

Did you
get the
'doughnuts'?

OFFICE NO. 94785, THIRD CLASS

United States Post Office

ALTHEA FAE SMITH, Postmaster
MATTAWAMKEAG, ME.

"Monday Night"

Ellsworth dearest:

T'was nice to-day....even tho' it was too short, wasn't it?

I was as busy as could be all the afternoon.....my report is done
but my remittance is not made out yet...I'll do it after 8 o'clock.

It's quarter of eight now and my mail isn't up or even started---

but I wanted to put just ~~this~~ little bit of a note more in my letter!!

I geuss that you came down again in just the right time the way it's
snowing to-night-----Your dad says that you better stay up there.....

as 'snow storms' always follow your visits!!!!. But, 'Fae' hopes you'll

come whenever you possibly can....don't forget it!!!. Loving "my boy" heaps...*???*

Yours.

Fae

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How's **MARRIED LIFE** *this?*

When I start with my kids for a walk in
the park,

And the oldest one wants to go straying,
And the babe in the carriage I push starts
to howl,

And Ruth with the swans would go playing,
And three-year-old Bobby, altho' he can walk,

Sits down and says he must be carried,—
Well, at times such as this I'm inclined to
believe

'That there isn't much fun being married.

But when from the office next day I get
home,

And my wife has a nice dinner waiting,
And I'm thrilled by the touch of small fingers
and lips,

And listen to glad childish prating,
Then my heart is aglow and I quickly forget

The worries by which I was harried,
And I say to myself with a satisfied smile,
"O, golly—it's great to 'be married!'"

Boston.

FRANCIS McMANUS.

I was talking with "Ollie Nicholson" this P.M.
I have my office decorated with "Red Leaves"
and she was admiring them, so I said "Spose that
you can guess who brought them to me"---and she
said "Yes"---You're SHEETIE in Medway!!!!
"Correct", I said.

'Keag, Maine.

Tuesday Afternoon

'Lo dearest boy:

Ten minutes and it will be supper time, so
you see, "Beeswax," that I must hurry--therefore
the typewriter again!

How's my boy been feeling to-day? Pretty tired,
I know, but I do hope that "Althea Fae" is
forgiven for 'keeping you up so late'!! Cheer
up, Harold was later than we were!!! (But he
didn't have to drive to Medway---I am really
always sorry that I don't send you back before
I do, when I think of the long drive you must
take before you can have any sleep---please
give me CREDIT for thinking about it, even tho'
it doesn't help you out much!!!!!!

I was late this morning, and didn't get up until
7.25---Mama said that she called me but I couldn't
remember that she did--I hurried some after I did
awake, swallowed my breakfast whole, and went to
the office with no powder on my nose---my hair
flying in all directions and the worst looking
sight that you can imagine!!!! Of course the
office was full of people waiting for the mail,
folks get around earlier in the morning now that
school has commenced.---I shall have to make up
for my 'tardiness' to-morrow morning---I'll start
in my going to bed real early to-night!!!!

I hope that you will feel like coming down to the
wedding---get lots of rest to-night---you know---
but if you shouldn't feel like coming to-morrow
night, I'll go with somebody---I mean I don't want
you to come just because of "Me"--See!! But please
remember that if you do feel like it I hope that
you will come----I'll send you home real early,
Honest--Promise I will!!!!'

My Ten minutes are up and then some----Bye,

Loving you heaps and heaps and HEAPS--

Jorgie's dirty
type writer
is going to clean
it tomorrow

Yours,
Joe.

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"Monday Afternoon"
5 o'clock.

Ellsworth dearest:

If I could write and not have it gush a 'painful job' I would, as I should like to write 'my boy' a real nice letter, but as I can't, forgive me and the typewriter too. See!! You see, I do know that a letter isn't near as nice written on this thing (to you and I anyway) as it is with a pen or pencil....

It's a good thing you are not coming down here to-night....as it's terribly foggy out, and it must be terrible hard trying to drive a car in it. I can't see a thing out the window.

First, and fore most, I'm very, very pleased with my little watch bracelet..it's 'darling.' I'm not wearing it to-day...I'm going to keep it good to wear when I 'dress up' and on 'special occasions'...See!! As said before, I've noticed one similar in Sodens book, and have had my eye on it..I think I should have had one some time....but ~~but~~ I'm glad that you have given me one...it's lots more fun to wear something that you have given me. At supper time, when I was showing it to Audrey....Mama rather dampened my pleasure by saying, "you want to get all you can now, you won't get anything after you're married".....Things like that,

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even tho' I know it isn't true....HURT...just the same. IF I didn't know YOU and I so well... I might wonder....but we'll show them.... that there are people that can be happy after they are married. Won't we? I'm just aching to show them too!!!! THERE..so much for that....you and I are 'lucky'....and we know it...Yes, Beeswax?

I shall be so glad when 'our week'..next week..is here again. I'm already worrying about the roads....I'm so afraid this warm weather is going to spoil them. But I know you'll come somehow, if it's at all possible.

