

Friday morning.

Dearest Mamie

I meant to write to you yesterday but I felt sort of bum from a cold and studying. I will probably flunk a few things in the semester exams so don't be surprised if I do. The German and Chemistry cells in my brain don't seem to work. I have elected a grammar course in French for next semester. I wasn't learning a thing with M. [Bracq] and they say Miss Epler whom I will have is excellent.

Ruth had her Mr Stokes from Philadelphia to see her last night

and she made me come in for a while. He's interesting, but I'm not sure that I like him. I don't believe Ruth cares much about him but he must like her a great deal to come from Philadelphia so often to see her.

Yesterday I wrote two masterpieces -- one an argument in favor of Chinese Exclusion from which you will be spared, the other a pome -- a parody on the "Jenny" which Ruth recites, and addressed to Ruth or as we usually call her, "Rudge."

Here it is: --

Rudgie

The sweetest lass in all the world is Rudgie, Rudgie.

I'd always loved her fond and true.

But she had love for only you

Vile fudgie, fudgie, fudgie.

I swore to her that if she'd be my own, my Rudgie

I'd feed her upon that alone

To which she was so very prone --

Just fudgie, fudgie, fudgie.

"How many pieces dost surmise, sweet Rudgie, Rudgie,

Of rich brown hue and goody size

Would every day for you suffice?

What judge ye, judge ye, judge ye?"

She looked at me in mild surprise,

She said, white tears stood in her eyes,

"How cud ye, cud ye, cud ye!"

"And would three pans full be enough, dear Rudgie, Rudgie,

Of this most palatable stuff?

You would not give me a rebuff

Now, wud ye, wud ye, wud ye?"

And though she told me that she would,

I think that what she did, you could

All judgie, judgie, judgie.

Her lips were closed; I could not add  
Nor count the pieces that she had,  
And yet, I'm sure enough she had  
Of fudgie, fudgie, fudgie!  
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