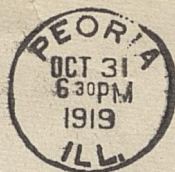


Oct 31, 1919

Dear Doods -

Buddy sure was
sorry that he could not come
up Dear. I sure do want to
see you. The Boss told me
at first that 2 could have
2 nights off + then he changed
his mind + said only one.
Am working 14 hrs. nights
this week. Am going to
work right away. Catch
a 4.15 terminal to the Keystone.
Sure do get enough work +
not enough sleep these
days. ~~At~~ Doods I'll sure
be glad when you can
come down. Maybe I'll
quit this job some of these
days. Told you didn't, 2 that
I made \$5.98 one week.
Will write again Sunday. Your Buddy



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

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[1919]

East Peoria
Oct 16 times

Dear Helen -

Was awfully sorry
not to be able to take
in your club party and
would have written
you a note about it,
only I met Luke in
Peoria and she
promised to explain
to you. I thought she
would probably read

you sooner than a note
of mine. Anyhow I
fully realize that I
missed a "rattling"
good time.

I am thinking of
starting dancing classes
in Washington if I can
get a sufficient number.

I wondered if you
would be willing to
find out for me, how
many of our crowd
of girls could take.

I am learning the this
year's steps from Miss
Coleman.

Would plan to have a
class for couples from 7.30
to 9.30 P. M. on Saturdays.
Terms \$5 (per couple) for
six lessons. Also a class
for girls from 2 until
4 P. M. Terms \$3 for six
lessons.

Maybe we can stir
up a good time after
all, this winter.

Mother sends love.

Truly
Everingly

PEORIA

DEC 17-18

11-30AM

Ill.



Miss Helen Hungerford
Washington
Illinois

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Tell Buck, your mother and
all the cats and dogs to
be prepared for some lovin

Love

for

[Postmarked Sept. 25, 1919]

Thursday A. M.

my Dear Helen:--

Your letter just received this
a.m., I'll tell you why.

I've been shopping, have been
in the city from Saturday
until last eve.

Came home on 6:30, but
didn't get a way home at
once, so by the time I
arrived every one had
retired, so I knew
nothing of your letter until
this morning.

When I tell you I'm not
coming this week, don't
shoo me, will you? Let
me explain.

Mother isn't well, said
she has been sick since
Sunday. I asked her
why in thunder she

meet me?

Haven't seen Don since he was here, was speaking to "Cork" about driving to R. he would love to but ~~you~~ you know ~~he~~ has no car and hates to ask for the "Olds".

Must hurry, or I'll miss the mail, please let me know about next week, "Humpy" I will get to Rochelle yet, will save the rest of the news until I see you.

she didn't phone me, she said she didn't want to spoil my shopping expedition (dictionary please.), so I'd really feel mean to run away again tomorrow after being away all week.

Say! "Humpy" how would it shit, if I should blow in about next Thursday October 2nd? And would you please tell me when and where you would



Miss Helen Hungerford,
Rochelle,
Illinois

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Ella Best was here a few days
last week, she is looking fine
Isabelle Diney Ella & I went out
to see Joe Sullivan one afternoon
Ella is going to go to school in the
East. Ray Sencubaugh is home
looking just like always, he is
going back to his old job at Forest.

Mrs. Kent, your old neighbor, is
very sick, don't expect her to live
over 2 days. They are all home from
the Fair now & are pretty busy
again, they brot a little colored boy
with them & he is a joke, we nearly
die laughing at him.

Write & tell me what you have been
doing, give my love to Ruth & your folks.
Sincerely, Zona.

At Home

9/18/191

My dear Helen-

Suppose you figure
it is my turn to write.
I found your box of powder
in the car door the other
day also a handkerchief
which I will send you tomorrow.

Florund & I went over to
the Implement show today,
but it is "junk". Have been
having rain for past 2 days.
Is just pouring to nite so
we stayed home.

Mama & Mildred were gone about two weeks to St Paul & Wisc State Fair with papa & Harley, so just 7 lo, Wellington & I were here at home. & we certainly had a time, wish you would have been here.

I sold \$725 worth ponies while they were gone. Saw the best show at the Orphenum last week, have seen most every show since they opened up, they've had some pretty ~~bum~~ shows but last week was fine.

Got me a new pair of shoes last wk but after I got them home I didn't like them at all, they have such a long vamp, patent bottom & light kid top, so today I bot another pair of button low heels, brown bottom & tan suede top \$4. aren't they terribly high this yr. Did you get any yet? That's all I did get so far, want a new dress pretty soon.



Miss Helen Hungerford.
Rochelle.
Illinois.

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in ~~metamora~~ Saturday nite one
in Encke Tuesday nite.

Have't attended the ~~impromptu~~
show, but expect to, perhaps
tomorrow and Saturday.

Drove the "Olds" to the city
yesterday, attended B+K's fashion
show, was rather dis-appointed.
saw a few good looking
hats, wasn't crazy about any
of the suits.

~~Well~~ ~~Humbly~~ ~~in~~ ~~reading~~ ~~this~~
letter with "Cork", so call it
a letter, will write you
again next week.

Doodles of love
for.

(Postmarked Sept. 18, 1919)

Wednesday eve

My Dear Helen:- Your nice long letter
received, and you know I am
always glad to hear from you.

It will be impossible for me
to go to Rochelle this week, as Julie
is in Chicago, and I don't like
to leave mother alone, I
won't promise week from
Friday either, for I wait some
new birds before I go, and
I expect to get them some
time this week or next, so
if I get all "doodled" up, I
may blow in last of next
week, will let you know.

Surely would be fine if
we could steal the car
"Cork" and I, and take Don
along - but ? ? Will let
you know about that also.

