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Went down to the Gov. to get warm and had supper there.

Oct. 20. Was taken sick last night with a severe pain in my side and have been sick all day. It is cold and rainy.

Oct. 21. Rather shaky this afternoon but better - am determined to go to Chicago tomorrow. Went down town this afternoon, came home late and went to bed.

Oct. 22. Clear and bright, frosty - we are going to Chicago! Leave at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Have a thousand and one things to do, this morning. Hurrah, for a good time! Farewell to Nebraska for a week! Chicago!!!

Oct. 23. Sunday: Chicago, Ill. Here we are: good place to be!? We left Lincoln exactly 2:10 P.M. Reached Omaha 4:20. Went to bed at Creston, Iowa, and woke up in the morning very near Chicago. Reached Chicago exactly 7:00 A.M. First glimpses were surprising because of Sunday quiet everywhere.

During the morning we got "the lay of the land" - Chicago is just a little bigger than Lincoln - and moved from the Grace Hotel to "1949 Adams St." Nice big room in a private family. After dinner we walked over to the ball game. We wanted to see at least the "outside" of one of the big "national series." For two hours we watched the thousands pouring in, then took the elevated electric for Jackson Park. Here we walked miles! Lovely park. Back to State St. at 6:00, supper, and home. Oh, I am dreadfully tired!

Oct. 24. The beginning of a busy and interesting week. Atp. at 6:30 A.M. Woke town early - we found "real Chicago" - hurry, noise, and rush of traffic. We decided to spend the morning visiting big stores. We visited the "Boston Store" first where we were impressed by Monday morning sales; next at "Carson, Pirie and Scott" we spent some time in the art dept; then over to "The Fair" where we spent the rest of the morning and had dinner. At 12:00 A.M. out on the streets to see the

noon-day throng! Then we walked over to Michigan Blvd. and to the Chicago City Library. This is a splendid building, all of white marble in mosaic; resembles the interior of the Post Office at San Francisco, Calif. We spent some time here then took a car for the "University of Chicago," 58<sup>th</sup> & Ellis, Ave. The campus is fine, spacious, the buildings of uniform structure. Spent several hours here. Walked miles along the "Midway," 60<sup>th</sup> St. The University lies mid way between Jackson and Washington Parks. We spent the rest of the afternoon at Washington Park. Reached the city about 6:00 and spent an hour or more watching evening traffic. Some- well satisfied with the day.

Oct. 25. Atp. early, bright day, feeling fine! We were off for Lincoln Park. There was much to see: beautiful drives and walks; the big conservatory where the fernery was finer than those we saw while in Calif; then the Zoo - the bird display especially good. The arrangement and care

compared well with the wonderful zoo in East Lake Park, Los Angeles, better than at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. We found our way to the Lake front where we rested a while. We left for the city at 2:00 P.M. Back down town we visited "Marshall Field & Co." This is by far the most beautiful store I was ever in - the interior is all of white marble. We went over to the "Fair" at four o'clock for dinner. Spent another hour seeing street sights. Then out to Adams St. - home.

October 26. Beautiful anniversary day! Fifth year. So much to see in this big city we almost forgot "the golden light, the blue haze along the hills" - age memories, the spell of the day was woven into all we did, all we saw. The day was bright and windy. We spent the morning at the "Board of Trade", it was very interesting, wonderful, this big business. We spent the afternoon at the famous Chicago Art Institute. Here amid the great master pieces in statuary and painting, time passed quickly. One couldn't see

it all. At four we left the institute - the hour we were married five years ago. We walked down to the Lake front, the water was running high. After supper we spent the evening at Mr. Vickers - one of Chicago's oldest playhouses. Here we saw Chauncey Dectt in his new play "Barry of Barrymore". The play was charming. We reached our room at 11:30 P.M. Sweet day, come to us again!

Oct. 27. This morning we rested and made some cards. Left our room late. We took a Madison car west - got off at Roman Ave. The same little old park and the ducks! We found Grandpa's and Aunt Bertie's house, took pictures of them. Dr. brought back many memories. We spent the afternoon at "Seav, Peaback & Co" - the largest mail order house in the world. So much of interest to record all here. From the tower above fifteenth floor we got a fine panoramic view of the city. Then thru the clothing rooms, cutting rooms, etc. There 100 suits are cut at once - each piled eight inches high,

600 suits are cut a day. We saw all their  
own cloth. Then there the carpet dept.,  
house furnishings, and mailing dept.  
From \$5,000 to \$6,000 a day of mde. goes  
out to all parts of the U.S. It costs  
\$100,000 a month to send out catalogues.

25,000 catalogues are printed daily.

20,000 are mailed daily. Then there  
the packing and shipping rooms. There

60 car load of mde. is sent out daily.

We learned that the establishment has

45 acres of floor space, and employees

11,000 men. It has 9,000,000 customers.

6,000,000 regular customers. We enjoyed  
the type writing rooms, printing room,  
and power house. We learned much.

It is a privilege to see the inside

of a big establishment transacting  
business where millions are involved.

There is always \$5,000,000 worth of mde.

in stock. We came back to the city

late in the afternoon and spent the  
rest of the time until night visiting

"Siegel & Cooper" and "Rathschild's".

Home. It is colder to night. This is

a very pleasant room. Well, we can't

see all of Chicago, not in a week,

or in a month.

Oct. 25. Another big day. Packed full.  
We spent the morning in the County  
Building yet incomplete, and the  
Federal Building. The latter <sup>is</sup> the  
finest building I was ever in, (I am  
not going to change that) it is very  
large and magnificent. We were shown  
all thru by a guide. We first went  
up in the tower 287 ft. above street  
level. The Post Office Dept. was very  
interesting and instructive, too. Chicago  
handles 2,000,000 letters a day, 200  
ton of newspapers. We then went  
to Wolf Plumbing Co. where Edw.  
enjoyed the fine sample room. Then  
thru a nice Pet Store. After dinner  
we went direct to the Packing House  
and Union Stock Yards. This was  
an experience I shall never go thru  
again, like China Tour, once will do!  
We were taken all thru with a guide.  
Saw everything from the live hog  
to cured bacon! This is the largest  
concern of the kind in the world.  
1,000 hogs are killed an hour, 2,500  
cattle killed daily. It takes 1/2 lion  
to dress a hog. We saw 15,000 cattle  
in the cooling room. See by-product

processes were equally interesting. Every-  
 thing is utilized but the squeal. We  
 learned that ~~that~~ 5,000,000 lbs. of <sup>swifts</sup> Brides soap  
 is shipped a week. We saw a machine  
 wrapping bars at the rate of a 100 a  
 minute. I was glad, however, to leave  
 the Packing House. We reached the  
 city at 4:00 P.M. and boarded a car for  
 Evanston. Evanston is 12 miles north  
 from central downtown. It was late  
 when we got there but we had time  
 to see the campus of Northwestern Uni.,  
 and walk to the lake front. A nice  
 residential section of the city here. A  
 long ride back to the city in a cold  
 car. Supper and glad to get home.

Oct. 29. Our last day in the big city.  
 Spent the whole day downtown  
 sight seeing and visiting big stores.  
 Did some trading, and at 4:00 P.M.  
 we walked home. Spent the evening  
 in our room. We are leaving Chicago  
 at 9:45 in the morning. It has been  
 a good trip, worth the money several  
 times. We have seen lots and I  
 hope learned a few things we will  
 remember. Chicago, good-bye!