

* Notice the French. I have learnt another one too it is
Je ne vous comprend pas. It means I don't understand you.

Elyria O.

Nov. 13, 1917

Ma Chere Grace.

Your welcome & newsey letter
rec'd & I sure was glad to hear
from you. I say you are
improving wonderfully in the
art of letter writing & I enjoyed
your letter very much. I suppose
you think "Why didn't you
answer sooner"? Well its
just like this I have been
thinking of you often, but
have been so busy knitting
I haven't had time to write &
tell you all the news. I

just finished a knitted Jersey & it is
very pretty I wear it right along &
everybody thinks it is very pretty.
Mayorie is coming over this
evening & start ones just like it
I have so much to tell you I
hardly know were to begin & then
not leave out anything I'll start at
Grace's Wedding.

I was over the Weds. before
she was married & I wrote all her
announcements & she was so busy
when I went to go home I started
to say Good Bye to her & she
put her arms around me & started
to cry & so did I & we both felt
so bad, she was to be married
the next day & going away & I
couldn't get used to it. She went
to Columbus. Edna & I ~~went~~ left
early at noon & went over to
Grace's house & iced them good
We just had a circus with
them. Nyharts have moved into
a home of their own. Their address
is 135 Riverside Court. Grace is

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living at home for the present
her husband is exempted
as long^{as} he works at what
he is doing now, so I guess
~~I'll~~ They'll stay at home for
a while. Everybody is talking
around here so please excuse
the disconnected that's I
am putting down. Try real
hard & you might be able
make sense.

I haven't heard from "The
Pambow Division" I guess
they must have left all right.
Has your friend Dave left
yet? O K Dear I hope & Pray

the War ends soon. The
 aeroplanes are going to do
 the work I think I just
 heard they are making 700
 a day in Dayton Ohio &
 expect to have 40,000 over
 Germany in the Spring
 drive

I hit another Liberty Bond
 & the Red Cross & now
 the Y.M.C. a Campaign
 certainly keep a persons
 pocket book flat.

Did you read about the
 dry Campaign The Dry's
 would have won if it

hadn't been ⁵ ~~so~~ for some dirty
work on the part of the Veterans
Committee & the Official ~~vote~~
Count showed only 1 ^{1/2} ~~3~~ for Vets
That was pretty close. Don't you
think?

I am sending some snaps
I saw some girl don't you ~~think~~
think I am also enclosing a
poem written by one of the girls
in office she is the one that
has her mouth opened the widest
laughing, in the snapshot.

It is about all the girls in
our Club that work over there
There are eight so we call our-
self the "Octagon Club."

I want to Clw. but you know
I couldn't get any "Mizpah" ring
like the one I saw, the one I
saw I didn't think were so pretty
so I didn't get you any.

How is your election coming
Be sure & beam "Lena had loved
seen fella" Hatta.

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How's Mearns' tooth?
Is Lillian over her rheumatism
I haven't been going very
many places lately I went to
a Fallburn Dance & just
had a circus

My girl friend from Salem
Ohio was down to Elgin
the week of Grace's Wedding
she staid three days at
the house. She came at
a Shower given by Club
for Grace at Francis's
house & Madam Esther
Niece assisted Oh Splash
You know her.

I hear from Ed. right
along he sent me some
nice snapp last time he
wrote. He likes Washington
awful well & I guess he
is getting pretty well ac-
quainted, that makes a
lot of difference too.

You ought to have been
here for Club Monday.
we went down to Marysue
Morgans & they had a
new Edison & they played
some of the grandest pieces

Aunt Mary Mother has been ~~th~~ thinking of her all day but she got company in afternoon so she didn't get to write

Margorie just arrived on the scene with her knitting so I guess I'll have to close this little epistle shortly.

I am also enclosing your negatives its about time I returned them Dont you think? By the time I get all this stuff in this letter I bet you'll have to pay over weight but collect from yours truly next time ~~you~~ we meet. Ha Ha

Hope your hand is all healed up. How do you like your new work? I got a five dollar raise Hurrah! Is your sweater finished yet?

I want to make a salmon
colored one trimmed with
gray for Spring if they are
still wearing them. Would
that be pretty?

Well I'll close now
for sure With heaps of
Love from whole family
to all, not forgetting your
own dear self from

Your Cousin
Laughlin

P.S. all the girls send their
best they often ask how you are.
R.M.

Maryones address is Mrs Mayones Dec 117 Park Ave.

Friday A.M.
At Office

Dearest Grace

I didn't get the letter
sent last night so I
took it over here & had
it weighed & it cost
3¢ more. Ha Ha.

It is a dark & gloomy
day Write soon
now & Don't forget
the snap you
promised With Love
Laughed.

Vanity.

Please excuse me for imposing,
But let me tell you, Pearl,
That I think little Helen Smith,
Is the prettiest Office Girl.

When she puts on her plaid silk dress,
And combs her hair so fair,
She certainly does look stunning,
And ne'er was a beauty so rare.

Oh! go on, quit your kidding,
Said Els, with the Coal Black Hair,
If you want to see a Beauty,
Just take a look at Claire.

Her hair has got the real kink,
And her smile, is, Oh! so sweet!
Now, believe, me, She is striking,
And to view her is a treat.

At this point up spoke Helen,
In tones so sweet and clear,
I think you have forgotten,
Our long and short friends here.

The Garford Manufacturing Company,
Can really knuckle down,
To Mr Rawson's Stenographer,
The tallest girl in town.

In fact the girls all envy her,
That dame with the snow white hands,
And even Art, the soldier,
Thinks them the fairest in the land.

And then to top them all off,
Is Florence with the big brown eyes,
Indeed she has hair to match them,
Without using any dyes.

When she goes over to Amherst,
The fellows all do run,
To buy peanuts, pop corn and candy,
And twenty packs of gum.

And then there was a silence,
As Miss Miller arose to speak,
Of course they must respect the dame,
With the blush upon her cheek.

Said she, I want to say a word,
To each and every one,
And don't you dare to make a move,
Until I say, "I'm dens."

You Girls all think you're beautiful,
And indeed, I say, You're vain,
But You'll all be surprised to learn,
That my beauty has won my fame.

You will note I'm neither tall nor short,
But that I'm just the size,
Which all of you would like to be,
And which you idolize.

She gazed around with head held high,
Oh, My! "But she is proud!"
Thought each and every one of them,
Who helped to make the crowd.

But no one spoke, a silence fell,
As deep as the darkest night,
I assure you if I'd not spoken then,
There'd surely been a fight.

Says I, "I'll give you good advise,
Which kindly take to heart,
And let it penetrate so deep,
That it shall ne'er depart.

We're but a speck of Nature's work,
Made by that Hand so dear,
By day, by night, pour ^{forth} your thanks,
That He has placed us here.

For some great purpose you were carved,
And not for Beauty's sake,
As that is but a wonderful Gift,
Which we mortals cannot make.

By: Elsie Shultz.

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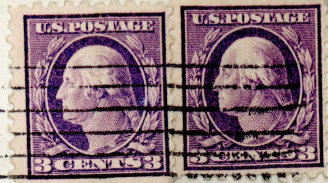
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