Suppose you had one big
time entertaining for Don, and
of course you "would" be glad to

lunch were anxious to get home, so he didn't get to carry out his plans.

They drove home from Yellowstone in just a week, some dining, ate dinner at Omaha Saturday and supper in Washington Sunday eve.

They had a wonderful time and I'm ready to go with you in your old "Ford" any time you say.

Had a letter from Ruth some time ago, guess I'd better get busy and answer.

Have been having a pretty good time, lots of good pavement dances, and I now have another "man" plays in the Majestic orchestra so I see all the good shows.

There is to be a pavement dance

see him. ???

Yes! Ray L. is home, arrived last Wednesday a.m.

Helen, you should have been here for the pavement dances Wednesday nite. We had some time, danced until 1:30 "Old" Day is just the same, and some dances.

Frank brought Ray home with him Friday nite, was here all day Saturday - went to the city with us in the B.M. and came back for supper.

Then a bunch of them went to Beoria, Frank, Ray, Don and Earl W. L. was home for week end.

Then Don came home with Frank Saturday nite, or Sunday morning, I think it was.

Frank said he intended coming home ^(with us) by way of Rochelle, but some of the



Miss Helen Hungerford,
Rochelle,
Illinois,

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him at the Laritua -
inua in Perua -
Just a few days before
we left I remember
Mr. Smith coming across
the street, shaking hands
and we had a nice little
visit.

It seems that he as
papa departed early -
and I believe as time
goes on we realize more
fully just what our
parents are to us - we
have a deeper conception
of their love and care.

[Postmarked Sept. 2, 1919]

Dear friends -

We have thought of you
so often and I intend-
ed writing before this -
Mama died I returned
from Bay View, Mich
last Thursday - we were
indeed shocked to
hear the news of the
death of Mr. Smith -
he had always been a
long acquaintance and
friend of the family
and mama recalls so
vividly when she met

But death is a universal
experience - and none can
escape - however while we
know these things it is always
a sad flow - yet we do believe
that God knows best and
death all things well -

Mama has been very
much run down since
papa is gone - but just now
I am so happy to tell you
she has much regained her
self - and seemed natural
again -

We were at Bay View about
eight weeks - and it sure
is an ideal place - We had
a lovely room and boarded
this time - you know we
usually do our own house
keeping - but this way there
was a complete rest -

We met so many lovely people -
and of course enjoyed the
lake - the Chatauqua which

You perhaps know
Elizabeth is in North
Carolina - near Asheville
again engaged in
mountain work - she
is well and enjoys it
there.

Frieda is in New York
City - has been a
month in the early
summer - She resigned
at Bluffton College and
wants to take up social
work.

I am planning to
leave next week for

lasts six weeks - then
there is a University
course and a school
of Music - quite a
variety is it there -
I also had a lovely boat
trip to Mackinac Island.
Bay View is becoming
popular for Illinois
people - We have a large
club organized there
now - by the way I was
on a committee with
a Miss Turbington from
Rockelle - do you know
of her?

New York to meet her - then
we want to go to Boston etc
returning to N. Y. where we
will spend the winter to-
gether -

Of course, I hate to leave
mother - but she says it is
our opportunity together
and she will make her
home with Jose's and
Pete - They are so anxious
to have her come -

Alta is thru High School
and will stay at home a
year before going further on -
Mildred has one more year
in country school - The girls
have grown so - you would
hardly know them -

Helen I wish you would
visit me some time - I
sure would love to see you all
Mama joins me in sending
love and sympathy

Julia S.

Sept. 2nd.

Mrs. Frank Hengeford,
Rockelle,
Illinois.



R.F.D.

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From
J. L. Reed
Washington
Ill.

FAYON, GRACE & PINE CO.,
MARIETTA, GA.

had sent it.

Well Helen at last I'm
in a home of my own again
and about as happy as
anyone dare be. My things
that have been packed for
four years - looked like old
friends to me when I
unboxed and unpacked
them. We are going to take
some snaps of the house &
I'll send you some so you
can see what we look like.
You see we celebrated our

Indianapolis - Ind.
August 28 - 1919 -

Dearest Munk -

After raving at you
for never having answered
a letter I wrote in Omaha -
and then finding said
letter recently in a magazine
that was packed with some
army books in C. I feel that
I owe you an apology. It
was all stamped and ready
to send and I truly thought I

3-5 year - or wooden anniversary
this year by buying another
home. It is the long living
room across the front, type.
A mahogany & white staircase
goes up one end to a landing
where there's a big window -
seat and double windows.

In the other end there is a
white tile and mahogany
fire place - ^{also} a couple of
french doors leading into the
dining room.

Perhaps I'll better wait with
the rest until I know
my address

whether you care to hear
about it. We are so enthused
over it I imagine people
must get tired hearing
us talk about it. But
really - if we had planned
one and built it ourselves
we couldn't have made it
any more complete than
this one. We've been making
drapes between acts of putting
up grape jelly etc. Some jobs
I've let me hear from you
real soon Hanky. My love
to you all - Hope this finds
you & the folks well. Billy
15 East 34th St. Indianapolis Collins



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rochelle,
Illinois

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Mrs W. F. Collins
15 East 37th St
Indianapolis - Ind.

Saw Griffiths' Broken Blossom
wasn't very crazy about it.
Went to the Opium one
with it was "rotten". No good.

Saw Hazel Wagner R. and
her sister one day, but
didn't get a good look at
her sister, but sis
said she wasn't beautiful.
So the next day I saw
Hazel, she was alone
and stopped to talk. She
said she saw me the
day before but I was
fast before she really
saw me. I'm really
quite curious to see
said "Lady". Hazel didn't
seem terribly enthused
about her.
She said they are

Footmarked Dec. 16, 1919

Mondayrite at home
My dear Helen: - I'm almost dead
to the world, didn't get in this
a.m. until after two. And worked
like the ~~o~~ all day, washed and
ironed (can you beat it?). But
there's a reason, I'm on my
way to the city tomorrow 10:30
a.m. for a few days.

