

Sterling Ill

12.30 A.M.

Sat.

Dear Dad and Marm.

your good letter
came in to-day's, and was surely
glad to get it. We just came home
from a party, and its rather
late so I wont write very much
We have been on the go all this
week night and day Mon we had
company. Tue. we went to the
country, and the band concert
at night. Wed we went to a party
Thurs, I went to a picnic up
the river. Tomorrow we will
take in the shows. Sun we

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are going to the ball game,
Mon. night we are going to a
dance. I did intend to stay
until Wed, but since you
want me to come Tue, I will.
Helen feels bad because I can't
stay until Wed. I will leave
here at 7⁴⁰ A.M. Tue. will
arrive at Peoria at 11⁵⁰ A.M.
and leave Peoria at 12⁰³ P.M. and
arrive E. St. Louis between 6 and
7. C. and A. I will go thru
Jacksonville at 2 something
so you write Hazel and
tell her to take that train

I went out to see the folks I see,
but I only had time to see the Harvins
They did not seem to be very much
pleased to see me. Harvins did not
even come up to the fence to shake
hands with me, and, I am afraid
to think what John would do. I
have not seen Jake Bruns yet, and
I hope I won't. Will it is after
1 o'clock, and I am mighty sleepy.
Now do not be long some, for it
will be only a few days more.

Hope you are well. The Loyles
send thier love. Thanks for the
money. I did not need it yet but
I might. Will drop e card to-morrow
Will say good night now and
will see you I see + about 7 P.M.

Love
Leo

P.S. If I should miss connections
at Peoria, will send a telegram, and
will come on the first inter-urban car
I will only have 13 minutes to make it in

STERLING, ILL.
JUN 22
10-AM
1912



Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Eckert.
519. N. 22nd St.
E. St Louis,
Ill.

Tues Am

Dear Dad & Ma

Yours of Sept 14 to
hama, I've wrote up a few lines
& said I'd ans your letter so
will try to do my best.

I've has been just fine but it
started to rain early this
morning - so up him the rest.

He woke up in the middle of
the night with a dreadful
pain in his left leg toe, I
got up rubbed & bandaged it he
hadn't slept any till then so
I gave him a drink of
Elderberry wine (harmless) and
he went to sleep so I heard
him breathing heavily.

Am going to change him again tonight and put him in bed with me as he wakes up the house when he groans or calls & I'm awake anyway so might as well have him handy. He see Pa gets up to wait in him but he don't know where the medicine or bandages are. I thought it was going to clear up but its started in again. My grocery man was just here, don't it mean to get this written & let him take it with him as he's Post master as well. I'll give it to my butcher this noon. I can't get out to mail it I'd sink in the mud country roads here for him.

I take a nap every afternoon so in that way catch up with what sleep I lose nights. I have to get up so damn often to sp:sp. I'm I need lot of rest now - my 5th month, most dangerous Ma gets scared I love so much water every time I get up & at times I imagine its coming thru I can feel the feet and believe me it feels as if a piece of steel was trying to push thru - in my left side & the head in my right ankle not like an egg, I have to lie on a double wheel it starts that agony. I hope I must have it till now as things don't look very favorable here at present. I'm not able to play yet &

if anything happens earlier
which would surprise me I'd
have to send him to a hospital
here in Passaic as he could not
for himself & Pa or maybe I could
get my cousin to come - it will
well know no friends they
come & go soon enough All we
can do is pray & trust in God.

Are peaches big in Sterling?
awfully cheap here but small
and not much of a basket. Put
up three pickles Ma they are
dandy & flavor them with a
little dill & celery seed also.
Big sent me 1 picture - 3 in their
or Big sitting. No all masked up
tho' to head. I think a beauty.

Glad you can get a dress out
of that serge, sure was nice of
the girls to send it, don't you
think so? I can't get any -

thing my under wear as I¹⁴
must go out meet. I have my
blue skirt & coat so must I
need anything - shoes.

Is Mrs Jis not looking
well? Why she said she had
gained 5 lbs - maybe its like
with myself. Ie gained 9
lbs since here but dont look
good - I look white & worn out
but my condition is the cause
of that I suppose.

Pretty good for Cissister. It
big day she is sure I'll have
this too, what do you think
of that now? Her Aunt & Dad.
I wonder who'd be to blame.
I know there have been
several offers to finish it if
Lis wasnt all the Ha Ha.

I too done a little washing already
a few pieces we cant send to the Laundry
they tear so easily. Benit Kungum I
not on its still raining. My Laundry
comes back tonight hope it wont rain
tomorrow as I will want to hang
that out or I'll have to put it down
in water & I hate to do that.

