

[ca. 1910]

Dear pa. -

I'm OK, happy, and busy. Prof. Thilly is thoroughly satisfied with me. In our German class, the worst student happened to be away the other day, and the Prof. Hammond said to us two, 'Why isn't Mr. L - here? He is the only one who really needs this class. You two fellows know enough German to get along well without it.' We only did 9 pages last time, but we are determined, if fate and L - permit, to beat the record of the class, - 15 pages.

I went to the theater Friday night, and saw a company of students give 'much ado about nothing.' I had a seat in the peanut gallery (50c) and had a (literally) high old time.

Sunday I went over to Prof. Hammond's house, and met Donald again. He is back for his vacation.

goodbye -
Robert.

P.S. More philology, please!

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HARVARD PHILOSOPHICAL CLUB

CAMBRIDGE

Jan. 13, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to inform you that at the meeting of the Club Jan. 13, you were elected to its membership.

Upon payment of your dues, \$1.50 to the treasurer, Mr. P. M. Piel, War Hall 50, the secretary will forward you your "stingie".

A reading of the Constitution and By-Laws will probably be arranged for soon, at which all new members will be expected to be present.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Saleski
Sec.

Mr. Norbert Wiener.

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CAMBRIDGE

Feb. 12, 1910.

Dear Sir,

After the discussion Friday night as announced in the Letter, the Constitution of the Club will be read. Every new member will be expected to be present at this reading.

After this, "shingles" will be given to those men who have paid their dues.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Saleski,
Sec.

Mr. Herbert Wiener.

134 College Ave
Ithaca, N. Y.
Sept 9, 1910.

Dear Father,

Everything in my work is coming along fine. I am only taking 21 hours, 6 of which are lab. My diploma has come all right. Up to date I have spent ^{almost} all my money, \$5.00 in registration fee, and owe \$2.00 for gym fee to Prof. Shilly. The rest went for supplies. Mrs. Fish's initials are J. B., I think.

How are things at home? OK, I hope. Please send me ~~me~~ so for a gym suit.

As to the fellows in my house, most are all right, but two are rowdies, pure and simple. They have this afternoon

locked me out of the house and
utterly upset my room. If they
keep it up either they will shall
move or I will.

Tell mother to be more
explicit as to how to make
potato salad, and tell Everett
& Jim to write to me, so
that I may know how
things are going.

Your loving and respecting son,
Norbert

134 College Avenue,
Ithaca, New York,
Sept 21, 1910

Dear Mother:-

Everything is going along
finely with me. Of course, I am homesick
at times, but Prof. Thilly & Prof. Hammond
are very kind to me in every way.
My landlady too is a nice, motherly
woman, and is very pleasant. I have
not met many students yet, as it is
so early in the year, but I expect
to make acquaintances without
any trouble. I have met several
professors' sons near my age.

I live five minutes walk from
the college, and so am very well

situated. My room and meals are all
that I could ask for.

How are ^{you and} father and Fritz and
Bertha and Constance? All well and
happy, I hope. I do not write to
any of them separately, because
I have the same thing to tell
to them all. Please ask Constance
to write me about Everett. Has Ray
come? Has the lot been sold
or exchanged? Please tell me all
these things.

Hoping everything and
everybody are doing well, I remain
your loving son,
Norbert.

P. S. Everything came, all right. I have
used no spending money to date.

[ca. Oct. 1910]

Dear Mother—

I am OK, if that is what you want to know. My college work is coming along as smoothly as can be, and there isn't much to say. I am leading my German class, for I know the most German. One poor fellow, who doesn't know any worth speaking of, got three whole pages to translate last time. My paper comes up for discussion before the ^{club} next ~~next~~ from next Saturday. My only want is some boy companion, but boys are scarce hereabouts, and even if they were not, I would scarcely have the time.

I hope you are well and happy and the same to father and the ladies.

I call Constance a baby because I am getting tired of having no one to tease.

