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My dear little Girlie

Yours of 12 ult.
before me —

This is the third
letter this eve and I
have another to Grace yet
before 9 o'clock & it is 7:40
now — as we have to
extinguish lights now
at that hour — 'tis a new
& absurd rule. —

I am glad you get so
many letters — Do you
like quantity i.e. would
you rather have mine
separate from i.e. not
put in with the others I
might just as well
as the chances are I could
send mine for $\frac{1}{2}$ of what
both cost together see do
you might just as well
get two envelope letters as
one eh?

Mrs
2/2/96

How is my little girl anyway - How much
do you weigh - You have never let us know that.
I weigh or did at least 150 but had malarial fever
two weeks ago & now am down to 132 I will
pick up soon. Do you heard from Martha -
Will remember us kindly to her the next time you
write. We are all well now & getting along fine as is the
case too. Yes we all of us got the cards Post; also
the little winter scenes for me & the bicycles too -
much pleased with them all.

Yes I knew that address was wrong I did not have
it & queried it. Ma told me they didn't want me
to direct anything or as not to get my writing
out see - & they go & send that. I told them
it was wrong before mail but it was too late then

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I suppose they all made
fun of it. I only wrote it
on the envelope for want
of something else to do
after I wrote the letter. I
supposed they would
re-direct it at home - but
seems they didn't -

I am not going to waste
time learning to pronounce
it or anything else Dutch -
I am busy enough with
my own language.

Yes I wish you were coming
but only for a short visit
perhaps you may some day,
who knows?

I suppose you are a
proficient skater now
I wish I was in it too
I did know once all about
callanders Roman Greek &
Aztec too but don't know
much now. I am going to send
you a short sketch of Lick Aba
with cuts. I cut from a magazine

You can show them how we have snow in
Cal. too. The views are not near as nice as
I saw when up there.

You asked me a question. Let me ask you one
When does the 20th century begin &
~~When do we have~~ How long before the next
leap year? I know both but I'll wager
you don't. If you do you are smart.

Do you keep your strings so no one can
go through them? Did you ever think of that. Why
so so many things like that in those European
countries. I suppose by this time you got
the diary & when Lottie gets them make
it as interesting as possible, for he the Dr

says they will drop in often &
you must show them about
introduce them to Fran & be
nice they will bring a
few things for you not
much. but your Xmas
things from (us me & all of
us) The Census cases were
dismissed all of them &
then were a great number of
charges against him too. I
suppose he will return now
We haven't heard a word from
them I think since you left.

Look here now no more
"Thorin" that don't go see?

Keep in with the Dohmes, girls
you should have remembered
them at Xmas for their goodness
& hospitality last year to you
even a letter to them would have
been better than nothing & a letter
to each one, (as Xmas one) you
did not mention them as being
parties receiving remembrances
from you, so I state it you forgive
them.

We haven't heard a word from
L.B.P. since her letter in which
she was coming right down with

money to us, Haffelbe. She is a sure -

Take that picture of me sitting in the chair
& cut it down so it shows only a bust picture
show it will be better. Say I havent heard whether you
did what I told you to do about destroying those Paris pannels
pictures I sent over or I mean mamma sent contrary to
my orders you may keep only the ones with the hat on &
we looking to left as you took at picture with hat off
but ~~destroy~~ all others now I mean this & I'll get mad
if you ~~do~~ don't they are stretched & made so by the
examiner to distort my features as much as possible
the one with the bow tie is for the Chronicle take them &
they could be much better some of them are like me I
have drawn (today) myself in full dress & will send it to
you. It is in pencil & I did it this afternoon quickly

I got a photo of one
of the boys a bust & I
copied it & put my face
as I look now & the
lower part in myself

You would not know
me now I have changed
greatly for the better

I have my shooting medal
on breast & star with
military cross medal I got
home in my collar. Don't
make fun of the eyes I
only made a bluff at the
sand and did not change I let
the first attempt go the
next looks pretty good. I

Got a dandy moustache
now - just a but
my trimmings are
all gold & deep orange
& brass so you say I
look pretty good although
it shows only white & black
here

I have been eating bread crusts to make
the hair (wavier) & you see it's quite a
success. Now what do you think
of my first attempt - don't you
think that if I had the proper
training I'd make an artist of
our mean celebra? I should love
to be one.

All of those pictures of me are wrong - all taken
in a terrible hurry & away in a q. I don't see
how I am going to get the pictures taken now
since I can't get a while. But ma can if she
will - keep after her in every letter.

Did you get you & me on horse back. How am I for
an artist, I copy but others do too. If I had the model I
could doubtless do as good. No mistakes about 96 yet
for Grace & she expects one too from girls. Good bye dear with kisses
from
love
Thos.