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Dear Vollie:

I have owed you a letter for some time, but I've been so busy at several important things, that I just couldn't seem to get at it, the I've thought of you often, remembering I owed you this.

Many, many thanks, for the two books, with the pretty picture of little Aunt Jennie, the beautiful one of Julia, and the most handsome one of my dear cousin, Collie.

I have a picture I came across the other day, of Gertrude & little Blanch, that I've had for years, & had forgotten all about it. We are trying to clean out my "clipping bureau" of hundreds of items, that I am going to burn as they are passe now. A lot of them are really "history, too, but I havnt time to go thru all of them. We have eight rooms & ourfront porch, which we've had glassed in for years as a sun room, is absolutely swamped with articles I've been cutting out for YEARS.

I may get around to trying to contact some of the names you've been so kind as to send me, but with Norma away, and a lot of her books, compositions, and music to be disposed of, as SHE wants it, it is kind of a tough job. My bookcase is filled with books; a whole set of Conrad, as wellm as owher books of my own. The Conrad set is hers, & so are a lot of others, and if you dont think it is a maddening thing for a gal of my years, you dont know what's what!

I have this to think of, too, Collie. With Norma so far away, & with nobody near us to help poor Walter if anything happened to me, it is something to think about.

And now I am going to tell you something interesting. About 35 xx years or more ago, I had my fortune told, fust for fun. I was living in Minneapolis. This nice little woman who told my fortune was a clairvoyant in her own little modest home. Not one of these eweird females with a turban around her head, dim lights, & atrumpet overhead. She just sat down in her living room, & held my hand for two hours, and this is what she told me. She said I'd go east first, (which I did) I'd travel a lot in the east, which I have - that I would have been a great dramatic actress & at that time, I had never been on the stage. She said I would have been famous in TWO CONTINENTS. And she reverted back to that statement several times, while she was talking to me - said she could get over that thought (and mind you, I had never ONCE said anything about the stage to her, & had never BEEN on the stage, either- She said I was one of the few women she had ever seen who could stand the winter in the Klondike- that my on he trouble might be a little stomach trouble (which I've had) She also said I'd be going east (which I had no idea of doing when she told me that) And then came another statement that I'd finish up by going to California to live (which I surely did) THEN she said You WILL NEVER DIE A NATURAL DEATH. Beware of explosives and firearms. And now, when I have one foots in the grave & the other on a banana peel, along comes this threat of a World War 111, & a thret that it might well be on a Pacific coast. Now, remember, I have never thought of such a death in all the years I've lived BUT, dont think I am worried about that. I am too good a Gowdy & a Moulton to be scared about that. But everything else she said has come true, except "winter in the Klondike", & she didnt say I'd ever go there, but that