Mamma started with rehearsals at
10 am today left here at 8 so our
Chief cook & bottle washer in this
joint. Have to order everything &
sure do hate that as its a few butcher
& grocer & cant depend on him. He
ought to hear Leo rane when he lette
or brings the wrong thing. Call
him damn like like.

Pa & Leo took car over to Passaic
to the road thru Keiths house. He
didnt have to walk but very little.
Sun a week ago he went to the Dr
with Pa & got along splendid but
stiff from sitting in one position so
long.

Your letter is answered so
I guess Ill ring off as I expect to be
called by Maester Leo Ross and
when I hear that whistle all work or
writing is off for quite a time. Like a
baby when it wakes bath - dress &
nurse it - only I dont have to nurse Leo
Ive got to get his feed ready tho Ha.

Hope Dad will be successful in
finding a steady position. Hope
Gegs Uncle can keep him
would you like to go there? Is
St. Patrick's day near, the reason
of decorations in envelope? A
shepherd.

See but its coming down
heavy. Torita is sticking
getting pinched sitting double
~~up to lay in me position. Always~~
lets me know believe me. here to
lay straight out. on my side
nothing being in my back. Guess
would come thru then I sure.

Well Im thru (as Dad says)
Due to you. best to all
hands of father

P.S. Poots up & feeling pretty good
all but left foot. cant get
his shoe on. eating
bacon eggs
much
mms

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SEP 21
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N. J.



Mr & Mrs Geo. D. Eckert
Sterling
Hill
#509 W 6 St.

New York City
Wed-11. Jan

Dear Ma and Dad.

Will start a letter, in answer, to your welcome one, which came last week. I may not be able to finish this, this A. M., as I only have an hour, and you know how long it takes me to write a letter. Birdie's ^{cousin} has gone, and B. is busy nearly all the time, and does not get much rest. Our little boy, is just fine, getting so cute, and does all the cute little things a baby can do. He is getting his bath now and can hear of him grunt in here. He had two more slight spells, only not near so bad as the one we wrote you of. B. called on some old friends the other day, the Grassis, you remember her speaking of them

They had just rec'd some bacon
from ^{our today} Montana, and gave us a chunk
and B that, how Dad would like
the fat bacon, so sent out a little
piece to you. She told me about it
when I came home last night
We both have terrible colds, can't
seem to get rid of them, B's is loose.
while just as soon as mine does, I
get a fresh one. It has been rather
cold the past two days. I don't mind
it so much. I have a paper vest, and
woolen union suit, which helps some.
We had quite a fire across the street
from us last week. B. got scared a
little, Next day Ma Lewin had our
furniture insured for three years, and
she feels so relieved now. She is so
afraid of fire, since she got burned

Too bad about Jack Flynn

out last winter. I do hope you will be able to get that position from Fr. so you can have a steady job, also hope you both are having good health which is the main thing. My back is hurting me considerable, and right shoulder too, and feet get sore in damp weather (out side of that) I'm O.K. Here is one on B.. She went to the toilet, and made a mistake and wiped on her apron. Did you get our letters we sent for Dad's birthday? I have to stop, and eat, and dress, so will close. Hope you ^{are} both well, and getting along O.K. Write soon.

Always

Loveingly

Bird-Les-Les Jr.



Mr. and Mrs Geo B. Eckert
Sterling
Illinois

509. W. 6th St.

Thurs AM.

Dear Ma + Dad

I'll run your 2 letters
in one. Glad you liked the pictures
of Bobbie + I. I have another film
I got developed + will send more
snaps next week. I'm afraid you
won't think it a good snap of Ted as
he had his hair cut + what's left
of it shows up very poorly. He looks
like Napoleon he has so few hairs
left - not found clodging any faying
pens either - Dad. It's very hard
to get a snap of Bobbie smiling be-
cause he's got to have the sun in
his face (you know) + he naturally
squints.

So I've got you guessing Et. Well
I'm afraid you'll have to wait a
little longer ma as I've been

sick with a headache ever since
I returned + Bobbie too. has been
very ill + is not well yet. he has
sweat high fever ever since I was
evening when put a white tongue
(tripe) and at least 40 sores inside
his mouth. [&] cancers or his it's spelled.
It naturally makes him cross + wants
nothing but to muddle ^(clap) across
in the rocking chair front parlor.

So you see I get no time to get out at
all. if everything goes well I'm
going to Putnam Aug 27. Bobbie
needs shoes + I get them there so
will get yours also. providing I can
I've been told I have to go to
Hearns in NY if that the case
I will have a h- of a long wait +
fear. Well it will please you all
the better. Et Ma. At least when
finished it will be worth around
\$800 - not my saying not just the

Cost in stores, so it must be a cheap thing & you neednt be ashamed of same.

