

Hawthorn Hill
Oakwood
Dayton Ohio

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I've been almost walking around through your house, today, dear. Thank you so much for sending me all pictures of the rooms. Now you must make me a few of the outside of the house and the yard and stone wall. I am sending back the album so I won't have any of the outside at all, dear. Some nice day, when you have time, dear, take a few outside ones – when it's convenient.

Sometimes, dear, I think it would be better if we were to be married soon. I can't quite tell you, dear, - and I don't want to very much any way – how uneasy I am now. Of course, I don't really mean that I think we could possibly be married before fall, but it would be a relief to me, dear. I dread so what I have to go through and what Orv has to look forward to. Maybe he won't care as much as I think he will. I wasn't very clear. I really don't know quite what I did tell him but nothing very definite. I couldn't go on. Oh, Harry, dear, it is such a heart-breaking thing – But I won't talk about it all the time.

How my dressmaker would roar to hear you talking of my looking well in my clothes. She says I haven't a speck of "style". (I call it "stylishness" for fun!) She says I don't know how to wear the clothes she makes for me and she reviles me generally. I tell her that she never makes any thing right; there is always some careless place that spoils the whole effect and son and son. As a matter of fact, we are both right. She doesn't make very pretty things and I certainly don't know how to show off any thing any way – Now – never mind. You are a little prejudiced, dear. I am getting my new georgette make this week. It is a pretty blue. I think you will like the color. I hope she will get a good-looking dress out of it. I am always thinking of next fall, dear. I can't think I really will be in Kansas City ever. But when I am, I want you to like what I wear

If we had my two mahogany pieces, the chiffonier and dressing table and the cherry "bureau" that was my grand mothers and the little cherry table that was hers, too, we would have all we need for our room except the beds. We have a double bed here that is just right with the color of the mahogany to go with my pieces. I know Orv would be glad for me to have it but I don't know. Sometimes I think I won't move much. It costs so much for nothing and things get so marred. If I thought we were likely to stay in K.C. the rest of our lives I wouldn't hesitate at all about taking those things with me. The cherry bureau is lovely; the cherry is so dark now and so rick looking. It is a real beauty. I think your chest of drawers in the upstairs hall is pretty, dear.

I'm awfully interested, dear, in what is in the downstairs hall – the table and mirror. I think that is such an important place. And I think it would be nice to have a little oriental rug between the hall rug and the dining-room rug. I was wonder if my polar bear would be nice between the living room and library, in the winter. We'll have a regular menagerie with our two leopards and our bear.

So Dr. Dick got four tigers, did he? I hope he will have good luck all around and will get back safe and well. I must write once more to him and I'll have to do it pretty soon, too. Post Said, I guess.

I really won't be so shiftless, dear, that I won't want to look after the house. We must keep Ollie. It won't be so easy though for either of us but I'll certainly try not to upset her so she won't be happy. You see, dear, I'll have my own ways of doing and she may not like my ways. I now just how I want the table, for instance and how I want things served. There are other ways, of course, and she may not do just as we do. Well, I won't be silly enough to go to tearing every thing up. We must keep her. We won't find any one else half so good. It will be just a little difficult for me to come in new when she has been there so long.

The flowers are still pretty, dear. I put them in deep water again tonight. Did I ever tell you about the stylish "butler" ! we had once who protested when I asked him to take care of the flowers from the table. He said that the people he had worked for never used their flowers but once. They didn't try to make them last day after day. "Then" I said "you haven't worked for people who had much, for such people take care of their things." He was the one who used to stand around and give Orv advice on how to repair things but never lifted a finger to help. So when I told him we wouldn't need him any more I said that Orv said what we wanted was some one to do some work; that didn't need any advice about motors and so on, that he understood a little about such things himself! The "butler" was dumb squiggled. He said "Did Mr. Wright say that?" He couldn't believe that his serves were not entirely satisfactory. He thought it must be that his wife, who was with us too, ~~must be~~ was the trouble. There is some fun if you can just see it – in dealing with those ignorant darkies.

I do wish, dear, I could begin to get the things we will need, but I don't like to get much any thing until I know just what kind of beds we are going to have and the sizes of every thing – every where. I think I'll get most of my linen in Chicago. There is an awfully good place there – Liturinsky's. I've had a lot of things from there – all satisfactory. I'm not going to worry about any thing that I can't get before-hand. It won't make a bit of difference, will it? I must go to bed, dear. It's getting cold. I'd love to sit in the big chair with you, dear – before I go. I'd kiss you, dear, and tell you I love you.

Your
Katharine