

Friday eve
June 16th 1904

Dearest George,

Being a woman, I changed my mind and am writing another letter. You won't mind, I'm sure. Before I go any further, a very Happy Father's Day to you,addy and my best sweetheart and we'll have to celebrate that occasion two days later when Mommy and Jimmie arrive.

My sister Helma spent the evening with me but went to her own apartment to sleep. Jack is getting on splendidly and is very cheerful. All's well at home and I spoke to Mom and Pop this evening. It's quite hard to get a good fountain pen so I'll try to get something else to-morrow morning. You can't imagine how busy I've been all week long and imposed upon Betty and Toby almost daily to watch Jim while I tend to the necessities. Early this morning, Sarah came again and finished up the place so all I have to do is shut off the phone temporarily and transfer the calls. About 10.30 a.m. I went to the vault, took out the stock certificates & vouchers and I'll give them to Mr. Pines when I pick up my railroad ticket. I also put into the box, my watch, engagement ring & diamond band. When I returned home, I grabbed Jimmie and took him to Dr. Canes for a check-up. He's fine and did he howl when he saw the doctor. Dr. Canes wanted to know how I control theascal because he made several attempts to climb off the examination table.

At present he's cutting his eye teeth and the doctor said he may be irritable and not too hungry as a result. so he prescribed some Vitamin B to put into his food the next few weeks. Jim is now 24 lbs 2 oz. and ht. is 33 1/2 inches. He was only 6 lbs 4 oz. a little while ago.

It was a scorching hot day but I was too busy to be uncomfortable. Baby wore a sun suit and didn't mind any kind of weather, like his daddy. So you mind if I leave the key with Eleanor? It would be most convenient for many reasons. She knows my clothes and if I want something she'll have little trouble getting it. Then, she's honest and not snooty. She promised to look at the apartment now and then to see that no vermin are around and to see that everything is intact. Jim may need the stroller when he comes out of the hospital so I'm leaving it near the door. Our important books, records and anything valuable are out of sight.

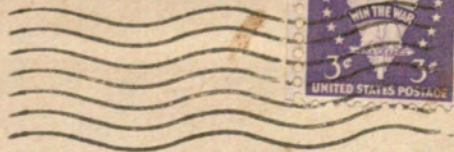
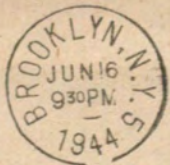
Please try to have a bottle of milk handy and anything else you think important. I'll try to take enough food for baby for 2 or 3 days.

I still love you, darling, and have missed you so much these last few weeks but soon we'll both be so happy again and all that loneliness will be forgotten.

All my love and devotion to you and a kiss and hug from forever. Regards from the neighbors and all our friends and family.

Lovingly yours,
Florence

P.S. we leave 12:01 noon Monday June 19-



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