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Oh! how I love to see
my white feet I had
some beautiful balustrades
made on the stairs (till)
yesterday, I wish you &
Marie had them.

Dec 15th 1902.

Don't any interesting letter deserves a
more prompt reply but you will excuse me when
you have heard what prevented my letter. I enjoyed
you so much & you must not think of "rounds of
business" or any thing else, I am interested in
every thing that concerns you & Marie. I like to
know what you have, & what you do, & everything
that interests you. Our dinner to those ladies was
fine, also the refreshments at the end party,
Marie must be trying herself. I can't help contrast-
ing Marie's manner with some one else in the
family (you can guess who) when fried "Eaton's"
pork chops & cut a figure, you know what I
thought of that - But you may be serious to

know what delayed my letter, well, Friday morning we had a telephone from Dad at Uniontown that he would be at Gallows on Saturday's freight (one o'clock) I am sorry to say I had neglected the house, very much for the week & some fancy work I had on hand as often that morning I set to work in good earnest to straighten up, bake desserts for two days & get up two nice dinners, by dinner time Saturday every thing was in readiness to receive him, your Father drove to Gallows & brought him back about 2 o'clock. He had been in Uniontown since Thursday night, planning experiments for the Leane brake station, he is looking rather thin, as well as the hair on the top of his head, his baldness extends over a much larger space than when I last saw him, his voice is pretty good, except when he takes cold & the dampness affects him

more than formerly. He left us this morning in a drizzling rain & east wind & I am afraid he will suffer from the exposure, this has been a miserable day & is now so dark I must wait until the lamps are lighted to finish. The lamps have been lighted sometime & supper is over as I will attend to my writing, the rain has been coming down steadily since 2 o'clock, at times very hard, when gone Father went out to feed he found the pool so full it was running out at the other end & watered over everything. When gone Father returned from Gallows I asked him to take one to Mrs Charles Collins' to have Mrs Woody Collins fit a waist, the rain had ceased then & we thought it would clear off but soon the drizzle began again & in coming home we saw in a hard rain I am so glad I went for there is no telling when I

will be able to get out again. I want to go to
Vancouver for a little & am shipping but the
prospect is bad, soon more light nights will be
over. Reuben came down Saturday evening & was
with us until Sunday evening, he returned from
Vancouver last Sunday, when three weeks before
I wrote you what the Dr said of his eyes, he then
changed the prescriptions & this time he found his
eyes very much improved, says the colds Reuben has
are a great drawback, that they will have to get
well between colds. Reuben says he can see some
out of his right eye now, I notice the difference
in his movements & am so thankful for the
improvement; he will go up again about the 6th
of Jan. Cousin Jenny went to Colma today on her
way home, Fred was out overjoyed at having her
company that far. She came over & went to church
with us yesterday. I will miss her visits she used to

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men in as often & sit and know or so. The Gables
have moved every thing to town except Mrs G - the
cask & the stove, Hans said, the house is at quite
finished. Today we received an invitation to the
evenings of Mrs Beasley to Miss Kate Walton, to
take place at Airds on the 30th of Dec, you know
for Mrs Walton who lived "over the creek", poor girl
she must be anxious to have a husband to take
care of her.

Sam Duggan & his deputy, Mrs Douglas, took dinner
here the day they came down to sell out "Mrs Bob
Woods" stock, he carried Uncle Waver back with him,
he left his horse here & said he would come down
with Mr Cobb, but he did not. I would not be
surprised if he does not return until after Xmas,
no tenant engaged for the store the coming year &
no arrangement made with the hands.

Mrs Clark will be coming to Parnassah, I have

not know who will take his place at this dept.
Garret Collins wants this I.D., they change I.D. hunters
so often if they don't mind that office will be taken
up & they will have to get their mail at Fairville.
I am still hoping to hear that Henry will be up at
4 p.m. Fred asked us to go up there, but your Father
is not disposed to go. James was a little sick when
Fred left home but as he was not called back I suppose
he is doing well. If it is as bad as night at Auburn
as with us, he will have a disagreeable time walking
up home. I don't think books can meet the trains except
at commencement times. Fred has not found a house
to suit him yet. Your Uncle Ben is asking for the
Wings Mercantile Co. they are very comfortable in some
house in Fairville. Will you go to Washington to
send those papers? If so you will not be home at
4 p.m. Mrs. Hotal has invited your Father, Leola &
myself to take 4 p.m. dinner with her. I am afraid
this would be too bad for me to get there.
I am getting very sleepy, with much love to Annie &
you self with very good night.

Yours devoted

Walter

P.O. Dec 26, 7 P.M.

