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we heard only but weeks change a letter from Alice Johnson that Harry & Mary
 would send a letter in
 writing & live together, perhaps
 they expect to have their
 mother with them. Louis
 has moved his aunt's house
 but his father has been
 sick. Mrs. & Emily Whelan
 is on a visit to the Bromley
 I must call, but not this
 afternoon, I saw to think, I
 do wish the hot weather
 was over, I can work
 so much better when
 it is cool, no chance
 of a cold yet. I
 must say good bye,
 write much love to
 Anne & yourself
 Your devoted
 brother.

I cannot let your birth day
 pass without wishing you many returns, have
 thought a great deal of you today wish I
 could have sent a letter to reach you today
 but did not know how to address it, this
 will have to wait I suppose until I hear
 from you. I wonder where you & Annie are
 today & what you are doing, hardly in
 Columbia yet. It makes me feel quite old
 to think of my 4th now being 30 years old &
 the youngest 26. Fred wrote me on his birth
 day, the day before leaving for Asheville, he
 was to take Freddie with him if well enough,
 he was a little "droopy" he said. Poor little
 Mary art was just up from a spell of fever

which lasted 10 days. I do wish Fanny would
trust us to take her for a little while, I think
the change would be good for her. Her child's
richness prevented Fanny from going to Mount
Gomey to make her teeth, & Fred had to miss
an Institute in LaFleur. He was as unfortunate
as to have to kill Pearl, their horse, she was
found to have glanders her owner, when, where
or how she contracted it he could not tell,
there had not been a case in the community.
I am afraid she was killed without cause, they
run away with such things, it will be hard to
replace her.

Tell Maria I received her letter, enjoyed it very
much & will write to her next time. She
certainly must tell me all about how you all
are fixed & how & what you do, but for some

time I reckon she will be too busy to write,
tell her not to lose herself in that big house.
We have had so much rain lately that your
Father has at last concluded to sow some
turnips, Allen prepared a place in the Johnson
grass patch & is putting in the seed now. It
has been very hot today, a real steam from
the damp earth, the prairie will grow afresh,
every thing is much brightened up since the
rain. Reuben had 5 acres planted in turnips
but thinks the very heavy rains beat them
into the ground so they will never come up
5 or 6 acres of his cotton was overflowed & much
injured of course, he thinks in all he lost 2
bales by the rain, he had out 15 before the
rain. He has gone to the plantation today, is
so interested he can't stay away, it would be

as much better for him to stay here. Uncle
Wave has spent several nights with us lately,
was here Saturday night; went to Mrs Stewart's
yesterday to dine (by invitation) with Jennie Stubb,
she, her three children & white nurse are on a
visit to Mrs Stewart, also two young ladies from
Selma. I don't know how she finds enough for
them all to eat, the universal cry is "nothing
to eat." The hard winds blew off a quantity of
pears, your Father, Ruben, & myself, assisted by
a woman who was caught here in a rain
peeled a good many to preserve on Saturday.
Mrs Du Bose sent today to ask for some for
"Charles" he has become quite a cure to her, is
in bed a good part of the time & not willing
for her to leave his bed side. Fanny Sprague
is nursing in Dr Kings sanatorium in Selma,

Durham, N. H.
Sep. 8. 1912.

Dearest Grandma:-

I have tried
hard for many days to
write to you but I have been
kept very busy from early
morning until late at night
and my hands feel so tired
& unsteady that I can scarcely
hold my pen.

