

Willow Springs, Mo.

Aug 14th, 1921.

My dear Sister & Hubert.

Your welcome letter of July 8th received, you certainly had a drouth over there, it beat ours last year and I thought that was bad enough, we had 77 days while you had 86 according to the enclosed clipping from my daily paper. How hot did it get? we had 32 days drouth this year with the thermometer 100° to 103° every day, it damaged our crops some but we are getting rains now and a little cooler, 90° nearly every day, and crops doing better.

While I think of it, a "calico"

pony is a 'piebald' pony, or what
the westerners call a "Pinto" I
think pinto is Mexican for piebald
a large proportion of the wild
mustangs are piebald. so, many of
the cowboys rode piebalds. but they
wouldn't know what piebald meant
they would call them pintos and
other "Calico" ponies. To make it
clearer to you why they call them
'Calico'. I would say, what you call
"print" in England, for cheap dresses,
we call "Calico" here. so when a pony
is marked with a pattern he is "Calico"
what you call Calico we call "muslin"

Many thanks Hubert for your
explanation of the Theory of relativity
I seem to catch on to what they
are trying to get at. but conclude

it doesn't matter much to me
some of these men seem to think
Einstein played a joke on them
according to the enclosed clipping,
a second Dr Cook. but I guess
he was honest in his convictions
at the same time he may be
wrong in his conclusions. I haven't
figured it out. Ha! —

They are talking of increasing our
postage to three cents again.

Russia seems to be getting into
a pretty bad hole. I agree with
feeding the children but I wouldn't
feed a grown person until they
went to work. when the farmers
quit work famine will surely follow.

Thank you for the wild roses
They still have the delicate perfume

we have wild roses here but I can't
get any nice buds. Things seem to
burst out in full bloom so quickly
and for the pictures too I thank
you I always look for Mother in
them somewhere, for you are together
so much.

I have to announce the birth of
another grandson on the 8th. at
Detroit. Jo' & Bob are sure proud
they wanted a boy. Have named
him "John Jay Eley". - Eley is their
surname of course. so I hope Ford
will soon give Bob his Office job
back. There's a little more money in it.

You'll soon be getting in the collar
again Hubert. business will be starting
up. it will have to if England is to
keep her place in the world market
she will have to manufacture.

They are building a good Automobile road from Willow Springs right by my farm it runs alongside my farm for a mile. When it is completed I figure on getting a "Ford" then I can go to town in half an hour instead of 3 hours they have a 30-hp gasoline engine with which to pull down the forest trees when a tree is too big or breaks off they dynamite them. They clear about half a mile per day; it sounds like a battlefield. The road will increase the value of my farm considerably. We have voted sixty millions of dollars in Missouri to be spent on good roads. It will take 10 years to complete the work they say. There is to be at least 1500 miles of Concrete road.

Our roads have been a bad feature
as sometimes it has been impossible to
get the mail brought out from W. S.

Family here O.K. just rec'd Circuit letter
everyone on vacation nearly. Alice has
visitors and takes daily drives to coast
or motors to mountains. Winifred &
family at their mountain cabin for 3
months. Frances living in a Tent house
5800 ft above sea level in the Rocky
mountains a Trout stream running in
front of house, a "Tent house" has wood
sides & floor with a tent for roof. - Lillian
& husband at an inland resort. Dorothy
at home husband too busy to "vacate"
this year. - Boys thrashing wheat in Western
Kansas. - Mama & I as usual milking
cows. & eating watermelon. -

Good by. Will when you can always
thinking of you and wanting a letter
Love - Uncle Dan