

and she is getting but 2% on her money at the present time. By buying this house Milton is paying 4%, so she is no dumbbell! And then Mother has the painting and paper hanging this morning at Milton's and Isabel's. Mr. Purcell is moving in a week from today and she wants it in tip-top shape for him. So getting all those jobs done and getting Milton's house under contract in her own name and arranging the payments of Milton to her on the contract that Milton and Mother will have, is just a lot of business for one woman.

Although Hoot and Jane may read this letter, I want you to know what a great source of happiness and satisfaction it has been to have Hoot in our family. I have never seen anyone captivate Mother like Hoot has, and I might add that I can go along with her one hundred per cent. We rejoice in the pleasures that Hoot and Jane are having, and my hope is that you and Pete and Sonny and Joan and Libby, together with Jane and Hoot will have the time of your lives.

Everything is going along about as usual, as the old grandfather would say, and you can't take it with you. I am thankful to be alive and happy and well, and to have the children and grandchildren healthy and happy and successful.

With love to all, I am

Affectionately yours,

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