

a day. The same water circulates.
Here is the whole story - Our
friends who came down from
Los Angeles yesterday said
they'd look at the various
types, explain the window
set up, the size of the room -
etc - (keeping in mind what
we thought would be the
most practical.) They are
going to price them, & let
us know immediately. I told
them if the price sounded
without reason, and we are
able to get it at once, I'd
write to you and have you
send a money order to them
directly. Would that be all
right with you, or would you
rather I receive it once, and
send it on again? They are,
matter how long friends of
the family, for 17 years -
are completely trustworthy,
you needn't have to worry
about that end of it.

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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Louise & I were both very
happy to hear Lulu Bell is
a good cook - house keeper, and
also that she is fond of Penny.
You can imagine how Lulu
Bell stands with Louise about!

Thank you for your advice
in regard to the air cooler.

Yesterday, I went through a
Montgomery Ward catalog, &
found two which interested
us in particular. But, this
is the set up - It seems that
Ward's will not send coolers
to the residents of Paston.
As to the real reason, I don't
know - (except a good many
families were turned down
in their orders and some how
or other, they were led to
believe Ward's coolers are
being purchased by the
Army). But - This one case

in particular which happened in our block and I'm going to tell you about, leaves me up in the air! - It seems this family had their friend in San Bernardino go to Wards & purchase one - (which they were able to do) and had it sent to Boston. It came last Wednesday. As to Sears, I wasn't able to get a catalog from their store, but the two families in our building who purchased their from Sears did so - only because their order could not be filled at Wards. Then too, they purchased the #26 fan - with intentions of getting a pump circulator (special attachment on this particular pump) but were not able to. The boys say, if they had known the pump weren't coming, they would have spent the entire amount (about \$41.00) on a cooler alone as with faucet connections (which we must purchase ourselves) we are able to get water up to our coolers. Have I made myself clear? To make it brief, the fan setting in the cooler isn't very satisfactory. There is no grille vent in front of the fan, and the cool air does not circulate freely.

The one we saw, and the type that we'd like to have is a square box type 25 x 26 1/2 - 15 inches deep. It has the grille vent in front (≡) - very compact with the pump ^{(no} attachment) - set right in with the fan system. It's a portable type that does not have to have water dripping on it continually, but instead has a compartment below the grille vent where you fill up a tank with water once 'x

How is Mr. Whitney & Braddo?

It's time I stopped writing.
My letters do get so long.

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about the air cooler when
we hear from our friends.

Please let me know what
and how you feel about
the money arrangement.
Do you think it will be
all right?

My regards to Mrs. Doozerty
please. Tell her I am looking
forward to her letter some
day soon.

Dad & the girls send their
best to all of you.

With love

Helen

The air cooler we had in
mind was price listed
at \$45.95. Does that sound
too expensive?

This arrangement I believe
would be the best Mrs. Whitney
& I think we've imposed
upon all of you too much
already. It will save you
a trip of having to go to
check up on the cooler & etc
too.

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Louise just got back from her
Dancing Class, and says she
learned (in black & white) - they are
not making any more coolers
next year, so we had better
hurry if we plan to get one.

We are making plans for
open house at the pre-school
nursery on Aug. 14. On Aug. 15
& 16th Poston is having a
county fair with each department
to be represented. We have to
have a display ~~at~~ booth, and
it's heart breaking to ask the
students to leave their art
work until the fair is over.

One of my three year olds
brought his mother to school
after class had been dismissed

to show her what he had made to-day.
Incidentally, the kiddies love to paste, so
I made a chicken with different colored paper
(yellow head & feet - blue head - green body - beige
wings and red tail). You should have seen
some of the chickens after they were put to
gether!

Starting Wednesday Aug. 5th, we are going to
have what they call roll check up. Just
what that means, other than checking each
apartment between 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. I don't know.
In fact, all of us have been wondering if any
one has tried to get away from Boston. We'll
soon learn tho'.

I guess I have finally come to my senses.
We have realized lately yesterday just how well
off we are in camp - regardless of all the
inconveniences & etc. we have to have too. Our
friends told us how Safeway stores were
selling lettuce - (pretense 1/2 - or 1/4 of a head) -
the price of vegetables & everything in general.
Then Virginia went to Parker Sat, and came
home with tales of how crudely the Indians
lived (she said you couldn't even call them
homes) - also how the poor soldiers stationed
thereabouts lived - in small pup tents.
Well - when you hear about all that, it's
time we quit bickering. But it is so hot &
hustly. - That's all that really bothers me.
The rest - (my mental state & all) - I've decided it's
up to me to keep busy & forget the other part.
You must be quite busy making preparations
for Georgi's leaving. I hope everything turns
out the way you want it to. Mrs. Whitney.