Dearest Madrie,

I was too

late to register my
little package which
I was sending in
line of a note today.

Here goes a word
then, sweetheart,
just to say that I'm
OK. + How are
you?

With much love

Reaj.

False alarm, this chuck
tunness, nicht wahr?

I have been in such a state of
hurry, flurry, lately that I feel as if I can
scarcely collect my ideas sufficiently to write,
but must send you a letter before 4 o'clock,
tomorrow I must take some more cakes, ice
them & fix up some packages to send off,
that seems little to do but these short days
with this girl to watch at every turn it is
considerable, she is a hard case to teach &
jumps off most unexpectedly just when I think
& have gotten her into the way of doing certain
things, but she is better than no help, her
brother a boy about 12 years old began work
today but he seems to be of the same material,
neither to be depended on. Tuesday & Wednesday &

will be getting the house in order for Alway's
reception, he wrote he would probably come the
day before 4th inst.

I received your letter of the 14th & often wondered
if you had the very cold weather you seemed to
expect, after the rain. Monday it was not so cold
the sun had spots white as snow several mornings,
last night a rain, but clear & cool today. We
have had a quiet Sunday as far (3 o'clock) only
your Father & myself, Uncle Waver has not returned,
wrote that he might go to Auburn, provided he
felt well enough. I rather expected Green would
be down today to see Mrs. Anderson & bring him.
We heard last night Mr. A. was not expected to
live, he is a brother of Maria's wife, has been sick
sometimes.

You have a great many interruptions don't you!
I don't see how you manage to keep up with every

thing, should think you would have to decline
card parties & the like some times. Tell Maria
I understand how busy she is, will be glad to
have her letter when she finds time to write. I
have been worked, or worried down, very much
of the latter I think, & for some days have felt
very badly. I have at last aroused your Father to
a sense of my need of a tonic & he gave me a
bottle to start on this morning, these "let down,"
nervous feelings are miserable companions, I hope
the medicine will benefit me. I know I make too
great an effort to keep every thing going but I
just can't help it.

Thursday I went to Winstonsville to look up some
little yemas things for the children, Mrs. Ketch
was along & we spent the morning at a new store
("The Range Store") looking at dolls & all sorts of
toys & glass ware, I was hurry'ing to go to Mrs.

Went to dinner where I encountered Mrs. Sholen
& also insisted I should go right home with her, had
dinner & then she would go with me to see Mrs. W.
there was no getting off as I had to do it, of course
I received many reproaches from Mrs. W. for not
giving her more of my time & for not spending the
brightest subjects of course I could not do. Retaining
the train was on time but it was so dark we had
to stop at Mrs. Hatch's & wait until the morning
which was about 9 1/2 o'clock. I was so tired & sleepy
I could scarcely keep my eyes open had even at 9 that
morning to have the churning done & fix up the butter
before I left. My girl is very accommodating that way,
she was perfectly willing to get up & churn but I would
not ask it except on such an occasion. I had to get
the butter fixed for Dempsie's before I left home, she has
not a notion about fixing butter, churning milk or any
thing of the kind. I saw Father thought we could not go to
Aulrum & then Henry wrote he was coming & of course we
wanted to have him. Mary wrote inviting us, & such one of
the children (I mean the three eldest) just as a note asking
us to come. I thought it very sweet of them. We were just from
Winn. All well at Lanesville. I wrote to my Mrs. Hatch

I have been reading today of the snow
 & storms on the 5th & wonder how it was in Nov
 the weather was bad enough with us but nothing
 compared to that in the north. I hope you & Maria
 managed to keep warm but I know you missed
 the furnace heated house, then comes Uncle Waver
 through all the mud, & so warm & cold, the idea
 of his coming out! After getting Uncle Waver some
 dinner I saw he was in for a nap, so I went over to
 see Miss Dow, had not called since her return & it
 was clouding up as I thought we would have another
 rain tonight. We have had a very bad spell, rain
 enough to put the creek out & make the roads
 very bad, Mrs Garber has been hauling his furniture
 to Danapolis so you can imagine what that road
 is. I am afraid I will not see the Lawrenceville people
 again this winter. I have had several notes from
 her & they are all about the same thing, she has
 a little girl & they have
 not paid anything,
 but she is to be eating
 off her diet, & she is
 of the winter
 will have to keep
 trading her own
 Uncle Waver has been
 just about as close
 to me as I can get,
 think I had better
 stop & get him to
 bed, he has been
 sitting up, the
 chamber, this morning
 for me & you have
 been with a few
 to yourself
 I have