For a time there I thot that Pa gods was off as Pa quid that shop had after 2 weeks since they sent for him was on as his man returns from his vacation he'll try & get some for you no pay. I'll attend to that.

You said to send my gods slight matter if you can make it at your spare moments to send it when you can.

I feel sorry for Anna if she has to return to a place which is distasteful to her, but as you say that sure is a bargain not to be thrown away or over looked well I hope they'll make good.

Is C Gardner's baby here gone? Gee and the baby so young too I

let the feet spread - Anna
Brighams brother in law is going over
there - not on the farm. he is a newspaper
man going for W M C A - he is about 50
years old. See your letter with
your corn, we've had corn 2 weeks ago
(at Ramsey) we've had corn here too
but seems to run very small, about
6 inches long. Fanny isn't it Dad?
It is small for me I like long
ears of corn - of course.

Listen - what means you by looking
down grapes + can in jar - juice.
Do you later then add sugar with
acid juice + make jelly? I must
have jelly of Brodie the boys it is
do we.

He is feeling better again - goes
+ comes like the weather of here.
Perapine will take it. Is that a joke
So Dads got the morning fever
again Et. See he is not young any

more + unable to stand around as
 he used to + it not so easy to get
 plug in a new town - In an old
 man dream. Better stay where you are.
 You don't like the quietness of thoughts
 + I love it I hate to must noise.

You've had a nice cool wave
 at times to cool almost cold had
 to shut up everything + wear a
 sweater in the house of an evening.

We have no coal in 6 1/2 tons. Guess
 Man's theatre must run any more
 if it. I'll heat it + get me
 a job. There was me paid 3 weeks
 ago United Cigar Store \$6.00 weekly
 behind counter if I could get
 such a job I'd take it in a
 minute. Well guess I've scribbled
 enough so will let the finest it off

Write whenever you can I'm top both &
hope you are in best of health

Truly Dear Bobbie
T.P.M.

Hello Ma and Dad

Your letters rec'd
and mighty glad to get them. Will
my family is home again. They en-
joyed their stay very much, and
they benefited by it too. altho both
are under the weather right now
Am sorry to hear that Dad is
having a touch of rheumatism. I hope
he don't get in that shoulder like
I have, some times it is unbearable
feel fair at present I have to make
a trip to N.Y. in the A.M. to buy
a suit and pair of shoes. Oh you
\$95.00 gone up the flue. Bobbie
speaks both English or German
both very plain and distinct. The
little devil is no fool He likes

to work too. Everything is I do this
or I do that. Hope Dad can fix
the car. O.K. without much
expense. That's the worst part of
it. The weather is ideal now,
and hope it continues. Well it is
lunch time and I must go to
town early so will close all
your in love to you both.
Write soon. Hope you are both
well. Lot of love

Lovingly

Leo - Durdie Logbie

Do forget to take this on his
way to school yesterday & hope we'll
think of taking it today - am in
way to Dr. put Bolin will drop
you a card as to the results of
our visit. Can't clean that tongue
or make him go out just gave
him an injection.

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Mr + Mrs Geo Eckert,

Sterling

Ill

308 W. 7 St.

At Home

Wed. a.m

Dear Ma and Dad.

I have just finished
sizing the walls of our bed room, and
getting ready to paint them and I am
alone this a.m. as Ma L. has gone to
Ramsay to see B. and Boobie! Oh but
it has been terrible hot here this past
week, but is some cooler today. We ^{used} ~~ran~~
the worst way I spent I in with
B. and Boobie, and had a fine time.
We picked black berries, and I brought
several qts. home. They are very plenty
there. I can only make a hurried trip
next to I in. as our theatre is open.
A benefit for War sufferers as I have
to work. Our theatre was robbed

last week, they caught the boys who did
it. The trial comes up 7 hours. A M. said
am go^{ing} up to Paterson and take it in
They are 5 boys, from 14 to 19 yrs old.
It looks like the reform school for them
There are some tough nuts around here
Too many nationalities mixed up.
I have 3 more rooms to paint start ing
next Mon. so will be busy next week.
We are going to buy some chickens
from the people where B. is boarding
and see if we can get a few fresh eggs
this winter. Baby is having the time
of his life out there, with the chickens,
rabbits, and a sand pile, and eat. He
is some kid believe me, says some of the
biggest words you ever heard. He is
~~so~~ so glad to see me when I come

Sun. I go to 6 o'clock Mass, and take trolley arrive there at 8.15 and come back next A.M. Boobie will soon be 3 yrs. old. Dad and I will get him his first sailor suit, blue serge. We will have his picture made thru. B. has taken a few out there; if any good will send you some I know some one else who will have a better day soon. When B. comes home, we are going to take a trip Coney Island. I have never been there yet and am anxious to go. Sorry to hear your car is not in running order. hope it is fixed now, as it is so nice to ride there long summer evenings. I guess B. has written you re this. Now I have to drop her a line

