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My dear Sweetheart – I am awful sorry that you have been worrying about me dear. Please don't do it, because I'm alright, honey, and my eyes are getting along just fine. They came near being put out with gas this afternoon though. Honey, you remember this "tear gas" they used during the war, and it always made you "cry" so. Well, I worked with that this afternoon. I also inhaled enough  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ , and  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$  to kill every germ of any kind for the next few years. I sure did get a headache working over there but as soon as I got out into the fresh air everything was alright again. That bird is giving us so much work that this afternoon I was running three experiments at the same time and believe me if I get good results in all of them I sure will be lucky.

My but how glad I will be when I go to my last lab in that stuff. Darn I think I will break everything I have then just to celebrate.

Today certainly was a pretty day down here, but this morning it was awful windy and last night we had a regular storm, so they say. I wasn't awake to hear it, but when I woke up this morning, I saw that it had been raining.

I phoned Ethel tonight and she said that her mother was here but she didn't know how long she was going to stay. I am going over there Saturday night. She said they didn't have the car out yet and maybe it would be several days yet. You know when I think about that now it sure gives me a funny feeling, just to imagine that big old black thing coming down on us. We sure were lucky in getting off as light as we did. Believe me, I am glad that I did.

For the first few hours tonight, Henry and I and the two profs. didn't do anything but stunts. One would think of one and then another one would. I can't even beat them on anything except the leaning rest and I always manage to beat them all on that. I came near breaking my neck trying to stand on my head and later when Nash came in he made a dent in the floor trying to do the same thing.

Sweetheart, I wish you would take a day off and come down. Goodness, but wouldn't I be happy. Honey mine, I surely don't see how I am going to wait until June to see you. Why darling just think that is over two months yet. When you do come down, dear, I certainly am not going to let you get out of my sight. I expect you'll be wishing I was sometime, but dear, I just love you so much. I can't help it, and you want me to love you, don't you?

Henry and I had both started to bed and were going to get up early in the morning and study when I said I had to write you a letter. I usually write them before I study, but sometimes, when I've got lots to study, I wait until late because I can stay awake writing to you and I can't trying to study.

Goodnight, sweetheart mine. Pleasant dreams -

I love you - with all my love.

Otto