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Dear Ma,

Today is the first whole day I have had to myself for about two weeks. Quit the theater business last night and commenced on botany work yesterday morning. Overlapping jobs kept me on the jump. Now have $4.85 coming from theater for last week + $1.90 for botany work. Does pretty well I think, but De Wolfe gets $6 a week working in a shoe store from 1 to 6 p.m. Don’t know as I shall need any more money from home when I get some clothes or something else turns up. Am afraid I shall be independently rich by end of term, money coming in so fast. It is easy to be a Captain of Industry when one knows how. The first botany work was copying other drawings twice (most of them) their size in pen and ink. There will be some copying of photographs that will be stiff. Work under the direct supervision of Dr. Chamberlain. Mr. Caldwell has introduced me to so many big science men up here can’t keep track of them. Mr. Burlingame, who was at E.I.S.N.S. last Spring, works in same building. See him occasionally. There seems to be a rather growing idea that the Chicago University is going to have a great endowment thrust upon them by Rockefeller. I suppose lots of property is being bought and turned over to the University. It will be the greatest university in the country 25 years from now.

My apples are running low, didn’t think they were going so fast until today. Can use about another barrel easily enough. Guess there is a bushel in barrel yet. Mr. Caldwell wants a barrel and I think you better send him one; he has gone to a lot of trouble to help me along this Fall. He said he would pay the expenses on two barrels for one, that is the freight, and hauling here. Would not be any cheaper to send the barrels to Woodlawn as it is $.50 anyhow. About all we have left are those striped apples from the hill near the Jonathons and I don’t like them as well as those on top of the hill called the Romanite so send more Romanites (if you have them in plenty) and not so many other the others.
Places to board are not so plenty as they might be, that is, those run on the non-restaurant plan. Dr. Wolfe said he did not know of a good place.

John R. Thompson, who was elected city treasurer of Chicago, has the cheapest restaurants up town. They are clean and fine, and cheaper than any others I have found.

Next week is concours again and I will have to work hard again, as I want to land in the gallery next month. Am improving in water color. Made one Fri. that the teacher had no important objections to.

Think I better go to bed. Will sleep more this week. This thing of being up all night gets old after awhile, but I seem to get along just as well. Yesterday was only day I felt very much tired.

Will look for those apples and don’t forget to put my correct address on the barrel. The other times it was “St.” instead of “Ave.” In Chicago there is Jackson St., Jackson Ave., and Jackson Boulevard. So put it “ave.” When the R.R. company looked up my correct address in P.O. directory.

Yours as always,

Paul