~~selling~~ <sup>selling</sup> out, that  
that is all included in  
the price, the Company is  
paying for the Stocks.

Perhaps the P.G. Company  
will buy our stocks at some other  
time or part of it at various  
times.



Francis is getting over the  
measles very nicely, but  
hasn't been out yet. I  
suppose that Edward &  
Ellen Mary, may get it  
but am hoping not. If  
they do our leaving here will  
be postponed some weeks. I  
have never had measles either.

It's been very warm here, but we  
have occasional cooler spells. I  
hope that I will be in Washing-  
ton when you come through from  
Yale. Best love to you all -  
Grace.



You must use your  
judgment thro; - I  
would be willing to  
get \$20.00 if they  
will buy it.

Perhaps they would  
give \$26.00 if they  
bought a block of it  
~~of it~~ each year.

The Fed. Reserve Board  
seem to be trying to

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Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Syse;

I have been meaning  
to write you about the  
stock price for the P.L.  
stocks. I would leave  
it to your judgment.  
Could ~~you~~ you ask \$26.00,  
I think you said that  
was the par value &  
then let them make  
a come back offer - ?



stop speculation.

Brad has a friend, Ross Harrison, who is the son of an Army family, - & the brother of Ross Harrison, the present President of the Federal Reserve System; & Ross Harrison told Brad that his brother seemed to be between two fires, that the Wall St. interests were all for the continuation of the Wall St. booming activity <sup>in stock</sup> speculation etc, & that Washington was always calling him down to the White House, & bringing pressure in the other direction, so that I suppose eventually prices will quiet down.



I would be glad to  
sell mine at \$20<sup>00</sup>  
if they will buy it all,  
or in part.

Hances was delighted  
with the lovely blue  
toilet set that the  
children sent her -  
It seemed to be just  
the thing, she has a  
little blue dresser, & she takes  
quite an interest in her

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& one can buy stocks  
more nearly at their  
real value, & we  
could do better buying  
in the stock market,  
good long growth  
stocks & bonds, than  
by holding the P. G. stocks,  
which is going to be a  
losing investment.



things. The other Easter things  
were lovely too & look so  
pretty on their table in their  
room. They loved Easter. I  
dye a lot of eggs - & eggs  
have been in evidence for the  
whole week since.

The pictures of the baby are  
dear, & very good of

many - too; Frances immedi-  
ately took the one of Mary  
& the baby, for her dresser -  
I'll get it later, & put it in a  
safer place.

I hope that the P.G. will  
buy our stock.

Love to you all -  
affectionately.  
Grace.



warm for keeps. We have  
had lots of rain too.

Edward is out again,  
but looks a little white  
from his recent stay in  
bed.

Brad has been making  
kites out of colored crepe  
paper, there is a fine  
open field behind our  
house - & all the  
children on this street  
come to watch the  
performances. There are about

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Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1939.

Dearest Ezra & May -

The weather has turned  
warm here for a while -  
& there are blossoms on  
a spraying bush against  
the house - The sun  
felt really hot two days,  
it was 76° on the shady  
side of the house. I  
suppose that it won't be  
long now, before it turns



forty or more children along here,  
on this street.

Last night we took the Pees  
(major ones) into see a little  
play in Columbus - It was very  
funny, but only a stock company.  
Sometimes there are quite good  
operas etc. but Columbus is a small  
place & the best things don't ~~stop~~  
there.

Eyas' letter came this evening.  
I hope Gordon's cough will be better.  
He graduates from High School this  
February doesn't he?

We listen to the Courier Journal &  
Louisville Times Radio Station nearly  
every night - It is almost the best  
one from here.

Love to you all -  
affectionately

Grace

What is the name of your red rambling  
rose? I thought I would plant some here.



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Dearest Syra -

Your two letters came  
yesterday & I was glad to  
hear that the Avery stools  
was on the mend.

I have 201	com.
30	1st pf.
50	2nd pf.

The 201 com. was given me  
in adjustment in setting up



mother's estate to set of a  
cash distribution to you  
I believe & the estate has  
the same number hasn't it  
of common.

How much ~~is~~ the value  
of mother's Real Estate now.  
Has it become much more  
valuable since her death?

I think that it would be a  
good idea to build the  
four stores as you suggest.



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When they talked about it  
before the Trust Co. thought  
the expenses should come from  
the income - I didn't think

so, and I notice your suggestion that the Capital  
be used to build them. That seems better to me.

Will you be able to rent  
them easily on the <sup>7th</sup> ~~side~~ street.

They say that you should  
get 10% in rent on your  
investment in real estate, but



I suppose you have to ask  
the results <sup>whichever</sup> customary in  
the locality you are. Did you  
tell me one time that  
the whole piece of Broad-  
way property had advanced  
to 150,000.00

Real estate in Washington is  
way down now. Is building  
cheaper in Louisville than  
it was a few years ago?  
We have some friends here  
who were caught in the Florida



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crash. (Major & Mrs Van Fleet)  
Major V. Fleet is a Floridian  
& his property, worth ~~500,000~~ 500,000<sup>00</sup>  
in the boom, is practically  
nothing now.

I gave Brad your pictorial letter to read &  
Brad said to tell you  
that he was so interested in  
the landscape that he couldn't  
read the letter.

I liked it — The stock you



how are wonderful looking  
animals. You must be  
awfully proud of them.

I am enclosing some Babson  
sheets - I want to keep the  
two I have marked for reference,  
so if you don't mind sending  
them back when you have  
finished with them.

Love to you all -  
Grace.

When do you think Avery & Will  
will leave?