Monday —
July 23rd -

Dearest Pudgie -

This evening I went to the movies - excuse me - cinema -, stayed for one reel - and came back -. One thing I don't enjoy is a "horse-race picture" - I don't like horse-racing - but I do like horses - : To ride and - oh, just to look at -. And the picture was all about horse-racing - both honestly and dishonestly. It was "Salty O'Rourke" - Allan Ladd, Bruce Cabot - dealing with gambling and horse-racing. One reel was enough - you didn't want to see the picture, either, so we left. Pudgie, that is one place your hubby will never take you - to horse races - I don't like the principle, and I don't like the big attraction for most of its fans - the betting -. (And you can't afford to bet 'till you pay your debt to your hubby - $6,742.49!)

Today I was (first let's get this settled [I have no dictionary] - Traveller has two l's and traveling has one - right?) - so - today I was traveling around the countryside in a 4 ton truck - and with its weight, it sort of smooths out most of the bumps. Tomorrow, too, I'll be on the go all day in it - and it's not a bad life. Today we loaded material on it -; I shouldn't say we - the coolies loaded it - all I did was ride around. You drive up (or rather, my driver drove up -), I told the fellow in charge what I wanted and how I wanted it loaded - and the coolies did it! Really a hard day!

Darling. I just know our gift dishes from Miss Brownell are pretty, she has such very good taste. It's more fun for me to see when I come home! Ruth, I can hardly wait - and you'll have so many things to show me - and soon we will be not only looking at them, but using them - in our home -. But I have a feeling that an extra large batch of fudge will have to be made before her gift will be used - 'cause the middle-man will ~~to~~ take all the profits! The middle-man? Me! On one side - you'll be making the fudge - on the other side will be our candy dishes - and I'll be in the middle, diverting most (till capacity is reached!) of your fudge from the dishes! You make the most delicious fudge - I'd give $6,742.49 for a piece right now!

No fudge? Sorry! You still owe me the debt! (and do you think I would have made a statement such as that unless I knew you couldn't take advantage of it - 'cause mine is going to be a grand lifetime collecting that debt - and the interest is adding up all of the time!)

Darling, I enjoy your enclosures so very much -. I take them out of your letters and keep them all together - and look over them again and again -. I liked that little selection "Sing Out!" - Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang the best. Its meaning goes much further than songs alone. But as I read it, I dreamed of our trips to Gettysburg - we had such a grand time -. It's going to be fun doing it again - soon. And the cartoons - ? Whenever I find a new magazine - one of the types such as the Post, Collier's, etc. - that feature a cartoon to each page towards the back of the magazine, I always read the cartoons first - and, golly, I enjoyed those that you sent. Incidentally - what magazines do you want in our home? Here are some that I want: Reader's Digest, American, Life, Better Homes & Gardens, and appropriate magazines for our interests -: gardening, and then maybe chickens - and - we'll see. What do you want to add to the list -? And as soon as we settle down, we'll start them. And if we're in York, let's take the Dispatch - not the gazette -, and when in Philly - the Inquirer! And do you agree that we should join the Book-of-the-month Club - or shall we make our own purchases? at home, I never joined - but often thought of it - and I'm really undecided. What do you think?

Hope my packages continue to come through in as good condition as the first two have - for one reason 'cause I don't want that Norzema bottle (whoops!) jar to break - 'cause I really like it! I use it for my face, hands, neck and shoulders - and also after-shaving - makes one feel good - Aunt Nettie introduced it to me a long time ago. Confession! - I even used (and am going to use, after I come home) Johnson's & Johnson's Baby Powder for heat rash, and such things. But that Norzema - it'll

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really be put to good use!

Ruth - each day Our Day is coming closer - and now - I don't know - I have a feeling - Our Day seems so much closer - the war can't go on much longer - it's drawing to its inevitable close - and the day when we will be in each other's arms is not far off. Oh, Pudgie, it will be so grand - I'm waiting so patiently - I miss you so very much -. Each day this life over here grows more remote - and my dreams become more and more real - oh, Pudgie, I'm with you every minute.

And tonight, as you are starting on the buttons of my shirt - I'll start on the buttons on your dress (hope they're in back, so I can just my arms around you while I'm unbuttoning!) and soon we'll be cuddled up together under the sheet. Goodnight, Pudgie, Sweetest Dreams

all My Love, Ruth - It's Just For You - My Wife -

Hubby Jerry