

As a consequence, it took me most of Jan. to get back to feeling normal. He wouldn't make another such trip this winter under any circumstances. It is just too hard a drive in Eastern traffic. He realizes now that I just haven't the strength to do things like that, keep house, and hold down a job at the same time.

So we have cut out the long trips and I have started my last month at work! Come March 1st I am retiring - isn't that wonderful? I will stay until we find a suitable girl to take my place and then out I go. I can't decide what to do first on the day Andy drives off in the morning without me, but I have one slip cover finished and the second pinned on the chair! That condition has existed for 4 mos, so I guess the sewing machine has top priority. I don't dare bake all the time because Andy has shed some fat and watches his diet pretty closely to keep that way.

It will be one year tomorrow since we landed in N.Y. He felt we have done very well in his first year out of school - thanks to the help and advice of people like you as well as our own efforts. This makes my retirement a particularly happy occasion and years from now I'm sure I will remember vividly the thrill I feel now at the very prospect.

We hope you are well - and your family too. And we wonder if you have any plans for after the Kings leave. We will be anxious to hear what turns up - and wish you good fortune toward settling that question.

Again, our heartfelt thanks - for everything.  
As ever, Pat and Andy