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so will hurry. I long to hear about
Mrs. O'Leary. Is she in an asylum,
no doubt I think is she on a young
man, a great chance for the boys
and old bucks. I always am on the
look out to see if any Sterling boys
are among the killed or wounded.
Hundreds of soldiers pass through here
daily, and I have seen so many
transports loaded in N. Y. N. Y. is
loaded down with sailors and
soldiers, I have seen a sight. I have
also seen several battle ships, and
aero planes pass over daily. Well I
have to shove and eat and then
beat it to work. Hope you are both. All
join in love to both. Write soon
Lovingly
Leo.

JUL 24
1230 PM '18
N. J.



Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert
Sterling
Illinois

#308 W. 4th St

From
L.R. Eckert
Carlton Hill
N.J.

At Home

Tue. P. M.

Dear Ma^{and} Dad.

Only a very few lines this A. M. Every one is so busy cleaning etc.

I just came back from town loaded down with bundles. We have sent a little gift. Hope you will receive O.K. The little tree is one B. has had since her 13th year

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we will all be free from The branches pull down
head- or belly aches, you Hope it will not be
will please excuse this broken, The weather is
short letter or note beautiful, and hope it
No doubt you are very courteous. I hope you
busy too. Dinner is ready will have a fine time
and must hurry, as I lots of good things. We
have more stopping to are having a house full
do. Will write a long of company, but I have
letter after Xmas. So in to work as usual. We
closing, let us all wish are going to Mass at 5-
you a very Merry Xmas Xmas. We are all OK
and a Happy New Year at present, and hope

Love from us all
Sincerely

Ed. Leo, Leo Carl

Be bright & cheerful this
joyous day. Let no hope soon to
pass me. Together & then we'll
make up for all these last
years. So far Leo knows nothing
of the contents of box #1 I
sent. so Am anxious to see what he
says upon receiving our first letter.
Merry Xmas to both Jungly Birdie



Mr. & Mrs. Geo. B. Eckert,
308 West 7 St.,
Sterling,
Ill.

Sax

Dear Ma & Dad

Yours to hand has been
glad to get same.

Dad you liked must have liked
like your saying - seemed to me
like my mother's way of thinking
this - it would of been better for
me - no of him I'm not for such
fancy stuff & I know you like it
I know we could of taken the money
& bought something more useful but
it being made I thought you'd enjoy
it better (I'll never mind). It
will be a dandy when made
up. It's not at all the pattern
I wanted but that was the only
all first pattern the man had
the other pattern is at the factory
& stamped there.

In my haste in writing, is this
Our rooms are supposed to be steam
heat but the landlady has not
any coal in & prospect of getting
some looks poor as if you still
have that little gas heater & no
use for it you can send it on by
adams press O.D. if you
wanted to send it last year.

I'll send you money Monday.
We have 3 rooms - 20.00 monthly
and faint but best & only
thing we could do. If you said a
month full its best to be alone
& all alone, no roof large enough
to hold 2 families, were happier
alone with no one to interfere
especially with the bid. bed
better off alone with no tax

Am putting up tomatoes, if you
I've got to start putting up when
every one else is thru so we had
no extra time money this winter
Let Ma put up everything
precious little I've got to can
believe me I have 13 Pts of
tomatoes & will put up grapes
next week. I've got 2.5 lbs of papp
away besides 4 lbs left for last
year

Well I'm writing to nail this
hope you can read it as I
write in my lap

I'm to go brot

In haste

Truly

Paul Borline
& Co.



Mrs. Mrs. L. D. Eckert
Sterling,

308 W. 7 St.

H. L.

Dear Borden and Lu!

Thurs. noon.