How are things at home?

How are father's articles getting on?

Constance's marks are almost satisfactory. How is Ray?

Bidding you all good-bye I am

Your loving son,

Herbert.

P. S. (For Constance). How are the ^{Berle} children? How is W. J. S.? How is Everett King? How is Ray? How is everything, including your Physics? Are you missing being teased, or do Ray and Everett make up for it. How is Ev. coming along in his Latin? Etc.

P.S.2 (mother) I sent you the picture
- postal card because I wanted to
show you what Cornell looks like.
The stamp must have dropped off

Oct 2, 1910,
134 College Ave
Ithaca, N.Y.

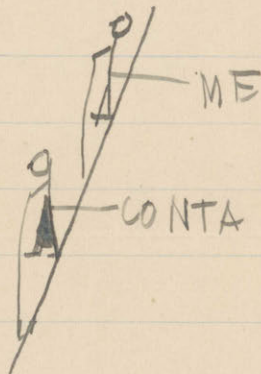
Dear Father.

I am all settled here and am starting work. I am taking Greek, German and Math, as you want me to, in addition to my Phil. work. In Greek, we are reading Plato, while in German, we will have Nietzsche. I have already begun studying. The Greek class is rather small (1), and is going to meet at Prof. Hammond's house. I somehow have a feeling that it will do uniform work, the bad students not hindering the good ones.

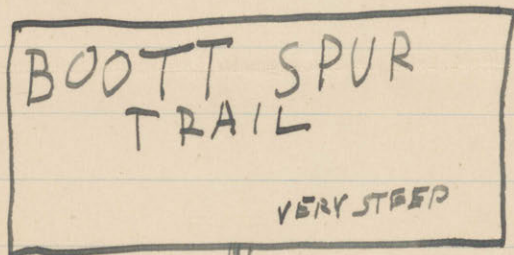
I got mother's recipes this morning. They look good to me.

Is Jim an idiot or simply a stupid? Of course, ~~he must be~~ in one or the other

I am well off in every way but
in boy companions. I wouldn't mind
Everett here now and then



Show this to Harold and ask him
what it reminds him of. also this



I wish I were there now.

So long
Nobert.

P.S. Forward my diploma as soon as possible. I need it

P.S. 2 Forward to Prof Thilly a few of your "Stray leaves from my life"

P.S. 3 Excuse the ~~too~~ impudence if there is any in this letter. I want to feel it keeps me from being homesick to have a bit now and then.

