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Dear Julia:

I haven't any news.

Dolph has joined Marie and John at Gull Lake and I had a letter from Grayce. Also one yesterday or day before from Lillian.

Gertie found out day before yesterday that our maid who has been with us for three and one-half months and who had been very capable and dependable was stealing from us. We have recovered, I think, the greater part of the loot, but I think that my field glasses are gone. We are covered with a reasonable amount of theft insurance so we shall lose only the things that we do not know were taken.

It seems to me vaguely as if mamma had an experience with a maid who stole things years and years ago.

Victory gardens are a success and we have been eating our own vegetables for a month or more. Have also put up a lot of canned goods. We were sorry to lose our maid as she apparently was quite an expert at canning.

We have had the welcome news today that Catania had fallen; that Munda had been taken; and that the Russians had forced the Germans out of Orel. We are very happy to hear of the favorable aspects of the war, but the war is not won yet by a good deal. I am afraid that it may be some years before we can shake off the national socialism which now prevails and we probably will never have the opportunity for initiative and enterprise that has made this great nation.

I sincerely hope that you are gaining somewhat every day, and I am sure that if Mary Jule comes to see you, that it will benefit you. However, try to avoid any arguments or disagreements because I do not believe such would be beneficial to you.