Feb.4th., 19

Hello Gene dear: -?

Just to show you I am some Steno., and can play this old Oliver as well as you can the Remmington here goes. Gene, I've had one awful time the last month, had a light case of the "Flu" and then a perfectly good upper right molar acted up and I had to have it extracted, tried to take Gas believe I am too hard boiled or something, however I let them go to it without anything and 8I'll say that pain will long be remembered. I had it done Wed. Jan., 29th. and this is Feb.4th. and my face is still swollen and my mouth feels like --- excuse me Gene but have you any idea what it feels like all my teeth feel too long. I know Gene you are interested in me still but I don't want to worry you with my troubles which are not ( little ones).

I hear from Emil now and then he wants to get out of the Navy so bad but they still hold on to him. He is stationed in Cleveland, on some receiving ship maybe you hear from him.; Had a dandy letter from Art, said he was near you but had not seen you, wonder what kind of a show he is with. Suppose he is some actor. Too bad he says he is going to take a position in N.Y. when he returns why don't he come back to Chi. you are I hope. Some very good looking gentleman came over to the office the other day looking for some things that Art had that belonged to him I think a dress suit Ect., but I was sorry they were not here. Guess Mrs. "Van" sent him here she has gone away again. So I gave him Emil's address thinking Emil might know about it I know he sent some things to Art's mother.

I saw in the paper last night that the 159th Inf. were on their way home "Buster" is in that bunch, his mother wrote and said she expected him home any day, I wonder if he will wire me also. I don't believe so but I'm not worried. Did I tell you the report is that he is engaged to Miss Talmadge sister of the famous Norma.? I have the ring anyway and a lot of other nice things.

Just answered the phone a very nice young lady wanted me to come over to her home to play 500 this afternoon, doc, wanted to know if they thought I didn't work any more. Doc's a dear any way he sure is good to me. Art says it's a wonder we don't get married maybe it is better this way. If he reads this letter I know he will cut that part out.

So your dear sweet wife has stopped teaching, oh she should rest and just take it easy. Give her my love when you write. I hope when you are back living in "Chi" I will be able to have you come out I know mamma would be crazy about Marx. Haven t been out with any "Gorilla's so to say for so long I won't know how to act when I have a regular date. Must stop and treat myself pretty by that I mean wash my mouth out with some nice warm Lavoris. Hears hoping you will be home soon and save the Frenca kiss until then. Much love as ever,

Poor mista

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