

June 24, 1926.

Dear Mother:

I am wondering how the clam bake was. I have a keen regret for not being able to be there. A trip to the seashore and a good shore dinner will have to allay my disappointment. I trust that the pile of brush does not exist now for it is not a handsome sight to see when gazing out the kitchen window. I hope that uncle Will was there to partake heavily of sea food.

On the eve of my visit to New York I am seized with great anticipation. A letter from Will, this morning tells me that I shall not have to find my way through the maze of tunnels in order to get to Brooklyn. I plan to arrive at the Grand Central At 9.15 Daylight time. The return journey will be made on Monday morning.

A letter from Westfield bears the encouraging news that Mrs. Ellis is sufficiently better so that she can sit up for a while each day. She has had certainly a long siege. Last Sunday the whole family save Mildred and Mrs. E motored to Brimfield where Ellis is for a week in a Red Cross camp. The situation was conducive to healthy living indeed. Next week he goes to Ashburnham for the summer.

Work here is going on nicely. The work is very exacting and requires extreme care and careful measurement. The quantities involved are so small that even a small inaccuracy makes a great error. I have just really started on the trail of some original data, the other work was more or less for training and confirmation. (both were obtained). The faculty club is closed so that I have resorted to the restaurants again and find them to be much the same as Boston. I have secured a fine room for next year with a private bath and fine furnishings. A widowed lady lives alone in a mammoth house and wants some man around just for peace of mind. The lady is very wealthy and of course maintains a beautiful home. The rent is no greater than I would have to pay elsewhere and surely I do get a good deal more for my money.

I am enclosing a bill which I wish father would pay by check. I have drawn all the cash on my account and prefer to pay the bill by check. I will reimburse him after the first of the month. I have decided that I will be here until the tenth of July if all goes well. Then I shall be coming home probably the twelfth. My finances are all secure but it will not be much to my advantage to stay here after that time.

Hope that all is going well and that you will have some real food ready when I get back.

Will