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Dear Collie:-

I am ashamed not to have written to you as soon as Gertie told me you had paid that money to Karl and then again after your letter this week but altho' I do appreciate both I am afraid I am negligent and deceive myself by saying I am too busy.

About the paper, I telephoned to the Midwestern, but it had already been sold. It was lovely paper and you are fine to think of me.

About Karl, I am sorry you felt you must send him that for it was not owing him and he never earned it. It is only another instance of the way they get along getting something for nothing. At the same time I realize your good intent in sending it and I mean to repay you but I am so ashamed to think I have not yet repaid you for the loan now almost two years ago that I dislike even mentioning it.

We are just about fixed up and ready to do business right out here and it would seem that I have every opportunity to make good but I have been so slow in really getting anywhere that sometime I think I never will. It is not very comforting to feel that after years of hard work one is almost a failure but I know that after all the only thing to do is to still "carry on".

Mrs. Franklin and I went to the station to meet Blanche last night and Patsy was the sweetest thing. He was just as ready as could be for me to kiss him which is not usual with him for strangers. They had only fifteen minutes so we rushed around pretty lively for a few minutes. Louis was there and he went down to the train with them.

Ask Gertie if I shall send her shoes to her or will she be down soon and get them. We have her powder and perfume also. Will be so glad to have you all come down some Sunday.

I don't think we can very well go up there for I think it is almost too long a trip for Papa. He is pretty well but a good deal of care. Has not had one of his bad spells now for about ten days and I hope it will be a long time be-