

December 22, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Freeman  
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Dear Grace and Don:

I have your letter of the 19th, and as I leave tomorrow afternoon to spend Christmas with Dorothea and family, I am writing now instead of delaying about a full week.

The weather is open and pleasant. Business has been good. I have received a large number of greetings from friends.

I am very sorry that you find it hard to do your own work, and I wish that you could have someone with you all the time upon whom you could depend.

I imagine it looks rather bleak up there, and yet quite beautiful.

We had a nice letter the other day from Mrs. Frampton which gave us quite a little news.

I hope you do find little Frances Pickar because I would like to encourage her in improving herself. I really think she is worth while.

I can imagine you had just about as much pleasure, maybe more, in having the little boys with you at the Shrine dinner than the little chaps had in eating it. Didn't it feel kind of good to have the little hand placed confidently in yours? I am a great hand to make friends with the little children, and nearly always they respond nicely. I have never forgotten attending the dinner given by the St. Cloud band, I think, to the boys; and the one little fellow who sat across from me who not only ate all the bread that was on the table in front of him before the dinner was served, but then ate two full dinners. I always thought that he must have been built on the ancient style of architecture--one story and a basement.