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P.M. Ithaca

July 19, 1903

To Duggars, Colombia,
Mo

My dear Mrs. Duggars,

We received the
pretty cheese scoop last
week. I wish to tell
you how pretty I think
the gift, to assure you
that we shall enjoy
using it and to thank
you kindly for the
remembrance.

If you ever visit Ithaca
again, and I am sure

your will, you must
surely come and see us.

Mr. Moore sends his
thanks and kindest
regards to both you
and Mr. Huggar.

Cordially yours,
Miss E. Moore.

July nineteenth.

53, E. State St. Ithaca N.Y.

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Thursday

Wednesday July 24th

Dear Ben + Maria

I arrived Mr. Lewis late, got off & was looking around to see what to do, find your Father. I certainly did not expect him, he came over last night, which was a great stretch for him. I was so thirsty that we went right into a drug store & had some pine apple ice which was very refreshing, then we came into the office to register & Mary Adams stopped up & spoke to us, I was as glad to see her, she looks as sweet & pretty, came to our room & spent some time. I had just begun to write when she came, now she has gone out. Well, I was ready at the right time for the dining car but it was 2 hours late, in the meantime I became hungry & partook of Maria's nice lunch, which I think was much more enjoyed than the breakfast would have been & I thank her so much for putting it up so beautifully. It is useless to say I have missed you all today, the sweet

little baby prettily only. I was so glad I had
the pictures to show Mary, she thinks her a
beauty. Your Father had a letter from Beece,
they like Stafford as much. John's arm
has improved very much but his leg is no
better yet. Ben Cobb said since Wane was
looking very badly, Ben thought he would be
the next to go.

Mrs Maunteny left Edwinn \$125,000, so she
& Minnie will treat Mrs Hatch to a visit to
hot springs, Mrs H. is delighted, is it not nice
for her! Minnie says she is going to Europe,
you remember the old saying, I bet they
will run through it in a hurry.

It is supper time so I must close with
much love & thanking you all for the pleasant
visit. Kiss the baby, excuse pencil scratch

Your devoted

Mother.

Dear son says this "Southern Mail"
is not equal to the "Advertiser"
she looks pretty well and out and
study. Love to all of you. M. F. Fisher.

Southern's had breakfast so late that we paid
our bill & went to a hotel near the depot for
breakfast, altho' only 75^{cts} the breakfast was
good, the best coffee for a hotel that I ever drank.
Instead of coming straight home from Gallin
we had to go by New Joe Collins' to see your
father's patient, a drummer, related to the Collins
family. Dr. Staples is on a visit home so your
father was called in. I tell you this house was
a sight, the stuffiest, dirtiest place you ever
saw, you can't imagine anything like it. I laid
off my bonnet, opened the windows & proceeded
to make some place decent to sit down in.
The house had been swept once since I left,
the bed was made up twice during my
absence but no change of sheets, or table cloth,
as you see I was needed badly. The dishes he used
for dinner the day he left were smashed on the
side table where he ate to save the white
table cloth, 2 large wipers of figs sent from
Apple hill was put by to save for me, not
one fit to eat, there was not a mouthful in the

house to eat except a loaf of moulded bread
& a pair of tomatoes, now what do you think
of such house keeping! & he did not even think
to get bread in Providence. With the remnant of
my lunch, some grape nuts, oat meal crackers
& raw tomatoes we made a dinner, I could not
cook for I was tired, yesterday morning I took my
place as cook, Sister did not come over, sent
John to milk, he is almost as good as no milk,
no prospect of getting a cook.

I cooked our dinner for today along with the
breakfast, tell Maria I succeeded nicely with some
stuffed tomatoes, made my gravy like that at
the "Terminal" we were in hopes Reuben would
come down today but he did not. Miss Lou
telephoned Sister Sally I had arrived. She sent
me over soon after I reached home a wiper
of such nice figs, they helped out the dinner
Friday. They have gone to Danvers to meet the
Catholic Bishops, they are trying to have a church
there. When this season dries off we are going down
to see Mary Winger, Johnny & Berrie's agent.

your Father to look after her. Mary writes she is
improving gradually. He later one of John's
constitution that what I write you from Minnie's.
They are delighted with Stafford Springs but will
be home the 1st of August to spend a day or two
& then go some where else.

