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Dear Grayce:

I can't believe that you are trying to make a match between May and December in sending me the pretty picture of the Showell girl. I think that her prominence really indicates that I was not wrong in my estimation of her last April. She was neither too forward nor too restrained. I guess the world is full of fine young folks if we were just fortunate enough to run across them.

I doubt if I shall be able to find anyone to meet your requirement for help, but if I should I shall be very glad to report. You see for a person who is accustomed to the climate and conditions in Kansas, a year around home in Minnesota might prove a little severe.

I don't recall just to whom you refer as having been my secretary. Margaret has never acted in the capacity to amount to anything and while I am using the new girl, Mrs. Parrish, in doing some typing for me, she is only fairly efficient in that line. But I hope that she and her husband will take hold as well as Margaret and Otis have done.

I had a very nice letter recently from Mrs. Pat Klapis, who was with us while Gertrude was here. She is a splendid young woman, has run up against a good many hardships I imagine, but everything seems to be smoothed out now, and she and her husband are both happy and successful. They are very fine young people. I loaned them some money and they repaid it promptly.

I think probably that you could arrange for someone to look after your home by getting Jack and Mrs. Bisek to occupy your helpers quarters and closing up their own home for the time of your absence, and in that way you would feel perfectly safe to leave the keys with Mrs. Bisek so she could look after the house as might be necessary. I will also let Mary July see your letter.