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DEAR SALLY:

Everyone talks about the weather but doesn't do much about it. How are you suffering there. I hope the appetite of Mike and Spike is all right. I have sent the clothes to you. I hope Spike's overalls isn't too large. I have a sneaking feeling it is. Well it wasn't because I didn't stretch my imagination.

I looked in Mt. Vernon again yesterday. Covered quite a bit of the city. I walked from one end to another. It's just a nice size town. Cosmopolitan with not a definite color line. Italians, Jews, colored folks scattered here and there. I found many empty houses. Found a swell 5 room place for \$4,000. I wrote my brother about a \$800 loan. It (the house) is small for a charge. Hardwood floor - fire place, French doors in back - opening to rear garden. Needs some fixing. Isn't out in the outskirts of a town but within two blocks of most everything including the N.Y. N. Haven railroad. Can't raise much but just have a garden. The real Estate man didn't seem too anxious to sell this house, but I'll get around it. It hasn't enough grounds to be called out in the open. Before I go to far though, I'm going to look into New Rochelle which is off

2. Long Island Sound. That is for next Saturday. Don't you think its best not to go for a large house. The large house has one advantage - you can take in renters so that they would pay rent which would amount to what you would have to pay by yourself. What do you think of it?

Now the house problem is getting narrowed down, what do you say if we just bought a bed or a bed room set - cheap one - , then we can add using the cheap set as an extra.

Say by the way, do I have something that I could wear during the summer - I'm just a little sick of my brown suit. I have the gabardin trouser but nothing to go with it. If you make a seersucker suit of your own design cut more or less (the size) like the trousers and coats I have left behind. But Gosh! I think you are too busy though?

Did you know that altho we had Mon. & Tues off, we got paid for it. Gosh! what a place to work. 5 day week $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours and paid for days off.

Lay Matsuo is still working in the evenings. Johnny is a little lost without him. I was over Mr. Hoshino once and he told me he tried to help Johnny get a job because he felt he wasn't looking for it hard enough; but Johnny didn't want to be helped.

3. He doesn't like his present job much. But he is a swell kid if he snaps out of it. Maybe he has to talk big to bolster his courage. Well, good luck to him.

Have you heard from Wak or Euri lately. I hope they keep you reformed a little. You know something worries me. When Rindy & Johiko want to go out, they have Johiko's sister there to take care of Augy. What can we do when we want to go out?

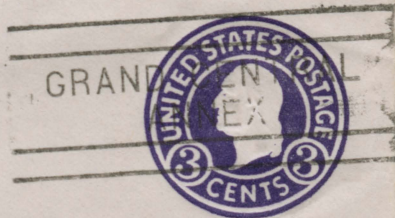
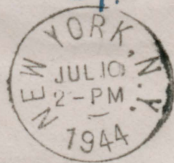
From that, it may be best to get a large family home big enough for two families; so that they could take care of our kids and vice versa. Remember there will always be complications living with other people as well as benefits.

Well, I guess I better stop now. My socks have been soaking in water for over 24 hours. I better wash them out now or they may fall apart. Say I better patch some of them too.

Love,
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