Oh! I'm having real luck, my
dressmaker (Ladys) is coming
to Ely's Wednesday and Thurs.
(her first time out of the
house since spraining
her ankle.)

Tomorrow I'll get my
materials and decide on
patterns. I'm going to have
a dark blue satin and
a new waist and fix
over my two evening
dresses.
If they make up nifty

I probably won't need your dress
thanks awfully much. it was
mighty nice of you to offer it, and
you never can tell. I might
holler for it yet.

was in Beonia all last week
except Saturday. Found your letter
one from Ruth and one from
Ray. You know he was
planning on a show Saturday
nite, but couldn't get off. He
didn't go to see Bob D. either
seemed quite disgusted with
his job.

wasn't much doing in the
city on account of fuel shortage
stores open from ten to five
theatres from six until eleven
no dances except Murphy's
candle light dance, and I
don't believe I'd care for
that - Frank thinks them
heaps of fun ??

Here's a hum one for you "A girl
went into a music store
and asked for "twelve inch jazz"
the clerk started to smile, so
she said "well! what are you
laughing at, it's a record", he
said "well! I guess it must
be some record."

Haven't written Mike for
ages must get busy, the
mice think I'm forgetting
him.

Ruth is quite fortunate
having so many nice
shoppers, says she has
all her clothes made
n. every thing, soon will
be Mrs Brooks. Every one
getting married "Doods"
but never mind we
can shake a "wicked
hooff" while they shake
the babies.

Oh! yes, I didn't tell
you what I went to
Georgia for last week.
Hunted the city for
some one to run

living out on the farm with
the folks and Earl's wife
gets along fine with the
work. "Huray" so nice
for Maria.

Did you stayed a day
longer in Georgia, and
you didn't have company
after all did you? (at home)

Of course you had a
quiet enjoyable live at home
like the previous one. Ahem.
Some sick, some mad
and the rest happy. I'm
glad Casey lets the stuff
alone, for if he didn't
we would fight all
the time.

Did like to know
where those kids were

I can tell you one who won't go again. — the sick man. Ha-ha. a good cure don't you think?

Haven't seen a thing of Don. and I believe he hasn't been working all the time either has he? Seems to me the Haystack has been closed on account of fuel. Perhaps he has been to Rochelle.

I don't think he had a thing to tell me. it was only the "spirit" — don't you think, so don't let a little thing like that worry you. Guess he must have been saying heaps of nice things about you to Cady on the way home in taxi.

We still have the sweater. I never think to give it to Frank, guess I'll have to attend to giving it back, this cold weather might make somebody wish for it.

I suppose you are having some "lone" times these days, and it's ideal weather too isn't it? "Ball" won't need to go out side for fresh air, just open the door a little.

and looked at ready made dresses, until I was sick. You know Frank had a letter from Miss Richardson asking him up to a house party (weekend). His sis was included. Said if we couldn't come she would plan for us for holidays.

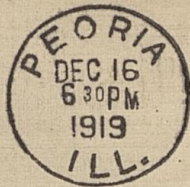
I wouldn't go, didn't have any thing new, so Frank ruined her.

We hope to drive up in the sedan, if the roads stay good.

This sedan is some little boat, you know how cold it was last nite, we were warm as toast all the way home.

I found a new vaist white
in Beonia combination red
and blue, rather pretty, I
think. I think I've done pretty
well considering. Don't you. for
really I am tired as a dog.
Will say good nite
with heaps of love
Shorty

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Miss Helen Hungeford,
Rochelle,
Illinois.

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[Postmarked Jan 10, 1920]



Mary, Mary....
quite-contrary,
how-does-your
garden-grow?

Roanoke Ill,
Dec. 28, 1919

Dear Helen

I had a very
good time
Christmas.
Aunt Flo and

Uncle Oscar gave me
a doll 24 in high she
has blue eyes light
curly hair a red and
white dress black
shoes and stockings.
and a bead loom that I
can make things on.
and a silk cap on the

order as my old scotch
hat. Lola gave me two
boxes of writing paper one
is plain and the other
has old mother goose
pictures on it, and
two red hair ribbons.

and a pin cushion and
a story book. Grandma

Drennen gave me two
story books. Raymond
gave Donald a climbing
monkey and me a

game. Grandma
Hungerford gave me
a silk handkerchief.

Aunt Flo and uncle
Scar gave Donald a

pitty and an auto.

Grandma Drennen gave
him a lot of blocks.

William gave him some
harness with bells on
it. Lola gave him a
knife a fork and a

spoon. Many thanks for
the package. With

love

from Audrey

Dear Helen

I hope you

had a happy

Christmas

Donald

From Audrey Drennen
Roanoke
Route 2 Box 5 Ill



Answered

Miss Helen Hunsford
Rochelle
Ill

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Xmas shopping. (Early) Who do you suppose I found doing the floor-walkers act in Block 8 Kublo's. Genie's furnishing left? No-body more or less than Jack Spring.

Mildred and I went to the Orpheum Friday P.M. It was pretty good. While we were there Selva happened in. She had driven over and asked us to ride home with her. I sure was tickled because I was so tired I could have dropped in my tracks. The idea of waiting for the seven o'clock train didn't appeal to me.

Monday Eve. Dec. 22. [1919]

dear Helen:

I am almost ashamed to write this letter but I really didn't realize how long ago it had been that I received your letter until your grandmother called me up yesterday and wanted to know if I had heard from you. She was afraid some of you were ill.

I've been busy as a bee every day since you were here and don't seem to accomplish any-thing either.

