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My dear Dan,

your letters are good because I enjoy them a second or third time.

I still don't quite understand how someone can get so involved with another's life as you have with Ernest. There must be all sorts of lines out in different directions - as I used to put out fishing lines and wait for the reel to spin. Another not so easy to understand thing - is the way I feel about not wanting to know anything about his life beyond 1920. Up to then he was close to his family - to the Dilworths - to some people in Petersburg - to the Smiths - Edgars etc. After that he became someone I didn't know. I kept the one he was - but

never followed the one he became.

I suppose I became someone else too - and Marge Bump is still back there in Petroskey.

So many of my friends are falling by the wayside that I must face the fact that I am definitely in the old category. I still feel young enough to believe I may be able to enjoy old age - and catch about for proper props. First, it is necessary to feel well - so I have joined in at a health spa - for exercise - sauna and whirlpool.

I don't need to lose weight - but with stepped up circulation I feel more of well-being. It is too hot for golf. With a spot of swimming and bridge - a small luncheon, I get enough companionship.

not to go in a shell. I hate big parties and cocktail parties - a hang over from my shy days. I gave up the hospital auxiliary bit. I didn't want to go back to something with a time requirement.

I enjoyed the publicity I read about your college and its young president. Just where do you fit into the college picture?

I have no winter plans. I hope to stay here, but will be paid for whatever comes along. George and I must not become too dependent on each other - and she is working out her problems. I may go there in late spring.

I enjoy the easy drifting I am living and have a sense of peace if I stay away from world news. I watch it over my shoulder - but

And I can be detached - just
as I've learned to get detached from
the problems of grand children.

It is a relief to know I want
love to pick up the pieces -
It is enough to have faith that
someone will. So far all is
well with them - but what a
world they have to adjust to.

How I chatter on -

My best and love to your kids.

Marge.

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