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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 — Letter has always been fun and Jan 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 keenly this visit than ever before — how

differently we saw the same events in our childhood. In those days we didn't communicate. Her life has not been easy — much brought on by her stubborn 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 fine is enlisted and she is content. She has a devoted man friend whom she met in the hospital. They have each rehabilitated 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 God adjustments to responsibilities of life we must get.

about Ernest — He was the smart person shown in the autographs. He 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 G. 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 kind 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 grandmother. grandmother had a letter from him while we were in Fla - 1923 and had told him about Sidney Main. The thread of contact was thin - but never broken.

Too bad I don't have my autographed 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 alternate thorn horizontal — signed Stein - His Mark.

The house party was at the Sly's in Bay shore - spring 1920. Bups were invited for the evening. Ernest Ran away.

Pudge manedis object to your keeping the Book for a while - but her children mauled. If Bob learns I sent it - I will be in for a bad time — But I don'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 book too long. Send it to Pudge - Mrs Georgiana Card - 125 E. 14 Mile Rd - Birmingham, Michigan.

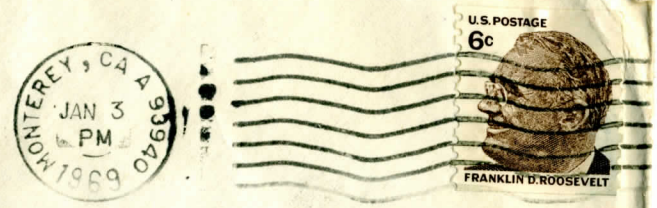
I don't mind if you keep any I may not a cheap copy. I love the original. Keep the best pictures of yours & S. Bumps is never did like it. Just tell me what you want & Enough for now — and I will decide if they are favorites. I buy children — as for me I don't want anything to keep.

Love,

Margie —

Sid Jr. is always sticking it in our book Kodak pictures — and we wouldn't mind duplicates if you want originals.

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