I went to Peoria Friday to do my

I suppose you read about Dr. Bennett suing Mrs. Virginia Carr for a \$50 doctor's bill. He lost the case and now she is suing him for \$300 for damages, hospital bill and other Dr. Bill. Say, there sure was something crooked there when Dr. Bennett lost that case. Selva was telling us that Patty shot her mouth off about Dr. B. to John Lanton who in turn told it to Dr. B. — Dr. Bennett had Pat called to the stand to prove what she said. Selva said Pat was some peened young lady.

I heard you were coming down for Xmas. How about it?

~~Soon~~ after Thanksgiving a lady came to mother and told her that Donald Heiple gave a dinner at the Jefferson Thanksgiving Eve for four people that cost him \$50 and after dinner took his guests to the theatre where they had box-seats. Ha - Ha. How news does collect.

Everything is the same out this way. no-body has changed or done any-thing different.

We are mailing you and
your mother a small Xmas
remembrance. Wishing your folks
and you a very merry Xmas and
Happy New Year.

I am assured
Your friend & aunty
Bess.



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rochelle
Ill.

R. F. D. #1.

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Mrs. Lawrence T. Smith
Metamora,
Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Countryman

announce the marriage

of their daughter

Ruth Sarah

to

Mr. J. Brooks Parker

Wednesday, December the twenty-fourth

One thousand nine hundred and nineteen

Rochelle, Illinois

Mr + Mrs. Hungerford.
+ Helen.

PEORIA, ILL.

Dec. 18th '19.

Dear Helen & All:

Your letter was recd and
was glad to hear from you.

Did your folks come down? You
said they were coming, but I didn't
see any thing of them or hear any
thing of their being down.

Yes I found the pictures you
left here & should of sent them
to you before this but I have been
real busy sewing.

Raymond now has the
"Chicken Pox" for a change. He was
real sick all last week & was
out of school most all week,
and Sat. morning about 9:30 he
got up & was broke out from
head to foot & we called the dr.
and he tho't he had Small Pox, but
said he couldn't say for sure, be-
fore Sunday & he would come
Sun. O.M. but he came Sunday Morn
and pronounced it a case of C-Pox. We
were glad it wasn't any more.

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We expected them to put up a quarantine card as the doc. said, he would have to report the case. But 6 days have gone by and they havn't put one up yet. If they don't put one up I think he can be out by Xmas, but if they do, good bye for it is for 14 days. He gets tired being shut in, when he isn't used to it. We havn't been over to see the folks since the Sun. you were here, the next Sun. Isaac felt so bad, and last Sun. Raymond was sick, I guess they will be glad to see us when we do go.

I was down town Tues. P.M. and rubbed elbows with J. Sullivan and Mrs Seehaas for about a half hour but they didn't know me, (Joe never does) I bet if it had been Lona she would of known me. I got a Xmas. present to-day —

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Rather early but was appreciated
any way. Lura sent me a nice
black ^{and} white percale apron made
with a bib and straps ^{and} large pockets
and trimmed all around with
red rick rack, its real pretty.

We were invited to a party Mon.
night but didn't get to go.

Didn't you think strange
when Isaac couldn't take you
to the depot? When he got back
from Hattie's his engine was like
it was on fire he could hardly
get home, it was froze.

Could you eat your lunch?

I have Stewarts rompers all done
made 3 pr and they are so sweet
I sent one pair to see how they
fit; Edna said he said.

Enna don't I look chute in my
new suit. I'll send the rest in a
Xmas. box I'm fixing for them. I want
Ida's Xmas this year to be brighter than

PEORIA, ILL.

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it was last year.

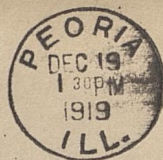
Are you going to get down
for the Holidays? You will have
so much wedding, I don't suppose
you will be able to Navagate.

I must close and get
some supper for my hungry
boys. I washed this morning
and I am tired.

Write soon & tell me all
you know. It don't seem to me
like you were here, you stayed
such a short time.

Come during the
Holidays if you can. You
can let me know any time
you come will be O.K. with
me.

Love from Nellie



Miss Helen M. Hungerford.
Rockelle,
Illinois

P. R. 2.

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For
Mrs J Wright
601 Ind. Ave
Peoria, Ill.

BURKE & TWEDDALE

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
201-2-3 MAYER OFFICE BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 1495
PEORIA, ILL.

December 13th, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hungerford
and Helen,
Rochelle, Illinois.

Dear Friends:

Received Helen's letter dated December 10th, stating the reason for you not being present at the meeting set for that day at Washington, and your reason of course is quite satisfactory.

The others were all present that afternoon, but stayed until only about three o'clock, when we felt sure that the lack of train service was the cause of your not being present. They all realized that it must have been that you could not be present or you would have been, and everything was pleasant. Nothing whatever was taken up nor done nor spoke of except the cold weather, the coal strike and lack of train service.

We will fix on another date in the near future, and thought perhaps maybe you folks would be down about Christmas Time anyway, and if so, we would set a day just before Christmas, or just after Christmas, between Christmas and New Years.

Kindly write me on receipt of this letter and let me know if you expect to be in Washington at any time about or during the holidays, and if you are, that will save you making an extra trip, and we will set a day while you will be here, that will be satisfactory to all.

Kindly let us hear from you and let me know if you expect to be in Washington about or during the Holidays.

Sincerely yours,



AHB/AC.

