

Saturday -

Dearest Family -

Anthony says he is going to talk real
loud to you tomorrow & tell you lots of
things - we'll see - hope so! We are so busy all
the time & the garden is just asking to be
planted. Joe Lyars will finish the buggy,
upholster, painted etc. by tomorrow so
Johann can go down to the garden too -

The snowman bot arrived Wed. &
we each & all want to thank you for the
many contexts - It will be a big help on the
food bill which has mounted beyond the
budget (based on last year) probably due
to the big boy but so what - let him stuff.

The letter this morning - he doesn't
understand too much about the Easter
bunny, except from school - however he
tells me bunnies don't lay eggs - just chickens
lay eggs - We will make him a big basket
for tomorrow & hide eggs around the house -
from all the candy you sent - We are also fixing
baskets for Cynthia, Sylvia, Tom, & Kathy -
& the Gomez family. So we will have a big
Easter & if the day is nice & the buggy here
we will even get Johann out in the Easter
parade. Here, they parade babies, instead of clothes!

The Sears Roebuck letter you
enclose - the bill for \$15⁰⁰ ~~was~~ for
Anthony's overcoat & leggings set
purchased by phone just before we
left - The letter refers to the
cellulose (~~which~~ like you got us from
there a year or 2 ago, & I wrote &
sent sample asking for more. They
do not have it - We can get it from
the catalogue via Boston. Think it's
about \$20 to \$30 - Fritz will put that
on the studio doors instead of buying
big glass doors for now -

We will be glad to get the Ironie as
this has just run out, & it does take the
place of vegetables - He's be drinking V8 again
& has started to eat rice - We try greens
every so often, but not yet. He is eating
fish, rice, & tapioca (all new things) so
shall probably branch out gradually - Eats
loads of whole wheat bread, including crusts
& hadn't seen a 7-up until your box
arrived - He drank one & gave the other 2
to Cynthia & Sylvia, so I feel does not
miss it too much, as never asks for
it. There's plenty else to drink - egg-nogs
& fruit juices & milk - all of which are

within his reach in the ice box, can keep himself whenever he feels like it. I took him to the grocery - said buy anything you want - candy or ice cream - he bought 2 cans peaches, came home & ate all. In addition to everything else, he eats this creek every day 5 jars of fruit - 5¢ a day - lots of Hamburg, liver - tapioca etc etc.

Yesterday he took the records down to Jarver's & they played them a lot & enjoyed them very much. Mollie said we can borrow their machine anytime - it's a portable - Brudy also has one & doesn't live far, & he wants to take the records to school to play on the machine there -

Now about the machine here - After your letter I called Jacobs the radio man, & Tony Jarver both - Jacobs said yes of course it will work hooked up to a car battery - Tony says we can buy a battery for \$20 - But the thing is, batteries have acid in, & give off fumes which usually go out the exhaust pipe so we couldn't have it in the house - Anyway we have no plan to put a battery in the house. Then you have to take it down & have it

recharged - Fritz has no idea how to
hook it up as you know how
interested in mechanical things he is!
Well, we can use it in studio or
outdoors in summer if we get a battery -
but not here in the house - I think
we can solve Anthony's needs a lot
easier by buying a child's phonograph
here in town for \$6⁰⁰ which he can have
the fun of operating himself - You know he
has to be the engineer & work it himself,
or he isn't interested - They have these
little machines that wind up with a handle
at a local store - so I think I will
just get him that & it can be all his
own, & he can carry it around to his
friends' houses too -

By the way, there is a new funeral
home here now & Tony Jarver has gone
in with the man to provide the cars
for the services -

We are going to give Anthony a
plot of ground for his own garden to
plant & care for, as he is very interested
& says he will eat the vegetables he grows!
Mayor Hat will do it -

Friday morning his school had an Easter party for mothers too so I went & found him not at all over-intelligent compared to others his own age - I've think he's so smart! But he's just about normal I guess - also he is not big for his age either - there are 15 children & they are really cute together - learning table manners, songs, prayers, rhythms to music, etc.

Tomorrow we go to Heruley's for cocktails - first time we've been away from the house at all - but they have 2 children also - a baby & a girl 2 1/2 - Hans. My will go too - So we'll have a little Easter. Johann is as big as their baby (7 mo.) - He sure is the sweetest best thing & asks for nothing - just smiles - He is 2 inches longer than when we left - Haven't weighed him yet, but will take him to the grocery & do it this week - We certainly are enjoying the new radio -

Glad to hear you've been out a little bit Pauline -

The board under your
mattress should help you
back - I put the infra-red
lamp on mine when it aches &
it really helps - Just continue
to take good care of yourself -
That's it - Anthony will love
to have a new train I know -
He is still looking for "my old
wind-up" every time a package
arrives -

May thanks for everything -
He loved un packing the great big
box - And much love from
all of us,

Joanna