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Tuesday, October 6, 1942

Dear Douglas:

This letter will be written in the shop, taken home on the chance that there may be one from you there that requires an answer or two, then Dad will mail it at the corner so you should receive it on Wednesday. It seems a long time since I have written to you or since we have heard from you but we know just how every minute of your time is taken and as Aunt Eleanor telephoned me that she had had a letter from you, we have heard indirectly.

Last week we had rather a cool snap and as we did not want to light the furnace any sooner than necessary we spent the evenings in your sitting room, where it was about ten degrees warmer than downstairs (you see the sun hits the roof all day.) We moved your studio couch from the hallway into the room beside the radio, and as we did so, lo and behold, underneath the edge of it was Clara's cameo! I called her immediately so that now your mind can be at rest on that score. Some evening she is coming over after it and will discuss plans for their New York trip.

Bob Stang is sworn in tomorrow into Aviation—expects to be around town waiting for a couple of months. Ernest Harrall goes into the navy today. Bill did not show up over the weekend so we rather think that he is at last on patrol duty.

Saturday Marilyn and Janet went to the Brown 28 – State 0 game and saw many people that she knows. Dad went on his long anticipated trip on Douglas Young's boat. I will let him write you all about it.

Sunday morning Dad and I went out to Communion service. The choir looked as usual except that there were only six men, but they sang well with the organist directing them occasionally with one hand. The large service flag hangs across the partition between the church and the chapel. After a chicken dinner at home, the Metcalfs called up and wanted Dad to play golf at Goddard park. I went along and walked over the course with them, it was a glorious fall day and I enjoyed the out of doors. After the nine holes we cooked a hearty supper at one of the fireplaces and managed to get through just in time before darkness fell. It came so quickly it reminded me of the time we were all coming down Mt. Washington when the children were all small.

We have started the furnace but shall let it go out if we have a warm spell which we did last year about this time. I note that my diary mentions several times a temperature of 85°

One night last week Marilyn and I stayed down town, had supper at Miss Dutton's tea room, then went to see Fred Astair (*sic*) and Bing Crosby in Holiday Inn. I enjoyed it very much particularly the songs "White Christmas" and "Easter Parade." Marilyn is lonely but is working so hard that she is glad to get to bed early at night. She sees quite a little of Janet and Marilyn Eaton but Jean MacDougal is away at Junior college in Maine.

Your library this week includes "Little Women" by Alcott, Edgar Allan Poe's mysteries and I have temporarily forgotten the third. (*handwritten notation inserted in the margin*: also "House of 7 Gables" Hawthorne.) Little Women I have read several times, being a favorite, and immediately reread it and on Take it or Leave it¹ the next night there were a list of questions based on that book.

I know that this next week end is when you are going to be very busy studying for exams. I hope the weather is comfortable for you. The best of luck to you on them.

Lovingly
Mother.

We'll definitely (*sic*) to be in NY Sat & Sun the 17th & 18th. Should you have a chance to get home that week end, let us know & we will plan to come another time.
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¹ **Take It or Leave It** debuted on April 21, 1940 and quickly became one of America's most popular quiz programs. It ran on radio from 1940 to 1950.