from sister Sally lately, they have again been disappointed in getting as timely, now in correspondence with a lady, Mr Harris wrote her to let him know when to meet her at Fannadale, his letter was delayed so long she did not know what to think of it & when at school, when she received his letter she wrote & told them that, & wish she was so sorry, would have so much preferred to come to them. This has been very unfortunate, his wife & husband shot her, & the poor woman died in great agony. While the creek was high he sent a boy to Hannardale with the front wheels of his wagon, the boy went through the field where he had to ford the creek, one mule was drowned & the boy came near losing his life, caught in some bushes & screamed for help, a woman heard him, threw him a rope & pulled him out, all that could be seen of the live mule was his head & some swam out the harness & in doing so gave the mule a bad cut but they pulled him out so much injured that he will be useless for some time. The one of sister Sally's notes she said Pauline was there a day or two before &

that she thought we might feel encouraged about Ben's eyes, closing the left eye he could see with the right one, a toothpick in Mr Harris' mouth seems the worse, the right one has always been worse than the other. I sincerely hope his right is improving, so we can imagine the anxiety I have suffered on his account. He went to Montgomey Friday, as dreadful day to be out, is expected home tonight, the train is already 2 hours late, I hope he will stay in Fannadale. One of his brands brought me a splendid back bone & a pair of ribs yesterday, by his order of course, he killed only 3 hogs but they must have been very large. I wish you had the neck chimes to have stuffed & baked, we have so much fresh one hand I will have to brine it. Had no one to spend 9 years with them but your father seems not to care to go, I would like it very much but would not go alone, besides, I long very much to see us at that time. At least I have a "help", a young girl but she seems good natured & obedient and what I tell ^{her}, I hope I can keep her, her brother a boy of about 12 wants to live with us also, says he will come Wednesday, they were raised by a

woman who cooked for us some years ago, her sister's
children. I think the first job for the boy will be to
quiten the pears, they should have been put away long
ago, do you know that crows feed on them? I did not
until this winter. Uncle Wain sends me says he has
been thinking a great deal of you & Maria upon that
cold country. I wonder how it is with Wain, I have not
heard from him in a long time.

The bad weather will put an end to some of the visiting,
in your town will it not?

Your Father went to the baptist church today, the
preacher counsel the people up for not attending
regularly, or coming late, for trying to get all they
could out of the "poor blacks", for dancing, fine, eating
&c. &c.; if he does not remind he will be asked to
resign, but all he said was there & they should be
reminded of their short earnings & extra games.
Maria's journey will return to Birmingham soon, I
have asked her to spend several days with us, do not
know that she will. I will be very busy between this &
yours, have so much I want to do. I am so sorry to
hear that Mr Ben Evans (Dottie's husband) is about

PM DEC 22, 1902
4056 Indiana Ave, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Marie

Today I send you by
American Express a box of sundries which
you can divide after opening the box
Agnus also sends you by same way a
sofa pillow & to Chuck a package.
If I can obtain the receipts from Express
Office in time I will enclose them
herein. If not you can look for the
packages all the same.

The things sent are only as mementos
of our good will & with them you
may be sure that you have from
all of us here the heartiest good wishes
that Ben, Chuck & yourself may have
a very merry Christmas & a happy
New Year

Ask Ben if he ever gets any pamphlets
or book describing new & interesting
discoveries in plant life either discoveries
of his own, or made through the "Agricultural
Department" that I would be glad to
get a reading of them & will return
them to him by mail if he so desires.
Something like the work of the Nitrogen
Microbes &c. Ben is in the way of
hearing of such, & if I knew the names of
the publications I might get copies from our
Members of Congress if they should be published
documents

We are all well & anticipating a good
time next Thursday when we hope to
hear from every one. The good news that
all is well, Give my love to Ben & Chick
I believe are to be as ever

Your loving
Old Daddy

Durham N. H.

Dec. 26. 1902.

Dear Aunt Marie:-

I am

writing to thank you
for the pretty turn over
collar you sent me.
I think it was just
fine, and it was ex-
actly what I needed,
as I am getting short
on neck fixings. It
was so sweet of you to
send it to me, and I
think everything of it.

Maybe you would
like to know what
some of my presents
were. I had 24 in all

we all miss papa,
so ~~that~~ we will be
glad to see him
when he comes home.

I should like to
write you a long
letter but as I say I
can't write very long
letters when I have
to thank so many
people. I will write to
you again later and
I hope you will write
to me.

Thanking you again
for the pretty neck
tie over,

I remain as
ever
your loving niece
Leonora

and more are coming.
Don't you think I am
a lucky girl? I do.

Instead of telling you
a few I will send you
a list of them all.