There is a reception for the
new students given in the

church meeting tonight - but
Epist. could not go. Charlie
went - and the children are
all in bed so I am alone and
glad of the quiet. It is raining
hard and I am afraid the
social will be a success. There
are about forty new students.
While I am writing about students
will just mention the act-
of the college union. Charlie
has a new assistant who is
quite a pleasant young man.
His name is Blanchett.
Prof. + Mrs. Fayward have also
arrived but I have not met
them yet. He takes Mr. Eddy's
place & is a Cornell graduate
and his wife graduated from Smith College.
Captain Clark who used to be a
Lieutenant Clark several years ago
has come back to join with them
in military drill etc. He & his wife
are living in Mrs. Brewster's house.
Mr. Wheeler is back and there
are some several times at the last
house. He arrives like a duck, and
will have dinner with a thing from
of that sort - even here. It is my
intention to visit the Greek.
Dr. Buchanan has not yet written
last Sunday night - and he had a

good time and enjoyed
my thing put before him.
His wife won't be here until
October first - so he acts like
his old self.

Do you remember Mrs. Mason
the teacher's wife who you
put here a year ago & who
spent this Comm. year
with us? Well she died very
suddenly two weeks ago. We
have lost a good friend in her.
Mr. Colby has left us & gone
to Cornell & Hancock takes
his place as instructor of
wood work.

The Harris have moved to the
house next to the Orinda and
are keeping house on a small

scale. Will you please send
this letter on to Marie for
she & Church might-like to
hear the news and it might
be several days before we
get a chance to write
again. I have intended
writing to Marie for a
long time but it has had
to end in good intentions.
I really do not know where
to address her letter though
for I have not heard from
her since she left Derby.
Miss Mary Fries has
announced her engagement
to a Mr. P. of Exeter. I have
Marie & Church know her.

I have been without a girl
now for a week and although
I have had to work very hard
it has been a pleasure to
be alone and do as we please
without having to consult the
wishes & feelings of an infirmist
nursing all the time. We have
written to the Island for two
girls but have not heard
from them yet. We have
breakfast at seven every morning
and the beds are aired & made
& the dishes are all washed
by eight o'clock & then the three
elder children start for Dover.
This morning I came down
stairs at half minutes of six
started the fire (which Charlie

have been sitting at the table and
don't get up for me. There
had to send & send all the down
stairs & come & back to the upper
two floors, that with the regular
work has kept me very busy
at night. There is no light in the
+ sleeping which is as light as the
floor that calls nearly every
morning. The work and that kind
we get. But I will physical labor
in a good night sleep make me back

for the next day but the
mental & nervous worry is
what wears me out - and
I am thankful that I thank
it much of that at present.
The children help me all they
can and it is surprising
how much they can do.
Lionora comes down stairs
early every morning & helps
get breakfast & Annie is
a treasure.

Did I tell you that Mrs.
Wetmore has left town
for good? She finds she can
live cheaper & easier in her little
home in Stratford. I miss her
very much for she was a
splendid neighbor. Several

students - have better the
course she had. SEPT 8, 1902

I am invited to take lunch
with Mrs. Tupper - of Exeter Friday
Mrs. Rame Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Reed
are also invited & I am going
to try & go. Then Saturday
night - Charlie & I are invited
to take supper with the French-
Smiths to meet several of their
Boston friends. I shall try to
go there also. It is not easy
to leave the children but Trimbhan
is glad to sit-in here & study
only when there is a college
affair & now & he would - to go
we will have to stay at home.
Mr. Trimbhan is putting all my
house plants this afternoon & I

P1.
When I can get a minute
I am reading "The Peasants
Spots" and like it very
much.

ful as if a load was lifted
for it is quite a task &
generally do it - myself. We
have had frost-kill
nights - but the last two
days have been warm &
pleasant.

Well dear - I have written
you a long letter & now I must
say good night. I appreciated
your dear letters & always
look forward for the next one
for I know you will write to
me whether I write or not for
you understand.

