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## Letter from Linda Grace Hoyer to John Updike, September 21, 1950

Linda Grace Hoyer

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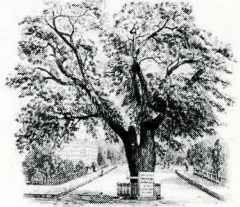
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Dear John:

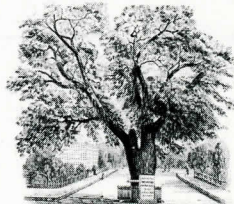
It will seem very odd to be writing "Mr John H. Updike." But nice. To go home and explain Howard to grandma will be much easier than expected. She would like Christopher too. The bed making probably will worry her for several weeks and then be forgotten.

Having been a fairly talkative mother, the urge is now to talk, giving out words of great wisdom. But I must have told you everything I know



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some years back.

Besides, those 900 Harvard  
instructors ought to start  
earning their keep - and  
probably will. The business  
of selecting your courses may  
not be as important as it  
seems. At any rate, try to  
ask questions of your adviser  
and take his advice. After  
all, you are in Berkeley's  
colleges and learning didn't  
seem to have hurt him  
noticeably.

— or might —

Does it happen? Birds?

What are I now that you  
are a Harvard man?