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Dear Papa

As I am all by myself today am going to take advantage of the fact to write you giving the latest news of these parts although there is nothing particular to tell. Mary is in Atlanta having been there almost a week on account of her mothers illness asthma and generally run down condition. She will probably stay a week or so longer before coming back and naturally I miss her very much.

Have just gotten a message from Jessie Love Freeman – saying that she is in town and visiting her parents in law [sic] who live here. I expect to go around and see her this afternoon and hope to find her at home. Even though I only know her very slightly it is a pleasant to run across even distant relatives that way. I have had a very busy week having been to Jonesville, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis the latter place twice. Had a letter last night from Reg saying that examinations were all through with except the finals in the spring so before long he will be a full fledged M.D. I had expected to be in New York today but had to put it off until next week, hope then to see all the members of the family in that part of the country.

Mary and I are still expecting to start housekeeping in the spring and as soon as the weather gets a little better will start house hunting. In that connection want to ask if we can borrow some of the furniture that is stored at Annapolis principally dining room furniture. I have not enough available cash at the present time to furnish the house without either borrowing or disposing of some of my securities neither of which I like to do. I think that you might be willing to lend us some of the furniture that is stored until such time as we have been able to buy some ourselves or until you should want it. Should you be willing to do this I will see to it that every thing borrowed is cared for in the best possible way, and give you an itemized statement of all pieces borrowed, also see that they are all carefully packed for shipment by the best packers in the place as well as given such repairs and other attention as is necessary. We would like very much to borrow also for our dining room the side board which is stored. I appreciate that all this is asking a good deal but the things are doing no one any good at the present time and if you should be willing to loan them to me will see that they are returned in fully as good condition as when taken out of storage and when ever you may want them. Nothing specially new in the R R. line. The general and state governments are still trying to make it as unpleasant as possible for us all and are in a fair way to bring about hard times again. Love to Margaret and yourself in which May would join me if she were here.

> Affectionately Will

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