Dear Dad + Mai

Thanks an awful lot for your concern in my not joining that club. Speakers’ is right. I am much flattered and pleased by your being so intent upon my joining a really good club, if I am to profit.

I was asked into it through El Noyes. He has been in it about a year. I told him when he suggested that my name be put up at elections, that I should like join if dues were as low as I had been given to understand by Bob Evans (who has been quite a friend of Perry’s, and wanted to put him up), about

[Maisie: Cog did NOT join the Speakers Club, stuck to his Lampy.]

[Always expressed concern about money! Me, too!]
$10 initiation fee, and

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only as much as meals
when there cost, as further
expense. I know quite
a few people in the club,
and my name went
through all right (for
some strange reason
Perry’s didn’t). But
the people I know are
either in Dunster r the
Lampoon. El said
himself, he wished no
he had not joined cuz

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he didn’t think he got
enough out of it, for the
$30 per year, + $45 initiation
fee he put into it. It is
mainly an eating club.
My purpose in joining
it would be for variety
of food (and somewhat
of companions) and to
be all the more sure not
to go over my 14 meals
per week here in the house.
However what with
the Hutchins, a Lampoon
dinner, an occasional
lunch with Lawry and

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other odd meals out,
I think that will take
care of itself. The clubs
for the most part are
going downhill in
importance, so far as
undergraduates (+ grads
too) are concerned, and houses are coming to the fore. Lampy is the best affiliation I could have for coming back to as a grad. It really (But I don’t think he went back until the centennial?)

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the honor of being in a good club more than its real value, that counts around here (at least to me, after being in the Lampoon, which so far as clubs go, suffices for friends, good times, good house and meals). Therefore I refused, or rather said I should rather not^ join at present.---perhaps next fall. Thats a good thought about

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my savings accouhnt, I had forgotten it.

My real wish is that as much money as I would spend in Speakers be in some way (or rather that amount in affection or the like) be used to show my appreciation for what the (over)
Hutchins have done for me. They count about a much as 2 clubs so far as time goes, and much more in good fun, meals, etc.

Sorry to hear about
Uncle Earn. I shall [Ernest born 1868, H’bergh Book no date of death.] write U-B soo.

Yours in haste
Love
Cog

Maisie comments
Uncle Earnie lived out west, carved jig saw puzzles for years, was befriended by cousin Helen Hardenbergh (doctor). Earnie died in 1936 in my records, but had been ill before that, and looked after by Helen. Perhaps Cog heard about illness of Earnie in 1932.