

January 4, 1949-

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

I am wearing the very pretty tie you sent me and it has been complimented many times. It is very pretty and I like it.

I had an unusual experience last night in being awakened from a sound sleep by the call of "Collie, Collie" in a voice that I immediately recognized as that of Julia. I am not aware that I had had her particularly on my mind, and it seems strange that being awakened from a sound sleep that there was no mistaking the voice.

I do not dream of my loved ones often. It seems that I have only dreamed about our boy, John Louie, a very few times and that a long while ago. I have had no dreams as yet regarding Gertrude, although I should enjoy the experience.

The young couple that I have at the house are working out very nicely. They are pleasant and interesting and do not complain of being overworked. They, seemingly, are very happy in the arrangements that we have. I asked last night how long they expected to be here, and it will be for more, I think, than the current year. At her suggestion, which I was very glad to have her make, we are entertaining Dolph's family at dinner Thursday night. She is very fond of Marie and I know that Marie and Dolph like her.

There is nothing new. Dorothea came back with me on December 28 and remained until Friday, when she returned because the weather was so bright. I enjoyed having her with me.

Times are very busy at the Maloneys. They had a house full of company for Christmas. Owen and his fiancée, Marie, were both there and expect to be married on Saturday, the 22nd. Marilyn, too, is engaged, but I think the date has not yet been set, although it will probably be in April.