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Mich

Dearest, Sat Oct 16.

So it's winter in your part of the country, eh? Well it's pretty chilly but it hasn't snowed yet. I'll bet you wear your jacket to work now.

No, dear, I don't want you to send me \$5 for those agencies as I doubt very much even if I could get a job through them anyway. Right now I'm broke and I hate to ask Zella for money. She always asks me if I need some but I couldn't take it from her because they have so many bills they have to pay and they haven't so much coming in. Ida wrote to me the other day and said she was coming in on

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that she is in the hospital? She
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 no matter how dizzy she is she
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Have you eaten any of the grape
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Now don't forget to save me some.
Gosh, that's too bad about your
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Is it hurt bad? you tell him
I sympathize with him because
I also had a lame foot last summer,
remember? When I fell off the
swing in Century Park.

I was just looking at that letter
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What is your over coat like?
Does it fit you real nice?

I mean is it form fitting or
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 Why did you buy a top-coat,
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 Or can you wear this throughout
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 E. Vabel.

[[Nick Dante 5/26/16]]

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[[Page 1- Envelope - Front]]

[[image- purple three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- black circle stamp: DETROIT, MICH. 1937
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