134 College ave,
Ithaca, n. y.
Oct 16, 1910

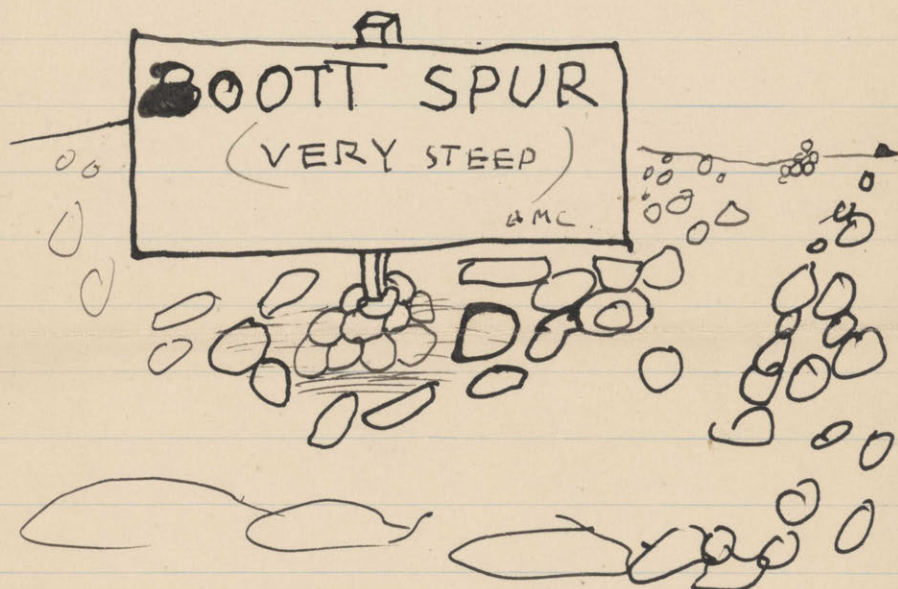
Dear Father,

I have attended all right to all money matters, and am trying to be as economical as possible. I have just got my \$50.00, but, as I just told you, need \$7.00 to get in. I work regularly, and go in swimming at the gym. I am taking Theory of Functions, Plato, German Reading, and lab. in Psychology, besides other more technical courses.

The Phil. club had a picnic Friday Evening up Six-mile creek. After a bonfire was built and officers were elected, we proceeded to fry hot dogs & marshmallows, refreshing ourselves meanwhile on soft cider. Then we told stories & sang songs till 10

Almost all the grads* were there.

Tell me about everything at home, please. Is mother tired? I hope not, How is Constance? and Ray? How is Everett? Is there any news from Boottspur. Tell Constance she ought to learn how to draw better



This is the way it really looks

Tell Ray to write to me,
Hoping all is well, I remain,
Your loving and respecting son,
Harbert.

P.S. Please send me some photos
from home, of the family.

P.S. 2 Is there anything in the
clipping I am sending you?

134 College Ave,
Ithaca, N.Y.,
Oct 22, '10.

Dear Father -

I'm feeling O.K., and I hope you
all at home are, especially mother and you.
My work is going on smoothly, without
much incident, so I have not very much
to tell you, but I write to let you
know that I am alive & kicking, especi-
ally kicking. The phator came O.K.

BOOTTSPUR 1.7M
(VERY STEEP)



Ask Constance if this isn't O.K.
How are Everett & Roy?

Good bye,
Norbert

Oct. 31, 1910,
134 College Ave,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear father,

I am getting along O. K. We are only reading from four to seven pages of ~~Plate~~ for a lesson, but I expect to be able to do more soon. The math. comes easy to me, and so does the lab. work.

Friday evening the Graduate club met, and was addressed by the dean. Saturday the Philosophical club had its first meeting after the picnic. We heard a paper by a Hindu on Hindu religion. I found out that he was an acquaintance of yours, at the time being at the Harvard library in the spring of '09. After the paper, we toasted marshmallows over candle flames.

How are things at home?

Is mother well? What are Conto's marks? Is she beating Everett in physics? How is Ray? How are Rudolf and his sister? How is Billy Jim? Etc?

Your loving son,
Norbert.

P. S. I saw in the paper that young Royce has just died. Too bad!

P. S. I had the tough luck to run up against a student reporter. I met him at the gym, and got talking with him before I found out who it was. When I had found out, I thought it best to compromise, for if I should have kicked, he might have gotten spiteful and given me an awful write up. No interview will be published.

Nov. 4, 10

Dear Father,

I'm O.K., and I hope everybody at home is. I will send you my paper soon. My scholarship came O.K.

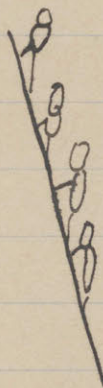
What do you think of the Rev. A.A.?, From Constance's clipping he is tommyrotter than T.W. How is Roy?

I really have nothing whatsoever to say except that I have nothing whatsoever to say except that.....
I have, however, a nice little problem for you to solve. If $\phi(\phi(x))$ is equal to $\log x$, what function of x is $\phi(x)$?

I would like to know how Everett & Scarsold are getting along.



as it might
have been



and as it was

so long —
Robert

P.S. A reporter has got ahold of me. I hope he happens to be a gentleman, however.

