

Tuesday Evening

3-6-23

Dearest Eric -

It has been raining + snowing all day, and it's slushy + cold and damp + miserably dreary. At least I thought it miserably dreary, till I came home to your two letters. They filled me up with sunshine and love - and the weather doesn't matter now. I've read them over & over - especially the one with a kiss for every tie - I guess you knew I was hungry for kisses, didn't you? You're mighty good to me, dearest, and I find myself loving you more with each new day life brings.

I must tell you what is new about our house. I went to see Mr. Walters yesterday + we filled out the yellow sheet, + I swore to it. Here is the sad news - but don't get alarmed. Sears-Roebuck has changed the amt. of loan they give from 65 to 60%. The amount of the bid including all material outside of S+R - is 3772 - The amt. for the material is 3154⁽²⁾ -

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That makes a total of 6936 - They allowed us 1200 on our lots - Mr. Walters allowed us a \$5100.- loan - That will make our 1800 in the bank enough - lacking \$36 - which we won't have to worry about - for he said that wouldn't effect the granting of the loan. Here is where the rub comes. The $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the amt. of the loan - \$127⁵⁰/₁₀₀ - and the title search fees - \$20 - or practically \$150 - will have to be raised above the \$1800 - I felt like a big club had hit me when he told me that, but I got it fixed up all right. I talked with Mr. Marshall this morning. I asked him if he would consider writing a letter to the effect that we had 1800 in the bank - then draw a check for the money that has to go with the application - and let me pay him back as soon as I could - He said certainly - he would be glad to do it. Mr. Walters said it would be O.K. Aren't I some business woman? Or shouldn't I have used that method at all? Anyway it's done now,

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and the thing we've got to do is to get \$150 - I told Mr. Marshall I would try & get it to him by the 1st of April - I believe I can save \$50 - I can't anymore - for you must remember the \$15 I put in the bank before I drew the 500 - the \$20 that goes to U. H. B. - the \$10 that goes to the War Risk on your ins. Policy. will make about \$100 ^{in all} I ~~will~~ ^{will have} saved - Besides that I've paid all the little bills - but \$10 worth of practical household supplies & am paying \$35 per for Board & lodging - (\$16 for February's) - I'm doing the very best I know how - dear - & I'll save every cent I can. What I wanted to ask you is this: Do you get your allowance for living & your salary too? if you do, you can help me out. if you don't, what are we going to do? I didn't make any promise to Mr. Marshall. I merely told him we'd try to pay just as soon as possible - Apr. 1st if we could. Write to me real soon about it, will you, dear? if you don't have the money don't worry. I'll fix it up some way.

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Mr. Walters changed the amt. of rent to \$26.50^{+ int.} instead of \$25 per mo. I guess you dont mind that difference.

I am glad you mentioned the things you did about the house. It's easy not to think of things - I have a whole page full of notes that I want to ask Mr. Walters about. I'll call him in the morning & get a date with him before he sends things to Phila. He has the title to our land & a certified copy of the deed. They have to go with the application.

The contractor is settled now. He was bonded for us today - or at least expected to be. Mr. Walters took care of that.

I guess you've heard enough house for once - Anyway the jazz band is going down stairs & I can't talk business by it.

I'm spending most of my spare time this week fixing up & making over my clothes.

I'll love you dear, for ever & ever & I'll always be your own little girl -

Alma
a kiss for every ripple on Lake Erie - when there's no ice, & the wind blows hard