I hope you had a
merry Xmas, and I
want you to send me
a list of your presents.

Don't you think the
hardest part of Xmas
is writing and thank-
ing people for presents?

I like write them all
letters but I can't say I
like to write a dozen
at a time.

I suppose Uncle Sam
is in Washington by
this time. Papa is,

P.S. Went the things
mama sent you
pretty?



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9:52 Sure!

St. Louis, Dec. 26, 1902

Ma Mye!

I have just sidetracked
old toxicology of marine alga,
after plotting out those means
which you worked up for me
last night.

Are'n't you glad that
I decided to sleep in St. Louis
tonight, Lovv? Anyway, that is
the state of my Masein (which
you may explain to the small
boy as being the cosine of my
presence). Do you know, Divisee,
I might have had another
whole quiet thirty minutes
with you. When I reached
the station I found that
the train was late, and had

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St. Louis,

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if not here for those grips, I would
have come back, "just for mean-
ness", - that is, just to tease you
for another and another Kiss-
mein Lammchen.

How is thee tonight anyway, -
playing cards, having a good time?
yes, you'd better think about
your old Hubbans once in a
while though, - your old Hubbans
what loves thee much and loves thee
long.

Well, it was nearly seven o'clock
when we (the train and I) reached
the Terminal, so it seemed useless
to attempt to look up any of the
articles which we want in St. Louis.
I came straight to the Hotel, secured
a room, and went to supper. What



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St. Louis,

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did I have: (1) Chicken gumbo - hot as
boiling glass, (2) two cups of tea and
some fine fried egg plant, (3) adjourn-
ment to my room for three pieces of
the finest candy made, - and on
the sly a little photographic chat
with my Dollynie: that is all,
positively all.

I shall leave here tomorrow morn-
ing at 8⁴⁹ on the Penna (Van-
dalia). I am just too sleepy to
think of taking the train tonight
and probably losing my rest. My
ticket is already purchased.

None of my fellow profs. took the
same route, so I shall probably
have a quiet day of it tomorrow.
I only wish my Sweetheart were
along. I had a hard time while-

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St. Louis,

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away the time to St. Louis. I did not think it worth while to work under the crowded conditions, but I did manage to read some articles in *Annales of Botany*. Come go with me tomorrow, Love!

Darling, I am so proud of my pin, and you are the dearest, sweetest thing in all the world, and I am your

Humble Husband.

Will you send the P. M. O. to Higgins and Dexter? Take the hat case that ever was of my Divie and then you show sweetest love for all the family - our family! Benj.

Darham, N. H.

Dec. 27. 1902.

Dear Brother Ben:-

I know that
you are in Washington but
this note will keep and also
the 20. money order.

I am ever so much obliged
to you for getting the suit
for me and hope it will
suit. I wish in every respect.
You are a good shopper and I
will send to you again for your
bills come in as pleasant surprises.
I am afraid it was a letter for

you to hunt-around for it-but-
you see I did not know about-
the store in his.

Please accept my love & thanks
for the lovely belt you sent me
I'm certainly an expert at-
tying bows. I know that you
could secure a position at Jordan's
& Marshes if you ever get hard
up. I am so glad that the belt
is yellow for it just matches
my new evening dress & will
be a great pleasure in wearing
it especially as it is some of your
fancy work. I have written Maria
a long letter telling her every thing
as I don't love you by repeating.
I hope you will have a pleasant-

as well as profitable time in Washington
and be so glad to get back to your little
office as Charlie says he will be glad to
do this.

With very much love and thanks for
your kind letters & gift-

Your loving sister
Alice.

Durham N. H.

Dec. 27, 1911.

Dearest - Annie:

For once Xmas

box was the first to arrive as
you are the first to hear
from me. It came Tuesday
and I put it away with
every thing else that came
until Xmas morning when
after the stockings had been
opened in all sat on the floor
and opened the packages. It

was told of you. The dairy-latte
lishes that you painted for me
will be used with much pleasure
Mrs. Holt sent me two hand-painted
mini cards which she did for
me so you see I am not a
real dairy-latte when some-
one sends me a cookie. What
you very much desire and
also for the pretty shaving pad
you chose, which must be his
use. It is queer that we both
thought of the same things for
our brothers-in-law. The children
were much pleased with their
gifts and my Puccella is
sitting on the floor by me using