P.S. What do you think of Dr. Cook? He evidently

134 College Ave
Ithaca, N.Y.,
~~Oct~~
Nov 14, 1910.

Dear Father -

I trust everything is well at home. All is well here. My paper in the Philosophical club comes off Friday. It is on "Instinctive Elements in Religion".

As to my professors, I have not much to tell you. I am quite busy nowadays, and so do not observe much of those around me.

We students are a most miscellaneous lot. Except for four Cornell graduates, no two come from the same college. Besides among us ^{are} ~~at~~ a college professor and a ^{methodist} minister. The minister and the son of a local minister had quite a discussion, they say, as to the inspiration of the Bible. The minister denied

it an inspired origin, which the other fellow asserted! Besides a baker's dozen or so of fellows there are four coeds.

I am busy at work now looking for holes in John Stuart Mill. I have found a handy one, and will proceed to exploit it in my Ethics paper. Holes and snarks are quite entertaining - when they are in somebody else's paper.

After spending six weeks ⁱⁿ expanding on Locke, Prof. Albee is trying to can Plume. Kant can't be canned.

The ^{other} graduate student whom I know best is Ruckmick, my psych. lab. partner. He is a tall, ~~lean~~, ~~dark~~ fellow, with a nose shaped like an ^{isosceles} equilateral right-angled triangle with one ~~side~~ ^{leg} along his face. He teases me all the time he

but he is a nice fellow
can spare, and a good deal that he can't

I am going to Prof. Hammond
for dinner on Thanksgiving, and will
read twenty pages or so of the 'Republic'.

Hoping all is well, I remain,
your loving son,
Harbert.

P.S. I just paid Mrs. Fish with the check
you sent me. My money affairs are O.K.
I have three or four dollars here, I believe.
Prof. Willy takes care of all my
superfluous here.

P.S. There is no longer here from
infertile paralysis. It is not spreading.
Only two students and one or three more
have it.

[ca. Nov 30, 1910]

Dear Father -

I'm O.K. & happy. I hope all are well at home. I had good Thanksgiving & birthday dinners. Nothing much is doing but work, so I have nothing much to tell. I am busy (except when I am lazy) all day. Here is my club paper ^{coming soon} in a separate package, so read it, correct the blunders, and hand it over to Prof. Cushman.

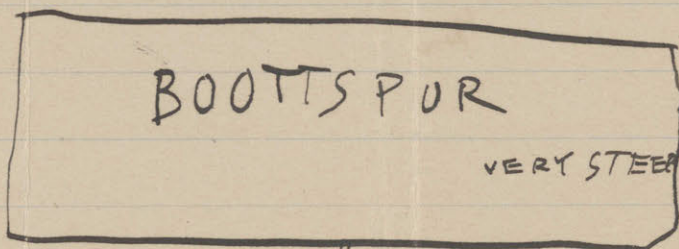
How is etymology getting on? Ok, I hope

hoping all is well at home, I close,
your loving son,
Norbert

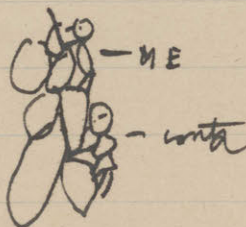
P.S. I thank you for my present.

P₂S₂ Excuse my handwriting

P₃S₃ Constance observe :-



also



P₄S₄ My scholarship is due for Thursday

[ca. Dec, 1910]

Dear Ma-

I'm working, and have only $\frac{3}{4}$ of one paper left to do. I saw Prof Thilly yesterday, and he said that my work was good, but that he had expected more of me. I am attending to everything, and am working.

Robert

P.S.

I had 3 papers to do.

P.S. (for constance)

this
is
the
room
mat
to
go
down
Booth
5
Mrs.

P.S. I still regard the imputations Prof Thilly made as perfectly inexcusable. He knocks all the students that way. One (the one whose paper Prof Thilly showed me when I came) has suffered thus several times, and the next time he gets it, he says he will give Prof a good piece of his mind.