Gosh, It's 5.30 now....my time's gone and I havn't said 'anything much'... have I? I should have 'started in ' before....but...I've been making over some house aprons that I bought. They're made like the 'white' one that you liked last summer...a dress and apron all in one. They're not 'white' tho'.. one is pink, and one coral, and the other 'orchid'....the shade that you said you liked the other Sunday. Remember? I like the style of them..I never happened to see them in 'colors' before...until I saw these...so I immediately purchased them, \$3.00 for three. They're awfully easy to wash and iron...perhaps that's why I like them....but they do look neat and cute too...

"Supper" now - more later.

Yes - M!

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Date: 7.20

Prolougue:

Before I forget it again...the other night I was talking with the teachers here in the office and telling them about you, (it was last Friday night) and the 'shifts' that you had to work, and where you worked and etc. (it was Ruth Huson and Marguerite White..I don't think that you have met them yet..) and I told them that as you wouldn't be able to come down Sunday night..I would be all alone and that I would like to have them come over...and they accepted with pleasure!!!!!! Now...comes my story....there was a man, a rather 'oldish', nice looking man...reading the notices in the 'meantime' in the office. When the teachers went out he said " Did you say that your husband worked at the power plant at Medway? I grinned and said " No, not my husband..my friend....and he begged my pardon, and said that the reason that he asked was because his brother 'Johnny Noilen' had worked there a year ago....which was the last time that he had seen him, and he was wondering if he was still there. I told him that I did n't think he³ was there now...in fact I was pretty sure that he wasn't as I had often heard you speak of him,...but I did tell him that I was pretty sure that Johnny was still in Medway.....and he said that he 'Garfield Noilen' would like to see him very much...as he hadn't seen him for a year....and he wondered if I would ever see 'Johnny'...and that if I ever did...

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to tell him to come to the station and see him....as he would probably be there now for 2 or 3 weeks.....as he was cooking for the crew that is working on the bridge. I told him that I would tell you....and perhaps you would see Johnny....and that possibly...if Johnny wasn't working he might be able to come down and see him somehow..perhaps with you....now honey....you know 'circumstances'.....and you do as you want to...or can do about the whole business.....Quite a #8246 STORY...eh?

Ruth and Marguerite came over last night about 8 o'clock....we played and sang....and Mama made coin balls...I helped make them in balls...and we enjoyed the eveningbut it was nothing like having YOU dear. I enjoy having you so much that I know I don't enjoy some things the way I ought too. I can't talk or think of anything or anybody but ~~897~~ YOU...and I guess every body knows it....and I'm glad they do...I always say 'maybe' I'll do this or that to them....if Ellsworth doesn't come down....but if he does...than it's our evening....and that's ALL there is to it...and they have to understand. The teachers thought that I was better off they they were...because I did see you once in a while...and they didn't ~~their~~ 'beaus' but.....even at that they knew that I was far from satisfied....with the few short evenings that we have. I could write on and on and on...and I know you would understand just how I feel.

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I'm 'hoping ' for a letter from 'my boy' to-morrow morning...I 'hope'
I won't be disappointed!! I wish you could only know how much I wished that
you was here last night.... I wanted talk to you so^m much....nothing in
particular....only I just wanted you...

After you left yesterday afternoon....I read...and did nothing else until
supper time....and then after the girl^a left...I finished reading ~~my~~ book..
it was go good.....and it made me want you more. I'll tell you the rest of
it that I didn't tell you if you want to hear it....it ended different from
what I had remembered.

I'm sorry that I made you loose your dinner Sunday..yesterday... you was so
good to me...came to see me...gave me the ride...and then 'the lovely bracelet'..
I hope that you got back O. K.....I know that you didn't have any spare time...
I hope that there was no 'mishaps'.....I wish that I could have gone with you..
but I always wish THAT...and you never take me....but you will someday...
won't you?

Well, sweetheart...I've really got to get busy....everything is ' behind the time'
I don't expect that I will get thru to-night....I don't care if I don't!!!!.

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This is surely a 'spasm'.....will it make up 'a little' for all I have ~~written~~ written....and for the nice letters that I have received....I hope it will. I was hoping you would call me on the 'phone to-night...and I came near calling you.....but was afraid we might have a 'bad ~~condittion~~ condittion, weather being unfavorable..and I ~~knew~~ knew that would be worse than not calling you at all.. so I didn't.

We can get the Lincoln Orch. for Easter....we heard from them to-night...so I'll have to make some posters to-morrow...and send for them....we want to get advertised (the Danforth Orch. is playing in Danforth the 18th. East Monday)

Had a card from Harold to-night...and am enclosing it.....

Heaps of love and kisses for my boy...

Yours,
Jae

Ken. Mary -
Thursday P.M.

Lo Sweetheart,

It's 5.30 this minute so spose I shall
have to be knitting as have been making
gums and money and so all this
blessed afternoon!!!

Garrie and Papa both went ^{off} housewiring
this morning and they got some
"beauties" - I took a bouquet up to
your mother, I think so good to
me and there's so little I can do
for her! She was pleased. I also
sent the bunch Garrie got yesterday
to "Mabel" this morning - I know
she'll love them too! I've some
pretty bouquets here in the office
now so am going to send
Harold a bunch tonight, as he'll
enjoy them!

