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with Vincent, and under the circumstances, I think he is wise in not loading up with conditions so unsettled.

I am glad that you have easy work because I believe you would make any job you had pleasant for yourself and for your associates.

I am a little surprised that tipping has reached to the postman. I don't think that really ought to be true. Neither do I think that as small a purchase as a coke should call for a tip, but be that as it may, I presume it is easier to follow the general run there than to try to run against the current.

I remember Louis Cunningham who, as I recall, had a very good and perhaps an unusual tenor voice. Our Easter music went off quite well, although on account of Easter vacation, it was necessary to fill in with singers from Haskell.

The next time the spirit moves you to write me a letter, I hope you will do so and that it will be a long one like the one I have before me now.

The Kings are really nice folks. She has found quite a place for herself in the community and has been giving talks to young mothers, which to me seems a little bit of a joke, seeing she has not yet attained motherhood. Her ideas are very modern, and I do not agree with her ideas of the rearing of young children.

As I may have told you before, we have kept the house as Gertrude had it. She had a way of once or twice a year changing things around, but I do not have that knack and would rather leave things as they were then than to mess them up.

We had a small cabinet picture of Gertrude taken a few months after our marriage and in her wedding dress. It had faded through the years and Dorothea had it restored in colors by an artist in Lincoln, who really did an excellent job. The little picture in a gold frame stands in the center of our mantel. Fortunately, I found another perfect copy of the same photograph.

You speak of Gertrude's enthusiasm, it is a quality that I do not have. I miss it. It seems to me I have never been enthusiastic about anything, unless it was my home and my wife.

With very best wishes to you and Andy and hoping to hear from you again soon, I am as ever

Cordially, your friend