(over)

last year as a personal favor for J. he marked a lot of
examination papers, spending a lot of his time on them that
he needed for other things. When J. saw them, he remarked
the whole bunch, and gave the fellow an awful call-down.
I do not know a more uneven-tempered man than J.

[ca. Dec, 1910]

Dear Sir, I have wanted today
to write to you on account of
my wanting to hear more of
what Prof Shilly had to say
of my Mill Paper. He criticized
it strongly, - which he had
every right to do, but he
accused me of laziness (he
has not even seen me work,
and I spent more good hard
work on my paper than any
one else) after I had expressly
told him that I had worked
hard on it, and then im-
puted that I was dishonest,
which he had no right
whatever to do. I refuse to
stand the unfair attitude
he takes to me! I would

not send it from my own
father.

I am busy at my other
papers, and I am trying
to do good work in them.

Hoping that you do not
worry too much, I am

Your Loving Son
Doak

P.S. - He hasn't seen me out-
side of class since the
5 or 6 times, and there were
not at his house. In class,
if I ask questions, he shuts
me up, and if I do not, con-
sider that I am a fool,
and do not understand the
subject. In addition, I believe

It is to be hoped a strong per-
sonal dislike for me. Even
if I do write a few papers
(which I still believe I
have not) I think that
the Prof. should not
take a hostile attitude
to me, and impute that
I am a shirk. I am
working I believe conscient-
iously, and a criticism
that assumes that I
am not is unfair and
kindred rather than
doing me good. Prof. T.
has a reputation for treat-
ing his students kindly, after
he has had me back my

paper, I tried all day!

I try earnestly to do any
best, and if some one
wishes that I do not
try, it ~~is~~ naturally
does not spur me on
to greater efforts.

Excuse my lameness;
I am in a hurry to
go to the library, and
finish on these papers

[ca Dec, 1910]

Dear Ma -

I shall take the 7.20 AM train Thursday
over the Lehigh Valley to Auburn, getting there
9.00 AM. at 9.27 I take the train for Syracuse,
getting there at ~~12.45~~^{10.25} PM. There I change for Albany
at ~~1.14~~^{10.45}, getting ~~there~~ at Albany ~~4.25~~^{2.10}. Then
I take the 2.40 express, and get in Boston at 8.30 PM.
I'll wait for you at South Station. I'm O.K.
Goodbye. -

Warbert

P. S. I'll see you soon.

[ca 1911]

Dear Father-

It is the same old
work, and nothing new is happening.
I am busy at work most of
the time, and have really
nothing to say. I have got
Cort's picture. I hope all
is well at home, including
your philology ~~research~~
good bye,

Norbert.

P.S. How is ma?

[ca Jan, 1911]

Dear Father -

I'm OK. The Phil. Club had a sleigh ride and I had a fine time. I asked Prof Whilly about my scholarship, and he advised me to register here, which I have done. He said that he was as sure of my getting it renewed as he was of my getting it in the first place.

good bye,
Robert.

P.S. Was it the Thun or the Magyars that were called ka-ha?

P.S. Homer frequently mentions birds as $\kappa\gamma\gamma\epsilon\lambda\omicron\upsilon$. What is the Egyptian word for goose?

134. College Ave,

Ithaca, N. Y.,

Jan 7, 1911

Dear Ma:-

I'm O.K., well, & happy, after the trouble I had in getting around in New York, ^{which} ~~the~~ Grossmutter will have told you of by this time. I have ~~handed in~~ my psychology papers and my ethics papers, and am on the go all the time. I have written to grandpa. I am busy but happy. Goodbye,
Harbert.

P.S. You see, Everett was sick.

P.S. Ask Conter to write

134 College Ave.,

Ithaca, N. Y.

Jan 14, 1911

Dear Ma—

I'm O.K. and even with my work. I ~~was~~ got a compliment on my Review articles from Dr. Schaub. I've heard from grandpa, so what do you think of the sketch I enclose of one of my fellow roomers?

