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Dear Oji-San

It's been almost a week now since we received the notice from you saying that all letters must pass the censor in New York City.

That means that yours, as well as our letters, will take a good deal more time, doesn't it? I can't understand why they can't censor letters in Lordburg as they have <sup>thus</sup> for been doing. Is there any reason for changing it to New York?

Oji-San, I wonder if the elery extract that we sent you a week or so ago has reached you yet? There were 2 bottles and as to the amount of the dosage, I think that you should ask a physician about that. We didn't write a letter to accompany the package so I hope you weren't too surprised. Is it supposed to supply you with some needed vitamin? That doesn't mean that you are losing any weight, does it? Hope not.

The weather here has been just terrible! Two or three days ago it snowed and piled quite continuously.

It was beautiful - everything so white + still and all the children around our block and other blocks were outside rolling snowballs and making snowmen.

Yesterday, unfortunately, it rained and the whole area was squishy and soft with melting snow. It's awfully difficult to walk in snow and we only go outside when necessary. Last night the ground was like molasses sticking and pasty and we had to pull ourselves to keep

from slipping and sliding on the mud.

It is raining again to-day. I wonder if London rains as often as it does here. Every one walks around in his high boots & jinking boots are very practical out here, not that one can catch any suckers in the pools along the road.

This is Sunday, but I'm working to-day, ~~but~~ working, in a sense. There isn't very much to do so I'm catching up on my letters.

Yesterday, <sup>was</sup> my day off so I did a lot of things I have intended to do for some time.

You see, Oji-San, we have only 1 room so we have very little space after we put aside the number of beds and luggages we have. Papa-San made several shelves for the kitchen things and he also made a coal-bin along the side of our pot-bellied stove. We ordered a 6 drawer dresser from Sears and put oak stain on it & varnished it so that it looks very nice.

I've been wanting a dressing table so long that finally we decided to make one. ~~a~~ after many weeks we were able to get 2 Orange ~~boxes~~ of the same size. We stuck these two together & Jumi-Chan made kidney-kidney-shaped top to it - something like this

with the blue linowear top and with a matching barrel seat,  
we think it looks quite the thing. And are we proud of it!

I suppose you know that Junichan and I are working in  
the hospital. It is the first time I've done any work of this  
type, but I'm learning so much every day that I don't want  
to quit. You see, once in a while we are on at night from  
4 p.m. to 12 p.m. Father & mother do not like it very much,  
but since it lasts for just one week, I don't think they  
mind too much. I feel that I may as well learn some-  
thing since I'm in a camp like this and so this work in  
the hospital has opened a new field to me that of  
before now I knew little or nothing about. Junichan  
is trying very hard to go out to any school that  
will accept her. I was thinking it would be fine if  
she could get out first and then find a job for me.

Don't you think so, too? I wish you could see  
how fast Kozumi is growing up. She became 3  
years old ~~on~~ Nov. 8 & my, but she is getting talkative.  
Every time you say something she asks "why?" & when  
you answer her she always come out with "I know  
(yit)

By the way, that was a wonderful postcard  
folder that you sent Midori & Ayako. We all looked  
at it & couldn't believe New Mexico was covered with so  
many different kinds of cactus. Well, take care of your-  
self, Oaji-San Goodbye. MIYOKO