

St. Matthews, S. C., April 29, 1924.

My dearest Mamma:

No time to write you a long letter now as I am busy, but I received your letter this morning and the paper. About the shelf in the kitchen, if it is in Mrs. McGees way and Sister thinks it is possible to have it taken down without doing much damage to the walls, let her have it taken down. As well as I remember it was very substantially nailed to that Plaster Board and I am afraid it will be a hard matter to get it down. Another thing it will leave the wall looking badly where the boards comes from as the kitchen was painted after the shelf was put up. I will leave it to them to do whatever they think best. I was never satisfied with that shelf arrangement myself as I planned badly for it. I knew as soon as someone moved in with kitchen furniture it would have to come down as it would be in the way, still when Mrs. Eve was there it was needed badly.

Now about another meter: If we have another meter put in, we will have to pay \$3.30 again for water and lights every month for all time as that will be the flat rate. In the case with the McGees they probably are allowed water and lights free of cost, yet I do not know if he is why he wants to put in a meter for himself, yet if they are going to use an electric stove they should certainly be on a separate meter from us as we cannot afford the expense. If another meter is put in, let it be put somewhere upstairs. I think preferably in the hall, or somewhere where the man can get to it without having to come into our rooms, as it is more convenient than to have him coming in on us at all times. You see, the meter is already down stairs in the kitchen for the whole house and if we separate let the new meter be put in upstairs and connect wires for the lower floor on the meter for the downstairs. Let the front hall light down stairs be connected to the lower floor meter, so if I ever divide the house and have another entrance I will not have to bother with the meter again. Let only the UPstairs lights be connected to the meter for the upstairs. We can use the light upstairs at the head of the steps for lighting the steps if we want to instead of the hall light on the first floor, unless of course the McGees keep it burning for themselves. Of course, I don't want this part mentioned to the McGees about the lighting of the hall, but you may tell them I want all down stairs lights attached to downstairs meter if we are going to put in the extra meter. I will not go to the expense of this myself. If Mr. McGee wants to put it in at his expense it will be all right with me, but I cannot

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go to any further expense in the way of improvements for the rent of \$30.00 per month. I really prefer only having the one meter for the average person who takes the lower floor could get the water and lights cheaper by its being on the one meter, and it is cheaper for us also, still I will let them have the privilege of putting in the meter if they wish to do so at their own expense, and this meter to be put in upstairs. Sister will understand what I mean. It will be a matter of changing the wires to the lower meter and putting in another one on the second floor, and connecting the wires to that one.

I am mailing your letter to Estelle and will send her the paper later when I have had a minute to read it. I had a card from Florie she is doing fine and having a good time she says. I am glad she is taking a longer rest as she needed it.

I know you tax your eyes writing such long letters but we are so glad to hear all you write. I will always forward your letters to Estelle so you won't have to write but the one.

Affectionately,

*Edna.*

I saw Bob when he passed through here Saturday about eleven o'clock on his way home.