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Dear Cousin Bob:

How is the boy, you are looking fine in your pictures but you cannot always tell how a fellow feels by his looks. I happened to think that I hadn't written a letter since I've been over here, so as a matter of a souvenir I thought that I would dope you a short line and let you know how things are going, however, I suppose you get the dope from my folks as I write to them every week.

I just received a big long letter from Dick this morning and in it were several pictures in which you were represented and also a new face of which I have never seen before, enough said you must explain and give me the dope. I was just thinking the other day that I had



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letter hurry up and get home one again for the
 entire lay out around home would be changed I
 would not even be there to see the fun, not suggesting
 anything on your part but there has been a wonderful
 change in two years since I was last home. Maybe
 you think I won't enjoy getting back and watching my
 get out over the old hills and under the table
 again like I used to.

Dick must be having some good old times up at
 our place as many and the kind of pictures he has
 been sending me, just wait until I see him again we
 are going to have a little war of our own, here there at
 home fussing the women all the time and are separated
 over here with this no count French stuff. Maybe you
 have seen some of the magazines I have sent Leeger
 and Grace James they give a fellow a pretty idea
 of the moral condition over here. It is fast to let this
 subject ride though until I return home I can
 do one justice to it I believe France is alright
 but no place for me so the quicker I get back the



Little I will like it, ³ at the present it doesn't look
as if I would get back here for several months as
the ports are so crowded that it will take a long time
to clear them out and make room for more. The conditions
are awful here in these places now during this time of
the year and I am not so anxious to start home at
present the way conditions are. I'll be on my way then
before many moons I think and you will see me
flowing in to old Cedar down with Johnson and take a
vacation for a while.

I hear you are still with the Westcott people
how do you like it by this time and what kind of
work are you doing? George is working at the D. J. & I.
I hear well that is a big job on him I thought he



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was pretty slow but I didn't think that slow
a mistake that is a good kind of a job to have, one
that you have plenty of time to work on.

Fred has grown like a weed since I left and I hardly
suppose I will know him. He is the same but then
I guess he and Bill & me would like to see them.
And how is your Dad and Mother I have never
heard from them and I wonder if they have lost all
their paper or pens or what a mighty little writing isn't
so easy as it used to be. I know that is the way with
me. I do not write here as much as I used to.

Well now, boy as I have given you a short line
and talked over a few points, how about giving me a
little line on that girl of yours telling me where you found
her and whether she likes an Auburn letter than a Face
and all about it you know. I heard you had a falling
out with Betty and the jig has been off ever since.

Now to my and watch your step and I'll be
home to talk things over in a few months with plenty
of luck and regards to the lady friend across Cousin Tom.