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Dearest Mon.

We're finally settled.... and very very happily. Seems like we're living in a different world now.

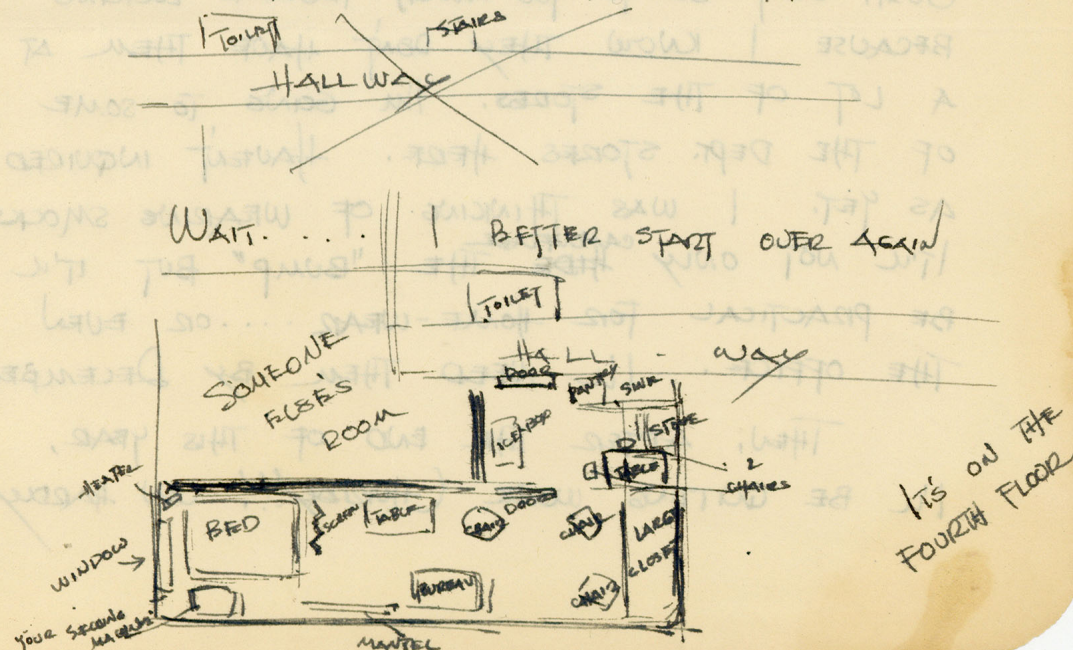
Am writing this on the bed. Bill is a few feet away... at the table.... typing out his notes.

It feels so good to be relaxed.

We'll get a taste of real home life again. The past two months was hectic.... and I seemed to have been sick constantly (nausea). Strangely, since we moved, it seems the sickness seemed to dissolve too.

I still have a cold, but I feel like a new person. I can eat quite well now too.... and have gained 5 pounds in the last 2 weeks. Am ~~amazing~~ ^{in my fourth} month now.

Here's a diagram of our apt.



It's a ROOM-AND-A-HALF. It's IDEAL FOR US.
EVERYTHING IS PLACED SO CONVENIENTLY. THE KITCHEN
TABLE IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US TO EAT.
THE STOVE IS A TWO-BURNER; A SMALL STOVE BUT
VERY HANDY.... AND THE OVEN WORKS WELL.

WE'RE ONLY 2 DOORS AWAY FROM YURI
and BONES. THEY'RE AT 246 W. 22nd ST.
THIS PLACE IS ALSO LOCATED CLOSER TO ~~a~~ and
CLOSER TO BILL'S SCHOOL..... AND ALSO JUST A
FEW BLOCKS FROM WHERE I USED TO WORK.

Now, I'll GO OVER YOUR LETTER... AND
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

FIRST — HOW IS ART? HAS HIS SHOULDER
BEEN PUT BACK IN PLACE PROPERLY? BOY!
THAT MUST ^{HAVE} BEEN PAINFUL!!! CAN'T IT BE FIXED
SO IT WON'T GO 'OUT' OF THE SOCKET AGAIN?

