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Dear Etoile:

I just ran across a letter of yours of March 11th referring to some matters that might well have been answered sooner.

You spoke of reading the name of Daniel M. Ladd in a second hand book. If you recall our early days in Lawrence, you will remember a dog farm located on the 40 acres just south of where we now live. For the moment I cannot think of the name of the owner although I can see his face and figure in my mind as I write. That place was formerly the Ladd Homestead and perhaps 40 years ago a young lady named Smith at the University is still remembered because her given names were Mary Ladd and no one would forget Mary Ladd Smith.

The dog fancier kept greyhounds and would take them out to various places in Kansas for coursing meets. He advertised in the paper frequently for dead horses, cattle, and sheep for dog food.

I did not see the movie "Sergeant York". Gertie and I probably do not attend more than 4 or 5 movie shows a year.

In regard to the garden at Gull Lake, the season is too short to make it of value to us. Grayce and Don provided us last year with a good many fresh vegetables toward the end of the season, but the few tomato plants that Dolph and his boys tended had not yet ripened when we closed our cottages for the season. We found it easy to buy fresh vegetables at a very reasonable price.

So far I have been free from ivy poisoning while at Gull Lake, but I take constant care to keep from getting in