

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Gultman -

As Fritz is writing you, I'll enclose a note of thanks for all the wonderful things you sent us. We had a grand time unpacking it all, but of special surprise was the bicycle - We are just beginning now to realize how nice it is to have transportation, & are already planning excursions to neighboring beaches & other places we like to go where there are no busses, etc. Having two bikes is same as a car, only less trouble & expense -

We are busy as can be - for there is so much we can do to help our carpenters - plenty of painting & clean-up work - We are now painting under all the eaves, which we find most difficult -

Overson is simply crazy about our little house & so jealous & enthusiastic too. The cesspool is to be dug today, so the plumbing will soon be finished. He are waiting for a stove from the store here in town, & have yet to find icebox & water heater, but they will turn up -

Of course we are anxious to get settled & moved in & there are yet many many odds & ends to do. But we should make it by Labor day. The summer has gone so fast! We want to stay thru October, so have made arrangements for our apt. in N. Y. to be vacant by Nov. 1st.

The little house seems to be so tight & well built. As the carpenters tell us we can see everything that goes into it every step of the way, so we really know what we have.

We are again having pleasant weather after the bad week which was unusually warm. However we can promise the best for September — Also forgot in last letter to tell you our apt. here has a tub instead of shower.

Love to you both,

Jeanne

My dearest Family - Monday

To report on things seem to be quite in order - my leg has dried up and has all but disappeared - but not without much discomfort - I managed to do a little work last mon. but Tues and Wed. were spent in bed with ankles swollen double. It was a siege this time but for punctuality it does not last with me as it does with some people and now every thing seems past - but this time nothing could lure me near that leg again - my job is now house painting and work on the sand pile nothing more.

But for more interesting news - the bathroom is installed all water runs and the toilet & shower drain is installed also the water for the kitchen is in. Today the cesspool will

be dug and the drainage carried
to there. On the construction side
all the insulation is in the walls
throughout & most of the wall board
in place. The kitchen and bath
are completed except for shelves.
All trim etc. is on the place.
This week should see the house
pretty well finished. ^{doors & windows} to be done yet
however are: the screens, the closet &
bench, ladder, built in table, trim in front
room, spackling of joints. Then
the outside stairs have to be built
and a few bricks laid for a path.
In the meantime Jennie and I have
and are painting the outside
trim and giving the porch a good
coat of paint. We are painting
under the eaves. Then we will
paint the inside, the walls with
casein, the trim with oil - everything
white, then we will hang our pictures
and bring up the horns etc etc.

has practically immediate use. The little mahogany bench up in the loft for a bedside table for radio set. Everything will have its place.

We got our bill on the first for the lumber - ^{It was \$673⁰⁰} it includes all the necessary lumber - there are a few things that have to be returned too that we have not used. Mr. Rose is checking it now and we shall pay it immediately to get the small ^{2%} discount _(for cash in 10 days). It runs more than our first estimate but there are several additions, like the outside stairs, that are afterward supplemented the original plan with. There are certain items that are rather high for example we could only get oak flooring, no pine to be had. By the way the bath room items come from Sears and they were very

Now - last week on Friday morning
a man with a big truck stopped
in front of the door, it was about
8 o'clock, and left many large
packages. It was a second
Christmas nothing less. Thank
you for each and everything
but especially the bicycle -
now we can take little trips.
It's wonderful - We finally
had gotten the first one repaired
and now came the second one
ready to run; so we road out to the
beach Friday afternoon for a quick dip.
The chairs are very good - and heck
have it - in the downstairs
here we found the perfect
base for the marble top that
makes the coffee table ^{for outside} supreme
The brackets, a lantern, everything

off.
We paid our bill for the lumber. Mr. Rose said the prices were high but that we had not used much and said that the price of carting the 2nd hand stuff 200 mi would have brought that up almost to this amount. We will send this along with the insurance policy for your perusal. If you notice on the plan we have the hot water tank + heater in the bath room. This is I feel a good idea in summer we bathe usually in cold water only heating enough for a bath once or twice a week and this will heat the bath in fall and winter and keep this item out of the kitchen. We are so enthusiastic that we can't wait to move in and live here. There is so much that can be done to that piece of land that it will be a constant source of joy. We have made a list of expenditures also of which I will send you a copy.

This is about all for now. All love from us both - I notice in Jeanne's letter about the bath tub. Yes Pauline darling you would have to stand on your head here! OOh.

All my love Fitz