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Dear Ruth:

You promised me if I came home you would give me a wedding garment. I'm inspired with the idea. Of course I know that it takes more than that to make a wedding, but at least that is further than I've ever gotten before. Who knows what it might lead to. Besides there is a superstition that one never gets rich until one gets rid of one's wedding clothes.

Last night when I should have been sleeping, I got to thinking about how becoming your clothes are on me, and what a shame it was that I couldn't get that, when I remembered that there are some folks coming out and if I got a letter off to you by airmail, perhaps you might relent enough to send it to me. I've really been cogitating buying myself a new suit. It was however reported to me (by either Sara or Clara, I forget which) that this suit was the prettiest she had ever seen. So naturally my appetite is all whetted up for it.

The Gales are supposed to sail October 17th. If I send this by airmail there is a chance that you might have time to get something to them before they sail. Their address is Rev. F. C. Gale, 2604 Alturas Drive, Bakersfield, Cal. If you get this in time, and the situation is so that they can sail, perhaps you would be willing to send me somethings.

I'd like to have you buy me three or four wash dresses, cotton prints, not expensive ones. I brought some out with me and I've liked them. I just went into a store and picked out some without trying them on. Buy size 18. I paid only a dollar or two for them, the one I've liked the best only 69 cents but probably things are more expensive now. They are used for house dresses in your country but in mine they look very stylish. I like cottons which can be washed. I don't want them too good, because even the cheap ones will look expensive to my Chinese friends.

You might replenish my supply of medicine. I have enough of the Ni-pectin to do me for the duration. The pink pills,(aspirin, etc.) I would like some more, also the vitamin B.

Some rainy day you might figure up my account and if I owe you anything, I can send you a check. If this letter should go through in time so that you could get the glasses which I ordered from Dr. Trip, that would be better still. He said he could fix me some reading glasses in two or three years if I needed them from the information he had on file. If Sara has not gotten them sent off, you might just ask him to write the prescription for me, because probably there would not be time for the glasses to be done.

Tell Mrs. Gale that if they go only as far as Hongkong to give the things to Edith Fredericks and let her send them on to Shanghai when she has a chance. She will be sure to see Edith anyhow, since it is her business to help folks enroute through Hongkong. The Gales are slated to go to West China and unless the situation changes may not come here at all.

This is like sending a night letter and trying to use fifty words. Unless I start to talk about Oscar, I can't think of anything more to say. She has kittens, the cook says, only no one has seen them. She denies it. But the circumstancial evidence all points the other way.

Hoping you are the same. Lovingly, Jessie