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Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Lucy -

Your letter deserved better treatment than I have given it and I want you to know that my not answering it sooner was because I was so under the weather that I was afraid my "blues" would creep in between the lines. And that would never have done because your letter to me and Harry's to Lew were two of the finest letters we have ever had.

Our children pick out husbands and wives from one end of the country to the other never taking mothers and fathers into consideration and we are the most fortunate families in the world I think because we all like each other

and are proud that our children picked  
such fine in-laws. Truly, Lucy dear,  
we have much to be thankful for.

That little wedding and the party  
afterward will be something to stick  
away in our memories to look back on  
and have joy in all the rest of our lives.

Letters from Harry and Patsy tell  
of their cordial home coming and how  
sweet Joe and Harry and all Joe's friends  
have been to Patsy. It will take her a  
little time to get fitted in to the new  
order of her life and wish Joe help I know  
she'll get off to a good start.

There will be much work getting  
settled in their little home and I wish  
I lived around the corner so I could  
run in and help. However, maybe it  
just as well - young folks have young ideas  
and usually want to carry them out  
in their own way. I'll come down later  
on and see the finished product.

I hope you weren't too much bothered by the arrival of all the barrels and boxes - I thought of you when they left here and said to myself here they go to make trouble for Lucy!

Don't thank us for anything - the thanks are on our side - thanks and gratitude for giving us a wonderful son and for the loving welcome you have given my daughter. All the planning - all the work and all the energy that we put into the wedding party were all worth while.

We have made two young people happy and have found two wonderful friends in you and Harry.

Our love to you both

Laura.