

Wednesday Evening.  
9:30 by the clock.

Dearest Erie -

I went to see Mr. Walters tonight about all the details so he could get the order filled out.

He saw the contractor today about the brick foundation, porch posts, etc. Mr. Davy said he had included only the chimney of brick in his contract. Mr. Walters told him there was a misunderstanding, as we had expected brick foundation & porch posts. Mr. Davy said brick as the foundation was very expensive - but rather than have any hard <sup>or hurt</sup> feelings, he would include the brick piers for the porch without increasing his bid - & he would make the foundation of the finest ~~cement~~ cement block. He said they were building the houses that way & I think it will look O.K. I noticed some of the new houses being built - & even tho' they have brick finishings - they all have the concrete base. They look all right, too. So I told him to go ahead - & give us the porch piers &

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the chimney of brick. I didn't see how we could get any more money right now - & anyway, I don't want to give the contractor a chance to be changing his bid right now. Everything else is just as we figured + fireplace - book cases oak floors - dining room window - pantry + bedroom alcove. The paint is dark brown, with cream trim. It's pretty together, too.

The shingles dark green - The plan reversed - I think the whole thing is going to be lovely - dear - Tomorrow or the day after I expect to sign the order. That goes with the <sup>app. for the</sup> loan - it takes about five days to get the loan approved - & then our material will be forth coming. I don't think there will be a doubt but that the loan will be approved - By the way - our two lots are worth \$1500 now. We saved a little when we got them, didn't we?

I guess there's nothing else to tell you tonight - excepting I'm well & happy - & am getting all <sup>(over)</sup>

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my clothes fit up grand-

We have more help at the office,  
& I don't have to rush so. I surely  
am glad - as I was getting tired.  
I didn't hear from you today  
but will be looking for a letter  
tomorrow.

Loving you always -  
alma

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'Mornin' Dearest -

You've been married just  
 $2\frac{1}{2}$  years to date - Honest, now -  
did you think of it?

Love -  
alma