Give each & every one of the
dear ones from love from
us all and keep a head-full
for you our dear old home
those ladies will go to Agnes ^{and} Alice

your them as elaborate brought & took them out two specimens, one was to the University
 6 miles out now one
 leaves instead high &
 a large head of wings
 third young, but then
 has travelled, but some
 since his return. Prof
 Wells plans will not com-
 be filled. Prof Wilson takes
 the part of botany prof has
 taught, the element takes
 mineralogy, another Prof
 the few lectures on
 geology & Prof Chubb attends
 to the most urgent duties
 of the Director, however
 you are weeks away
 be taken to Dr. Higgin.
 Another comes but ought
 but returns this evening
 another trouble for the
 situation, the university
 on the college, away
 know to proceed. Please
 write me a line, with
 write me to know &
 yourself have decided.
 Mother.

I intended to have from one of you before writing, but
 think I had better begin my letter as I have half an hour before
 preparing for dinner, this afternoon I must be at the Guild
 meeting so my letter may not be finished before I do hear from
 you. I expect both Maria & myself have been very busy arrang-
 ing things in your house, & you no doubt had a great deal to do at
 the University getting things in order for week, I think one of you
 mentioned some time ago that the University opens on the 15th.
 I hope you & Maria find everything to your liking & will have a
 happy time house-keeping. I would like to have a peep at you
 without your knowing it.

Uncle Waver has been with us since Sunday, complains a good
 deal but is certainly better than he was some time ago, has a good
 appetite & if he had regularly, suitable food, would keep up pretty
 well, when he goes home & lives on nothing he loses all he has
 gained on a visit of several days. He rides about a good deal
 now, taking meals out I say. Rainbow left us last Monday (a
 week ago yesterday). I reckon he is staying at the plantation to preach
 work as much as possible, we have had a good deal of rain

which of course injures the cotton & when the weather is fit I
reknow but in getting it out as fast as possible, corn too must
be gathered to get it out of the way of crows that are plentiful
in the country, as many not drawing cotton. Such beans could
see the first good & late, as green & pretty now. The grass is growing
fast for hay but the weather too uncertain to cut for hay, sunny
every day is cloudy if there is not rain.

Sunday afternoon we drove down to see Jenny Strick at Mrs. Stuart's,
we enjoyed the visit, called to leave a note for Mrs. Hatch, she
was not at home, Mrs. Hatch seemed pleased to tell us how much
pleased Mrs. Willie Taylor was with Uncle's speech at Nashville
& what a good impression he made on every one. Mr. Taylor said
he intended to put a piece in his paper (The Greenback Herald)
about it & would send us one, I hope he will.

Gov. Patton for his amusement is raising some chickens, has
20 little ones, he takes care to have the coop near the kitchen so I
can feed them first thing in the morning while waiting for the
water to heat to make some bread. A friend sent Gov. Patton
a little sack of Graham flour which we enjoy very much made
into cakes for breakfast.

Wednesday morning - I waited hoping to get a letter last night
or this morning as it did not come I may as well finish this.
I had a letter from Frederick this morning, Frederick was not well
enough to go with him to Nashville. The Chamber of Commerce

Chicago 4056 Indiana ave

Sept. 19th

Sweet Marie

Many thanks to
 Ben & yourself for your dear
 letter. I rejoice to know you
 are getting on so nicely. When
 you accept took whenever
 you want advice, it helped
 me so much in my early
 housekeeping days. You will
 find how to make nice soup
 and & biscuits & bread & puddings
 & everything else in it. But
 Bertha took takes the pleasure
 of any other of its kind. We
 have a good kitchen & stove & then
 too we are glad but she it is not.

+ I have to meet her in Wash-
of the looking. I have recently
made some Peach Pudding (suet)
& Peach marmalade. "Papa" bought
me the materials, & lamb.
I am so glad Charlie will
be in the sophomore class.
How old he is? Was he again
sent. He sure needs patchwork.
I send Alice letter: enclosed,
she sent well & full of energy.
"Peggy" you see is all right.
Madame is very polite, that
Alice don't make much of her,
especially in regard to the "Colman
Dames". We are all well, except
Peggy who has to keep in bed
during most of this month. Jack
says! I am thankful I escaped
fluency & most of the other troubles.

in 'my' 'Baby Farming' Aggie
 is feeling better. However, some-
 times a dose of Calomel. She
 was very tedious. The weather
 is cool & cloudy & the girl is
 changing the front room.
 While "Papa" & I sit in the
 sunny room writing & reading.
 Let's see you that Tom Parker
 is visiting Belle in Bluffton?
 What work you must have had
 taking up carpets & pulling down
 matting & Rugs. But in the
 end you will find taking care
 of the house so much easier.
 We will never pay for modern
 improvements that you need.
 Take life easy & don't worry about.