your gift. To show them very nicely.
The little chicks will write to you themselves.
My kind love & friends were very good
to me this year and for that matter they
are always good to me. See Hermann &
Herta sent me a beautiful fruit-cake
Lippin & Jack a nice warm kimono. Mary
and me Mrs. Chipp's "Sweet" and Will sent
the children some money. Martha's parents sent me
a clock which was very acceptable as I have
kept a diary. Carrie's & Frank's gifts have
not come yet. Charlotte is going to give me
a set of fruit and I am going to send her
in return - sent a milk and honey cake. I am sure

for "Life" for him. Mrs. Kane
gave me a beautiful bringing
throw. Thinking that is what it is
called. Mrs. Pitter sent me her
photograph & a travelling wash cloth.
Mrs. Weed, tunnels from the Portuguese.
Mrs. Mellen a gardenia? Major a
pin tray, Mrs. Cook a celery dish,
Margaret Cox a pretty turquoise
cotton & Mrs. Forest Smith sent me
a handsome burnt-wood picture
frame & Forest sent his photograph.
I had also several neck ties &
photographs and Mrs. Underdunk sent
me a handsome Calendar. As you
see I passed well.
Last night I took supper with the
Pitters and had a real jolly time with them.

Fannie & Blanche were there ^{DEC 21 1882}
we presented that I was brain
etc. Xmas night. but Mrs. Rameo
went down to the Co's & there
I saw "The Book Story" by Mrs. Miller
It had been sent to Anne for Xmas
and we looked it over and saw
your name signed to several
pictures in it & several that were
not named I recognized as your work.
It is a very pretty pattern of book -
the photographs in it are beautiful
I would not mind having a copy
myself.

We moved last night & the sleighing
is very fair & this afternoon I am
going to take Mrs. Clark out on a drive.
I hope you will be glad to have Charlie
at home again. I don't like there long

[illegible]

I will be to write & think of my dear gave us each a bottle of Perfume
Ray. Papa was also much pleased. Mully & Mr Brown a picture &
with his gifts & thanks you all. Mr Matheson gave me a large
box of them. Aggie's nice little box of nice writing paper. The
box: Alice sent me a handsome quilt, also gave us pretty little
beaded bag. \$45.00 to get a little quilt. She sent me a "Lassie's
Nest": To "Papa" two pairs of mittens. Lucia a collar & pair of cuffs. "Papa"
socks. \$45.00 from Charles & herself. gave me a Box of nice soap & a
pillow & long sent us each \$45.00 bottle of Perfumery. I sent me
quilt we have the quilt. Lucia a quilt & a small
box. The Matheson's came over. piece of my own fancy work, which
we had a jolly time & when I regret that all I could do. Aggie
change of gifts. Mr Matheson gave me a truly beautiful long
gave "Papa" & I handsome white & black a box of candy. Baby received
little muffs. Charles Matheson many presents. Alice sent her a

Memoria which felt her beautifully
I agree the suit too cozy sweet
+ a light cloak, + little shawl the
kind's perfect. Agree that made nothing
yet for the little stranger. Alice is
fully prepared to do all, I am de-
lighted that Charlie will have a
winter suit, also the handsome
overcoat. I hope Willie won't change
his mind. He wanted that. Eliza
tells expects to be confined in
May. Miss Darling. I know you
are missing Ben very home. but
cheer up he will be back again
+ the trip will refresh him. Do
write him for me on his return. Alice
loves it immensely very much but must go.

I don't think I will for
 all the little blue things
 which I received my good
 to. But I may be
 able to go on too early, so
 I will not light them this
 time. Please see mine
 before this meeting
 letter, with much love
 wishing you a happy
 New Year & an affluence
 of good things.
 Well, you put the number
 into one of your
 letters to them?
 Dec 28 1902

Many thanks for your little note
 which arrived in due time, the package by mail
 came two days before & mine I think it was, how
 can I thank you for the pretty gift, doubly prized
 because made by yourself, the bag is so pretty & the
 colour a little beauty, I wore it & mine day with my
 new black silk waist & it looked so nice, I tried
 to look my best that day for the boys, you know
 we were all invited to dine at Mrs Batelli's & a fine
 dinner we had but I will tell you of it later.
 I will put in a little note thanking you for the
 pretty table cover, is it it?
 I did not expect you to send me the tea tray,
 why did not you keep it? I am much obliged
 to you for sending it, it is very nice indeed, you are

quite a
sensible woman, you fooled me about that did it
you? Well, I hope you all had a happy year, of
course you will write me what Santa Claus brings.
I did not hang up my stocking but had some gifts.
Henry brought me 'The Cavalier' by Geo. W. Collins, the
Dr. gave me a pair of new gaiters, Mrs. Ward sent something
by express but I have not yet been able to get it from
Davenport, we no longer have an express office at Galena
our packages go to Davenport & are likely to remain some
time as there is so little passing over the bad road.
We received notice of another package being there, I
think it must be from Fred. Sister Sally wrote she
had had an opportunity to send her as you see I
have a good deal in store yet.