IN FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
A. H. BURKE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
201-2-3 MAYER OFFICE BLDG.
PEORIA, ILL.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hungerford
Rochelle,
Illinois

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Nov. 13 - 1919

Dear Doods -

Thursday morning
11 o'clock & I haven't gone
to bed yet. Have to get up
at 2.30. Am getting too
much sleep this week.
Got your picture yesterday
& thank you very much.
Have to buy an overcoat
this afternoon. I see 2 weeks
has slipping by. Don't know
how glad I'll be Dear
when corn husking is
over & you can come
down. If you'll stay in
Peoria the weeks 2 work in
the day-time I'll come to see
you every night if you'll

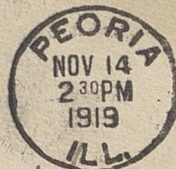
let me. Guess I ought to
quit my job but hate to as
I am making good money.
Will make between 60 &
80 dollars this week. You
wonder why I need the money.
Well you know every day
isn't Xmas & I sure have
had some expense, buying
clothes etc. Pay ^{\$}78 insurance
this month. In a few months
I'll be on my feet. Costs me
almost ^{\$}10 a week to eat, have
car fare etc you know.
Well I guess you don't care
about my expenses so will
cease raving about them.
Must get to bed. Regards to Ma & Pa.
Love you Woods, think of you every
day & am only waiting for the time
when you can come down. Your Boy Paddy

News items —

Shoes — \$1.3

Hat — \$1.8

Sample of the above prices



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

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At Home

May 27, 19.

Dear Helen,

Rec'd your letter tonight & am awfully glad to hear that you intend to come down this week. I hope you get here for Tree Coalbrook Day. I am sorry I couldn't come up last week, but I hope to see you when you are here.

Yes, last Sun. was the first nice day we had for a whole week. I'll bet you had a nice drive. I know I was wishing I was fortunate enough to

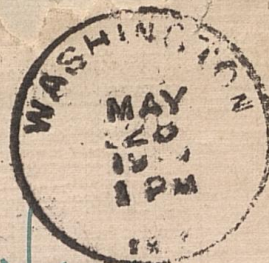
over a car. I sure hope it
stays mine for a while.

I got a long letter from Fred
to day from Tobley. He does-
n't know when he will
get home as they are add-
ing more men to the Rhine
forces instead of sending any
of them home. I sure wish
he would come.

Tell Helen there isn't any
news so will quit & here
hoping I see you sometime this
week. Are you going to drive
down?

Yours friend
E. E. E.

Expense paper



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

R. R. # 1

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Wm. Howland
Washington
D.C.

At Home
May 22, '19.

Dear Helen,

It is with regret that I have to write & tell you that I can't come up this Sat. An unexpected thing happened to day. You know we started working Sat. last week. Next week we day off Thurs for the big celebration for the returning Res. soldiers & we won't work Fri either because

of Memorial Day. So when
I spoke to the boys to day about
getting off this Sat & Sun Mon
he didnt seem to like the
account of being gone so
much next week. He asked
if I could wait a couple
weeks so I told him I
guess I could.

So you see Helen how it
stands. I am awfully
sorry & I wish I would
have known it before I
wrote last Tues.

I hope you won't be offended

in any way & if the in-
vitation still holds good I
will be glad to come up after
Decoration Day.

As ever

Your friend,
Helen I.S.

Thurs. eve.
five-thirty.



Miss Helen M. Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

P. R. #1

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At Home
May 20, 19.

Dear Helen,

I rec'd your letter this
eve when I got home &
will ans. right away. I
will be glad to come up
next Sat. I found out a-
bout the trains to visit &
they run the same as al-
ways. I will get in Ro-
chelle about six-thirty on
the Milwaukee.

2.
Has it been raining up
there. It has rained here
for two days. I just came
home from the show and
I just about froze.

Said intd they had "Civilization" I was hoping the train
at the show. I couldn't
go on account of band
practice, but they say it
wasn't much good anyway.

Well Helen there is -
n't much news so will

tell you ^{all} Sat. I guess I
will write Fred S. a few
lines before I turn in.
He is still in Cobey Gen.
He is anxious to get home too.

am not as late as I
will see you about six thirty
Sat eve.

Your friend,
Glen W.

Open writing.

Miss Helen Hungerford
Rochelle
Ill

R.R. # 1

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Glen H. Howells
Washington
D.C.

Metamora, Ill.

May 11, 1919

Dear Helen:

At last I got away from the place. It has rained here for two weeks and about all I have seen in that time is rain and mud.

Last night Laurence, the hired man, Rae and I started for town. We got within a quarter of a mile of the gravel when we run into a mud hole and there we stuck for two hours or more. By backing and going forward we finally got out and came home. We got home about eleven o'clock.

We went to town another way to-day and ^{found} good roads all the way.

Are you having any luck
with your chickens this year?
I am have the darndest
time. I haven't an
incubator and of course have
to set old hens. The old pests
fight all the time.

I was sure glad to hear that
Ida was getting along so
well. I have tho't of her so
often.

No, I haven't driven the
Dodge since we had it.
We have only used it twice
the rain and mud prevented
Monday May 19.

One more ~~see~~ try to make
the ripple.

I have been feeling like
the "dēvil" for the last week
I worked in the garden all

day last Mon. and it happened to be the wrong time of the moon. Result - I haven't been worth two cents all week and still feel like I'd rather be in bed than any where else.

I went to Washington Sat. night but didn't even go down town. Smitty couldn't go to the movies on account of his eyes and I didn't care to loaf around the square.

His eyes have become infected (I believe that's the word) in some way and he is having quite a time. I have a pair of goggles to wear when working outside or driving. Whenever we pass a house where he knows the people he will pull

them off. He's afraid they
will think he is "stuck up."
O' gee.

I hope that the sun
shines to-morrow so that
we can wash. We haven't
been able to wash on
mon. since we bought
the washing out-fit.

Dona B. and Mannie
are still stepping around
to-gather. Alice Birkett
told Mild that Mannie had
invested his money in oil
and he received a check
for \$1.00 every day or week I
don't remember which. Now
I don't blame Dona, I
would enjoy helping him
spend \$1.00 if I ~~was~~ young
and single.

