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FIFTY WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET
NEW YORK



Mar 11, 1941

Margaret, My Dear:

I do hope that you had a good trip home - especially the first night. I was somewhat dubious when I saw how narrow the seats were.

Had a pleasant supper with the Stevens. Michael seems to have accepted me as an unalarming part of the scenery. We almost finished the puzzle and I put the finishing touches on it after I returned to the hotel. I amazed myself by figuring out armalo as a mosaic gold and selskin as a kind of chinese porcelain glaze.

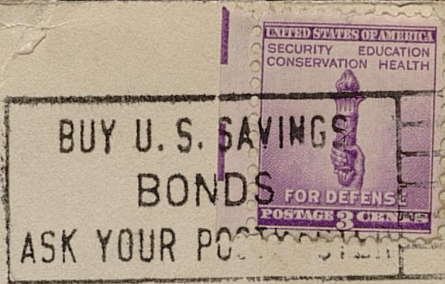
Anna is so sorry for me that she almost weeps when she sees me, "you poor man!" you would think that was about seven.

Tonight Foster and I had dinner with Dean and Blanche Wells. Blanche looks much better, but has given in her resignation to take effect as of the end of the year. The School, however, has asked her to take a year off and keep the question of return open for reconsideration at the end of that time. Dean is on the wagon. We must have them out when you return.

Foster is leaving for Florida at the end of the week. He told me that he was tempted to take the coach but decided at last that he couldn't stand the company.

I do hope that you found the family well. Give them my love.

your own,
Hugh



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My Dear:

Last night John Dunlop and I were out on the tiles - to the extent of of dinner in ye little Eat' Shoppe and two \$1.10 seats at "Separate Bedrooms". It is a very weak comedy by Alon Dinehart and some other mouse-brained playwright. Dinehart. The only thing of real interest was that I remembered so well Dinehart's place near that of Barry corners - and the relics in the corners house.

John tells me that

Earl and Meredith are about to get a divorce and that Earl is picking up the threads of an old romance with a lady worth thirty million. John wasn't certain whether she had already had three husbands or only two. Her grandfather was the Howleigh of the company which must have supplied the Reno County farmers with soap and tooth paste, or maybe it was Walkins.

The Heidelbach matter was closed today. The elderly partners seem to have become fond of me. It's too bad that they are going out of business. My chief feat was locating a Shakespearean quotation that had eluded them. So you see how we big business men fill in our days. Foster has become so absorbed in the new toy that he has given up his trip to Florida.

I enclose a card from Anne.

The old ladies have been quiescent since you left. I shall look in on them over the week-end. I have felt that I couldn't really stick an evening of bridge with them.

Alice von Orden has asked me to dinner on the 24th.

It was good of you to write so soon. Give my love to everyone.

Loveingly,
Hugh



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March 16, 1941

Darling:

Today has been very quiet but I have been busy for hours on an opinion. Did you ever stop to think how much time lawyers spend on legal opinions and papers which will serve their purpose and then become waste paper in a very short time? Much of the best literature has been written with less labor and zeal, less struggling for precision and exactness, even less learning and imagination. But the curse of our trade is that it is uninteresting to anyone

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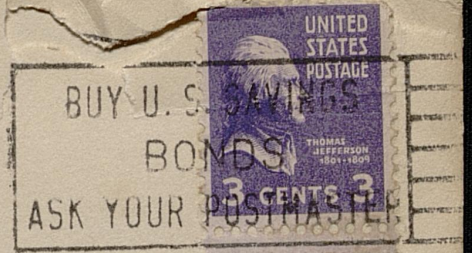
except those whose immediate affairs are in question. Except of course in the case of a few men like Marshall, Toney and Holmes.

Had a cocktail with Mrs. Irwin tonight, and she became very reminiscent. I gather that she had such a good time after she was left a young widow that she had no time to marry. Thus I will say for her: she doesn't live too much in the past. In spite of age, infirmity and change of circumstances, she retains her interests and zest in living.

John and I are going to Greenwich next week-end - the weather permitting - but I shall return here for the dinner at the war orders and to meet you Tuesday morning. Poor John seems lonely. We ought to be able to pick a wife out of the hat for him.

The newspapers are full of stories to the effect that the British are sending 200,000 men to Greece. If so, it is a brave thing to do. I only hope it is not also rash. I can't see how they can hope to withstand the Germans on land. Perhaps their real scheme is to hold Crete and keep the Greeks from collapsing.

Good night, My Dear,
Hugh



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March 19, 1941

Darling:

I have never started a letter with so little news. A letter from home tells me that Kit Hall has joined the church. He must be getting on for seventy and he has had quite a gay time, so he will no doubt be recorded in the heavenly books as a used and old model. Little Mollie is lovely to look upon - says her Mother - has a sweet disposition and a large appetite. Loretta is sick. Cousin Earl and Zellner have fallen out because Zellner has given

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the Bondana postoffice to
the wrong applicant.

Foster got away on Sun-
day. We won't count this
week as part of his winter
vacation.

Had dinner with Johna-
Goin right before last. He
alarmed me by starting
his dinner with an old-fashioned.
Then he expressed sincere
fears for me because I
had a small Welsh rare-
bit for dinner, along with
tomato juice, a big lettuce
salad and pie. Said that
I was recklessly disregard-
ful of my digestion.

Went down on the
subway yesterday with John
Coskey. or is it Coskie? He
is getting fat and is al-
most humor. Eleanor is
going to New Mexico for three

months. John agrees that we should retire to Arizona because the money we make in New York does us no good anyway. In typical form he said that he had had a fine year in 1940.

Malcolm has called me twice to invite me to stay with them. I think, however, that I shall be more comfortable at the hotel.

I do hope that you get back Tuesday as I have been lonely the last few days. And I shall be delighted for you to bring Margaret Lane.

I have been appointed to the office committee, which is quite a bore. Already I am having any number of grievous slones to hear. And I have lost Dick Kent - which solves a problem for me. He has gone to the Crockett office where I hope he will find better luck.

I have accepted an invitation from the Pfizenmoyers for the last Sunday in this month, couldn't get out of it.

Have read "Mr. and Mrs. North Meet Murder" and discover that my scheme for pushing you under a subway train has been used. It's going to be hard to think up another as good.

Love,
Hugh

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Darling;

I arrived in good order this morning although I found the trip a hard one. Luckily I got a sleeper from Chicago, the middle of a tier of three berths. The additional cost was \$2.10, and I thought that cheap enough for a night of good warm sleep. The crowd was as poor in appearance as usual.

Miss Jennie came to lunch with me at the Colver House. She was very well-dressed and in excellent spirits. She speaks of the home in the highest terms - her only complaint being that some of the old ladies are too inquisitive. Miss Jennie, by the way, has a large bump of curiosity. I can't tell you how glad I was to see her again. She wept a little when I put her on her car. I suppose that both of us thought that we might never meet again - although she seems to be in perfect health.

Pauline had the apartment in apple-pie order. She has lent me a radio and alarm clock, had a vase with a fine yellow chrysanthemum of

my favorite variety and various knock-knocks which she obviously thought the place needed.

Miss MacGregor arranged for a telephone to be installed tomorrow, number Bromeray 7-4479.

I do hope that your Mother is feeling better and that you will enjoy your stay.

With love,
Hugh

P.S. Make your reservation for a berth as soon as you get to Chicago. I did that and even then got only as far as the middle of the last open section.