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Dear Dorothy -

Your letter arrived some 4 or 5 days ago - I have read it, re-read it, pondered it - wondered why you never wrote about it before. Would that I could have known about it while I was home. There would have been many long discussions between us, I am sure. And we could have both derived a good deal of benefit and a certain amount of enjoyment from them. A sister can be helpful to her little brother along those lines - and vice versa. Now that I'm up here and you're down there - I'm not in a position to write the innermost secrets of my life in a letter which I am not allowed to seal personally, and have a peaceful mind. - If you know what I mean - Now, it's time to say thanks very much. The letter was by far the most enjoyable one I have ever received from you - and I assure you that I will not divulge



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one bit of the information to any person.  
Not even to Jewell - even though she is  
probably more familiar with the story  
than I.

There are numerous comments  
in your letter that I would like to  
discuss with you - but I'll save it  
until such time as we can confine  
it to a private conversation. My  
reasons are not, (as you might think)  
that I feel you don't want to talk  
about it anymore. On the contrary,  
I am sure you would like to. But  
I can't very well ask questions of  
you without having to answer a few  
myself - which I don't feel free to  
do - (as explained in paragraph 1).  
I hope you can appreciate my  
situation - so that you don't expect  
too much. In the meantime, please  
feel free to write as much as you'd  
like - about what you'd like - and  
ask any questions you'd like. However,



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you may not always get complete and/or direct answers.

Regarding Harry - I hope I was not greatly responsible for your opinion of him. I think not - because I know by experience that a person can be fairly well sized up by the letters he writes. I have a very distinct recollection, though, of having made quite a few remarks about Harry in a letter to you which were not all complimentary. You were getting firsthand information anyway - and I almost feel justified in saying what I did since receiving your letter - or more so.

I started this too late, as usual and I'm getting too sleepy to think clearly. I'll be telling everything I know in such a muddled way soon we'll both be all confused. Suppose I'd better call it quits - Write again soon.

Love - Bill