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Dear mother + all

I know you are wondering why I don't write. Moving always upsets everything, and then it takes a long time to get straight again. We are about back to normal now and I do like our house very much. We have plenty of room with two bedrooms down and two upstairs. Will have plenty of room for the family even if every one should decide to come out at one time. I only have furniture in one bed room upstairs, but one can always borrow a bed. Our old ice box played out on us as soon as we moved, so we had to buy a new one. That is something that we had not planned for. Of course we only paid \$25.00 for our old ice box when we started to keeping house on Forge.

I am glad that Bernice + Harry have moved the house. I hope that they can do the necessary repair ~~so~~ this summer, so that they can move in. Has Buddy been able to do any more to his house. I called John G. about two weeks about concerning the house there, but I have not heard from him since. I go ~~by~~ by 617 N. E. Cook every day to check and see if there is any mail.