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Dear Clarence & Ruth,

Every day I have been wanting to write some letters which I owe but it seems like there's always so many other things to be done and places to go.

Today is the day that grandpa leaves for sunny California, leaving 7:30 this evening and should arrive Friday, before this letter I suppose. He's been feeling very well lately and would be perfect if it were not for that asthma. Watch to see that he does not eat anything which contains wheat or chocolate. He's supposed to use milk sparingly and can have eggs in cooking but not as they are. No raw onions since the clinic in Nebraska has found him to be allergic to these things. Now I'll have to burn the waste paper, shake the rugs, go to the store and etc. myself since he helped me with those things. We hope the California climate will agree with him.

It was interesting to see the pictures of all the snow you have had around there. There has been a lot of talking and joking about it around here. We haven't had much snow but we had a long lasting coating of ice which has been very hazardous to many. There had been quite a few wrecks and broken bones resulting from it and it is a relief to walk on dry walks again. The temperature keeps around the 30° mark but we know that spring is just around the corner for the robins are making their appearance.

We think it is wonderful that Clarence has found work that he likes and hope that his health will permit him to keep at it for a long time. It must make it much easier for all of you. I think it very remarkable the way you managed before and still kept so cheerful.

Often think of those two darling little daughters you have. Are they just a lively & gay? I suppose they're growing fast.

While I think of it I'd better go upstairs & see if I can find those negatives you asked for - I believe I have them all now. Am including some taken in San Francisco & Stanford too in case you want them. My favorite is the one of Betty walking on the curbing. Grandpa is taking an enlargement of that along in his suitcase for you to have.

We finally had our wedding pictures developed but have no folders for them. Pop could just as well bring the proofs along with him too; then you could let us know whether you would like the picture of the group or of the two of us or others.

You people must come here sometime and see the moving pictures we took out there. The girls' red jumpers look pretty in colored pictures.

You asked for some suggestions for a wedding gift. That really isn't necessary but if you want to give something we could use a set of bookends for the desk. I just love all

kinds of vases, figurines of birds or anything. It would also be very nice to have a set of doilies for vanity dresser & chest of drawers. My brother sent us a spread for Christmas.

This will have to be all for now. Thanks a lot for writing and please write again soon.

Best regards to all - Elsa & Carl