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Dear Alice -

Two or three days ago, two letters came from you - penned on Nov. 2 and 12. One lagged, like the hare, and the tortoise overtook him. I'll take advantage of you, with your kind permission, and answer both with one - OK?

The first one - ah, educational! Copulative verbs, finding factors in algebra - other than your brief discussion of those, Bernice set the clock and you went to bed. Brief, yes, but characteristic of you - I enjoyed it.

Second letter - you gave quite eloquently. Gee, but you have lots of fan mail - and you're even in the publishing business - wow! you were editor, proof-reader, printer, circulation manager - in fact the entire staff of a sensational, new, initial edition of the Lancing News - I'm awaiting Jewell's comments on it. Perhaps she will forward her copy to me. I can understand, that due to a critical shortage of clerical workers, printers, etc., and newsprint paper, you won't be able to send me your paper.

Since when did Mr. O. Schubert go into the theatre business? When I left home he was idly twiddling.

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his thumbs and waiting for somebody to die. Good racket, his. Never any worry about a depression or a lack of business. I guess his business and the tax collectors are two of the surest jobs in the country.

(I just noticed the P.S. at the foot of your letter - so I can have a paper. Don't forget the funnies!)

We're living in "kuts" now - like a tunnel inside. You have undoubtedly seen pictures of them. It's a prefabricated affair - can be thrown together like your doll houses. Very nice.

You've been reading quite a bit - let me recommend a book. It is written by Floyd C. Douglas

and is entitled, "The Robe". I have read only about half of it - so far it has been very interesting. It concerns the crucifixion of Christ and what happened to the Robe which the Roman soldiers tore from His body and cast lots for. The story of Christ, as seen from the other side - from a Roman soldier who became interested in the "strange carpenter of Galilee" and went on a tour thru that country to learn all he could. It is new and, I understand, highly recommended by the critics. Ask Jewell to get it for you - and tell her I said she should read it.

So long - write to me. Love,  
Bill