Henry came the night before yours, looking as
bright & well as ever & I did enjoy his visit as
much, but it was short, he left yesterday morning,
a bitter cold day to make the trip but he will spend

no more time he said. Auburn came & ours on &
was with us until this morning, he was well
wrapped up but face & feet must have suffered,
the cold east wind was right in his face, he said
he must go because he feared worse weather, it has
entirely been unpromising today. In spite of cold
wind & clouds, the Dr. & myself went over to visit
A. W. Collins for a visit this afternoon, thought the
walk would do us good & a long time had
passed since I had been there.

Now I must tell you of Mrs. Postels & sons
dinner, we went down after twelve, in about an
hour dinner was announced, first there was
oyster soup, then came raw oysters, while we
were amusing ourselves with them the turkey was
brought in all cut up, a dish of stoned back
bones, sauce, two kinds of potatoes & rice. The
celery, cranberry sauce, several pickles, punch, and

griddle, crackers, biscuits, & pepper sauce even on the
table when we sat down. When we had done full
justice to this course the table was cleared of everything
but a pyramid of apples, nuts & candy, three large
cassers of Chautauk House were put at each place
& a plate for cake, then came an immense plum
pudding & hard sauce. Still you it was fine, I
ate a whole slice; then I expected coffee but they
did not have it, now we sit that a nice dinner
have for only 4 visitors & the family of 5. The loaf
was not well enough to be at the table. Friday we
had our turkey, cold chine, vegetables &c. for dessert
white cake, nut cake with raisins & currants in it,
cakes foot jelly & cream, & preserves from our own trees.
We thought of you & Mary & wished you could have
been with us as well as the other two boys Fred &
Hann, not a word have we heard from him, I can't
help feeling very anxious about him. I hope Mary

DEC 28, 1902

Sunday night

My dear Son

It is bed time but I must write a few lines to thank you for your pretty & was present to me, we admired it very much. Your Father sends thanks for the book, says he reads & re-reads Charles W. Warren's writings. Henry thought no card or book is so well known there to read. I wished so much you & Maria could have been with us for Xmas, I know Henry & Reuben would have enjoyed seeing you also, I was very thankful for L's little visit, he was so bright & looked so well weighs 165 or 7. I have forgotten which. Reuben's eyes are better, from not being able to see at all out of his right eye straight before him, he can now hold a paper before him & make out fine print with that eye, he could see a little out of the corner of that eye. Bob has all the hands he wants & Mrs. Britton's how to help him. We tried to get the Chambliss folks down Friday to dine with Henry, but they would not try the roads. I hope you are having a good time in Washington, with much love & wishing you a happy New Year I must say good night. Yours affec Mother.

Dr B M Duggar.
Washington.

Dear Maria

I must put in a few lines to say
that I send by mail a little ~~spare~~ ^{spare} ~~convenience~~
for Ben & yourself, such pieces of my work.
The sofa cushions for Ben I could not stuff
because I thought the bundle would be too
large for the mail, & we have now no express at
Gallatin, so I must ask you to fill it. I suppose
you would have neither cotton, or feathers, but I
think quilted would do as well, sofa pillows
are more for ornament than use any how.
I am sorry not to send it complete but am sure

you will willingly fix it for me. The evening
cloth is for you, probably that would be more
appropriate for Ben as he is the evening. As
far as I can, I send some of my work to the
children, have a center piece for Mary,
worked an Indian head with red thread
another like it to send Mrs. Cohen, as you see.
I have been busy with a mass work too. I
made a sofa pillow like the one I send for
Bessie, the trouble is to get it to her, & to get
any silk waist from the dress maker to wear
a mass day, an officers office, will bother us very
much. I send a scrap of my flannel waist

just from a neighborhood seamstress, how do
you like it?

I wish very much that Bens & yourself could
be with us at a mass, we will be as glad to
have Elsey & Rainbow, with much love &
wishing you a mass of mass

Yours affectionately

Mother,

Cloth

adhered to Dec. 1902 letter made by Margaret
Louise (Mingo) Daggar, Ben's mother



P.M. DEC. 29, 1901 ✓

My dear "Lester Folks"

I've got a picture
already fitted into the
pretty frame and it
adorns a place of honor
doing credit to its
maker and finisher. It
is certainly a peacharine
and as such is well
suited to the picture it
holds which is a group of
three Rogers sisters! (taken
the fall of 1901 when our
small sister was here).