While waiting for Pa to come home from Memphis

guess I start a letter altho there is absolutely nothing to write about. Rec. your card this morning and wishful sorry for you both if you have a heat wave like we have at present. Paper said cooler but I don't know what you mean the North Pl. It never has been as hot before as the last few days but thank God the humidity is not as bad as Fri. and Sat. I simply was all in, could not do a thing but wipe the perspiration of me and change under wear. I finally disarticled bloomers and felt a little more comfy only hope that I did not catch a cold. Lucky Pa he don't mind the heat at all. Poor Mrs. Davis suffers terrible from the heat to its clouding up, hope to God we get rain that would help a little. Have my wash dry so I shouldn't worry. Only hope that I hear from L. C. soon as I want to go Wid. to get my tickets if I haven't heard from him by then I shall go anyway take my money and if he sends tickets he will have to cash them in again in Baltimore. Hope to God you are having better weather so you poor kid can eat and get a little strength as you be all in when your children arrive and what want do, you have to be up and around so you better hurry up den you haven't got very much time to recuperate. I thought you may have your vacation when the kids are thus Lu she changed it again? Guess you need a vacation. Mrs. I still thinks that you be able to come to Baltimore, she says Borden will fool you all, she can't understand that you are down. Well next week by this time we be in Baltimore I guess this is some experiment going on. I only hope it won't be so awful hot. If Mr. B. arrive in Baltimore 11:50 then I try and get a bus that will bring us in around some time so you Lu want have to make the trip as he be tired and excited enough without this. Wish Pa come as I am hungry, so long. Well here I am again. Had dinner cleaned up had a little nap, darned stockings and then Mailman come but no word from Lu C. I don't know what to make of him. I only hope he want buy the tickets this. I am going Wid. to get them as I don't want to wait any longer. 8 o'clock is a little early, you see I don't sleep till 4 or 5 in the morning and I must get a little sleep will see when we go and let Lu C. know as he can meet us. guess it be to late to wait till Mr. B. comes, I try and get this around 6 o'clock.

I sure feel sorry for you too, walking in this terrible heat, it must be tough. You should worry about the children, Emily is a very sensible girl and understands that a man who has to go to work, can't keep the house spick and span, don't be silly my dear. Get somebody to clean up the day before she comes and everything be O. K. She be only too happy to see you out of bed and on your feet so please stop worrying or else you never get better and that would make the children feel terrible so please, keep quiet and take it easy for every ones sake as well as your own please. To bed Ma can't come around often but I guess she is glad if she gets home and can rest for a few hours as she is not getting younger either. I sure hope and pray that the B. P. goes down so those terrible headaches stop but as long as you keep on worrying about the children and everything, you never get it done. Why can't a person take some thing and sleep 48 hours and forget every thing for such a time. Gee its clouding up hope we get some rain. Am going to N. D. tomorrow, Father's birthday so I go to cemetery first and then to Killip when we all meet. I bet Ma was sorry that she didn't see you nor Wanda to bed. Just rec. card from Wills she still hopes that you both be able to go to Baltimore people know that B. always fights his way thru so they think she must do it now. Will drop you a card after I was at Weiss office and let you know what time we leave though I like to see Lob. a trip and get there when Ma be gets there but it be to late I am afraid.

Hoping that you both are feeling much better and that

you stop worrying over the house and every thing, only think of yourself

we remain with all our hearts love as ever your old Ma and Dad.

Love you


Forgot to send tickets for Major Now, do you know? Thanks for stamps.

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Mrs. L. R. Eckert
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36-Gaviota Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.
Dec. 19, 1939.

Dear Lee:-

That was such a good letter you wrote me and thanks a lot. Have put it away, with other letters want to keep.

Received a Gazette (we do not take that paper anymore, but someone sends us one occasionally) and read that you had returned from a trip to Baltimore. So glad you had the trip and visit with Lee Carl and his wife. I miss Berdie's cards, with the "God bless you" on them. A lovely memory she is to me, for I think of all her friends, I understood her thoroughly.

Planning on a trip back to Sterling and Rock Falls next summer and right here am making a date with you for a lunch. Then we can visit alone and talk about Berdie, Lee and my family.

Arthur was quite sick during Nov., but better now. Stomach trouble and doctor had him come to the Clinic one Sunday and gave him a three hour gastric analysis. Put him on a diet and now has gained three pounds since the first of the month. Nothing serious the matter, but a case of superacidity. We were afraid it might be an ulcer.

Tenite we go to the Clinic for the

big Christmas party. Tree, program, presents for all, a swell lunch and the best of all, Dr. Jones hands out bonus checks to the employees. Anything extra, you know, is always welcome.

Your stepmother living alone, and she is all the folks you have there in Sterling, should think it would be nice for you to live with her. You are not home very much anyway. Are you playing the piano much now? And how about the checkers? Last year, we played Chinese checkers, but I am going to market tomorrow and stopping in town to find us a new game for over the holidays. Arthur's Aunt Ida is coming to spend the weekend with us and we cannot talk all the time -- not that we are not capable of doing just that.

New Years Eve, we go to Dr. Jones' home for a formal party. Did not have a good time last year (first time we went), but George the Supt. told Arthur it is good policy to show up for a drink and the lunch. I have to have a new dress and told Arthur would spend the money for that and go, if he would take me to the Sky Room at the Hilton afterwards. That is the swankiest place in town and he said he would.

