

Sat. Eve. June 9<sup>th</sup>  
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Dearest Jenni -

No special news except that all is fine. No word from Martha since Monday, so I imagine she'll still come as she has previously said. I'll write her again tonight.

I asked for unemployment compensation for 3 months - don't know if I'll get it but if I do, I expect  $\frac{1}{2}$  of my pay or  $\$8.75$  plus clothing allowance  $\$3.75 + \$2.25$  for Pinkie. I heard that pregnancy isn't an excuse - mine says "illness" so it may be O.K. if they don't investigate & I guess they won't.

I decided not to buy Kitayama's crib - she offered bought one plus homemade crib for  $12^00$  no matter. I thought since you will make P's bed, we could pick up one crib for the new baby in SF or one here later when more people relocate & not take crib - or if worse comes to worse, I can get WPA crib. We have a baby nappers in SF, don't we? We'll need only the crib - actually, an enclosed area with railing & solid panel on ends. Don't have to be bought, really, if it can be made.

But I would like to have a buggy to take the 2 out in - to go to the Park, shopping for food, etc, etc. If I take P out, he'll tire, & need to ride. If I shop, I'll need the buggy to put our laundry in. If I use Nickal's washer, I'll need it



to put laundry in, etc. So we'll have to count on 30-35<sup>00</sup> for a good buggy, unless they come down quite a bit more in price. That's a week's salary & sounds big but we'll have to, unless we can locate a good sturdy one reasonably at second hand - but it'll have to be like new.

I notice several ads in the paper for used buggies on sale by private parties.

We will also need a few pieces of furniture & possibly wall paper, etc as well as paint.

The 1st thing I'd like done is the addition of a deck outside the breakfast room & dining room with 2x4 studs ~~above it~~ above it for an arbor someday - and a ladder nailed on outer wall (like to laundry water tank) to the room where Freeboms are & to our bedroom, for rear fire exit. That has always bothered me with so many in the house the chance for fire is greater & also the chance that someone'll be caught without escape. I guess you know the Mrs. Buttrick Joss lost their smartest daughter Cecilia who burned alive in her bedroom in a fire in the Upper Terrace residence. The fire started from the fireplace - caught upon fire bec. of incomplete putting out of grate fire in living room. Burned straight up to next floor. You know how sleepy everyone is late



at night after an evening around the fireplace. That's apt to happen to anyone — esp. a place like ours where we all think someone else'll do it because they're after us; & the last one ought to, etc.

So I'd like that done before anything. Can we? We wouldn't have to get electrical appliances or such — we can't for a while — hoop, etc will get the hot refrigerator. We don't have to install doors in dining room leading to the deck — that can come later. Just plan to install glass doors there someday — to lead to deck — & plan deck to come out 2 or 2½ feet past bkfst room & around to kitchen window or at least to bkfst room & have stairs there going down to concrete below — unless the d. room side stairs is better. Then someday we can enclose the veranda area underneath with lots of glass to lighten & deepen the basement for larger basement quarters. In the meantime the area below the over deck can be used to dry clothes, children's play area, etc. This will probably take the deck out to where the concrete ends. It makes an addition to the house, something for the dining room to lead out to, and most important of all, a rear exit for fire & convenience to go down stairs. That house had a rear porch & door but former owners built the bkfst room around it. If we can just in a door to bkfst room onto the deck we don't have to go to big expense of cutting d. room



windows into a pair of doors or doors plus glass wall. In a while, no door is necessary. If we have fire, we can <sup>climb</sup> walk out of the window onto deck — which we can't do now — + escape to yard below. Or climb down ladder from upper floor to deck, + from deck, down back stairs to yard. We must therefore build a deck plus back stairs. Let's plan that for the 1st thing — do you mind? "Being careful" prevents fires, but it's no help once a fire gets going.

As for materials, we'll get a release or permission or whatever, thru the fire insurance if we can't any other way. But we must do that. That's more important than painting or touching up, if we have to choose — + I guess we do, bec. we don't have the funds to do it all at once. We'll get friends for help, too, + I guess it can be done — or with a little professional help + stairs can be measured for + ordered made. They're glued together + someone makes nothing but stairs — like the one that went up to the balcony in the back of the landy — it arrived all assembled + it was just set into position. Mr. Bental made the whole addition to his house clear to the roof, by himself. See how nicely it's made.

By the way, have you looked into the woodwork night classes at Poly? So many power tools there to use, + lumber, etc. conveniently ordered + bought. Even I'd like to go for 2 nights a week — how about going together? It's 7-9 or 7:30-9:30 or smethg. We can train chld to sleep by 6-6:30. Well so much for now. Love, Tom



I want to investigate the space at the hall  
entrance to the boxene + see if it can't be  
enlarged to accommodate cleaning tools to some  
advantage - there was a hot water heater in the  
recess there once - & in use no longer.

