

Balto. Feb 10th 1924.

My Dear Cousin Ellie:

You must forgive
my not having written you
before this, but due to sick-
ness - and after my duties
here at home. I's up to
Elizabeth's and am with
her every day now. as her
time is just approaching
and I must admit, I am
kept anxious and under

much strain. She is expecting
the first of March - looks perfectly
fine, and is quite becoming to
her - as she looks so well - is
weighing about 135 - and she was
so tiny & frail the last two years
before she married. She is so de-
lighted. They have a lovely little
apartment. But - are looking for-
ward to buying a home.

We live about fifteen ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~trav-~~
ling minutes by trolley from one
another.

Mr (Annie & I) were certainly
disappointed you did not
stop over with us for a few
days very soon - He had fixed
and prepared to make you
just as comfortable as was
in our power. And were
looking forward with much
pleasure of nice talks about

our Km.

I do hope you are real
well.

The weather has been
very cold, and this A.M.
when we got up found
the ground covered with
snow. & it has just snowed
& then the sun shines all
of today. We have had
little snow. I think only
bit of any consequence.
& it soon disappears.

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My sons are all quite well
but colds. Every one has a cold.

James paid us a flying
visit on his way to Atlanta
City to a convention of
"The Enameling Company."

He is manager for a large
Enameling plant in Scranton
Pa. & is doing fine. But
he has had so much
sickness. He was looking
thin. is tall & thin like
the Ryans. Oh! Cousin Alice

I am so thankful to say he
is doing nicely & altho has to
work hard. yet God has indeed
been good to my boy & he is try-
ing to do his part too. I feel.
Robert - is home ^{with Anne & I} - a large
Lumber Company. I have to get up
at six A. M. get his breakfast
& get him off for his work by 6.30
Billy - is still at the Doug & Schore
He is in the Blue Club of the
School. & has just phoned me
his Club will sing at the
Methodist Church right back
of Elizabeth's home tonight. So
I will have to go. as this gives
me an opportunity of seeing my
precious boy. He is a dear. so
cheery and good.

Anne has had a dreadful
cold, in her head for the past
week and has been real miser-
able. Sends her love to you & all

our dear kin.

I want to visit Jen. so please
send me her address. I
wish she would come &
see us. Do you think she
would & could come Easter
for a few days.

Now, dearest Cousin Elsie
please excuse this awful
scrawl. But I have neuriti-
tis so badly that I can hardly
use my hand to pen or
write. I am as hampered to
send this awful letter.
I will have to close, as today

my hand pains so, I
can hardly hold pen.

Give my love to every body
Dear Ric, Tell her I will
try and visit her, if she
will accept such as this.

Write soon please and
let us know about your
plans.

Love to Betty + congratula-
tions. Loving your cousin
Bessie Ryan Gould.