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Miss Frances O. Boykin
c/o Miss Virginia Shaw
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New York City

Dear Sugar:

Well, we surely miss our baby girl. Everybody at home misses you, from the Colonel up, and mother looks like we have had a funeral.

I don't believe she is much in favor of your getting a job in New York. However, I see no reason why you shouldn't try your wings a little bit. But it is a tough proposition to get a job in New York, or anywhere else right now, and I don't want you to be discouraged or disappointed if you don't get one right off the bat. Always remember that Rome wasn't built in a day and that patience and perseverance are wonderful things, and if you don't have any luck right now, you will land on your feet just right sooner or later. We can always do anything we really want to; that is, if we want to hard enough.

I am glad you got in touch with the Williams. I have a two-page letter from Colonel Sid this morning, saying how happy he was that you were over there and how anxious he was to help. These Sid Williams are just the salt of the earth, and are some of the finest folks I have ever known.

I tell you who I think could really help you, and that is Mrs. Deane. She will really take an interest in you. I imagine she has some splendid connections and that her recommendation would go far in putting you across. I do wish that Mrs. W. B. Walker were in New York. Her former husband was the president of the Standard Oil Company, and of course you know she has some wonderful connections. I telephoned over to find out about her and to ask her to help you, but found she was in Miami. But she will return home some time next week, and if you haven't gotten fixed up by then, I believe she can do the trick.

I had intended coming to New York Friday, but now find I won't be able to do this. However, I wanted you to have the above information, and if things don't work out as you want them, I will run over some time next week and try to help a little.

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You will remember Gene Buck. He is nationally known and is the man who writes the plays for the Follies, as well as the George White Scandals. I intend to ask him to help us when I come over. I know he can do it and know he will do it. I also intend to talk to my little friend, the Italian whom we had to dinner at the house and who sent us the champagne.

I am just telling you these things because I don't want you to get discouraged if you don't have luck the first shot out of the box. We can put it over, though. I don't think so much of the New York business myself, except that it would be a nice experience for you. I still think the best thing for you to do is to take a secretarial course, which you can do in a very short time, and I can get you a position right over here with some of the Congressmen. I believe you could make more money this way, because you wouldn't have to pay for room rent, food, and so forth. And then you could really have some money on your own.

I have always thought that New York was a terrible place to really live in--nice place to visit, but I don't believe they get much of the real living. However, I am willing for you to be the judge. But after all, I think you will find Washington is hard to beat, with so many interesting things going on, and so many interesting places to go and so many fine people to meet from every part of the earth.

Well, thank the good Lord there is one consolation--if you don't get a position anywhere I can take pretty good care of you, which you know it is a great pleasure to do.

Write to mother often, because she is awfully blue about your being away. She still thinks you are a baby instead of a grown young lady.

Please give dear Virginia our best love, and with worlds of love from all of us at home and all of us at the office, I am, with some more love,

Sincerely, your daddy

FWB:KS

P.S. I had some friends I wanted to write but you didn't want me to so I haven't done it, although I still want to. I know what you wanted to do was to get it on your very own, but don't forget that it always pays to let anybody and everybody help you on anything, when they can and really want to. I always take help on anything I am trying to do from anybody who can help me. So let me know when you want me to get busy on it.

*Frances Your daddy didnt get back to sign this
so I thought I would mail it in to you
so you could get it Fri AM - 22*