

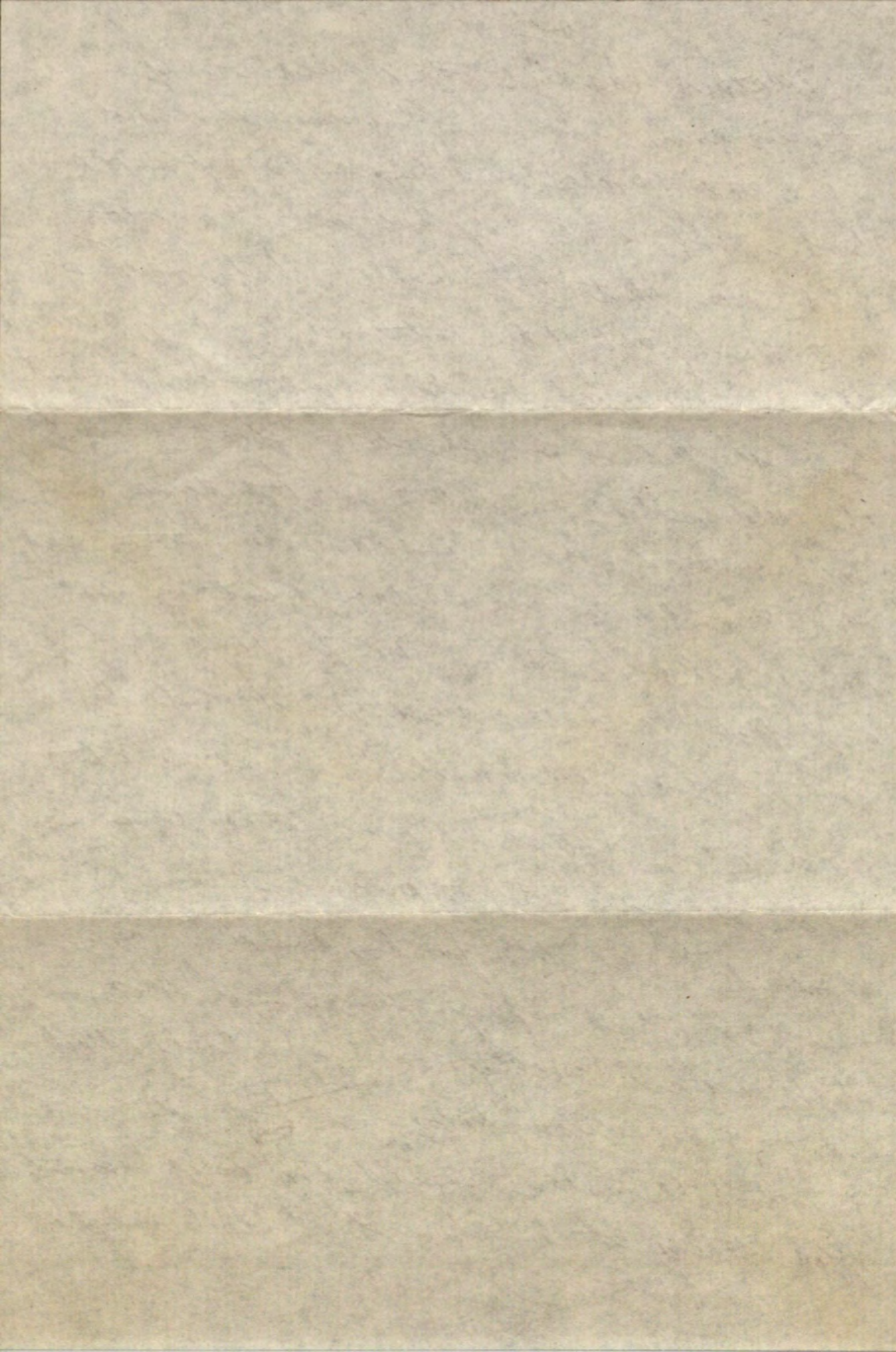
Saturday eve -
Nov 25th 1904.

Dearest George,

Baby and I are fine and as always miss you every moment. This fast week just flew by and to-morrow will find us going back to the country with Alf and Jan. Bess will stay with Thelma and Joel until something definite happens - either Maurice's return home or Joel being hospitalized. Meantime everything is the same with Joel and Thelma. Joel's a little better with Bess to cheer her.