Did you hear about Frank Sullivan accident? He ran into the bridge east of Will Heiple's on his way home. He rode along on top of the cement side - Just tore the car all to pieces - I believe they said ~~there~~ they had to purchase a new body. That old Pete was sore. Frank was thrown out but not hurt.

I talked to Esther awhile this evening. She had Desabella over for a week end about two weeks ago. Desabella is not going to teach next year. I saw Esthers baby over at Streid's about two or three weeks ago. She looks like Esther. Brown as a berry, black eyes and

hair. She is mighty cute.

Pete S.^{tried} told some one that he didn't have to go to the bank to have his income tax made out that he had a smart wife. Sound very Petish don't it?

Some week end if it doesn't rain, snow, hail or any-thing else we hope to drive to Rochelle - but I doubt if said Lopes are every realized - We will let you know if we ever start.

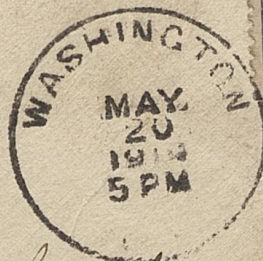
Mama and Blanche are coming out this week to sew for me. I have a blue taffetta and two cotton dresses to be made. That is the extent of my wardrobe this summer.

Lawrence finished planting corn Sat. P.m. Needless to say I am glad because he planted from early morn till late at night. We were never done with the dishes before nine o'clock.

I don't believe you will ever come back W-. It will ~~soon~~ be a year since you have been home.

Well Doods I must cease and retire because to-morrow is wash-day.

Love to family -
As ever -
Bess.



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rochelle,
Ill.

R. L. D # 1. 100

Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Metamora
Ill.

long to see you, it's been so long since you were here.

How is Ida? was so sorry to hear about her & truly hope she has recovered by this time.

Bess's baby is so cute, wish you could see her, we were out about two weeks ago.

^{Florence} made me a blue silk suit & grey voile dress, about all I will get this summer, What did you get? Inez has a cape & pretty black hat. I got a grey cape about two months ago.

Write soon with lots of love
Lona-

At Home

May 13-19-

My dear Helen-

Am ashamed to have waited so long but Helen, we have been awfully busy. Since the war closed the pony business has taken new life, we are selling lots of them and it keeps me busy writing, making out pedigrees, etc.

Manny has been back about a month and we go quit a bit, then ever since I had the flu, I had such back-aches, so have been taking Electric Treatments in Peoria twice a week, have ten more to take, & you know I didnt tell anyone only Enez I was taking them & they all think I'm going to get married cause I go to Peoria so much, let them think it, I dont care, this is the worst town for gossip. So you see Helen. I have plenty to occupy my time dont you think so? Then yesterday we bot a new car, I drove it home from Peoria, we surly need one & I'm so glad we got it. Velie with white wire wheels. Helen I wish you could come down, I would just



Miss Helen Hungerford.

Rochelle -

Illinois

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J. B. Huyb.

Washington, Ill.

after the first reel & Geo. I
told it because I wanted
to see it so bad. Hix.

Say did that war trophy
train go thru Rochelle? I
saw it in Peo. It came thru
here last Fri. but didn't stop
long as West went over the
top in the Victory loan the
first day. How are you proud
of your old home?

Say Helen I spoke to
Manny S. about drawing up
but I knew it would be of
no use because he doesn't

Home
May. 6. 19.

Dear Helen,

I just came home from
the movies and I got
home one without get-
ting wet. Are you getting
much rain up there?

Last Sun. I sang at Capt.
Berney's funeral & also
marched to the cemetery
with the soldiers & sailors
here, about fifty of us, and
we got soaked. It poured.

down all the time we were
at the cemetery & coming
back. It was sure a big
funeral & it was sure well-
known to.

There isn't any news ex-
cept of course it has rained
every day for a week. I haven't
been doing anything either.
Last Wed^{ness} I went to Peoria
to a big Oddfellow doings
at the Shrine Temple. I had
a nice time only it rained. It
So you had some trip

through the wind? I can
see you sliding all over
the road in your 'flover'.

Last night I went to the
show. Bought a ticket &
went in a little ahead of
time. I didn't make what
the show was & was hop-
ing it would be good. Well
the show started & it was
Uncle Tom's Cabin. I had
only saw it about a dozen
times. Well it started to
rain & the lights went out

happen to own ⁵ a car just
now. I guess I will have to
talk him into buying one.

I would love to come up, if
I have to come alone. Would
like to come before Decoration
day. I could come on the
twentieth or the twenty-
fourth.

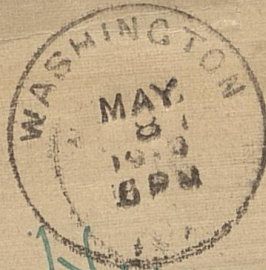
Well then it is getting
late & near bedtime.

Write & let me know if
it will be alright to come
up a week from Sat or any

time convenient for you.
I know you people are
busy and I don't want
to put you to any inconvenience.
Give the folks, regard &
be careful & don't get stuck
in the mud with the Ford.

With Best Wishes

Your friend
Glen W.



Miss Helen M. Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

R.R.# 1

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Glen Hornbeck
Washington
Ill.

picture. He sure looks fine
& hopes to be home by the
first of June. I hope so.

We started up the village
band last night. I suppose we
will be giving our most
popular concerts again this
summer. You want to come
down & hear them.

I suppose you know that
Rev. Holgren has resigned
& is going to preach in Peoria
the first of May. And Rev.
Ezell also is going to Peo.

Washington Ill.
April 15, 19.

Dear friend Helen,

It has been so long
ago when I rec'd your letter
that really I am almost
ashamed to ans. But any-
way that is my failing, let's
write.

