

GREEN SPRING ROAD
STATION L
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Dear Alice:

As I owe a letter to both you and Madeleine I shall make this answer do for both. Madeleine's box of books etc. are down in Charlie's office. I opened it the other day and took out the three books and the note books which M. wants. The books have been mailed in one package and the notes in an other, because the notes had to go by first-class mail. I do hope they reach Zurich promptly and in good condition.

I am so glad the girls had a good holiday and that you are enjoying Karl and his little family. The photograph is very sweet and I am glad to have it. The baby looks like a little darling. When Romaine Randall moves over here to the house the McLanahans used to have, we, too, will have a youngster to play with. Her baby is a fine specimen of health and brains, and he is so jolly you cant leave him alone. We have decided to build a house for Ellis on our place; one which he can rent without going into bankruptcy. The plans are already drawn and ground will be broken in a few days. The more I see of Ann the better satisfied I am with his choice. I believe she will make him an excellent wife. They expect to be married on December 4th. Tell Madeleine that John, Ann's brother, (she did not care much about him), is still in Vladivostock. He has been at the hospital there, part of the time in charge of the hospital, for a good while. I suspect he is getting good experience. Harvey ^{Musser} has married just the kind of a girl you would never suppose he would. He has a child in whom he apparently takes no interest.

Our politicians are behaving badly in Maryland. They will

not come out for suffrage. I suppose we shall just wait and get our vote by ratification by the other states. Three-fourths of the forty-eight states can make the amendment good even if the other fourth refuse to ratify. What our Senate is going to do with the treaty and league of nations nobody knows. It may be a patched up peace but it is the one we have and I guess we had better sign and be done with the squabbling. It seems as if we had no really big men these days.

Thank Madeleine for the sweet little Edelweis. I have it on my desk where I can see it often. It is three years since you were here. It seems longer, for they have been eventful years and far from pleasant to be sure. They can best be bridged over in our memories by your coming over again. These very brilliant ideas you have heard before, but dont forget them.

Give a great deal of love to all the family.

Very affectionately,

Madeleine

*I am so glad you like your daughter in law
and that you can have her with you -*