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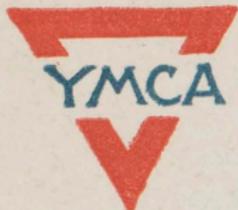
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Surprise Box
For a Little
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Thursday Night

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Such a pleasant surprise, dear - your box and how we did enjoy it. I say we for everything is 50-50 around here and I simply had to pass it around. Just wanted to play pig and keep it all for myself, but that isn't hardly fair with the fellows who have been giving me candy and cake right along. But the fellows all sure liked it sweetheart. It just made me kind of blue when I opened it and read your sweet note, for I knew just how much love, thoughtfulness and trouble was behind it. It was just like my girl, though.

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[[Nick Dante 8/31/15]]

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