Today was election day
in Wash & I just got back
from town to get the re-
turns. Mr. Roberts was re-
elected over Mr. Haeplin by

sixty three ²vols. I expected
it to be closer. Well you
see it pays to have a stand
in, with the ladies, tho. Any-
way I don't care as one as
the other suits me.

Well Helen what are you
doing these nice spring
days? I suppose your father
is quite busy. And I sup-
pose you still find time to
sneak away with the Ford.

I am still in the J.P.W.
machine shops & working

every day, ³but we are only
five days a week for a
while. There is plenty of
work & I don't know when
they do it unless perhaps
they think we make too
much money & I know
that couldn't be the reason, tho.

I joined the J.O.O.F. in
March so I had plenty to
do in the evenings for a
while.

I got a dandy letter from
Fred S. last week & also a

5.

When you know last night
I have across a bunch of old
letters from you. I sat right
down & read every one of
them & spent a pleasant
half-hour. You know it
does seem a long time since
I seen you. Last summer
was the last time you was
in Wash. Wasn't it?

Well you don't want to
forget us down here & crank
up the Ford some day &

drive down.

Tell Sam I want to write a letter to Bob Stormer yet this morn. Poor Bob. He is so lonesome now since Garnett died. He says at times he doesn't feel like living. You know they were very devoted to one another. So I want to write & cheer him up & tell him a little news.

Tell Helen I would

love to hear from you if you are. I too busy to write and give the folks my best regards.

How for a little smoke. With best wishes I am always,

Sincerely,
Glen H.

nine thirty



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

R. R. #1

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Box 566
Washington
D.C.

made it very interesting
for you kids, I know
we could have found
a dance, and a few
more exciting things
& Really "Hunky" I'm
really dis- appointed so
you must plan to
come, we, (Frank & I) will
plan the entertainment.
As for my self I expect
to see Rochelle before
three, possibly two weeks
of "doin'" keep all the
popular men, whatever
you do be generous.
You & Ruth bring your
men and drive to
any time. Sorry I
did not get your letter sooner

Postmarked July 26, 1913

Saturday 8. m.
my Dear Helen :-
Have been expecting to hear
from you all day yesterday
and today — but, as yet
nothin' doin'.
Perhaps I owe you an
apology, but I'm sure
when I explain you will
understand that I'm
not at all to blame.
Did not get your letter
until yesterday (Friday a.m.)
Sister Ethel has been sick
I think she had the "Flu"
any way whatever it
was, was contagious
for many one ill in
Georgia.
I went over there
last Saturday eve on
8:45, expecting to come

other letters for me too,
and Julia said she
would have sent
them to me, but they
looked for me every
day.

As soon as I read
your letter, I immediately
called Bess and told
her to let me know
as soon as you came,
for I supposed you
would come any-
way.

"Cork" and I put on
our little "think caps"
to plan some thing
interesting, and I
believe we could have

come Monday eve, but
sis was to sick to leave
so I phoned saying I
would not be home
until she was well
enough to leave, so did
not come until

Thursday eve 6:30

Frank came in for
me, but did not
want to come home
immediately, so I
went to Cousin's until
about 10:30.

When I came home
I went to bed at once
and did not know
about your letter until
yesterday morning.
There were two.



Miss Helen Hungerford,
Rochelle,
Illinois.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

633 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROCKFORD, ILL.

July 24, 1919.

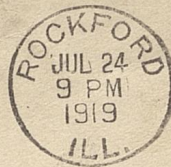
Dear Doods:

Was very sorry I did not get to see you the other night and also that Dude was not in town. Waited until after 8 o'clock for you but suppose you had some flivver trouble.

Next time you are up this way you must get over to see us -- and if friend wife is not in Rockford -- you surely won't pass up

Denny.

D D Frederick,
ARMOUR & COMPANY
Rockford, Ill.



Miss Helen Hungerford,

R F D

Rochelle, Illinois.

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I want to go some time soon, but will wait until after you comes to W. if you are coming within a short time. I spent the week end in Beoria, and I haven't fully recovered yet, I'm so tired today can hardly sit up. Have been working too.

Let me hear from both of you soon.

Love

"Shorty".

[Postmarked July 16, 1919]

Tuesday B. M.

My Dear "Ruth" & "Helen":

Have been wanting to write you girls, but have been expecting to see you Helen, in Washington. Perhaps you will be here before this letter reaches you.

I have been awfully busy and the weather has been almost awful, so I haven't felt like writing any one or going any place.

Last eve, however the weather man favored us with a shower, so I feel like living today.

What do you girls find to amuse you in Rochelle? There hasn't been very

There was a good boat-
excursion for the "Soldiers",
"Sailors" and "Marines" and
their friends, last Friday
nite.

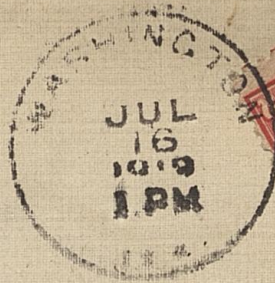
Frank saw Lawrence
some time Thursday
and he said Helen was
coming some time
that day, so we were
planning for the excursion,
so you see we were
dis-appointed. I did not
go either, but Frank had
a wonderful time.
"Hunkley" you have almost
as hard a time coming
to Washington as I do
going to Rochelle, but

much doing here, just as
dead as ever.

There is to be a dance
tomorrow nite, but I'm
not at all sure I am
going.

What did you do the "4th"?
I went to Beoria, went
canoeing in the after-
noon, had a chicken
dinner at Mossville,
and came back to the
city for the 9:15 show,
had an awfully nice
time.

We had quite a good
Chautauqua this year, but
I did not attend many
times, was in Beoria
most of the time.