Thank you for remembering us so daintily and thoughtfully.

We made as much of the day as we could and by the help of our dear friends here and there had a delightful time and lots of "pretties". Wish you'd drop in and see them before they must be scattered and packed away against our moving. Someone has told you I'm most sure - and I hope so - that we go to New York City

Jan. 15 - to live. Blue Bird see me with Country
Sells - this moveth is hoped will release Pr. Bailey
of the details which harass and wear him.
We shall board for a while leaving on good
stone at 70 Newton ave, till we find a suitable
flat to transport them to. Mr. Shurham is to be
married to Miss Steadman some time in
February and will just leave from him saying
he'll take on leave for a month. which is a
relief to tell you. I shall give my work over
into Mrs. Bonetoch's hands and try to find
something to keep my hands and mind out
of mischief in this great wicked city!

There, this is news enough, if
it is news. to last quite a
spell. Your uncle Bill is
suffering with a cold -
treated with Bronchial
de-fickul ties - warded off
by prompt measures it is
hoped for his pretty well
today. He sends his love and
joins me in best wishes
for the new year.

Ever yours.

M. Mary.

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December 29, 02.

My dear Mrs. Duggar:

Your letter & the
package arrived safely & I
can't tell you how pleased
we are at your news! I
don't wonder you are de-
lighted. You will look like
a little girl with a new doll.
I hope you have been well
all through the time that

all will go well with you.
I am very sorry you cannot
come to Wash'n this
winter, but it can't be much
of a disappointment to you
to give up anything, under
the circumstances -

It was very sweet of you
to remember us at Christmas,
when you must be so busy,
& we are much pleased that
you should have done it -
Mother sends her love &
thanks for the dainty bag

& I do the same for the dear
little collar, which I shall
take pleasure in wearing.

Miss Parker has gone to
Cin - for the holidays, so she
has not yet received her
gift, but I have written her
that there is something here
waiting for her -

You do not say just when
Mr. Duggar comes to Wash'n.
Imagine it may have been
last night, & trust we shall

see him soon. I suppose it
is more convenient for him
to be at a hotel, but we
should have been very glad
to have him at the house &
could have put him in
Miss Parker's "maiden tower,"
as she calls it - Miss Skin-
ner has a young nephew
here for a few days who is
now occupying it -

I don't know whether you
ever heard of Miss Skinner,

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for I can't remember when
I wrote you - She is a young
woman who is employed in
the Congressional Library, & who
has had the third story room
since the middle of October -
She came to Washin on Oct-
14 so she is still quite a
stranger here - Then on Nov.
14 Mr. & Mrs. Smith took
your room - They are elderly
people & she & mother are
interested in the same church
work & charities, so it is nice

for mother, but alas! Lydia
has been ordered by her doctor
to stop work & take a good
rest, & we don't know
what will become of us -
We have no "Aunt Caroline"
to turn to. L. is still working,
as she does not want to
leave us without anybody,
but we tremble every night
lest she fail to come in the
morning -

My aunt, Mrs. Ela, has

lately been very sick at the
sanitarium. She has never
got well eno' to leave it, &
just now she is worse than
at any time since she came -
another attack of jaundice -
We are feeling anxious about
her - I saw her the day
before Christmas, but am
getting afraid to take the
trip out there, as I have
thrice caught cold on it, & a
few weeks ago had a very

Slight touch of bronchitis -
enough to keep me in the
house four days, which you
know is quite unusual
for me.

I hope you had a happy
Christmas. Ours was very
quick, but we had many
pretty things. My brother
telegraphed his good wishes
from California that day.

Our next door neighbor,
Mrs. Hyam died very sud-
denly the Sun. night before
Xmas - went to bed perfectly

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mill, made a queer little
noise in the night & her
husband could not move
her & found she was un-
conscious, & she just
breathed for a few hours
& died - They called it
apoplexy. Luckily her
daughter, who is married,
had come home for the
holidays & had been with
her three days - It was
a shock to the neighborhood.
I don't think of anything

else in the way of news—
I am glad to hear you
continue to like Columbia.
I wonder if you & — she or
he? will come north in
the summer. I should
love to see — it.

With love & all good wishes
for the new year,

Affectionately yours,
Mabel Hatch.

DEC. 1902?

Ind., or
Near Xenia, Ohio

4 P.M. Saturday.

La Signora Duckessa, My Love

There's a
stutter in the stride of this
train, so there'll be a wobble
in my writing - whatever the
strain. I want to write a bit
of a note though, Dearest, to be
mailed at Columbus; but even
then I don't suppose it will
make connections to reach you
Sunday morning.

