

Parker, Ida
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Dearest Mother,-

Though your children are widely separated in miles, we join in our hearts to give thanks and do honor to the finest mother a person could own.

It's beyond words to tell you how we feel and altho our actions have at times belied our thoughts - you know, I believe that without you we would never be where we are today.

I don't know of a more ideally-mated couple than my Parents and I always pray that I can be big enough to play my part in helping to rear a fine family like yours.

I believe my children are blessed in the father I have chosen for them. He understands me and my desires and ambitions. Together we hope to master our weaknesses and live the typical Latter Day Saint life. Ellsworth is a great help to me in many ways and he comes from noble stock of which we may well be proud. When you are in Utah again I hope you and his folks will have more opportunities to get acquainted. I would like to have known his grandparents as I would also ^{like to} have known mine.

Because his father was held so closely to his store when Ellsworth was in his teens, he missed some of the friendships of that age from Father's & Son's outings etc, and often expresses his appreciation of the friendly talks Papa shared with him the summer he worked in our garden with him.

I am glad I was in your home under your guiding hand as long as I was and what you have borne for my sake I am humbly grateful.

It is interesting to hear what the others are doing in Provo & Argentina.

Last month they all sent beautiful birthday letters and thanks to you & papa & Virgil for your lovely sentiments.

You make me feel very important in your lines and I wonder what I would get out of life without a mother who believed in me, prayed & planned for me. It means everything.

Even tho I'm the mother of three precious spirits of my own their grandmother means more in their lives yet than I do.

Little Renée is a darling & looks like you and me if you can imagine the combination. We were so thrilled to have Oliver visit over night on the 28th of Apr. Their program was excellent & we met several fellows of the glee club including Geo. Whitaker, a fine boy, whom Lois has been out with lately.

June likes her blue dress & from the sleeve bottoms I made a purse to match for her birthday so she has a smart outfit now.

(could this be returned? Thanks.)
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military
braided like cuffs of dress



She wears dress with neck buttoned or with red or white ascot tie & red hanky. We thought of a red bolero from that red silk of Clark's if it wouldn't take too much. I won't use the blue silk of mine unless I make the skirt into satin blouse. I have nothing that matches it right now however. If June stays here long I think I will better fix that pink & grey striped cotton of mine. She has waist here & if you could send skirt, it → makes a smart new outfit & she likes it.

Hope we can get some baby snaps next Sun. It was dark cold & windy last Sun. & is hailing & snowing today. Last wk was hot at times. We had a fine trip to Paris, Georgetown & Geneva the 22nd to 24th. Grandma Shepherd in Pocatello with Ello's Aunt, also Dunsen. Our garden is already coming up.

I've just written Don & the others. Marv is gaining on Lois's cooking & Oliver looks much better than we expected, considering his many activities. I'm getting a double chin myself & seem to be heavier this Spring but only 128 lbs. June is fine looking & when she fills out more will take the beauty prize along with Virgil for the boys.

We hope you're all feeling fine this beautiful Spring and that life this year will bring you more joys than ever before.

Oceans of Love -
Dorothy