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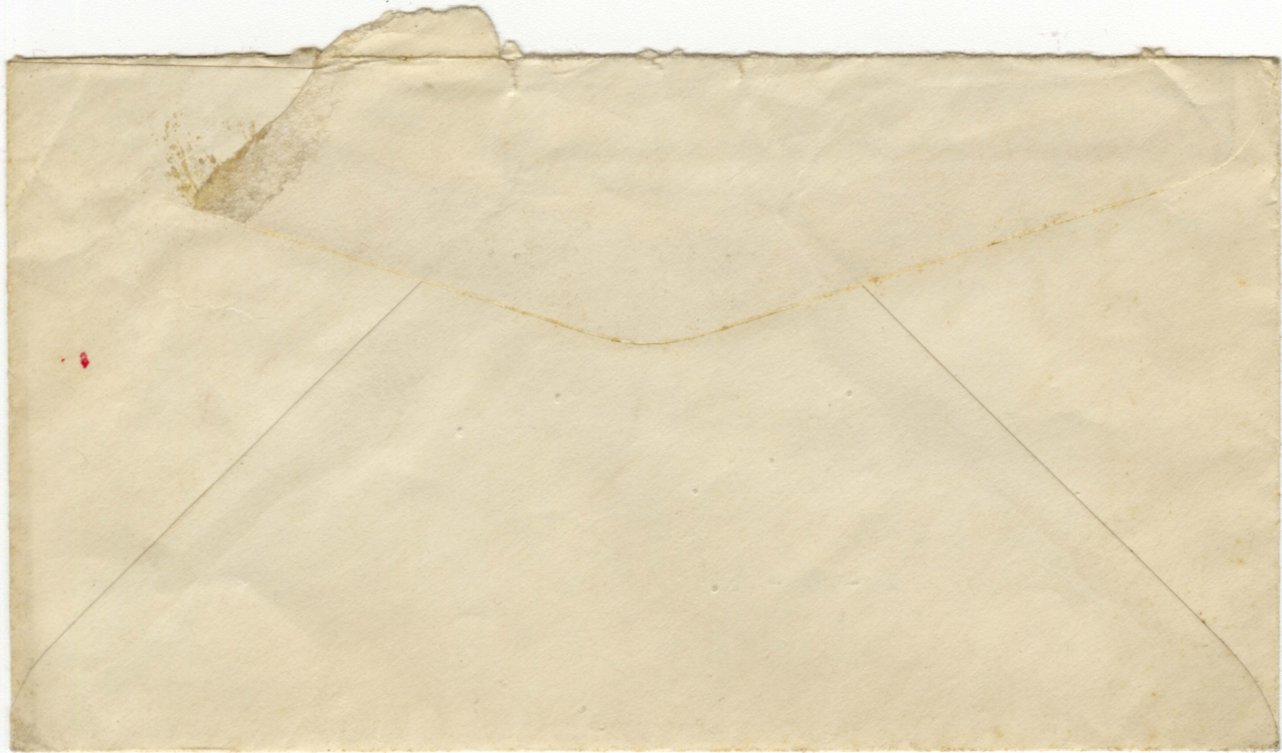
Botanical Garden

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Botanical Garden,
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Dear Kan;

I was delighted to receive your interesting letter of May 31st. One thing puzzled me and that was the sentence, and I quote "Our baby weighed $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. more at birth" !!! First you surprise me by getting married and then you casually mention the above. Why doesn't somebody tell me those things! All joking aside Kan, please accept my congratulations and best wishes for your wife, yourself, and the new addition. By the way, is it a boy or girl? I sincerely hope that you have as much pleasure as I have had and am having with my wife and child. While it is an added responsibility, nevertheless there are no worldly goods that compare with the joy and companionship afforded by a wife and a man's own flesh and blood.

Your activities as "truck gardener and flower raiser" will keep your hand in. In this connection, I called a friend of mine, who is with Ferry Morse, and he is sending a selection of vegetable seeds within the next few days. When they arrive, I will forward them to Merced. If you can use a few flower seeds, so that you might feed your soul as well as your body, please do not hesitate to say the word.

Our activities in the Japanese garden have come to a standstill, that is so far as construction is concerned. The reasons are obvious. The only changes which have occurred since you left, are the connection of paths, the lining of the pool edge with redwood pilings and a few large Azaleas planted on the verge of the paths leading into the dell. Incidentally, the Cal. Hort. Soc. held their May meeting at the Botanical Garden. You received numerous compliments on your design and construction and all your friends were very much interested in your whereabouts. I hope that it will not be long before you are able to return and pick up where you left off. When I can afford to take a few pictures of the pool and cascades I will forward prints. The price of living has gone sky high and only the new rich (shipyard workers) can afford the luxuries of cameras etc. Transportation has become a problem. I have to "bum" rides to and from work in order to conserve my smooth tires and if the proposed gas rationing goes into effect, then I might conceivably saddle Peter the mule and ride over the hill to work each day!

Jack is at present on vacation and will not be back until the end of June. Our W.P.A. crew is considerably reduced so that it is a constant battle to keep things growing. That is plants not weeds. By a very fortunate chance I will be able to go to Salem, Oregon for a couple of weeks, beginning the end of June. Perhaps I can get in a little fishing. Speaking of fishing, two crazy guys were fishing a river and had a great catch of fish, whereupon one said to the other, "You had better mark this spot". When they arrived home, the one said to the other "Did you mark the spot?" "Sure" said his friend, "I put a cross on the boat", "You d---d fool" said his friend, "how do you know we will get the same boat next time"!! Must of been a couple of Scotsmen.

I must close now and run out and shut off the sprinklers, so cheerio for the present and please give my very best to Toichi, his wife, and your Father.

My wife joins me in sending you, your wife, and family our very best regards, write soon again, as ever,

P.S. Mary thanks for the snapshots.

Jack