YOU MENTIONED ABOUT MATERNITY DRESSES.
GOSH, DON'T GO TO TOO MUCH TROUBLE LOOKING
BECAUSE I KNOW THEY DON'T HAVE THEM AT
A LOT OF THE STORES. I'M GOING TO SOME
OF THE DEPT. STORES HERE. HAVEN'T INQUIRED
AS YET. I WAS THINKING OF WEARING SMOCKS.
IT'LL NOT ONLY ^{CAMOUFLAGE} ~~HIDE~~ THE "BUMP" BUT IT'LL
BE PRACTICAL FOR HOME-WEAR....OR EVEN
THE OFFICE. I'LL NEED THEM BY DECEMBER.

THEN, AFTER THE END OF THIS YEAR,
I'LL BE GETTING WORK (HORROR!!!) CAN HARDLY

WAIT) AND PREPARE FOR BABY'S THINGS.
IT'LL BE SO MUCH FUN, LOOKING FOR
"NECESSITIES," ETC. IT'LL BE A COMPLETELY
NEW EXPERIENCE.

BESIDES, ~~WE~~ JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE
WORKING ANYMORE. I GUESS CUZ I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN IN SINCE COMING OUT HERE. MY
BODY SEEMS SO WEAK . . . AND RUN DOWN.

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NOW, ABOUT ART and CHIYO'S GENEROUS
GESTURE OF SHARING THEIR FIRST PROFIT.
IT TOUCHED US DEEPLY. GOSH, BUT THEY
SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT. THEY'VE JUST
STARTED THEIR BUSINESS . . . AND WE CAN
IMAGINE HOW HARD IT MUST BE. THEY
SAY THE FIRST SIX MONTHS YOU USUALLY
DON'T MAKE ANYTHING. IT TAKES TIME
TO GET ESTABLISHED AND PROFIT TO COME
IN.

OF COURSE, WE WERE MORE THAN
GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THAT PRECIOUS MONEY
ORDER BUT TELL THEM NOT TO DO
THAT ANYMORE; AT LEAST NOT UNTIL THEY
REALLY GET GOING. BESIDES, THE 4
OF YOU NEED IT MORE THAN US.

WE'LL WRITE TO THEM RIGHT AFTER
I FINISH THIS. BILL WILL TOO IF HE HAS
TIME, BUT HE'S QUITE BUSY WITH HOME-WORK
SINCE HE'S BEHIND FROM ^{PACKING} MOVING LAST WEEK.

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YOU MENTIONED THAT DAN BORICE and GUST
WERE OVER. GOSH, IF YOU SEE THEM AGAIN
WILL YOU SAY HELLO TO THEM FROM BOTH
OF US. . . . AND ALSO "CONGRATULATIONS." WAS
CERTAINLY HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THEIR
MARRIAGE. WISH YOU WOULD ASK THEM AND
THEIR WIVES OVER SOME TIME. IF YOU COULD
GET DAN'S ADDRESS, WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
IT.

Oh! TELL PETE THANKS FOR HIS LETTER
AND SNAP-SHOTS. HE LOOKED DARN SWEET.
FELT PROUD OF HIS "PHYSIQUE" (BUT DON'T
TELL HIM). WILL WRITE SOME TIME IN
THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IF HANK KOIDE COMES
BE SURE AND SAY "HELLO" TO HIM. IT SEEMS
LIKE A COINCIDENCE THAT PETE AND HANK
HAVE MET AND ARE SUCH CLOSE BUDDIES.
HANK USED TO BE OUR PATIENT IN THE
S.A. HOSPITAL; AN IDEAL PATIENT, AND AN
INSPIRING FELLOW. HE WAS VERY POPULAR
WITH EVERYONE.

