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My dear Frank:-

We received your letter and it was a very pleasant surprise. I read it to Steve and it caused a Ripley "Believe it or not" The old tuffy had a little catch in his voice and a tear in his eye. From this you will know how much we miss you.

As soon as I received it I flew in to Peg and was kidding her - telling her I

wouldn't let her read my letter because she wouldn't let me read yours to her.

That situation was soon over because your mother was talking to her on the phone. She had called to see if Peg had heard from you. Then I gave and let them read it.

Steve's garden is stripped and he is busy getting fertilizer in for next year. We are still using tomatoes from

it. We took the green ones off wrapped them in newspaper and have them down the cellar. We will have some for Thanksgiving. We sure do wish there was some way we could get some to you.

John Acer is still at sea. (now no wise-cracking saying "is he ever any other way") The last letter I had from him was a masterpiece. He didn't hear from Mary Dolan

and he threatens to tell her off when he gets home.

About the Miami Mary he says "Oh! me there's a girl"

Nike had a good daily double. [#]248.⁰⁰ but he hit the ^{\$}50.⁰⁰ window and it was "good bye" to it. King for a day.

Bess is fine outside of a few stiff joints. She was doing her ~~of~~ all housecleaning in her room yesterday and was doing some groaning before she went to bed.

Mr Chips and Henry had a terrific fight. Jim-Hon-

Steve and I were trying to
break it up. Henry got a
grip on Chip's neck. I picked
Henry up and here was
poor Chip hanging from his
mouth. I had to pry Henry's
jaws open to make him let
go. Luckily he only had Chip's
bushy hair. No damage was
done - but are we keeping
them apart. I want no
more of that.

Alice Early and Uncle

Bills are fine.

Election is the topic of the day. Thank the Lord we are all for the same man F.D.R. Were we a house divided someone would be murdered. Each made up their own minds and we all came out even.

Peg was funny about it. We asked her who she was for and she calmly answered "I don't know anyone else but Roosevelt!"

The result will be close, but F.D.R. is the favorite in the betting. I made up my mind because we are on the road to victory as we are. If we change the enemy may be given a spurt of courage that would be disastrous.

Of course you have the latest news about Donald Eileen & Fil from Peg so I won't repeat.

The price you told us you pay for champagne was

fairly reasonable I'd say.
An edge with that is grand.
I had one once and seemed
as though I was floating on
a cloud avoidafois and
all.

Am writing this at 5:15 A.M.
it is getting a little chilly so
I will close.

Sots of love from all. God
Bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely
Ann.