8 Dover St Maylands South Australia March 12 1922

My dear Carrie

How are things in America I suppose & also hope things are cheaper than since 1914 - we have had a very high cost of living a 2 lb loaf used to be 3. Now it is 5d our Mutton used to be from 2d to 4d lb. Now it is 10d & rump steak 1/4. but everything clothing included, is just half price for this season - write soon & let us know how your children are - Are they bright at school Tom always got on well. did he go in for photography at all? he was also good at his work. although never too strong.

if you happen to have any photo's of yours, the children, or their grandpa send them along — & we will send ours — we have got a nice cool change to day. it is Sunday grandfather is amongst his beloved flowers. Clarice has gone to Paradise with some friends & Paradise is noted for vegetables & fruit — the friend Clarice has gone to visit has an old garden 70 years old — 12 acres is set with oranges & lemons — when out in bloom the smell from the blossom is just sickening for a few weeks, but in a month or two the trees are laden with great oranges — they are beautiful to behold.

The war was a terrible cruel thing & God forbid that we should have another - Ireland seems very unsettled. it seems sad. does it not? every thing appears to be in a tumult. Strikes, unemployed, &c &c every one in power trys to reason with the men - but they are very unreasonable - they take a firm stand, & so do the Masters. I dont know what the end will be -

Last year fruit was so plentiful this year it is very scarse. black spot is in the wallnuts this year — Never appeared here before— as a rule we have splendid seasons—Herbert is doing alright on his farm—but he has had an anxious winter—he is on reclaimed land on the banks of the Murray & they expected flood waters to break through & flood the land it would ruin their crops. & would prove disasterous to Many soldiers, & settlers on the land. They think all danger is over A man just a few miles from here

grew grapes, one bunch just weighed 15 lbs-. I think you folks in America grow good fruit too. Mostly all our buildings are of stone. very few are more than 2 storey. Those sky scrapers in your citys would surprise us would they not?

please write soon - we all send our kindest love to you all your affate aunts Emmie, Rollie - Clarice & Grandfather

You loving Aunt

Emily L. Smith, c/o Mr. R.W. Clark 8 Dover St - Maylands South Australia

lots of love and kisses to our dear children

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