Oh! How is LOLA? IS SHE BACK FROM
THE HOSPITAL YET? HOW IS SHE FEELING?
How ~~are~~ Mr. + Mrs. STEVENS? AND Mrs. NANCE?
ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?

By THE WAY, ARE YOU GROWING ANY
FLOWERS OR VEGETABLES IN THE GARDEN? DO

WE STILL HAVE THOSE FRUIT TREES, (FIG and
GRAPE-FRUIT?

CAN HARDY WAIT TO VISIT YOU NEXT
SUMMER.

THE OTHER NITE I DREAMED THAT YOU
WERE COMING OUT HERE TO NEW YORK. IT
SEEMED SO REAL. BILL AND I WERE BOTH SO
EXCITED.....BUT YOU FORGOT TO TELL US WHICH
STATION YOU WOULD COME THROUGH AND WHAT
TIME THE TRAIN WOULD ARRIVE. YOU JUST TOLD
US THE DATE. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
THEN, IN THE MIST OF ALL THE ANXIETY,
I HAD TO GO TO THE BATHROOM AND I WOKE
UP.

GOSH, ABOUT EDDIE. HOW SWEET!!! WHAT
PICTURE IS HE WORKING ON NOW? HOW MANY
HAS HE MADE SINCE "THREE WISE FOOLS"?
AND GOSH, SO TERR IS ON A "CAMERA CREW"
NOW? BET THAT'S INTERESTING WITH ALL THAT
ROUGH-STUFF TAKING PLACE. MUST BE SORTA
DANGEROUS THO' ACCORDING TO THE PICS THAT'S
APPEARED IN THE PAPERS.

YOU MENTIONED HOW HOMEY AND NICE IT
IS WITH CHIYO THERE. YES. YOU'RE ACTUALLY
LUCKY, MOM. SHE'S A RARE FIND. SO MANY
GIRLS CAN'T SEEM TO ADJUST THEMSELVES WITH
IN-LAWS AND VICE-VERSA.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE FAMILY UNITY AND

FAMILY HARMONY IS THERE?

OF COURSE I DIDN'T REALIZE IT BEFORE.
IT TOOK MARRIAGE TO FIND OUT THAT WHEN
YOU MARRY A FELLOW, YOU ALSO "MARRY" ~~THE~~ HIS
FAMILY. . . . AND YOUR FAMILY AND HIS FAMILY
BECOME ONE. AND THAT'S THE HAPPIEST SITU-
TION. . . . AS ONE BIG FAMILY.

Bill's Dad HAS BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD
TO ME; WORRYING SO MUCH ABOUT MY CONDI-
TION. IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH HE KNOWS
ABOUT FOOD; IT'S VALUES; HEALTH ~~EA~~ AND
THE BODY; MEDICINE, TREATMENTS, ETC. HE
MAJORED IN MED.

UNCLE HARRY IS AWFULLY NICE TOO.
HE STUDIED DIETETICS. SO BETWEEN THE TWO
OF THEM, Bill and I GET PLENTY OF
MEDICAL CARE & ADVICE.

Oh . . . BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU
START ON THIS SEWING ENTERPRISE? DO YOU
DO IT AT HOME WHEN TIME PERMITS? HOW
DO YOU GET PAID? ^{PIECE-WORK?} ^{FOR A} FOR WHAT
OUTFIT? OR IS THIS PRIVATE PARTY? SOUNDS
INTERESTING, BUT BET IT'S A LOT OF
WORK. GOSH, ONLY \$1.00 FOR 4 DOZEN
(48) APRONS. ~~WHOW!!~~ YOU OUGHTA GO ON
"A STRIKE!"

IT'S QUITE LATE NOW, SO I'M PREPARE
FOR BED. Bill JUST STARTED A LETTER TO YOU.
HE'S TYPING IT. TIL NEXT TIME, THEN. . . .

Love, Mary