I am keeping clean.

How are the whole family? How are you, especially?

Having nothing more to say, I close, remaining

Your loving son,

Norbert.

[ca Feb, 1911]

Dear father, -

Please read article 'Gypsy', ~~Encyc.~~ Encyc.
Brittan, 8th edition. The man states and misrepresents
your position without giving your name.


Can 'felt' be derived from $\pi\lambda\lambda\acute{\iota}\delta\lambda\omicron\nu$, 'felt cap'?

Hoping your new discoveries are panning
out all right, I am -

Your loving and respecting son,

Robert.



P.S. The  who wrote the article discredits your 'chalmerside'
and your '~~medi hamines qui cor~~ 'mangones et coctiones,

griinudi cum ferro vadunt, et deo omnes decipiunt'.

He pounces over these in a terrible hurry, and does

not notice that the proof is not in that these are

written, but that the people of whom they are written

can only be gypsies or ^{another race by the same name} ~~an exactly similar race~~

~~by the name~~

P.S. Does 'felt' come from $\phi\upsilon\lambda\alpha\kappa\tau\eta\acute{\rho}\lambda\omicron\nu\omicron\rho$
from $\pi\lambda\lambda\acute{\iota}\delta\lambda\omicron\nu$?

P.S. Look him ^{one} up! Give it to him! Make it
so clear to him that any beast but a mule can

understand it, and that owing to being so
blankety blank contrary minded!! Father,

I haven't seen you in a good philological fight
since the days of Broth (Dialoctor ^{dictat} obitus est anno

domine ~~midisimo~~ ~~magnum~~ ~~maximo~~ and I would like to see you on the way path once more. Please!

P.S. Has Con'tor's geometry ignoramus teacher removed herself from her geometry classes?

P.S. How are Con'tor
Bertha
Frita
Fanny
Everett?

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P.S. If the 'nudi homines' weren't gypsies, who the devil were they? Show me! I'm from Massachusetts. Why the dickens vadunt cum ferro? What heavenly reason had they omnes desipere? How did they happen to be mangoneres et costiones, and what do these latter dance to be? Your hypothesis is not only tenable, but the only one tenable.

134 College Ave,
Ithaca, N.Y.
Feb 20

Dear father -

I just got your letter today
I'm fine and dandy. My work is
coming on O. K. How are ma and you?

In your letter, you mention
the source of the wings of the angels.
It is not the cherubim and the
seraphim of the ~~ant~~ ancient Hebrews
have wings? Please write to me
at length concerning your discovery.

How did you know when that
Encyclopedia Britannica article was
written? It is your write to the New
York office?

Please tell me any philological
news that may turn up Goodbye, Robert

[ca March, 1911]

Dear pa -

I am feeling limp as
a collar after a rainstorm, but
I guess my work is getting along
well. I'm going to work harder
now than ever before. Our three
students in our German class ~~page~~
have made a solemn agreement,
witnessed by Prof. Hammond,
to knock all records of that
class in past years to
smithereens, and to do 25 pages
a day. We can do it! My Greek
class (of one) is doing on the
average 7 pages a day.

How are the animals?

Is anser related to the
grouse?

Hoping all is well,
goodbye,
Herbert

[ca. April, 1911]

Dear ma -

This week is vacation, and I've had a good time. Mr. Ruckmick & I took a 20 mile walk to Tayhonic Falls Saturday. Sunday we dined at Prof. Shilly's.

The walk wore holes in the uppers of my shoes, so I have bought a new pair with some of my Scholarship money.

as I have nothing more to say,

good bye,
Robert

[ca April, 1911]

Dear pa -

I'm O.K. and I hope everyone
at home is. I went to a baseball
game Saturday, and saw Cornell
win. The Dramatic Club here will present
the 'Revister' soon, and I'm going
there too. I have nothing else
to say, except that I've begun one of
my Kant papers. The weather here
isn't weather, - its remnants.

