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Dear Dede.

Yours of the 24th was received today as Pat went to the P.O. and it pleased me to believe that you had not long to wait for Amy after you mailed your letter. I hope you enjoy his presence as much as I miss him. His little cat cat is lots of company to me. Last week I kept him up here all most all the time. as pieces of fish and slices of bread spread with suspicious looking stuff were in our yard, food that we never had, and the crows collected them and disposed of them. Luckily that our cats don't like that kind of food and are kept stuffed. I think the little one did get a little sick. but he is all right. the neighbors hate our cats. the fights are very loud and peevish. but our cat get all the blame - and they do not go out of our yard and to the other cats that come here that cause the noise. Minnie Coffee took in a bowl of soup to Mrs. Seaf-ridge. she can eat very little and coughs very hard. Sam had to go in and clean out the gutters on the cottage for her. It rained heavy on Friday. threatened yesterday and threatens again today. I believe we'll have all the rain we want. I hope you will buy and eat all the fruit you can. do go out for your dinners whenever you are tired. and any other meals. I'm glad you got your plants, they raise fine Umbrella plants. out of one stalk. I thank you for your fashion items. we have shoe cases here. I can't wear a long one - you notice if street skirts are zoned straight down or are flounced out around the bottom like the samples enclosed. We have not bought anything new yet. Shall have to soon.

It has been very dull all the week. I've not been
out anywhere. Sam went to his Nelsons to play
his 'Cello last night when he could have gone to
a hotel. Today he has gone Golfing. Sam went
to call on his Estom girls Friday evening and last
night to call on Selma Brink. Brother Brink has gone
up north to take charge of a drug store. I hear you are
going to have some new fraternity sisters soon
as Emma has an invitation. Ethel Don't brother
good school teaching. I had a very sprightly letter
from Capie. She wrote her friend Florence Smith was going to
Europe with a chaperone. She goes - but it cost too much - too ex-
pensive. They were evidently well. Sam is drawing - you'd
ought to see them - slap dash! finished in a few minutes. I hope
Mr Shawmish will broaden your hand. am real glad he pleases
you. Emma really seems to have quite an idea for faces. would
you ever have suspected it? - though I doubt if she ever saves her
living at it. It looks like she's tall out. she's falling beams
and chilly air. There will be a Circus here this week. if you
were here. you could go. Cora Leigh has grown up a nice
looking and dressed your woman. sings in your choir.
I must change my dress for dinner. During the week
I will try to write you a half decent letter. I thank my
dear girl very much for her letter. and would like very much
to be with her. lots of love to Mary and yourself from

your loving
Ma.

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