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any thing, but do always the -
best you can. Papa & Reggie
join me in love to the Good
Mrs.; & Baby Blue sends Aunt
Anne a sweet kiss. She sings
your songs very often, but she is
a little under the weather at pre-
sent. I think she took cold, & sits
out her flannels. I wish I were
with you Darling: to make you
Pussies & Pickles. But Ben
for me. He always makes such
sweet letters: he certainly "holds
the Pen of a ready writer" but he
is also nice in every other respect
a Complete little gentleman
with me so much love. I must
I am at once your devoted
"Mother."

THE CITY HOTEL,
T. M. MABSON & SONS, PROPRIETORS,
TROY, ALABAMA.

12:20 Noon

Apr. 14, 1902.

Dearest Dollychen, When I awoke
this morning I was surprised (!!)
to find myself in great ill humor.
I had experienced, too, a grumb-
ling set of dreams, but all was
explained when I became thor-
oughly conscious. The sound
could not be mistaken: the
pitter-patter at my window
was rain - an unscrupulous
ill-timed, growling rain.
However, I was soon up and
dressed, though I felt like
remaining abed and moun-
ing the delay which this
would cause - the delay in
my proposed quick return
to my sweetheart, my Darling
and my Diva. I send my
little Bonnie every day, and

every day away from her is
an age without end, if another
day, ^{of course} follows yet upon this.

After a "fair to middling"
breakfast, I went down town
and found Mr. Folmar already
at the bank (at 8 A.M.). He thought
that if it rained no more after
say ten o'clock that we could
begin work tomorrow morning, as
the ground here is very sandy.

I then went to the P.O. and
had the seed brought over to the
bank. There I have been all
the morning, busy sorting over
and grouping the seed, with
a negro boy helping to tack

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T. M. MABSON & SONS, PROPRIETORS,
TROY, ALABAMA.

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the gine labels to the states. This part of the work will be completed by two o'clock, but Mr. Oston has ten times as many seed as I had imagined. With all of his different selections there must be 100 different sorts, and there is, in most cases, no way to plant them except by hand. It is more of a job than I had bargained for, but I am going to see it but, as it should be, naturally.

I am very sorry indeed that it will take time at least all day tomorrow, and I can't get home to my manicure as soon as I had hoped and — had planned. I will work at it as hard as steel to —

morrow, weather permitting, so
as to get back Tuesday evening,
if it is possible.

If a letter comes from Ben-
ton, please answer it for me,
if it seems necessary. Tell him
that I am detained, and cannot
make a definite appointment to
see him in Atlanta.

Dollychen, sweet, I love you,
and I hope you are having
a better day than I am,
but always, and ever,
in spite of weather
I am your love, Ben,

Dear Papa and
you will find too. And
I am sure too, if he
must come.

4056 Indiana Ave.

Sept. 16th 1902.

My sweet Marie:-

I know you must
think I am awful not to have
written to you before this. But my
dear I have not known a well day
since the first of August, and since
you left I have suffered so, all
last week I was in bed, could not
keep a thing down, had to have lime
water and milk. I am feeling some
better today. I just hope for this
month to pass. You were so
fortunate, in not being so sick.
I hope dearie, that the rest of
the nine months, you will feel well
and bright.

