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Dear Burt:

I find that several days have elapsed since I should have written you regarding your good letter of the 27th ultimo. I have just called Mrs. Shead again regarding her apartment and find that all of her friends have advised her that she is renting the apartment entirely too cheaply.

If she pays all the bills, with the exception of the telephone, they insist that she should have \$40.00 per month. This includes the garage.

Burt, I have looked all over this town for apartments and the smaller ones rent for \$45.00. This town is an old New England town which has many large houses, but few nice apartments. The trend is now in the direction of taking these old houses and making them up into apartments, but the metamorphosis has not been fast enough to please the young couples who have small families or none at all.

I want to also revise my statement in regard to Mrs. Shaad's young son entering the Engineering School. He has a prep year that he is going to take in Philadelphia where he was last year, so it will be another year before he comes to our Engineering School for study. Therefore, Mrs. Shaad will be alone in the house, but she lives in the loveliest neighborhood adjoining the campus and she has spent a lot of money fixing up her home.

Frankly, I think, Burt, that if you would get this place it would be fine, but I do not want to talk you into the proposition. I want you to make your own decision. A person came here from Colby this summer to look at the place and they were delighted with it, but they have two small children and Mrs. Shaad did not rent it to them as she has raised four or five children and she now wants quiet and rest. However, she is not a person of nerves - a very genteel and lovely woman. She said that when she has guests at times she would want the use of the dining room downstairs, but it was her impression that if the people who rent the apartment are the kind of people she hopes to get they would have the run of the house - the fireplace, the dining room, the sleeping porch, and so on. But I would want you