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Dear Summer:

Your monthly check came this morning and the usual attention will be given it.

You are missing a very good opportunity to capitalize on the present coal situation. May I suggest that when you are ready to blow off steam you arrange to have it funneled into steel gaskets which could then be adapted and sold for heating purposes. Otherwise you are wasting perfectly good heating material.

Glad you had a good time at Richmond and renewed Great Neck acquaintances. Now for other fields to conquer. Absorb all the southern atmosphere you can for in July, I hope, you will be back to your Northern haunts and, I presume, seek new social conquests. More power to your personality.

It really bothers me what to get Mother for Mother's Day. Frankly I had to talk with her because I just am stumped. I think the only practical thing to do with prices as high as they are and with quality as low as it is, is that we should give Mother a check and in due course of time, when she is able to go out, she will pick what she can find that best suits her as a luxury. I think that is the way we will have to leave it except that your call this week will no doubt be a special one for her.

Nothing special for the moment.

Affectionately,