

Hawthorn Hill
Oakwood
Dayton, Ohio

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Dear Harry:

I wonder if those boys, William King and his friend, remembered to mail my letter before they got home. I was a little uneasy about letting them have it for I was particularly anxious to have you get it Monday, if possible. I thought of Henry's going.

About the book. I have written to the Customs man at Penetang to see if he remembers either copy of the book going through his office. He is an unusually intelligent man and seems to have a remarkable memory so I have asked him to get on the job and see the Post-office people. I think he will recall the book going through his hands, if it did. If the book never got to him then I think it quite likely it never got to Penetang at all. I was wondering if you oughtn't to see what address the bookstore has. Maybe, not likely, they made the same mistake twice. But don't buy another book whatever you do. Let's run down one or two that you have bought!

Isn't it fun to be so important a person that the Presidential candidates feel it worth while to use their wiliest wiles on? We didn't do much for Jimmy last time, did we, and from what I see on the editorial page I don't believe Davis made much of a dent. It was killing, your adjectives describing him—"pleasant, alert and intelligent." I should hope so!! And I think that is just what he is, too. He might be one of hundreds. Whatever old Cal is, stupid, back-woodsy, stingy, small, and so on, there aren't many like him in public view, at least. I hadn't such admiration for him until the intellectuals brought out his virtues and superiority by their silly criticism. If they are for LaFollette I know I am not. Ha! Ha!

We are getting our house filled up, in prospect, for the races [1924 Air Races]. We are to have the Italian Air Attache, Commander Calderara, and Madame, Mr. Lahm, pere, from Paris, and, we hope, Mr. Lahm, fils (Col. Lahm). Then we'll take in one more if some one we want very much turns up, Bion J. Arnold, for instance. Dayton will have a strenuous time taking care of the guests with so few and such small hotels. Mr. Deeds is taking nearly twenty people! He has planned a reunion of all the people who worked together during the war on aircraft—General [George] Squier, Dr. Stratton, Howard Coffin, Henry Ford and Edsel, Hall and Vincent of the Liberty Motor, a bunch of Detroit people, the ones who went West on that motor trip, in which Orv was included and so on. They can have an almost unlimited number at their house. It is so very large now.

I hope your sister will soon be on the road to recovery. I had that acid stomach. It took me a year to get rid of it but I am at least mostly rid of it. No two doctors agree so I shall not venture to give advice. Nothing is so maddening as having everyone giving advice. I know that from grim experience in Orv's case.

I am glad to be at home, of course, but I find myself with the same old weariness every afternoon which is a little discouraging. I never had the least bit of it at the Bay. I hope it will wear away when I am accustomed to conditions here. I really think I am better than I

have been for years but it has always been my besetting weakness, this getting so miserably tired. Even Margaret never understood that at Oberlin. But my opinion is that I would be less tired if I had some good, hard work to do!

I am so glad you and Henry had this lovely summer together. And he isn't gone, of course. It will be so much fun when he comes back and you can talk it all over with him!

I see by the STAR that the Russian Reds have seized possession of Wrangell [Wrangel] Island. That is all that was left to make the mess messier.

As always

Katharine

I really feel as if I were sort of swamping you with letters! Never fear. You don't have to reply to all. K