I want that landing to hold a bucket, mop,  
hoop, mat, oil, vacuum cleaner etc.

Guess I'll have the sewing machine in the  
dining room so I can store sewing tools in the  
bureau chest + some of the drawers.

That home has handy chests, alright.  
But if too deep, space is often wasted, so I want some  
removable drawers put in that one - like trays in  
trunks. It'll probably eventually catch old magazines  
etc.

Mrs. Blatz sent me Sunset news - it  
was most interesting - I notice several "young  
mothers" will look after children by the hour  
at their own home - & that the Sunset district  
has a nursery school tuition 1 child 7.50 + 2  
children 12.50 - from 9-12 or so much.  
so I guess the rates are monthly. A young mother  
could take her child there & work too, could! &  
they - & earn money & learn child behavior too.  
See that the market at 9<sup>th</sup>. Irving is cheap, & deliver  
4 x's weekly.

Well, I'll write tomorrow. Goodnight  
to the best husband a girl could hope to have -

By the way if a lawyer, ins. man, real  
estate, Rednal, etc etc call, say you know  
nothing & instruct Helen to hear what they have to  
say but say she knows nothing - not even a definite  
yes or no.



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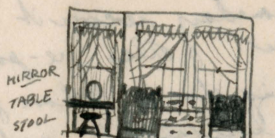
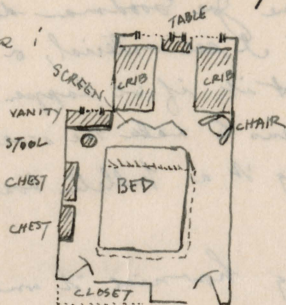
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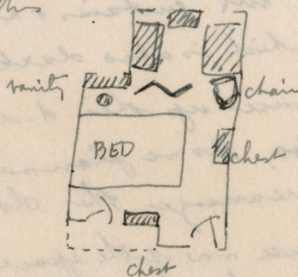
Not sleepy — so I'll write more —

I expect to have the 2 babies in our room with us if we can't get a room for them alone. So I thought we'd have to do this — for 1 double bed, 2 cribs:



End view, elevation

It'll be awfully crowded, just like Jan foran & Toppy again, but we'll try & see how it works. I don't like the bed where it is but it can't be helped — unless we put it opposite the door, & against the wall, on one side another — but I thought the chests should go near the closet. Or we can do this



Then there'd be more walking from chest to closet but better composed room.

My vanity can be 2 drawers with a board across the top & fitted, eventually, with glass top — or orange crates. Stool can be made or bought. If made, I want top hinged lid. And we'll put shoe polish & brush in the top box part — or whatever you think is good — with cross bar to put your foot on to give last minute buff. The whole thing on 3 sides can be draped with material to hide the utilitarian aspect. I can get the 2 drawers for 4-5<sup>00</sup>. They've called ~~closet~~ lingerie chests or drawers.



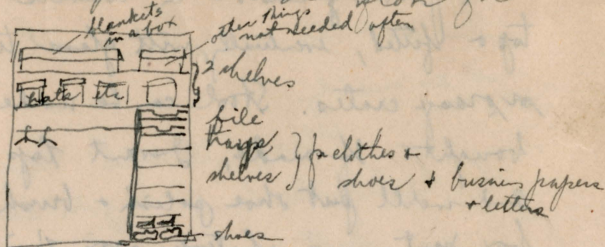
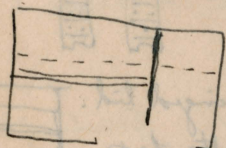
It is necessary that it fit the window there - & also allow ~~knelt~~ space. But this is the least imp. detail - for a chest is ok & I can stand. If it is a chest we can put a lamp on the top & use it for night light.

The screen will be one Joe Goodman discarded. I can someday recover it if I see material, or find some at home. Also re-paint it if we happen to be painting something else. I have plans to make the screen a little more useful by making it a bulletin board & so on with pockets or slots.

I'm still thinking how nice it would be to cut a hole in the wall leading to the bkfst room that it would lighten the kitchen - it's so dreary - & to install ~~fluorescent~~ fluorescent lights for night, no elec. in day time, & if possible, sand-blown or other translucent glass in the kitchen door leading to the hall. doing away with curtains & at some time lighten the hall which is also dark.

We can spruce up the d. room & b. room & put in a toilet too, as we planned.

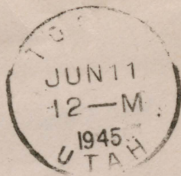
I'd like to rearrange the closet in our bedroom so we can use more of the space in top of the shelf to the ceiling, & the space near the floor for shoes.



I'll try not to hang unworn dresses, etc in the closet but keep them folded & in a box under the bed on the top shelf of the closet, as the row of file trays & shelves will take up about 10 inches.



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