Goodbye
Norbert.

P.S. I'm homesick now then.

[ca May, 1911]

Dear dad, —

I have little to tell you, as all is going smoothly. I have one paper done. Work let out the first Saturday in June.

Have you found a Sumerian or Eme source for γόρ γω or μόρμω?

I ask this because of the γ and μ. I would like to know the Eme for 'horn'. I have an inkling it will be something like QRN.

The Sumerian for 'peace', is, I believe, salim. This suggests to me at once the name of the town Salem, which, I believe, is named after the Hebrew word for peace; also Latin salus, salvo, etc. Anything here? Tell me any news you happen to have.

Hoping all, especially ma, are well,

Goodbye,

Norbert

P.S. I've been trying to ~~study~~ read in connection with your work.

P.S.₂ Tell me about the lecture sometime.

P.S.₃ Pardon me if I have the Greek words accented wrong. I have no dictionary at hand, and this is merely a guess.

[ca. May, 1911]

Dear dad, -

I'm O.K., and I hope you are. I went on a sail Saturday (with Prof. Philly's express permission, with the dub, and had a high old time. The skipper was an old salt all right.

How is your work? I want more concrete news!!!!!!! I shall insist on it, and refuse to write home unless I get an adequate letter from you. How do Arnold and Usher think of your work. I suppose Arnold visits often, and you two talk assyriology for hours at a time. You are wrong ought to have found Dalim in Dumerian, for you will find it in the Simplified Grammar of the Language of the Cuneiform Inscriptions, of the Mittra series, in your own house, if you read it through thoroughly. How are Topya ~~and~~ and Moppa getting along?

My work is coming finally

Robert.

P.S. How's Ma?

Dear Dad -

I showed Dr. Schaub (who teaches the course in the history of religions) some of your work. He would like to know ~~whether~~ the way Baal developed from a foregod to a deification of the generative principle. Does not Baal mean master lord, have you found anything that will cast light on the origin of Yahweh (Jehovah)?

Does yk. 'h'yd come from N B & sumerian and?

Please give me more details.

O.S. Precisely your loving son,
what is em? Robert

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Prof Leo Wiener,
29 Sparks St,
Cambridge,
Mass.

[ca. May, 1911]

Dear ma,

I am very glad about the
baby and the professorship, especial-
ly the baby, and I hope I had Prof.
Shilly. I ~~will~~ will be a little under
weight? I hope both of you are
well. I get done Saturday after
next, unless I have to stay a
couple of days longer that I may
finish a paper. I cannot tell yet.
I have no exams. I will be
willing to room here next
year, but Mr. Fish's board is
the limit! I have a ~~be~~ vegetarian
place in mind that has been

recommended to me from
many quarters, where a lot
of the philosophers dine.

I ~~was~~ am having my
clothes pressed and mended
where they need it. I am
all right as to money.

I refuse to write another
letter until Father has written
me a detailed account of
his disarrangements.

I would like to ask
father some specific questions;
in the first place, the origin
of the Oregon verb and noun
inflection from the Sumnering
and in the second place, the
origin of the Semitic triliteral
roots.

good bye,
Noah.

P. 2. Why didn't you
call me ~~des~~ at first instead
of the new baby.

P₂ R₂. How much has
he grown in weight?

P₃ R₃. It has been 104
in the shade here today.
I can't work or write well
I'm lazy. I went in swimming
in Fall creek yesterday,
but was too lazy to do
it today.

P₄ R₄. The early bath
of the baby will, I suppose,
enable us to summer on
the mountains. I hope he
is a sturdy youngster.

Dear father:-

I got your letter today
I would like you to give me
more explicit information
on ~~the~~ how Eme is reconstruc-
ted. Please give me
some more of those 120
roots. Tell me all you can

I have no news
to give you except that I
will soon hand in my
1st Kant Paper.

Robert.

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