Sunday before last, we had a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walzer invited us over and took us for a ride in their Packard. A change from the Chevy and Charles appreciated it a lot to be able to view the scenery, instead of just watching the road and keep out of the way of other cars. I am becoming accustomed to the heavy traffic and don't come home a nervous wreck every time. Walzers stopped in Pomona and we had dinner there. On our way home to Long Beach, tho, almost got knocked over.

New Years Day expect go to Pasadena for the Rose Parade. Third time and it does not seem possible we have been out here that long. Long Beach float is trying for the sweepstake prize and using forty thousand roses, besides other flowers. Will be a yachting scene.

Arthur gets a vacation next month and we are planning on spending it on the desert at Cathedral City. He was too busy to take time off last summer and he is very much in need of a rest now. Charles will be home to take care of the two animals. Would rather go to the desert anyway, than the mountains where people go for vacations in the summertime.

Glad to have you drop us a card when you have time to write, however, hope to see you next summer and then "talk it out", what we do not take time to write.

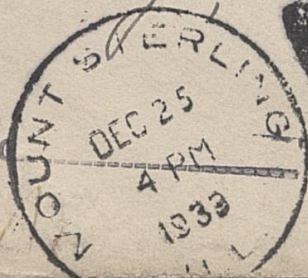
Arthur and Charles join me in sending best wishes to you for the holidays and always.

Elizabeth Palmer



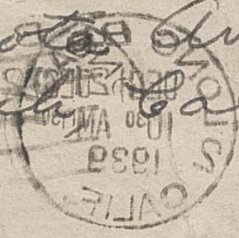
Mr. Leo R. Eckert,
507 - N. Seventh St.,
Sterling, Illinois

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From

36-~~Lavista~~ Ave.,
Long Beach Calif.





Dear Dad

Only have a minute
to tell about eggs - I'm
the one who want 6 doz
mother the other -
So glad you could get cad
I can hardly eat these
egg any more - Bay am
spoiled - send price
of case along with price
of eggs - need them when
you can get them here.

Order eggs to this address
and mother's of course
to her, but please don't do
it if it is too much trouble.
Baby is well and Janie

is with Dad and Mother
went after the 4th. I'm
a little on the jittery side, but
feeling better - I understand
it is quite natural though.
Maggie is as well as can
be expected -

I think Lee starts school
late in October if he's
able to get in - Well
bye-bye - I have to go
to the store and it is
getting late - We got the
load, but Lee will tell
you about it

Love
Emily



Mr. Leo Q. Cook
111 W. 4th Street
Stirling,
Illinois

Sep 16/18

Dear Ma + Dad

Yours of the 5th to hand + as usual more than glad to get same

Oh what a shock to us about poor Mrs Bloom, still, shes far better off. May her soul rest in peace.

The dres will be welcome here any time Ma, dont worry over it please.

We're moving either Sat or Mon to Passaic easier for Lew to tread thru the snows for the coming winter.

Am sending you gift under separate cover, if yr need buy any thing extra towards it tell me or rather

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Send me the bill as I want
to make or pay for it
complete. I hope it will turn
out U.K. its very flimsy &
be careful - guess I got stung
if I'll make it over.

Also sending insurance
today I was surprised to
hear Leo was behind.

We are moving into 3 rooms
already furnished, but lady
will take her's out & let us
place Mrs in same. Guess
Leo will take my piano to
his theatre either for use or
store it there. If he uses it
will get 6 or 800 a month
and if it's he'll take good
care of it as I have a cover

which covers it entirely. Leo's
 up town making arrangements
 if he get back in time I know
 he'll add a line. If not you'll
 have to be satisfied once again
 with just my letter as he's so
 busy you know how long it
 takes him to write.

Will give you

Love to you both & hope
 both are well

Yours as ever

Rudie Leo

W. Pooling

Dear Ma^{and} Dad.

Just came home from town and will add a few lines. B. told you we were moving again. Made all arrangements this a.m. So much closer to my work. Well I registered, and expect my questionaire daily. I suppose I will be placed in Class 4. At any rate I am not losing any sleep. Took a trip to the country yesterday had a nice trip. A new theatre opened in the same block with us. but they are not hurting us very much. I expect to get a raise soon. but not with both feet. I hope Boobie is OK again. Sure had us worried for a time. He will soon be 3 yrs old. How the time does fly. It

will soon be cool weather again
and I know what that means
for me, and I dread it. Hope
Dad's shoulder is better, I sure
know what it means. Our grapes
are ripe too, and expect to make
so jelly. We have some sugar
coming to us, so can put up a
little any way. I want have to buy
coal as there is steam heat in the
house, or there is supposed to be. We
B is going thru town with me so
will close and sending insurance
All join in love to you both, and
hope you are both well

Lovingly
Dinah - Leo Doby

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~~Mr~~ Mrs Geo B Eckert
Sterling
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307 W F St.

