

May 8, 1947

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Dear Pat:

I am now reading the letter you wrote to Dolph, dated May 6.

You know, I have been quite a bug about the many ills that come to the human body through the presence of bad teeth. Very belatedly, I connected Gertrude's trouble to the condition of her teeth, and we are going to have her mouth cleaned out entirely. Three teeth were extracted yesterday by Dr. Webb in Kansas City.

I wonder if you have a crown tooth, or a filled tooth, that may have a pus pocket connected with it. I think that with the trouble you have had with your stomach, one of the wisest things you could do would be to have your teeth x-rayed to see if they have a part in your trouble. The x-ray taken of Gertrude's teeth indicates that she is still carrying a root from one of the four wisdom teeth extracted when she was about twenty-one years old. Her next hard problem will be having the gum split open to remove that root.

Twice, the presence of a bad tooth has caused me stomach trouble, and twice a bad tooth caused Louis to have rheumatism in his shoulder and arm. Knowing what I do about the influence of bad teeth on one's health, I marvel that the doctors and dentists do not give more attention to their removal. Wouldn't it be glorious if you could find that there was a bum tooth somewhere in your head that is causing all your trouble and that quick recovery would follow its removal?! After having had twelve years of very serious stomach trouble, it disappeared in a week following the removal of an infected tooth, and its recurrence five years later was immediately stopped by the removal of another infected tooth. I am sure that Gertrude's health will be vastly improved by the removal of the teeth that Dr. Esterly had been treating for many years.

I will now go ahead and finish reading your letter. Gertrude will go back to Dr. Webb at Kansas City next Tuesday morning for further extraction.

Love to you and yours,