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Good Sample Rooms

HOTEL ONAGA,

W. H. SIMMONS, Proprietor.

Onaga, Kansas, May 28, 1922.

Dearest little girl:-

Sundays roll around pretty quickly, but they are longer than the rest of the week.

I guess I wrote you last from Atchison. Have sure been on the jump since then. Left Atchison at 5 P.M. Wednesday & went up to Troy on a freight. Stopped there for supper and caught a passenger train at 9:15 for Severance. Worked Severance Thursday A.M. & took train to Hiawatha, furnished up that town and took a 10:30 P.M. train to Sabetha. Worked Sabetha Friday A.M. caught train to Seneca & furnished up in time to get a freight to Marysville.

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that evening. Left Marysville at 7:15 A. M. Saturday for Frankfort & came on from there to Onaga Sat. P. M. I am still in " and I don't mind stopping here until Monday A. M. I have kept the telephone working overtime in order to get through here yesterday. I will get to Manhattan to-morrow noon & hope to find some mail for me there. Have met some interesting people this past week. Several legion men & 2 Gov't. agents (Revenue men) I came down here from Frankfort with an old gentleman from Wichita. He has been travelling this territory for

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some time, and he is very interesting. He likes to walk & we have been out on two hikes so far to-day. Out over the hills away out of town, wish you could have been along. We just hopped the fences & hiked across lots for several miles, nothing but cattle, flowers & birds everywhere. I took up the last two pictures while we were out. We were going to Church but it was a Memorial Union Service & we couldn't get in except to stand. Expect we will go this evening. It has rained every day for the past

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week until to-day. It is bright & warm out to-day but looks like it might blow up a shower by night. Saw lots & lots of Wild Roses, both White & Red, & all kinds of berries. Wish I could name them but I don't know them well enough. There are lots of red headed wood peckers here, every fence post has one perched on it. After I leave Manhattan I begin to travel West & up on higher ground. There is a steady uphill climb from Kansas City to Denver running evenly up from 700 ft. at K. City to 5000. ft. at Denver. we are only 1200 ft. up here but by next Sunday

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I hope to be up 3,000 ft.

Think I will take a little nap now and go on another hike, if the old man doesn't want to go, I can go alone and think just of you and the little farm up in New England where we will be in a short time. (I hope?). I have been spending a good many hours thinking over the farming proposition & I am thoroughly convinced, that that is the life for me to live. In fact I can't live in an office job. I must be out of doors where I can be close to Nature and you, to live a life worth while. There may

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not be as much money in it, but I really believe there is more, and at least you have an opportunity to plan and execute your own ideas without having to pull wires and gain influence etc.

Guess I'd better quit this line of chatter & talk of what I'm doing & not of what I'm dreaming. You know dear that I'm not forgetting you for a minute won't you? And I'm loving you hard every second. Will write again soon.

All my love to you dear,

Erni

(over)

P. S.

Please write me your next  
letter to Cally, Kans. Gen. Del.  
(Hold until called for.) Hope to  
be there by the first of next week.  
After that letter write one to  
Concordia & then all others  
to Salina until further  
notice.

Love & x x x x x

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