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My dear Don,

I enjoy so much reading your reactions to things – and I can see where I give the wrong impression sometimes – and sometimes a right one.

Things to correct –

Pudge never wanted to be a writer – Letters have always been few and far between. Her mind was always good – but slow. Mine was too fast – I would learn quickly and forget – she would learn slowly and retain. I did well in school but she did better. She was supposed to graduate in Jan. of 1922 – but because of her good record, they let her graduate in June 1921.

She has a wonderful dry humor and many loyal friends – but no one can move her from her own pace. Some of our friends were mutual – but I realized more during this visit than ever before – how

differently we saw the same events (2)
in our childhood. In those days
we didn't communicate. Her
life has not been easy - much
brought on by her stubborn Bump
determination. But that same determination
brought her thru. After the massive
stroke before 50 -, and time of
hospitalization - she went back and
taught school for six years. Her
face is unlined and she is content
She has a devoted man friend
whom she met in the hospital. They
have each re habilitated the other -
and it is quite a true life story.
They talk about getting married -
but health problems make them
hesitate. I got to know him for
the first time this year - and I
am glad to know he is such a
fine person. Her children are at
last accepting the situation - and are

kind to him. He has been so patient and kind to Pudge for twelve years – that I feel she is greatly blessed – and she does much for him. His family back ground is good – I don't know what his problem was – but maladjustment to responsibilities of life was most of it.

About Ernest – He was the sweet person shown in the autographs. We were all immature. The boys did have an exaggerated way of talking a juvenile language – for effect. I don't know for certain that it was J. E. who wrote Ernest about the people I was dating. It could have been Pudge. She had the jealousy of a younger sister.

There was never any final break in the friendship between Ernest and me. He wrote me once or twice in college. I talked with him on the phone one time when I had a 5 hour wait between trains

in Chicago - and Dr Hemingway met
me and drove me to their house in Oak Park -. Ernest
was living - yes - at 1230 N State Street -
I heard from him once in Detroit -
1922 - before I went to Florida with
grand mother. grand mother had a
letter from him while we were in
Fla - 1923 and had told him about Sidney Mais.
The thread of contact was thin - but
never broken.

Too bad I don't have my autograph
Book. You would have drooled over
it - Ernest drew a picture of a large
stein with all sorts of little characters
climbing over it. I don't remember
what it said, but it was written
with words below each other rather than
horizontal — signed Stein -
His Mark.

The house party was at the Sly's
in Bayshore - spring 1920. Boys
were invited for the evening. Ernest
far away.

Pudge wouldn't object to your keeping the Book for a while - but her children would. If Bob learns I sent it - I will be in for a bad time - But I won't mind too much.

He has enough of Pudge about him to make me like him - but the characteristics like his father I don't trust. He likes to be "Mr Big" - and he knows I don't buy it. He is very successful in selling insurance for a good company and nearly has his P.H.D. (English Major) So don't keep the books too long. Send it to Pudge -

Mrs Georgiana Carol -
125 E. 14 Mile Rd -
Birmingham, Michigan.

I don't mind if you keep any of my pictures - the picture of S. Burns is a cheap copy. I have the original. Keep the bust picture if you wish I never did like it. Just tell me what you want and I will decide if they are _favorites_ of my children — as for me I don't want anything to keep.

Enough for now

Love,

Marge -

Sid Jr. is always asking if you have sent back Kodak pictures - Am sure he wouldn't mind duplicates if your want originals.

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