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Nevada Canyon Camp.
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Dear Virginia,

I was very glad to get your letter but next time try to find a pen and write a little longer. I expect you are having a good time going swimming and the like. Paul has gone swimming now in a little place in the creek made by a beaver dam. It is pretty hot in the sun here today about 92°. It doesn't seem so hot because there is always a wind.

We have been down to the ranch since Saturday morning and will stay tonight and go up to camp tomorrow. The girls got away early Sunday and Mr. + Mrs. Van Camp went to Livingston so we had to stay down and cook and look after the house. This is a stag party of eight. Gordy has just finished making two pumpkin pies so we will have them for supper. I made 7 loaves of white bread and it came out fine. You didn't know your brother was a

baker did you?

When you get up to Chicago you behave yourself. Don't go around telling people you are 20.

I weighed 160 when I got out here and in the five weeks I have been gone I have gained 6 pounds not bad. I hope to weigh about 175 when I get back. I feel better every day and this mountain climbing sure builds muscles in your legs and back.

We are fixing a place at the spring to take our baths. We are making a flat stone floor and a bench on one side to sit on. The spring runs out of a pipe right on to this stone place. Bill and I took a bath the other day and it worked fine. The water is down colder than ice water I think and you sure freeze while the bath is going on but I makes you feel fine afterwards. Bill and I are going to take one every day from now on.

I bet I will be as brown as you when I get home. I have been going with only pants and shoes for the past few days and I have a good tan already.

Tell mother if she will keep the evergreen branches in water they will last a lot longer. I like to get letters from home also so write as often as you can.

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If you go out to camp again tell all the boys
I said hello and to keep up the good work.

Tell mother to call up Frank Koenig at Kingan's
and see how he is getting along. also tell him
to write when he gets time.

You can tell Georgia I think she must be
very busy not to have time to answer my letter.

Has Mary Chambers got married yet?

I went horse back riding for about two hours which
was the longest I have ridden at one time.

I am getting on to it pretty good and it sure
is great sport. I have to let the stirrups down
so low they almost touch the ground.

Bill and I killed potatoes for 4 hours this
morning and it is no easy job in the hot sun.
We will have peas out of the garden soon and
we get radishes, lettuce and spinnage now.

Tell mother to send me a \$5 bill in her
next letter and don't send a money order.

Save this envelope and give it to Dick
Stradding as he is saving the stamps. Don't
forget this now.

Say hello to every one in the neighborhood for
me.

I will send you Sage brush this time and
something else next.

Your loving brother
Fred

P.S. How are you and Elizabeth getting along with
your Tummies?

Wouldn't you like to be out here where you
have to sleep under from three to six blankets
at night.