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the season began yesterday. Spring arrived again overnight, so to speak. In Niagara Falls, the apricots and cherries were already blooming last Sunday, and by next Sunday, everything will be in bloom. But first, I want to thank you for your lovely birthday present. The package arrived on April 28th. The blanket is just beautiful, and the pillow too. The room looks so much warmer right away. Thank you so much for that. You hardly ever see anything like it here. When Mecki comes, I can make it nice and cozy. It already is, actually. I already have a whole shelf full of books. All the ones from you all, then a 20-volume lexicon. And the day before yesterday I was at the big garden show, and there I subscribed to three magazines, "American Camera," "Canadian Homes and Gardens," and "McLeans," a family magazine, and illustrated. For that, I got three books for free. One is a lexicon with an atlas, with separate sections for the English language, law, legislation, Greek history, and more. You can find something about everything in it, a huge book. The second is a home medical guide, which you can always use; the third is a book that contains 101 books—novels, plays, speeches, biographies—in condensed form. It has Plato and Homer, Aristotle, Goethe, Marx, Dante, Shakespeare, and others. It's really very good. Have you heard anything from Mrs. Bondy? Once, two years ago, she wanted to visit me in Beamsville, but that apparently didn't work out. I'll probably send another card at Christmas, but nothing more. It looks as if I wanted her help, at least that's how it seems to me. If I can get into the States, I'll visit her. Elly Graeffe's brother has a business here. I went there once, but no one was home. I will probably stay in Toronto at the hospital this summer. One reason is that I'd like to be here in the winter, since it's easier for me to find something here. I really enjoy the work, and I've settled in very well. I'm doing the same work as the certified dietitians, and of course, that's a lot of fun. On Friday, I'm invited to the graduation ball, which is a great honor, even outside of work. To be honest, I don't really want to go, because it's all "formal," which means you have to show up in an evening gown and the men in tails. We'll see if I can borrow one somewhere. My finances are just not too good, since I just got rid of \$90 at the dentist. It's really nice when you're at home and get that paid for. But that would be saving money in the wrong place. I now brush my teeth immediately after every meal (I used to only do it in the morning and evening). But you have to do that here because the food is softer, more sweets, etc. By the way, the chocolate was wonderful. I have never owned so much chocolate at once. And the letter-shaped cookies remind one of the old days at home. That must have been a long time ago, during the war

I'll send my birthday wishes along later. Your Karl.