There's a "Big Dance" in East
I see there's a "Big Dance" in East
Me Friday night too, "Sunset
Orchestra" gives two tickets

I saw Fannie Thompson out driving
"Hollis" for last night she had
one of the other trappers with her,
looks as if she had him!

The "house party" is next Saturday
night the 2nd of May. I
wrote Harold I would try and
come. I should love to be. I
won't go tho. if I don't feel better
than I did before, that's the way
you have to work Sunday morning
so it will make that much alright
won't it? I only wish dear that you
could go too. I would be so pinch
more fun. I love Harold and
I love you. but you're "you"
and it's so much different.

Must get busy now. so so wish
I had you tonight. Be good to
my boy - Loves & Kisses
Lots of 'em
See

too - given to me for putting up "Posters"
in the store and office!!!

After supper,

Wish you were here to-night just
'cause I would love to have you!!

cc

Mrs Ashley just asked me if I would
like to go for a ride with them
tonight after Charlie's Train comes
in - I'll see if I can't persuade
them that they should go to "Medway".

cc

We had some nice "Front" for dinner
today "Papa's patch" and some of your
wads of "Greens" cc

cc

Last night we had "flap-jacks" for
supper and some real Maple
Syrup cc Guy Hathaway gave me
a hint that he made himself,
wasn't he good? cc "Helen" says
she's coming down to get the mail
as it's getting too serious.!! I
like her chort.!!

Keay, Maine,
Tuesday P.M.

De Ellsworth honey,

It was my boy to night? your letter
of Saturday and Sunday received this
morning - it was a dandy long
one, and I was "tickled" to get it, -
also - the lovely box of "chocolates".
It was nice of you sweetheart. But I've
not opened them yet, they look so nice
& done up so pretty, I hate too, - but
am greatly tempted - so I probably will
before very long.

I am glad that the magazine I sent
you came in useful, and you no
need to bother to send it back, I
don't get much time to read. - I've
been taking the "Quercian" since before
you was too, - but have not seen time
to read it - Papa most always reads all
the magazines I take, so he enjoys
them anyway. when Grandpère use to take
every magazine imaginable - I use to
have continuous stories in all of them.

but not so now.

When your "Dad" got his letter this morning
I said, "I got one too" — and he
said "Ellsworth probably thinks by now
that's his denuded up in the winter sure"
and he said "If a fellow has got a
warm place this kind of weather he
better stay in it. I said, "yes, I think so
too!" — AND of course that's the
sensible thing to do. — But what would
happen if everyone was so sensible?

Jarvis arrived back from Danforth this
morning — Audrey is friz, he stays —
He has to go back next Sat. sure as it's
her birthday and they're having a
"Surprise Party" for her.

You shouldn't say too many nice things
to "Mrs. Pat" about me, 'cause she'll
have her "imagination" picturing some
outrageously nice, and then you see, when
she sees me, I'll be very disappointing,
and I should hate to see the "look" she
would give me then.

It's been snowing some to day and it's
real solid, I've given up hopes now of
having any "good weather" and etc. —

Last night when I got home, Mamma, Elsie, Burtie and Louie were playing "63" and they had just finished a big pan of "Pop-Son"-is. It smelled so good, I wanted some too - so I popped two "Poppers", all by my "lonesome", and "guessed" it all good, and afterwards ate quite a lot of it. 'Course, you know, I don't like "Pop-Son"-is and I know you wouldn't have liked some of it. Oh no!!! Played a little while on the piano and was in bed at 10.30, - The rest were playing cards then I but I intended to be in bed at 9.30 - but if I don't go to straight to bed, the minute I land, I don't get there very soon.

Garbille said they tried calling you on the phone from Danforth Sunday night, he has a boy friend who's "Operator" up there and this fellow lets Audrey talk to Garbille most every night about 8.30, - but it was too late to call you as the Central at Enfield was out. - Aren't they crazy tho? He said they wake every body up they sound, phoning to them. - Bye for now - Love, in everything dear. Yours, Joe.



Mr. Ellis & Hobbbs,
Medway,
Maine.



ALTHEA F. SMITH, P. M.
MATWAWAMKEAG, MAINE

United States Post Office

New, Maine.

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Wednesday Eve, 192

Respectfully

Dear West:

How's my boy tonight?

Bet he went to work

"Pretty sleepy" this morning.

I know I was and

I didn't have to go

way up to "Medway"

either. !!! Sorry.

but you got thru work
today before "I" so

You'll be able to go

to sleep tonight first.

(Some satisfaction)

Enjoyed it & didn't we
Selenax?

I made some doughnuts

again today & right

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Respectfully _____

After dinner, and
 they were "fun" &
 makes me Cuss
 doughnuts are hard
 to make. This is
 my "second" attempt,
 but I am going
 to learn how. !!!
 (Not discouraged yet!)

I am
 enclosing a
 "sample" for your
 "sweet-tooth" in
 Love, kisses & in

Yours -

 Express
 haste

Joe

To:
Ellsworth Hobbs,
Medway,
Maine



MAIDEN

MATTAWAN

Mr. Ellsworth Hobbs,
Medway,
Maine

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