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SEATTLE DIVISION

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TO THE COMPANY

SEATTLE December 30, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center,  
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I suppose you think I am the most ungrateful child that ever happened. It sure does look that way, but just the same, I'm not, and I want to thank you for the letter of introduction which you gave me for Mr. Clark. Mary Jane and I started out to see him one day, but found that he had moved away from Seattle to Montana, I believe, so we couldn't use the letter.

We had a fine trip and enjoyed every minute of it. We reached Seattle on scheduled time and Mary Jane's friends met us at the depot and took us home with them to luncheon. After that we went to our little cottage, which we had already rented, as I believe I told you before. It is a dear little cottage, on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound. We could throw stones in the Sound from our back yard, if we tried. (We haven't tried yet.) There are hundreds of pine trees in the back yard, many of them 75 and 100 feet high. We had just been talking about them the other night, and wondering what would happen if one of them should break during a wind storm, when all of a sudden there was an awful crash and a lot of branches came tumbling over on the roof of the cottage. Mary Jane was almost scared green, but we finally discovered that it had hit the chicken house instead of our cottage. There is a dandy lawn which is as green and soft as velvet even now. In front of the house there is a walk that leads down to the street, and on each side of it there is a row of rose bushes. They still have quite a few blossoms on and are very pretty. Then at the end of the yard there is a hedge of chrysanthemums, red, yellow and white. They were in full bloom when we arrived, and believe me, they were pretty.

The cottage contains one large bedroom, dining room, two closets, and a kitchen. In the bedroom, we have one bed, dresser, rug and several other things. In the dining room, we have a nice round dining table, two rockers, three dining room chairs, a spring-cot for which we have made several pillows, and a cover, etc. etc. I brought all my penants, pictures, etc., and we have things pretty well decorated. We have a dandy little cook-stove. We also have splendid water and lots of it. It comes from the Cedar River in the mountains. I am cook; have been trying to teach Mary Jane how to cook, but we are away most of the time, so she has only learned to make corn bread, thus far. The first week I worked, Mary Jane was home alone, so she had supper ready for me when I got home, and we had corn bread every night that week.



I was awfully afraid Mary Jane would get homesick, but she never thinks of it. She is crazy about the country and is growing so fat that she has to loosen her clothes after every meal, what do you know about that? She looks fine too, and has lots more color than she ever had in Milwaukee. She is working for the Pacific Improvement Co., now, at \$75.00 per month and seems to like it fine. I worked for my brother two weeks and then got a position with the Puget Sound Traction Light & Power Co., in the treasury department. They are very nice to work for and I like the work fine. It pays \$60.00 a month to begin with and I have a pass-book on all lines in the city, which helps some, believe me.

It takes about 45 minutes to get from our cottage down town, so you can imagine we have to get up before breakfast. Isn't it strange, there are 12 people in this department and 6 of them are from Wisconsin? Well, this is sure a great country and you must come out sometime - we will take good care of you and promise you a good time. With lots of love to you and best wishes for a happy new year to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Alta C. Sharpe.*

6071 - 50th Ave., S.W.

P.S. Give our best regards to Mrs. Benedict, Miss Gapen, Miss Curtis, Mrs. Gudden, and all the other suffragists.