How have you spent the day,
Sweetheart? I have been terribly lonely
some all day, Dolly; and the
cornhuskers and the Hoosiers
who have sat near me
were not overly interesting.

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In fact the most attractive thing in the car is a dark spot, the result of the dashin of a fine specimen of corn masculinity. In fact, this Dickey is almost too much of a synthetic type to be real. Why, he is as good as this ideal prototype - the "End man", red lips, blaze-faced oculars, and all! If Chuck were here I am sure he would want to lick his finger and touch it, to see if the color were fixed.

O Doodly, Mother of Googly, I have always loved you increasingly, and this increase is without end. How could I pass the time until I return to you. I slept well in a very

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comfortable room at the Terminal last night, though I did awaken at four to put the coal on, and I missed my little girl terribly. I do hope that it was not so cold last night in Columbia. It is not quite so cold here, and there is more snow. The day coach proved to be a very comfortable one indeed, and I determined to take it to Columbus, O., 8 PM this evening, and from that point take the sleeper through to Washington. I breakfasted in St. Louis, took a quick lunch during the wait of fifteen minutes at Indianapolis, and shall dine at
(over)

Columbus, where we have a
good quiet thirty minutes.

Do you think of your Benj
and want him at all, at all?

I have worked on my algari
paper some today, but it
goes very slowly when I can
not spread out.

I am feeling alright, Lov,
and my appetite for sweets return-
ed sufficiently for me to greatly
enjoy the candy what Santa
brought me. I hope that you
are feeling as well - and
Chuck too.

Be sweet to your own dear
dear self, pinch Chuck and
pat Googly for your old
Loving Benj.

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Dear Flora ^{and} Fama:

Those were a
dear little dainty
set of collars & cuffs.
I am just departing
for Onshore, Pa., and
shall wear them in the
Institute. Thank you
so much for them.

My present to you
was good wishes and
compliments along with
the book the publisher
sent to Prof. Suggar.
Did you get them?

Your pictures are fine,
Persica. Do you like
the book, as a whole?
Are there mistakes in
the 2^d part, Professor?
Point them out, please.

No more now.
I shall stay in Ithaca,
tho it breaks my
heart to see the Milners
go and leave me.
Top o' the New
Year to you both!

Yours ever
Julien E. Rogers

Messrs
Messrs

Messrs Sartorius

Dear Sirs;— Would you consider
the publication of a translation
of *Commentaire sur l'Arabic* de
de Sartorius and another book?
As far as I know there is no
English translation. It is a very
fascinating
interesting book, as perhaps you
know, written in a beautiful clear
style and now that so many people
are becoming interested in the Sahara
and more and more Americans
go to Algeria, it seems to me
that an English translation

would be well received.
In speaking of the matter to
Mr C. W. Furlong he suggested
my writing to you. In the
edition I have the two books are
published in one volume and illustrated
by photographs & brown-toned
paintings. It makes a large
volume & it might be that you
would prefer publishing the two
separately. I would suggest that
the more ^{interesting} ~~interesting~~ of the two is
~~to come later to value~~ ^{the latter is the}
~~the matter in the volume with~~ ^{the latter is the}
Perhaps you wish to ask my
qualifications for the task. I will
reply frankly that I realize there
are many much better prepared
than I, but at the same time I

feel that ^{no one} ~~no one~~ would undertake
it ^{with more enthusiasm or} ~~with more~~ ^{more earnestly}
in its outcome. I have done some
little painting & illustrating myself
have had several years of French
besides spending a year and
a half in that country with opportunity
of studying French literature work. In 1906
~~we~~ ^{we} read Thoreau's book while spending
6 weeks in the Sahara and on the
Sahel & there visited in the home
of dear friends who have lived
all their lives in Algeria.
In our University Community here
there are several French members of
the faculty & ~~of whom~~ ^{of whom} I could turn
should any unexpected little
difficulty arise. Hoping to receive

from you an early & favorable
reply, I am
Very truly
M. R. Guggen

Address

Mrs B. M. Guggen
5 East Ave, Campus
Ithaca N. Y.

If you wish to consider this
matter I will ask Mr. Hurlough
to write to you, and should
you so desire I can send
you a few specimen pages
of translation.

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Atlanta, Ga. 17

Mrs. H.M.Duggar,

Care J.F.Duggar

Auburn, Ala.

Reach Auburn four thirty should leave tonight Missouri matter presses

Ben

Name card of Dr. R.H. Jesse to Dr. & Mrs.
Duggal - undated

Mr. R.H. Jesse
Professor Dr. R.H. Jesse
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For Dr. & Mrs. Duggal