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My dear friends:

You will be happy to know that we took Gertrude home last night, and she was able to ride in an automobile instead of an ambulance. I think her recovery has been astounding for one of her age. No one in their early years could have responded more satisfactorily. The operation was indeed serious, but fortunately was made in time to avoid more serious consequences. We had our friend, Dr. C. B. Johnson, assisted by Dr. Larry Engle, a Lawrence boy, who has become perhaps the best known surgeon in Kansas City.

The fact that Gertrude likes so many people, was beautifully shown by the letters, cards, flowers, etc, received by her. I think that all together, she received about one hundred fifty such tokens of friendship.

You will doubtless recall that when Mother Reineke came to us about ten years ago, we built an apartment in the rear of the house for her. The spot was chosen because it fronted the flower garden, both on the north and the west. After Mother Reineke's death, we used the room for a library. For some years, however, Gertrude has wanted a downstairs bedroom, so Marie asked if she could go ahead and fix it up to suit herself. I was very happy to have her do so, because she has excellent taste and judgment, so we ushered Gertrude into a room last night with new paint and paper, new drapes, an awning to the window, new lighting arrangement, and everything to make it a beautiful and modern room. You may recall that a complete bath was attached to this room on the south; not only that, but the back porch, which had been a sort of a "catch all" was also renovated, and a table and a couple of porch chairs were placed there so