We are so glad to get

your bright letter, and to know
that you are so comfortably fixed.
I always knew you would be a
good little house keeper, if you had
your own house to do as you please.
It makes every difference. Charlie
wrote very much pleased with
everything and says you give them
lots of good things and well
cooked. I think I will have to come
and see if your fare won't
agree with me better than my own.
I would love to come in October,
but don't see now how I can. But
there is no telling.

I have a coloured girl
also, and she does pretty well so
far. I wish I ^{could have} had her
when you and "Gluck" were here.
I miss you both so much, it was
such a pleasure having you here
and you are just as dear and sweet
as ever, and I love you very dearly.

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I finished the little collar, and will put it in this letter.

Jack's Aunt, in Michigan, sent us a basket of lovely Peaches, it was quite a surprise. I canned most of them. I made some more crab apple jelly after you left. Wish I could send some to you. Now is the time for you to put up your Peaches and, ^{make} crab-apple jelly. There are plenty in the market. Have you nice stores in Columbia, and are things as high as here?

Mamma and Papa are reading and Jack is out. Baby hasn't been very well lately, took a bad cold while I was in bed. This afternoon I bought some blue and some pink cutting flannel to make her some night gowns. Kitty and Borne haven't found a flat yet for \$25 ⁰⁰, and I don't think they will, for coal is so high. Douglas is so anxious

for me to visit him this fall,
wants to know when to expect me. But
I cannot go, I am sorry to say. It is
so expensive. He sent me the children's
picture, with which is fine I think.
He don't hear any more about Will's
affairs. He just writes that he
is well and getting on nicely.

I cannot write an interesting letter
for I don't know anything for I
have been sick so long. But hope
to better next time. Write and tell
me all you are doing, and everything.
I love to get your letters. Give dear Ben
a sweet kiss and tell him I was so
sorry not to have seen him this
summer. He is a dear. And to my
"bluebird old sport" give a bear hug
and kiss. Tell him I will write to
him soon. I suppose he has
fallen in love with the pretty girls.
With a heart full of love and thanks
kisses for your precious self. I am

your loving and devoted friend

response to it. There is so interested in getting her cotton out & sold. Tell Ben such tale with the seed bags are about 55 dollars. I think that is pretty good, but the seeders are eating up his cotton. I have had to poison.

O, please write again, this nothing better, I hope to do better next time, with winter to Ben next week, with much love to you both. Your loving father.

P.S. I hope you & your girl will continue to succeed with your dairies. Ben said he was feeling high. I wonder if father the letter as they should be.

Your letter, with Ben's note, was read with much interest, I was very glad to have the plan of the house. It was pretty bad to have so much cleaning to do before becoming settled, but as Ben said, you may consider yourselves fortunate to have secured the house when they are bound to get. How many & large no doubt added much to the appearance of things & thus did not Ben have an art appear that will add to the comfort of your room or his study. Your pictures too will add much to appearance. Now about a room for us, don't go to any trouble or expense about that, you will have time enough to get that ready, there is no telling when we can have the pleasure of being with you in your new home, tho' I hope some day we will. I have made so many mistakes I feel as if I should start over again, have been interrupted four times so far. We were fortunate enough to have a girl brought to us yesterday evening & I am trying to let her go on with some of the work while I write, as there is much for me to do between this & tomorrow night. The ladies of the Guild were prevented by bad weather from selling ice cream bars by two, so they decided to put

together & have a large party to wind up the ice cream selling
they accepted the offer of our house & yard for the purpose. I think
it too cool for them out of doors as I am trying to put the whole
house in order for them to occupy dining room, parlor & all, the
freezers can all be put in the dairy & the cream helped from
there. I am trying to think of some way to amuse the crowd
besides eating, of course I want the cream sold but I want the
people to have a nice time too, as you see I feel a little flustered.
There is little of interest to make up a letter. Miss Colby & her
Waver decided with us Sunday it was a beautiful day but very
cool, I was hardly comfortable and as I lived with waist, we had
fire in the evening. After revised delegates were appointed to the
called council to elect a bishop, of course Dr. Duggan was one,
it meets in Montgomery Oct. 8th, he will go & I must take refuge
some where, cannot stay here with only a young girl, may go to
Sister Colby's, or John's. Oh! I have not written to you or Ben
since I went to Fanned also to see Clara & her daughter Elizabeth
Vernier. I found her a good size baby, (9 lbs) very good & a bright
looking little thing. Ben's was to entertain the Euchar Club
that afternoon & there was a great turning of ice cream freezers
but we did not see any of the cream as we had to leave before
refreshments were served. I knew most of the ladies & it was
pleasant to meet them. A good many inquiries were made about
Ben & yourself. I want to send Ben & yourself a bottle of water

