

It has poured torrents
all day & the water in
the street was nearly knee
deep - the people next door
were not at home, & across
the street either - I saw a
car coming up the street -
ran out - & held up both
hands but it did not stop! -

Then my only chance
was the Garage at the corner
of the alley so I ran the back
way & found the boys
still there & they phoned
for Dr. Morton - then I

120 S 14th St -
Sarasota Fla
Sept 23rd 1934.

Dear Spencer & Alice -

Thank you for note &
letter -

I want to write but it
nearly kills me -

Yet under the awful flow
there is so much to be
thankful for - ! -

She had been busy all

at the Whitfield house — She was tired, of
course not — that was all — We played cards
as usual & at 10 she went to bed —
As I left her I said — "Well, you will not have
to get up early in the morning" — "No," she replied.
"I will not have to get up early in the morning!"
Those were her last words! — I said "Good night —
sleep well" & left her. I walked to the card
table by the fire place to gather them up & the

light went on — you know she slept on the porch
& always pulled the string to case me with
the light; I rushed back & she was gone! —
She had consciousness just long enough to pull
that string & she would have laid there until
morning & I would not have known any
thing about it! — 10 P.M. I knew she was
gone, (no pulse no heart beat;) all alone & could
not brew phone! — I worked like mad until
she began to get cold, then I had to acknowledge
edge to myself & go for help —

all got-in her head, so that
I am all in a fog. Spencer
I don't even know who is in
which house! Then Sat-A.M.
the letter that we had been
looking for from the agent-
came. he said she need
not come this fall, so you
see what a relief that was to
me! — I knew it would be
cold + that I would have to
hasten and I knew you
could help me get it all done
in a quarter the time it would

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came back + just-had
to wait! — But it seem-
ed a small eternity before he
could rush here —

The clipping will tell you
nearly all the rest —

Christine came the next A.M.
stayed all day, took me home
with her each night; brought
me back + stayed each day.
God bless her! —

Everybody came + did all
they could — God bless them
all! —

Things financially are

in terrible shape — There was a wire
which makes it all easier for me to
handle & Mr Knowles is wonderful —
He came down & put every thing over
for me & I know he will stand by to
the end —

The hardest thing is the complications
at 20 Wm R - Mr Armstrong at the
San - holds mortgage for \$ 2500.00

which is past due & he wants the money!
R.E. was trying to get a Gov. loan but was re-
fused — and it seemed as if she would
have to go up after all - Her bag was packed
& plans all made — Thank the Lord she
was not alone on the road! —

Then Knowles said I would have to go &
try to straighten things out. you see R.E.
always held the reins & she carried nearly

He can tell me the law +
I also asked him what chance
he thought there was to realize
some thing over the "2500", I'll
write you where I hear from him.
I expect - Knowles will say "Let
him take it" but I don't want to!

Whitfield is all in order +
looks lovely + if I can only get
that rented, I will have
some thing to live on - for
the undertakers here will
take all the cash there is!

Only two houses rented + one
I had to reduce to \$20.00!

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Take me alone —

But of course I did
not know you were being
forced to "do good" and
I sincerely hope you have
seen + that you are
normal once more! —

So, we will try to bridge
the Armstrong matter
for a while, can you tell
me the N. Y. state law as
to the time allowed me
for settlement? —

and also can he demand settlement or
foreclose at any time? — A letter came
(written before word had reached S. L. —)
asking her to "just deed it over to me + I'll try
to sell it for any thing I can get, so as to get
the ready money." — I don't want to "lie down
on it" like that. for \$2500. is about 1/3 the value
+ I know he will not "hang on" in order to

get me a few dollars over his mortgage
he will do just what he said take any
thing he can get + let me whistle! —

Now what do you advise me to do —
If the law gives me the way, I may be
able to do something better than \$2500.00
next summer! — That's my only chance
but I must know how long I can bank on —
I have written to Seaver, Miller — + Dan

and her daughter want to
come for a while. "Share ex-
penses" - she wrote some
time ago. But I wrote her I
would try to find quarters for them
for I don't want them in the
house on any share basis
or any other either. They (or
rather Bess) has an apt to grind
I know that, for they have in-
vited K. E. two or three times to
visit - them -

My nerves are all taw + I
don't feel called upon stand
for any thing more! -

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But better that than
an empty house until
spring -

I may be able to see
some of the chairs. have a
prospect also one for the
piano. Alice knows it -
+ I wonder if she could
give me an idea of
the value - It's the
nice old Chickerling that
K. E. had at Northampton.
The music dealer here will
look at it to - morrow but

I dread to get his figure! —

The taxes + interest - plus repairs don't leave 5 cts to draw on at S & L — I have put that dandy lot down in the Park right in the market — She always hoped to build there but I don't want to live there so I hope I can sell it — People are coming + many are really buying so I hope I may be able to do some thing —

When the winter season really opens then I

I suppose I will be able to sell some candy, but it is such damned hard work! —

I am writing to Tina Browne and asking her if she will not come and stay with me this winter. Of course that will mean lots of work for her as almost I live on me + I will have to do lots of reading for her besides all the rest — Still she will pay, probably enough to almost run the house so I think I will try for it — Bessie Morse. (Mabel's sister)

But it's there & there it
sticks! —

My hand aches, my
heart-mine so — But I had
a lovely dinner — with a
good friend over on the
key in the middle of this
so that was quite a rest —

My voice is all gone & it's so
hard to try to talk, but it will
all come back when I get time
to breathe! —

Good day & God bless
you both — Love as ever. J. —

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Mina is altogether differ-
ent & she would be a big
help to me and I am very
fond of her & willing to try to
make her comfortable —

Do you suppose there will
be any chance for you & Alice
to come down for a while this
winter? — Can't you
work things — so that you
can get it in! — Do try! —

I do hope you are much
better & do be good and don't

do any thing brash —

I hope too that Alice is in fine shape &
Trako & I am very glad he can go back.
Christine came in to see how I was
just before your letter came. I'll give her
your P.S. next time she comes, it will
please her! —

Did K.E. write you that the damned

American" has a daughter & has nam-
ed her Katherine! Can you beat it —
Spencer & Katherine! Ye gods!! —

I feel ashamed of myself for
such an explosion but I can't make
myself reconciled to it at all! —

It's probably very mean in me