Miss Ruth Countryman,
Rochelle,
Illinois.

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Washington Ill.
July 9, 1919.

Dear Helen,

To write was bandaged
into but it is raining so
I am at home. I have
intended to write before but
it just seems as tho I
couldn't get to it.

I have been expecting you
down almost any day in
the last couple weeks. I saw
Suntly a week or so ago
& he said you were coming
on the Fourth.

Well Helen how is every-
thing in Rockwell. I suppose

every body busy.

There coming was a fizzle
this year. Every body to buy.

The Chautauque was alright
but no crowds. Of course
"Myer's fancies" played every
evening except Sat. when
we had a regular cloud burst
here. Lots of people had to
move out & gardens were
ruined.

I have played dances in
Melanios every Sat. night for
a couple months. Some crowds.
I go up again this week.

I saw Mr & Mrs Wright
come through town last

Just after noon from the north & I thought maybe they had been to Rockville.

Well Helen I must quit as my pen is on the bum as you have no doubt noticed. I hope you will come down real soon. Write when you find time.

Your friend
Helen J. D.

Please excuse this awful looking letter.



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockelle
Illinois

R.R. # 1

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Glen Harbors
Washington
see

Washington July 18th 19th

Dear folks

a few lines to let you
know how we are. we are
murther one of well by a
long shot ma is in bed
now its hard for her to
get around. and I got it
in the back I can hardly
get up when I am down
we had a big rain here
last Saturday there was 6
inches of fall in less of
one hour. it washed Calus
chickens wheat down the
Creek I dont know what else
I was talking to Frank Dierph
this morning he said he

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had lived where he now
lives for 40 years and never
had water in his basement
before. This time there was
one foot. Some water but
you asked me if I ever saw
Lora yes she said she wrote
to before the 4 but had received
no answer

I saw Lawrence this morning
he had his same for Lavis
you will get the news of
Washington when you get
the Standard paper
please let me know the crops
is up there and about the
stock and if you had much
Rain over

if you have cut wheat
told how it is

Our Love to All
Pa & Ma



Miss Helen Hungerford
Rockville Illinois

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W. H. SOMMER, V. Pres't & Gen'l Supt.
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PEORIA, ILL.

7-9-19

Dear Helen:-

Well I want to call you
down and apologize both at once. I am
giving you a calling for not coming
down here for Home Coming and I want
to apologize for not writing to you. But
the last time I heard from you you
said that you were coming down here
in February or March and you are
not here yet. Do you ~~it~~ know that
it has been over a year since I have
seen you? Don't you think I would
like to see your smiling face once
more.

I'll be frank and tell you that you
did not miss anything by not coming
to Home Coming. That is in especial excite-
ment. You can have just as good a time
whenever you come and I
sure hope it won't be far off.

Address Reply to the Company,
marking the same

For Attention of

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PEORIA, ILL.

I don't know any news or anything
that would interest you except that I still
love you in the same ~~old~~ old way.

Offers a bushel of love

as ever

Ralph S.

Address Reply to the Company,
marking the same

For Attention of _____

After 5 days, return to
KEYSTONE STEEL & WIRE COMPANY,
PEORIA, ILL.



Miss Helen M. Hungerford

Rochelle

Ill

Q. J. S.

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Ruth Mercer is visiting
Inez and they asked me to
go with them to Eureka and
Conser tonight - We are looking
forward to a good time
Home Coming and surely want
you to come, now be sure
Helen, am anxious to see
you. Maunty & I are a little on
the "outs" at present, but we'll
chase around in our car won't
let a little thing like that bother
us in the least. Lovingly - Gona -

July 1-19-
My dear Helen -

Well it's a shame
Helen, that I didn't get
to write you sooner, I have
thought of you every day but
we have been terribly busy
the past two weeks. Have
had pony buyers here almost
every day, then they were
up in Chicago showing ponies

last week and we shipped 25
head of ponies to one party first
of last week, had some time
getting them all together, then
they are so rushed with farm
work, had ten acres of peas
to take to factory, wheat is ready
to cut, haven't the corn laid by
yet and they just got started
making 10 acres of Hay. Of course
I don't have to help with any of
this last but you know how
it is, late hours etc. - so that's
the way it has been every day.
We are looking for some pony
buyers from Chicago Thurs + Fri.
It is terribly hot, don't see how
they can stand to make hay
will be glad when they are thru.

Miss Helen Hungerford.
Rochelle.

Illinois.

R. F. D.

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J.B. Huff.
Washington.
& Co.

Aurora Lee

June 24, 1919

Dear Helen:-

Suppose you think
I am a great one for
not writing before now.

Just got home from
Peoria Sunday Eve had
a lovely time considering
the fact that I suffered
pain most all the time.

Harry and I went up
after Baby yesterday
Grand Ma is quite feeble
I couldnt stay there much
for every time I had a
bad spell she thought

I was going to die and
always found her with
tears in her eyes,
Grandpa is not very
well either. Isaac took
me up to see Donald
and Audrey they sure
do look fine. Cecil went
back with Nellie and Isaac
and they will leave him
at F. L.'s. How is Bernard
and all the rest of you
I saw Louisa and she
wanted to know if you
were coming down to
home coming and I told
her I thought you were

Well Helen I will have
to quit for I can hardly
see to write at all. Has
John washed his feet any
more. Harry and I are
coming over to your place
some Sat night and
spend some that is if
you want us. How is
your mothers cough?
I certainly do hope it is
better. Now write once in
a while and let me know
how you all are. Now
I want you all to come
over for I don't want any
hard feelings between

us. Well I must
quit for I am all in
a tremble just from
straining my eyes.
I am going down next
week and get different
glasses.

Your Loving Aunt
Ida



Miss Helen Kinnerford
Rochelle

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Lee