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some honey & as far as of jelly, the honey was to have been
for Ben's birth day but I did not know how to address the boys,
please tell me in the next letter.

Yesterday we called at Mrs. J. Hollins to see Mrs. Thompson's 2
children, Jessie Hollins & her three, Mrs. Jennings Robinson & her
two, Ben will tell you who they all are, there are 15 whites in
family, how would you like to be in the house with all those
children; sewing, laughing, & crying around. Besides the groves
are busy with fall sewing & sewing two or three machines. My
spirit is sometimes oppressive but I would hate to be an inmate
of that house just now. I must get to sewing for I have nothing
for winter wear yet, saw some pretty shirt waist patterns at
Johnny's store but preferred to wait until I go to Merittown to
purchase, there is so much more to select from, the mention of
Merittown reminds me of a very complimentary piece to Dad in
that paper. I have had a letter since his return from Nashville
but I believe I mentioned that, express me if I repeat, there are
so many to write to I forget what I have said to each one.
Reuben disappointed was not coming Saturday night or Sunday
& I am afraid he will not be here tomorrow, he could help me
a great deal. I love to have the boys to help, it lightens my

Dunham G. H.

Sep. 23 1902.

Dearest Marie:-

If my wishes
could have been carried out-
you would have had a letter
from me long ago but the
flesh + spirit have both been
too hard worked to do an extra
thing. At present I am
training two new green girls
from P. E. Island and have
got to sit down stairs and
see that the bread in the

one is not burnt up or the
clothes scorched. As you enjoy
training new girls I wish you
had this job. After you have
been through it about twenty
five times I think you will
agree with me that it is no joke.
I wish I could rather do my work
alone if I was strong enough.
I am still cook (for these girls did not
get here until Sunday afternoon)
but while we were all alone we
lived high and lhas. is as plump
as a partridge in the fall.

I am so glad that you really like
house keeping and are such a good
cook. I wish I had known it several
years ago. You have been hiding your

light under a bushel. You always admit
as if you didn't know anything about
house work & I don't like to ~~admit~~ ^{admit} I liked
to ask you to help. I thought a Quaker
Cook Book and what going to put up the hand
bags with some of my needle's & sent it
to you for an anniversary. I want to meet
in with her. I wish, I like informed me how
things are. What she had sent you are as
you had written for it.

I was very glad to get your letter & to hear
about you & how things are. Maybe you will
like it. I like it. Every day & will find the
people kind & sympathetic. I will tell you to take a look

at you this lovely morning &
see you & black Dinah making
good things for dinner and I
would like to stay to dinner &
see Church put his stomach into
enjoyment. It would be such
an unusual sight. Tell him
with my love that I am glad
he has found a boarding
place where he gets three
good, satisfying meals a day at
last. I am glad he entered
Lophomore but I did not suppose
for a minute he would enter
anything else. H. H. C. is not as
much in the back woods and hiding
the times as some of the family
try to make out. He hasn't the

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students that some of the larger
richer & more flourishing
states have but I think the Profs
here can hold their own with
any of the other colleges and I
have heard outsiders who could
compare say the same thing.
Charlie made eight-hundred
dollars last- year on expert-consult-
testimony & but- side analysis &
has made several hundred more
since. Doubt- think many College
Professors can say as much.
this is a secret- is "keep it dark."