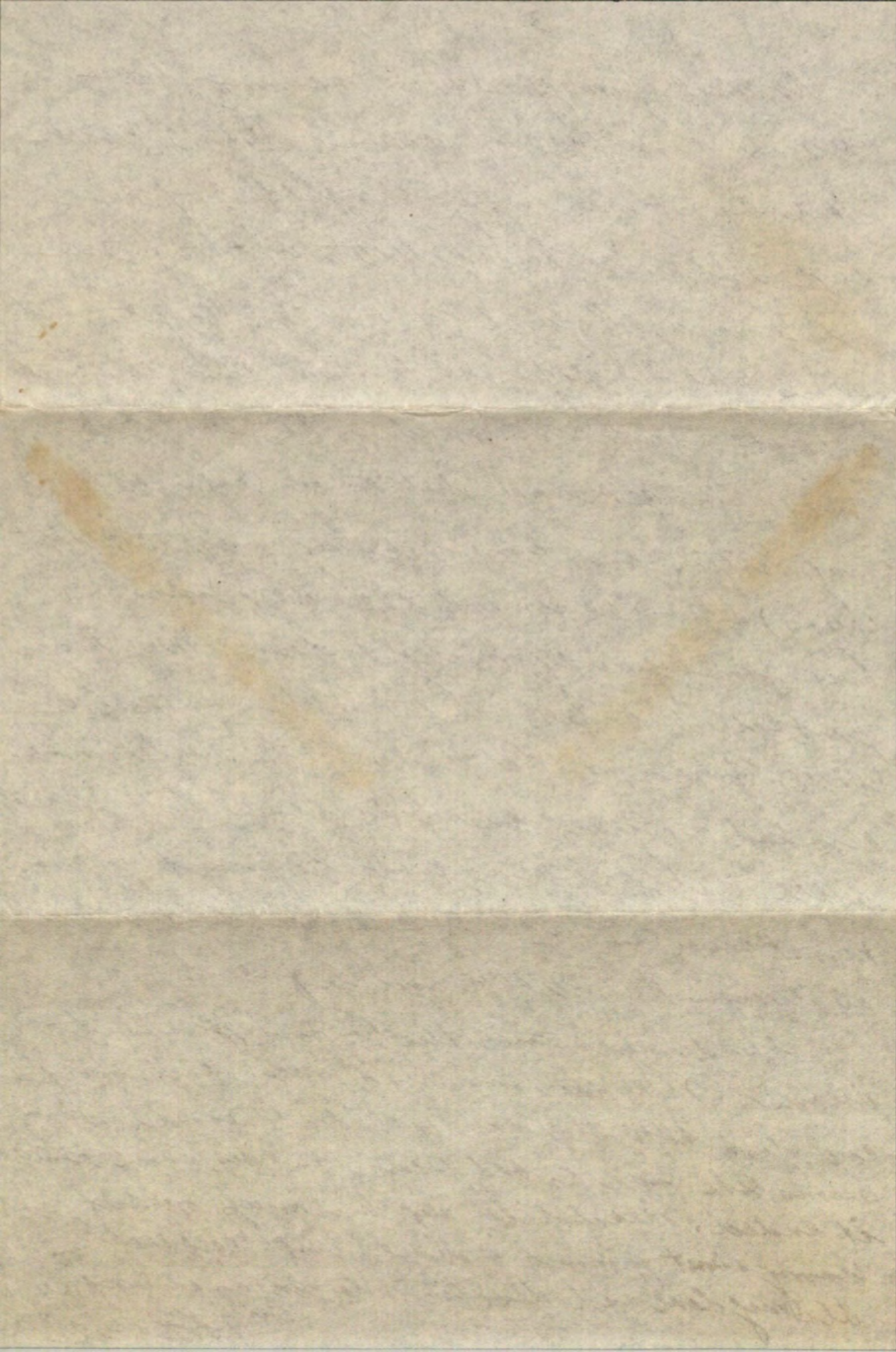
Hope that all is well with you and that you've had some more letters from home. Bob came to see us this morning and played with Jimmie for quite a while. We talked about flying and he sure loves it. Bob looks very well and is so happy to be here in his home town with the family. He wrote you a long letter yesterday just chock full of news and will write again in a day or so. I'll try to call him again to-morrow before I leave just to wish him the best of luck and a safe return soon.

Weather was nice today with a snap in
 the air and I dressed Jim in a new suit
 which the starched gave him as a gift. He
 looks like some boy doll out of a story
 book with that cute smile, that golden
 curl showing out of his hat and 2 rosy cheeks.
 Bess and I walked on the avenue with Jan and
 Jim, stopped in for chocolate floats which
 the children love and later visited Thelma and
 Joel. Stayed with Jan and Jim downstairs and
 then Bess came down while I went upstairs
 to see Joel and Thelma. We got home early
 and fed the babies supper and made dinner
 for ourselves. Mom and Pop came in at
 4 o'clock and were so anxious to see Jimmie.
 He stayed up until 8 p.m. and was
 thrilled to see the folks and also his
 new toys which they brought. A long
 stick with a novelty wooden wheel attach-
 ment, more like this . It's a
 toy that he pushes around and only insisted
 upon taking it to bed with him to night.



No mail from you this morning but
 received a package of perfume from Joseph
 Shepard. It was very thoughtful of him
 and I'll write him a letter of thanks in
 a day or so. Perfume is Martha's "Project" and
 seems to be delightful and Mom also received
 a bottle from him. Would it be too much
 trouble to get more bottles of perfume for
 my sisters and Mom (it's my suggestion, not
 theirs) and I'll forward the money, when I
 hear from you, by money order. Mr. Pinus
 just called to tell me that he received a
 letter from you dated Nov. 9th. Mr. Brown
 also had one from you today in which you
 wrote that you were going to visit Chesterburg.
 Mr. Pinus is fine and sends his best to you
 as always. He's still a swell friend.

Good night, sweetest and pleasant
 dreams. I love you more and more each day
 and just hope the war will end soon. It
 seems like such a bad dream and it's about time
 it ended. Meanwhile, my chin is up so don't
 worry about Jimmie and me. Just keep well.
 All my love and devotion to you as always.
 Lovingly
 Ethelred



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