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at Howell's
Friday Evening

My own dearest Boy -

I'm over here at Howell's tonight staying with Elizabeth while Mrs. H. goes to the Tech. High School play.

It has been beautiful here today - warm and bright like spring-time!

I was mighty glad to get your letter + the application, tonight - but please, Eric - don't work so hard. You don't need to. + figures on the brain from 7 am to 11 at night are enough to make a healthy man sick. When four or five o'clock comes - forget your work. I do mine.

Say, dear, it's a good thing we started this house stuff as soon as we did. I talked with Mr. Walters today by telephone. He said the last bid he got was \$1000 more than all the others. There's a good bit of concern you know about labor going up the 1st of April. ^{+ he considered it my bid} Walters said Davey said this morning if

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our order went right in his bid would hold good - so cin going in Monday to get the application filled in, and other details attended too - I want to be sure the man is bonded for us, & if I can, I want him bonded to finish the house by July 1st or sometime in July. Don't you worry a bit, for everything about it is going to be absolutely right. I know cin awfully dependent when you are with me - but when cin left with a job to myself I can do it - when you come back to dear little home among the pines you'll be glad you trusted me. Walters & Marshall both are splendid & seem to be absolutely square about everything.

I have two pairs of sheets. 3 pairs of pillow-cases, & 10 yds. of everyday traveling - I guess I told you that cin going to make a quilt. Aside from curtains & draperies, I will have about all we will need in the line of linens (that aren't linen). I am enclosing a little dining room idea that might be used

for a few years + save so much heavy expense at once. One could paint it to go with the paper or the draperies. + it would look real pretty - + then when a good dining room set could be afforded it could be used as a breakfast set - or on one end of our big porch, + it would be perfectly delightful in either place. Mrs. Howell told me about it, + it's not a half bad suggestion. The ideas that run thru my head every day sure are enough so a few of them ought to be good.

Please, Eric dear. take good care of yourself. Remember that a man needs exercise - + plenty of vegetables. + that if he writes to his wife real often his conscience will be clear + he'll be happy.

My cold is all gone now, + I'm feeling fine, + keeping busy + happy. When I hear from you so often, I don't have a chance to get blue.

Did you get the second box I sent you?

I'm loving you every minute, dear, + am mighty glad I'm yours. You've always been good to your little girl - Alma