I received a nice long letter
from Mrs. Gibbs last night- and
they like their home in Texas very

much. she says Mrs. Johnson is
just - as nice as me + he + she like
are very busy making plans +
laying out the work in their course.
We certainly miss them very much.
Mrs. Clark is very pleasant +
easy to get-acquainted with. She
is taller than her husband, has
light hair, not a bit pretty or stylish,
but she is practical + makes him
a good wife, but not the kind I
thought he would fall in love
with. When we called on them
told him that it seemed very
 queer to call on him as a married
man living in Mrs. Mendall's house
and he said "Yes isn't it ridiculous?"
Ray is very thick down there. As he
is binding himself, he goes there often

for meals. Mrs. Hayward has not arrived
yet - but her husband is here. He called several
nights ago and is a very pleasant man. He
says that he met Mrs. in Columbus.
Allie returns to Columbus next week. She
has been keeping house for her mother
all summer and then, little heart had
to go in the winter + she felt well.
She will miss Allie terribly + so will some
one else who is always there. — Mrs. Lane
has just - been in and she says that
Allie said so as you as have had with
them on the fault of Peter. The house
are going to attend the meeting in Atlanta

and will be away but days. Is
Ben going?

I know you must be glad
that Agnes is keeping you
company on the long voyage.
I am very though that she
feels so miserably. She speaks
as if she was going to visit
you in October and I hope she
can do so for the change will
do her lots of good and you will
have a fine time together. She
asked me to join her in Columbia
but as I had not been invited
from headquarters it will
be impossible for me to accept
her invite. Dear?

SEPT 23, 1904
Since commenced this
have baked as well as
made two cakes, washed
& dried Russell's hair &
frosted my cakes & now it
is near dinner time and
I must close. This afternoon
am going to meet Emma
in Dover & take her to the
dentist. Just one more nervous
strain that makes me feel cross.

Give much love to dear Ben
and Chuck from us all and
keep a big share for Aunt Maria.
Your ever loving sister
P. B. Grinnold Dr. is going to Alice
practice law in St. Louis this year. He
told me he knows lots of nice people in Columbia

any the pretty fall roses that seem to have come with the autumn. I wish
you & Annie had some for your boxes. I never saw anything of the
kind more luxuriant than my *Aperangers* *Springeri*, the long branches
reach from the ceiling nearly to the floor, I intend trying to keep it alive
this winter by putting it in the chamber. How can I get others from it?
the little buds on the roots send up no shoots when taken off & planted
& it will not grow from the slips.

We were glad to have your letter to your Father. I think it came after
my last. week's letter was mailed. I hope you have your work all straight
by this time & microscopes for all, it is pretty bad having such a large
class in a small room, will this new building be completed soon?

I hope the cook returned to work, I know how troublesome it is to have a
new hand come in to help. My girl was so well behaved, handy, &
quick, I thought she would make a good plain cook & I would be
fixed. Sunday after dinner she went to make a visit to the woman who
brought her here & I have not seen her since, have no idea why she
did not return, but that is the way with them. Evidently she was here
while we were away Monday, the bed clothes I loaned her were put
in the porch & her clothes gone. Yesterday Lizzie Thatcher & Sannie Collins
called, Lizzie was so fond in her prices of a gasoline range that I
think it would be the very thing for me, she does her own cooking & says
it is so easy with that range, the tank is outside the kitchen & the
gasoline easily cut off as there is no danger. Mabel uses a gasoline stove,
the range is larger & more expensive. They inquired about you & Annie.