Dear Berdei and Leo!

Wid.

Just rec. your anxious awaited letter, I sure hoped for better news but it seems that is impossible. Poor Berdei and poor you! What could be the trouble that you are so nervous dear! Is it in regard of the Wedding? You should not worry over that being that the children are coming to see you, that ought to give you more pep so you be able to be up and around when she comes and spend the Honey moon with you. It will make them awful sad to see you down and out so please Berdei have up, eat and try and get a little strength in you use a little Christian Science and some will power please please! I see the Invitation but am surprised that we got it as the ad. 69 Str again instead of 69 Ave. If ever we have a new Mailman on our route we never get it as there is a 69th but not around here. The told me couple of times to give my people the right ad, as they are not responsible for mail going astray that is ad. wrong. Not a word yet from L. He could of least send me a card but he just keep us in suspense and a waiting. I am a nervous wreck to, this disappointment every day. I know they are busy and excited and worry thing but a card only takes a few min. to write. So Mr and Mrs are traveling together, that's nice for Mr. and she wants to go to N.Y.? suppose to the Fair? Does she know our circumstances I wonder? She never be able to walk around in Fair Ground as bad as she is on her feet I guess all she can do is, spend 50c when inside take a buss and see the whole thing that way, of course she can't go out to go in to any place, just travel around and see every thing. That's what Mrs. Murphy don't she old lady I mean, she said she explain every thing wonderful. See its hot to day and Mrs. Gris, her sister and Mrs. Endres went to the Fair, she 3 time Mrs. G. and Mrs. E. went and she didn't see half of it yet, it is so immense I guess it would take a week to see every thing. The Meyer girls are here this week and guess she go every every day so she can see it all. I feel sorry for other feet I could not do it, even if I had the money, either could P. I guess it would not bother you Peter he? Are you taking the Epsom Salt and Lemon? I take a dose every other day and always take a, Naturopathy pill between and my bowls or five knock wood.

Did the Dr. have a nother check up and what does he say? bank he give you something so you get a better appetite? You simple have to force yourself my dear, you must eat.

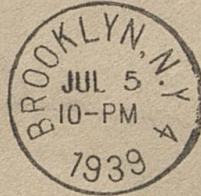
If I could only sleep I guess I be better of but I lay till 4-5 every morning, its just awfull. Hope all our worries be over after the 18. Glad L. C. rec. the record, that you an, he tells you he rec. it and lets me worry very he did rec. or not. Oh that kid, I could shake him if I had him here. Thats what I would like, that we go down by bus but I cant do any thing before I hear from L. C. He tell me that I have to make reservation to get a decent seat how can? You say you want all the details about the Wedding with my dear Lu and Emily be ther to tell you all better than we can write it, did you forget that? I can imagine how poor Emily feels but she get over that, every on does. Why shouldnt Mrs. Gould be recon- ciled? She could not get a better man for her daughter, that he is poor well, she knew that when he ask her last year, that it was time to speak up but I guess its up to Emily as she is marrying an boy and not Mrs. A. So Will Doyle finally is taking the step? A stealing girl? and Helen broke her leg? Thats to bad, hope she be O. K. again. Well I am glad the 4th is over it was noisy enough here, lawfull or not, the kids will shoot, hope you didnt hear us very much in your neighborhood as I know how you feel about it.

When does your vacation start Lu? Hope you be face when the children are ther. Its Borden's please do try hard to get on your feet so you can enjoy this visit as you know the cant enjoy it if the see you down and out, you have to force yourself. How I wish I could come and see you and stay with you for couple of weeks. Everybody is asking about you, if I go to Halleck Ho in every house the stop me and ask about you and all hope and pray that you get well again. Even Florence is praying for you. She is going home next week for 10 days. Wrote to Alida yesterday, the first time that she forgot Pe's birthday, she must be sick. Well I guess thats all for to day. Hoping that you try hard my dear to gain a little strength so you be able to be out of bed we hope and pray with all our hearts love you all the and Dad and all friends. Pe told me that Mrs. Weber moved now I cant see her in any more. Please return the last few stamps if you have them yet, for Will Manning.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

A. L. 6037-69 Ave.
Ridgewood.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.



Mrs. L. R. Eckert
112-4 Ave

Sterling Ill.

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Dear Berdis and Leo!

Thurs. ev.

