Houston, Texas
March 11, 1916.

Dear Gainer,

Now listen I did tell Ethel that I needed cheering up but it was simply because I was homesick. If I didn't get that letter every week I wouldn't be worth a cent which I doubt suppose I am anyway.

I bet you did have a good time at the dance, and it might not have been the dress, it might have been the person with whom you went.

When I come back home will you take me out riding?
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Do you finally got a letter from Ethel. We sure told her enough times to write. Every time I saw or phoned her. Richard Gentry is a boy who stays at the same place as Ethel, that is at the same house. I don't know whether they have got it bad or not. I do know that they are out together a good deal. I expect I'll ask Ethel to go on the boatride next Saturday. We sure ought to have a good time on that trip. I've never been on one and don't know what it is going to be like.

Day working don't seem to agree with you, only weighing 104 lbs. I used to weigh 138 but now 156, falling off all the time.

I had a letter from Madeline yesterday. She says she's been awfully busy. Also that she sure was glad to see some one from Paradise or as it is called down here, God's Country.

What is the matter? I think Frank can find a girl good enough in Dallas but Martha says all good looking girls come from Waxahachie.

Don't for a minute think that we get anything good to eat down here. Spuds, chicken bones, spuds, Hotdog, spuds, bacon.

Ethel got a letter from Girdoree the other day, and among other things he even said tell me hello. How nice of him. "Durtle" said for me to tell you hello, etc.
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