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SINCLAIR LEWIS
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Wedn April 21

darling, if my notes have been mean, pinched, small and dry like a widgeon, it's only because I am so sick of sitting with typewriter key or pen in hand that to write ANYthing is a strain. after I leave here I shall write nothing more than checks for months.

yes, the letter about which you worried, along of losing it on the campus, DID arrive -- if it's the one in which you say that a certain party has signalized the jingling arrival of spring by donning the bluegreen atrocity with the orange tie, and another whom we shall not name is large with phi beta kappa key. It is blessedly here, in the harbor at rest.

Ohmigod, you should have received your Gideon Planish by last Sunday when, you say, you had not yet. It was signed, ready to send out, the Monday before that. If by any incomparable disaster you haven't received one by the time this letter comes, telegraph me and I'll send another.

I saw Beth last evening, quiet, pleasant, a little dry -- this is NOT for repetition to her. She brought me news of you (all highly virtuous, sweet) and I am thinking up trails to a job for her to follow. I introduced her to another Mpls girl, Jinx Heffelfinger who, tho the daughter of Lowry Hill, hates it and is here in dramatic school.

to labor, to nobly crowned success, to you ----

love

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