Just finish'd a letter to Leo & it's too early

to go to bed, 9.30 as I guess I start a letter to you and finish same to morrow. It's a little cooler but no rain again; guess it was hot to day; funny, if cold we kick and if hot we kick to, what do we want anyway? So Mrs. A. had her tenants visiting her hi. Guess she was glad. So you wrote to Milla. Did you tell her about Ouli? I did not go yesterday as Winka came and I stayed home of course. So you was all alone Sun. Poor girl, I feel sorry for you, does no one ever come to see you from all your friends? So the Dr. said you could make the trip? That sounds good, you must be getting better. Keep it up girls! So that sleeping business gets my goat to, in the day time I could sleep standing up I guess and when I go to bed I am wide awake. You say Mrs. B. can't afford a lace dress but my dear you always wrote to me that she dresses to kill as I am sure she dress up to go to Leo's wedding, I know her my dear but that don't help me any. Berdis says to I ought to have a dress if the wedding is formal but I can't see my way dear as I have to wear what I have and make the best of it. So Beck won first prize, hope it was cash as it surely come in handy hi. Why don't you have a boy but then you want have to worry about your hair, I had mine cut Friday before the wedding tho I'd O.K. So Muddy really come to see you? What does she say about Ouli? She is not well either? To bad. What I want to ask you is this, how do you and Beck intend traveling from Pa. to N.Y.? by Wuss or train? I must know that as I want to get return tickets as I be able to save a little that way. I would like to go by Wuss but of course if you rather go by train then it be train. I have to let L. B. ^{know} because he will have to come to meet us in Baltimore as we want no our way, so please talk it over with Leo and let me know in mean time we can find out what Wuss cost. I don't want to get this till Mond. as I don't want L. B. to have extra expenses thru us and besides Ouli be so busy and upset that she don't want to be bothered with us around, and besides Pa with his cough would only enjoy people. Mrs. Spier ask for Leo's adr. so He will can send him a card. Must give it to Willy to so she send Ouli a card, will see all of them July 11 when I go to Cemetery for Father

Birth day. Perhaps thinks they are doing the right thing, that way they can save a little money and start their own home a year later. Pa fell again to day and hurt his elbow and shoulder

he is getting to be a real tapper. Will I don't know what to write any more so I guess I say good night, hope you can sleep. Sat is. At last we are having some rain but I guess it won't last long. There was a lot of doings here to day, the King and Queen came to N.Y. to day and I am afraid they got caught in the rain. Did you listen in or are you not interested? Looks as if Mrs. Rowell's Garden Party is spoiled, well I am should worry I want gone any way, I can eat hot dogs home if I want some. No mail to day as there is nothing to answer. G. and H. went to Coney today, wanted me along but I am not able to walk so much yet, am I glad I didn't go! Strawberries 25c to day, no hardly any in market, all burned up from terrible heat, so I guess we won't get any more, only had 2 pint boxes that's all. There is a chance again for the Middleman to raise prices on every thing but the poor farmer don't get a penny more for his stuff, I think it is a shame. Say Wende, don't bring so much stuff along, first reason you want go out and second we have the line right here on the porch and can wash as often as we want to and there be no Mulsie to carry your heavy grip to the Brass either, no don't bring too much. Gee I seen lovely dresses to day why can't you and I have some ready cash? On my way home I got just like a shot thru my left whole leg, though I never got home, gee such pain, a little better now but oh such pains. Say what about a corsage or how do you spill it? Will we get fresh flowers or will we get our supply in the We store? Mabs & Gardenias? but fresh would be so much nicer, let me know will you? Will we go home Tues. or what? I suppose Mrs. H. wants you to stay with her for a few days don't you think so? There are so many? I want to ask but I forgot them all so I guess I may as well quit it and say good night.

Hoping that you are so much better we remain with all our hearts love your old
Ma and Dad.

What about that film? Gee I like to have it

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July 24

Dear Leo,

Congratulations
on your new
granddaughter.
I just read
about it. That
is swell. I
just wanted
you to know
I still love

her pride & joy
has she?

Wrap me a
line & hope to
see you all
soon.

As ever,

Priscilla

your people in
mind.

I've with I
was back
there. Hate to
be gone here.

Boy who is
the Switchboard
operator who is
engaged? Have
he not given up

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Mr. Leo Eckert
c/o Ill. Traction Utilities
Stirling,
Illinois.

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5/23 09,

My Darling sweet thing^{Lee}.
I'm awful
sorry you didn't get off
the train for Eleanor
wanted to invite you
out here. Mrs Lynch
had the table set
for you right by her,
and we would have
had lot of fun, dearie.
I was only fooling
you this morning
so please forgive
me this time
dearest honeylunch
of molasses,

We are going to
make candy this
afternoon. Mortense,
just called and
wanted ^{me} to stay
all night when
Eleanor asked me
first. the news
of some ~~per~~ cats
kittens. Will close
and make candy
Eleanor says Hello
you old you,
sweet thing Mothers
lamb, sweetest
little bubbie I have,
Am ever bid yours,
Love and kisses, Nutsie

Leo.