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DEAR SALLY:

Well how is everyone? I hope you aren't too tired to receive some unfortunate news. You see all the time I was working, the chief draftsman caught me in some very simple errors of draftsmanship which I knew but had forgotten. There were other things that definitely weren't my mistakes, though. Well anyhow, I'm out of a job right now. Tapidus said he wasn't going to expand any more and was cutting down on his jobs. He said I was starting in to work in nicely with him which I thought so too. Why I did a perspective for him which looked real nice, I thought. Well, I'm much surer of my draftsmanship now though. I better keep my hand in too. Of course my lettering is not too good but passable.

Don't feel too bad, please, I know you were counting on coming out but just think ~~how~~ how you would feel in my shoes. I made the rounds of the agencies and a few designers. What I am going to do is make a drawing. Well in fact I made one last night. I'm experimenting on coloring it now. I never took time to do anything along that line but I'm sure going to try because there are easier openings if you have drawings rendered. Maybe after seeing mine, they may definitely not give me a job. Well one can't ever tell though. My drafting is pretty good now, even if I do say so myself. And when it needs be, I probably will get fairly well with the rendering. I tried last night

on pastel. It is about the quickest way to render. I'm going to keep trying along that line, altho the pastels that I have with me are inadequate; I'll have to buy a set — more expense and the wrong time. I think I can do something with it though. Next I'll try water color. Crayon is kind of slow.

Before I forget, will you please send me my raincoat. It rains or mist up fairly frequently and I don't want to wear my overcoat because it's too warm. If it's possible send some ties too. I only had three with me and they are worn out. I bought two but I might as well use the other I have at home. There was a lead

for an apartment in Flushing but I don't know if I should take it up. Today I'm going to finish a drawing so that I could use it as a sample of my work. I'm going to try to get into the firm of Owens, Skidmore, & Merrill.

The thing I'm doing is very simple but just the kind of thing they do. I think I will take two days drawing but I think it will be well spent in that I'll have something to show. After a month and a half of drafting, I feel I can be unashamed of my line drawings. Sometimes I wish I had taken a sure thing like Nursery work or related line because of you but I do have some good experience when I work in architectural offices. There is a lot on good practice that comes easiest by experience.

3. We have been having three days of San Francisco fog & mist. Its just swell for a change. I did go around yesterday to the agencies and such to get a start but unless they ~~for~~ phone me, I'll do the drawings. I stood up until 2:00 A.M. last night. consequently, I didn't get up too early today.

Wak wrote me and said that you had written a swell letter to her. Some day when I see you again, I'll show you her letter. She realizes a lot of things. They are both working now. She is working in a hospital. Yuri in some kind of social work. Please don't spread it around as long as they haven't written to you about it. You know how they were. They may have changed a little - Wak not Yuri.

Sometimes Sally, I wonder how things work out this way. I take ^{odd} jobs to fill in and really try hard for jobs. Some people don't do much along that way. After I get a job and just about getting some of the money back that I had spent, the job just disappears and probably I will spend what I saved and more. I know that when I started working I wasn't up to par by a month time, I could probably keep up with all except the chief draftsman. It seem so funny to because I thought I was slowly getting along with Mr. Tajides. Well so much for that, One thing is that I know I'm not the best draftsman but can keep with most of them well, we shall see. I've been looking for something for KTH and Mike. Have you any suggestions? By the way, I think you misread my letter. I wrote that I had sent your mother a box of cookies but

4. What did you want for Mothers day because I may not get something you really want or need at the present.

I made an application for an Arch. Designers position for a firm which who has an opening in Cleveland. Its a large manufacturer of prefab. walls. Well, we shall see. A friend I met last Saturday went to Chicago or will go there. He got a job there as a mechanical draftsman. Gosh! honey though, as I see it from working in this arch. office; there is nothing like your own field altho it may be in a specialty not to your choice.

I designed a living room in perspective with the furniture around the fire place which I designed too. Began and finished it last night after 5:30 P.M. The coloring with pastels wasnt so good. I'm going to do it over in another color.

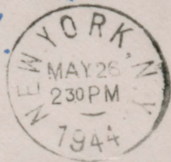
Wish, me luck honey! Let me know how you are. I'm really missing you. Johnny & Kay kidds me about it. It really hurts. When I kidd them about looking for job a little harder, they show there hurt well, they cant take it as well. They are swell people though.

Love,

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