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Dear Mother

I am turning over a new leaf for 1943. This is my first letter to anyone in ages but will try to keep them coming regularly to you. I am sorry that Gene had to go & worried to have you there alone. Why don't you come and visit us again? It is over a year now since you were here. Ida can put you on the train or if you don't feel equal to coming that way I will either come for you or arrange to have some one come for you & I am lonesome to see you. That of you all day long on Xmas & on your birthday. Tried to call you on your birthday but couldn't get thru. Did you feel my that waves or did you think I had forgotten your birthday? Today is Milton's & he has had quite a day. Jan was over to help celebrate it. Time flies & the kiddies are certainly growing up.

Work is very hard a long now. Mrs Amoral took a 3 month vacation & was to return the first of this month but at the last minute with Ben's urging decided not to work any more. It has

surely left me in a spot with nurses as much
in demand as they are with the war hostages
never that she would ever pull such a low brow
trick on me but in this life one never can tell.
When the war is over I am going on an extended
vacation. Hope I am not to accept to enjoy it.

Tell Ida & family hello for me & maybe my
ambition will carry me far enough to write her
some time. Haven't even gotten around to
reading the Xmas cards yet so don't know who
remembered us this year. If the children were
well I think I would join the army or navy
for a good rest. The doctors who have joined
are all getting fat and lazy - they all look suited
& years younger. From the looks of things I
probably won't be drafted. Haven't had any
letters (for a long now) urging me to join since I
talked to a recruiting captain & told him that there
was more good to the war effort at present by
staying in practice & I told him I would join
as soon as the army need became greater or they
did so they said they would & got older doctors
to move in to take care of the patients. In this
district we are now far below the number of doctors
they said should be maintained. They are
literally thousands of new home built or being
~~and~~ built in this area since you were here.

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How are you getting along with the butter & meat shortages? Our cow gives plenty of milk & cream & we have plenty of butter from her too. We have our own pork & eggs & most of our own vegetables, also plenty of oranges, grapefruit & most of the other fruits we need. So we are almost self-sustaining and haven't felt the rationing at all yet. Hehn isn't even using his gasoline allowance & I can get all I need so outside of having to work so plagued hard we are on the old basis.

Of course we have always worked as hard & long as we could so even that is the same - but a little more wearing because we know we can't take a vacation even if we wanted to.

This doesn't seem to me to be a very interesting letter so will quit. Again I wish you were here I do so much want to love you at first hand & know you are well taken care of and not too lonesome. The longer I live the more I appreciate what a fine Mother you have been and still are being & how fortunate I am to still have you. I think of you every day without fail even if I am slow in letting you hear from me. Please Mother come & visit with us won't you?

Love & More Love
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also return letter



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