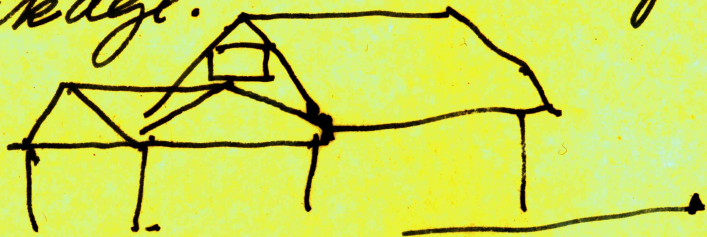


My dearest Family -
Just a line to let you know how
the work is progressing - excellently -
Already after 2 days the old roof is reshingled
and the house straightened and new
foundation posts set in - along
that one side where there was a
sag three had to be set in -
The little house is wired - now
today they begin laying out the lean
to - only one thing Mr Rose
says there is not enough room
for a pitch for the lean to -
It is necessary to have quite a
pitch here because of the snow
and heavy storms. + so he advises
following the line of the roof.
he says the result would be less
chance of leakage. Also he felt the



My pine tree idea not a good one so well
let that go by. He + his brother are
on the job together everyone Elmo,
Ball + Peter all say how lucky we
are to have them and after
watching them work I realize it -
They keep after it no been longing
and ham fatty - they keep after it.
On our side we have sawed trees
and branches clearing the path to
Alden lane and removing dead branches
generally - we cleared all the branches
away from the house ^{and Jeanne} at ^{this point}.
has reattached the ivy. One of the
strangest things and most aggravating
3 weeks ago when I got the ivy badly
Jeanne wrote R. Doubs, who had offered
to send any thing that we could not
procure here, for some Ammate
a DuPont product guaranteed to

kill the stuff & to this day no reply.
Finally we wrote Du Pont directly &
again Peter said "why didn't you get
the girl to write in my name & get
some action" so if we have
no reply by Monday - we will
have to try again. Also yesterday
we rebuilt with old pieces of
wood the grape arbor & put the
vines back up, off the ground -
also we have been collecting bricks
and started clearing the wreckage
of the former house - we are stacking
all old wood in that little shed -
and are raking down that sand
hill - The ivy remains the only
problem. and we shall wait to
attack that side only when we
have other means than our hands.
All love from us both
Fritz

P.P.S - We are paying the carpenters by the week - they get \$8 per day or \$48 a week apiece. We will pay them by check with dates etc + reason there on do you think we should have further receipts - It is now Sat noon (they are working all day - We buried trash on the upper level + are raking down the sand pit. The carpenters are starting on the addition after removing the support to the north that were also rotten - Mr. Rose explained that they had left the park on the wood & in the directions of they hold the water & rot. Those he has put in he has creosoted + skinned -

Sat - eve. 5:30 P.M. Your letter today you probably have several of ours - Yes please write Roland - I have already - About every thing else I will write properly and in detail as thanks and appreciation should be expressed that

way - The carpenters got - the foundation
piles and sills ~~made~~ in today so that you
can see the form of the back room -
we worked on the sand hole; it will
be about a week before it is clean.

I discovered another foundation wall
at right angles to the one that
ran to the lane and am digging
this out - and digging is the word
for it; this whole thing will form
a series of terraces that can be
very delightful for outdoor living.
We have dug an enormous no. of
bricks out enough I believe to do
something nice with. Mr. R. says
that when we are finished with the
present job - the only thing then necessary
to make the house completely usable
all winter is to build a cement brick
supporting wall + add storm windows.
Yesterday being Sunday only we worked - at
the sandhill -

✓ P.S. We solved the dry springs problem
we told Elmo about Maevie
and he begged for them wanting
to buy them so we gave them to
him.

So with the work progressing so we
are looking around for a bed + stove.
There is shop here + they either
make them or some thing - anyhow
they make have box spring + mattress
units ~~foot~~ they run around \$50 or 60[#]
which seems high to me. Elmo says
he may have an extra ~~spring~~ mattress
+ we are going down today + look
look by now we can't wait for
you to see every thing; do you
think you can make it up in
the fall?