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Dear Tommie,

Seems to me I owe you a letter - If I don't, you are the only one I don't owe a letter, I am so far behind in my correspondence and everything else, that I don't know when I'll ever catch up. However, now that I am feeling better, I can at least make the effort.

Since your last card, we have received a group of Soapy Times and the booklet on Volunteers for Victory. Thanks a lot. As soon as I can find some wrapping paper I'll send along some magazines that I have been saving.

A couple of weeks ago I lost my glasses so I had to invest in a new pair. I really was extravagant as I not only got rimless but also had my prescription ground in dark lenses.

Some swank! In a way it was a disguised blessing that I lost the ~~old~~ ones as I badly needed new ones, gosh, my nearsightedness has increased almost 100%. Must be old age creeping up on me. Do you suppose?

Speaking of age, you should see my matronly figure these days. I'm out of my own clothes now and am wearing a few of mother's smaller ones, as I am not yet big enough for my maternity dresses. But it won't be long.

As soon as I can finish the roll of film & have them developed, I'll send you a picture of our heathen child. His latest exploits are, so far, his best. We went visiting for lunch one day and after behaving like a little gentleman all thru the meal just before we were ready to leave he fell into the fish pond! Then last week he opened the landlords chicken

pen and one of the chickens
got out. (fortunately only one.) Nice
Child, huh?

Did we tell you we had a letter
some time ago from Martha? Our
Cousin Peggy seems to be taking
good care of her.

How are Henri, his sister, and
your father these days. Also
the Obatai. Gosh, I should write
to them.

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Will I ever finish this letter! Seems
as tho' every time I sit down to write I
have to chase bees, answer telephones
or doorbells, - or I fall asleep (which I do frequently
these days).

If you lack amusement and need
something to take up your time, let
me recommend Tolstain's "War & Peace".
It certainly puts "Anthony Adverse" & "Gone
With the Wind" in the shade. 1361 pages!
We have been reading it for about 2 1/2

months now, and are still not finished.
However, it is extremely interesting, not
dull like most classics.

Do write us a nice long letter
and tell us all the news of everyone.
Do you know when or if you are
leaving the camp? And how are
you coming as woman's Ed. of the
"Times"? Do you want the glove &
purse patterns I mentioned in an-
other letter? I have some magazines for
you if I ever get around to sending them.

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Just rec'd Trek (Feb Issue) Good!