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Chicago 4056 Indiana Ave
Sept 29th 1902

My Darling Aunt Mame

A few lines to
write to tell you how we are
getting on. Aggie is still a
sufferer from nausea & has to
keep in bed most of the time
but I hope in a few days she
will feel better. She can retain
no little on her stomach, she
is weak & her circulation poor.
At this is wash day. I have
been busy all morning getting
Lunch & attending to things
generally. Our girl is quick
but does only plain cooking & such

well. her house cleaning &
laundry work is very fair.
Bendak Logan called to
see me this afternoon &
Aggie had a visitor in her
room. We have moved in
to Lick's office & he has moved
his office to our old quarters.
I am glad to be female &
able to look my dress some-
times but the room is small
& with one window, but it
sure be comfortable for the win-
ter. Mamma writes that
Benny & family are going to
winter at Dr. Lick's this winter.
Indeed I am very glad to know
Mamma will spend the winter

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Soullie will one of our mice
in "Borgia", she sent me the
first piece of your art work
which I will enclose to you
a Louisiana young little boy
once be glad to have some
day, I am delighted to
know that the "Amegai-Boys"
is not very hard on you.

Aggie had not been prudent
in her diet, & now can eat.

Very few things meat & eggs
the digest tolerably well. Dear
child! she suffers so patiently
as to much of a store, I hope
some think, "Papa" is well
& cheerful, and glad to nurse.

Charles' letter but sorry he
was not feeling quite well.
Hope Darling you are also better
the change of water may
have done him good. No more
your trouble. Love & kisses
to Ben. I fancy you two
have been busy snaking &
sewing 'cadd. I wish Aggie
could visit you. perhaps
she can later; Baby Alice
at as sweet as ever; I dress
her every morning & give her
breakfast; Aggie & Papa join
me love to you all. Charles must
have a steady-very hard; but
he is smart enough for it;
Wish from Alice & all me
Keep how you are sweet. Lovingly
Your own dear Mother

concerning James F. H. who seems to
appreciate them. I should think pears would
be in the market & that Thomas could
procure some of them. Apple jam I think
used to be a favorite with you & that
can be made when apples come in which
will be very soon. I suppose I am writing
this except for better cakes it occurs to
me I do not say just use an egg as
I have must add that. I am sure she
is quite a fine housekeeper, I hope you will
pattern on her good dishes.

One of the ice cream apples I think
this evening I tried to have a little
something but only 1/2 of the members were
present. I invited the gentlemen of the
organization and order to have them ideas
about the building of the church but you

Hattie was the only one present. We first
decided to have two stoves, but where they
will be located is undecided yet. We have
one stove & I am to write for another, this
little cool change makes me feel I must
hurry up. I intended writing this morning
but all my spare time between breakfast
& dinner was taken up helping to fix
Little Ruth Darnes away, they took off
bandages & splints, & as two days had come
was showing the band - as today your father
took extra pains fixing it up, if they will
let it stay as it is he hopes to have it
straight or nearly so.

We had a card from aunt Corbelle today
saying Mrs. Harris is having pains every
other day & asking for a prescription. Mrs.
Hattie is on an visit to them & Mrs. H.

with ~~Spencer~~ Friday & Saturday with him, it
is a pity to have company when he is sick.
The teacher arrives at Hamedah tonight. We
too are having rain almost every day, but on the
cotton & hay. The second crop is ready for cutting.
The older boys have gone off to school & the new
teacher has arrived to take charge of the others.
I had a letter from Henry a day or so ago, he
speaks of a visit home before, or at ~~spencer~~ I will
be delighted to have him. I think it has been
three weeks since Reuben left. I don't know
how his eyes are, he never writes. I think his
cotton is turning out better than he expected.
He should go to Montgomery this week but I
do not know what he will do. The Leakeville
blankets I told you of being so cheap are called
"spots" I think, did they give prices of those?
I have never bought any of those but Aunt
Melville did, and she was just the least

Dear Ben! - You must remember
always in going into a house - especially
towards the Northern Line - to make special
inquiry as to the health of former inmates
- that is - particularly as to their freedom from
any taint of Tuberculosis. (Consumption).
Your Mother I am sure has detailed the
current ones; with much love to both of you
y^r Father - *Alb.*