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Dear Jim

Many thanks for your kind letter. I know you feel for me old chap., and in a case like this a word or two of sympathy goes a long way towards cheering a man up.

So you would like to know why I did it. Well Jim just wait till you meet her and then you will understand. I do not know whether you have ever seen her or not. She used to live across the road from my boarding house in Amherst. I may have pointed her out to you some time, but the rest of course I kept dark. She is a rather good looking girl, but I never heard of her taking a prize at a beauty show, not very heavy on the society act, but a good fellow every inch. But wait old man wait... We will be in Toronto for a few

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weeks on our way out here, and I will show you a bunch of skirts that any man would be proud of. You will remember her uncle Amos Etter. I think you have sat in a game with him in the ping pong club, and the chances are that he got some of your money.

When I think of you poor unfortunates out of it. I wonder how you manage to exist. Buck up old man and get into the game. Cop out something good and get on the sunny side.

I am glad to hear that you are thinking of giving this country a visit. It certainly is a fine country, and has Ontario backed off the boards. There is very little ranching in this neighborhood. If you want to get on a big ranch I would advise you to go somewhere south of Calgary. I will expect you to come and see me, will try and give you a good time. I had Fred Clark here for two days. He is looking fine but is still bothered a good

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deal with his old complaint. Jatty also paid me a visit and brought his wife. She is looking fine and laughs as loud as ever. She lives at Olds, about 20 miles south of this place. Both of the Boys are making money. From what Fred told me I should judge he is worth about $8,000

I will be in Toronto about the 15th of apl on my way East and would like to see you. We are going to have a quiet wedding but if you are down East about the 25th of apl, would like you to come and see me hitched. Write me and let me know if you expect to be down that way

Yours sincerely

W. Hilborn.