[*Letter from Flora Pillsbury (1887-1921) to George Nichols (1889-1961)*]

Camden, Me. October 14, '14

Dear friend George: --

If you want an answer right off it will have to be type-written for I won't have time to write it with pen and ink today and am going to South Hope to-night to grange and leave here at 6;15 so that doesn't leave me much time after work to eat my supper and get ready. Mr. Irish has invited Mrs. Clark and I to go over with Mrs. Irish and himself. I have not seen him myself but Mrs. Clark says she is afraid he is going to work the degrees, and I imagine he must be as nothing else would get him away from this grange if there was a possible chance for him to preside, however, we can stand it for the sake of the automobile ride and visit to the grange.

I almost wish you had'nt asked me to come over there (or up, or whatever way it is) for I can't possibly do it and I want to and would'nt have thought anything about it, now I shall be wishing I could go and it won't do any good. No more vacations for me for the rest of the fall I expect as our work has started up and that means hustle, for a few months, and then Saturday I could'nt leave anyway as there is the payroll to be made out, besides the rest of Saturday's work which means a busy day for me. I don't see anything wrong in the invitation, I think it was nice of you and I would love to do it, and if it was a month or so earlier in the season could leave as well as not but as it is I can't possibly. You see I hav'nt any one in the office here with me that I could leave my work with so I must be here when the whistle blows.

When Bert Crosby handed your letter out to me this morning, he said he expected to see you to-morrow as he was going to Detroit. I suppose he just wanted me to know that he knew, or guessed, who it was from.

I told you a wrong story about Shirley and Mont, they are still good friends, they were out riding up my way Sunday afternoon. He does not stay over here nights now so that is why they are not together so much I guess, as he has to go home to West Rockport and it takes quite a while to go up on Gould Street.

I am sorry I said what I did about Susie if it makes you feel differently toward her but she makes me tired, I don't interfere with her affairs and did not know that I was accountable to her or anyone else for my own actions.

What do you mean about having the Committee look up Harold D. Don't you think he would be all right?

I am not sorry that we had that discussion the other night as I think too that we know each other better, probably better than we would in years, if ever, without it, but just the same I should'nt want it repeated. It makes my cheeks burn now when I think of it.

Hav'nt you had luck as far as weather goes, for your trip? It is just perfect here to-day, a little cold but not too much, a great day to be riding around. I suppose you are growing fat eating so much, how much have you gained?

My sister Lizzie and Nettie Wooster (Mrs. Kendall Hopkin's sister) went up the mountain trail yesterday afternoon, they went up from Barrett's, and got out last night about nine o'clock. Lost their way somewhere and came out up by Spring Brook somewhere, instead of down by Dr. Sherman's where they should. They were lucky to get out then for it would have been rather a cool night to spend on the mountain if anyone was not prepared.

Miss Marston has kindly volunteered to assist Minnie Ingraham on the Fancy work table at the Fair. She has asked lots of people to contribute who do not belong to the Grange. I think it will be all right if she don't claim the receipts from the table for the Ladies Circle. I think the reason they favor Mr. I's election is because they think they could help him manage affairs, don't you? I'd like to know what we will do for a master next year. How do you suppose Ephraim Pendleton would do?

C.O. has dictated a letter to be mailed right off so I'll just close and take this to the P.O. when I take his.

Too bad you won't be back to go down to Penobscot View with us a week from Thurs.

Please excuse the looks of this letter, I've written it in a hurry, between times. Got to go to the P.O. and bank so must "ring off" for this time.

Flo.