I have at last heard from Wave he is working
on some claims 40 miles north west of Cache,
surface work he says & the temperature over
a hundred, hot dry winds, I don't see why it
hasn't killed him. He is near the north fork
of Red River.

I Pitts writes Uncle Wave is growing weaker,
does not sleep well & eats very little, Gray
Waghams sent him some nice wine which he
enjoyed.

There was a big barbecue yesterday for the
colored population, bare ball, shooting contests
&c, being over near the shop we had a full
benefit of their noise until bed time last
night. Besides the money, Mrs Macauley left
all her diamonds to Minnie, Miss Potch is

Throught-on the little boy was put at Mission.

Dorham, L.H.

July 27. 1913

Dear Ben:-

I have wanted
for some time to answer
your kind letter which
came to me the middle
of June but until this
morning my time
has been too occupied
with company and work

children. To do much
letter writing. I wrote to
Mama as soon as I received
your letter and asked her
to get you a Chuck. to send
me a portrait as what could
know how she was getting
on for I was anxious about
her & for her health although
she does not seem to think
at but her work came on
I have limited about no more
was good news. A letter
received from Agnes this
morning tells me that Mama

is better & that you brother has
just left you. I am so glad you
must have enjoyed your business
visit and the visit to my friend
of the little music.

I. We had with a very nice one.
Daphne & Alice very fine enjoyed
very much. I will tell them & the
change did them both good. Alice
& Daphne both gained several pounds
while here & they had such a fine
trip to the State Fair. they enjoyed
Charles & his trip to the little of the small.

with them and we enjoyed
the day very, very much.

Will Perkins left this
morning for Georgia leaving
his family here for another
month. He had to go back
to the great heat-but-business
letters called him home.
Charles's mother is with
us now and is our only
guest.

Yesterday I provided oysters
and dinner for fifteen &
prepared supper for the
same number as you see
I find a few things &c.

to day Father is sick in
bed with a bilious attack
and last week he was
very sick for three days
with a severe attack of dysentery.
He is well & out of doors
to day but had an anxious
time of it.

Lemora is still in Colchester
but expects her home
Wednesday. Brother is going
to take Father & Annie &
down to Boston to meet her.

This is a lovely day only
a little too cool for comfort.

The thermometer was at -
22° this morning & the breeze
blows hard. Wish could
send you a little of it in
this letter.

I suppose you have heard
that at last we have a
President - Prof. Little has
accepted the position & we
are all much pleased. There
will be several new institutions
here this fall & a Reg. of
Agriculture. Dr. Lamson is
going to leave but I do not
know where he is going to
go. Conrad (Prof. Wood's

assistant) is going to leave and I
think he will take Chas. Bennett
and him. Maria leaves too.

We had a very pleasant drive &
found fault in the range hall
last Friday night. They were pre-
paring tables for the little family
and about thirty people in all.

I heard you were home and about -
you all through this letter and about -
a very little of it in the paper & the
mail. He was so poor that you were going

to be such a near neighbor
of hers. I hope you will
enjoy your new home & I do
hope the weather won't be
very hot while you are moving.

I hear that the baby is growing
prettier every day & that she
is very good. I wonder if I shall
ever see her. I hope I can
before she grows up. Marie
promised me a picture of
the baby but it never came.

I thank you very much
for your letter Ben dear &
I can assure you I appreciated
your writing to me.

July 27 1907
Please tell Charlie that I
will write to him the first
opportunity I get.

With very much love for
each one in the Columbia house-
hold from us all.

Yours lovingly,

Alice

Arvada, Colo., July 28, '03.

Dear Father; I presume mother has
by this time reached you, else I
should today write to her also at Col-
umbia. It has now been 19 days since
I left home, 16 since I reached Colorado.
I gave very careful consideration to
your recommendations as to health measures,
both in your letter to me & in the one to
Fannie.

I am glad to say that you are
mistaken in the supposition that
I am run down, or otherwise out of condi-
tion, except for the throat trouble &
a slight difference Dr. Thieffen said in
the elasticity of the two lungs, the left
not so completely expelling the air as
the right. Neither in throat or lung
have I now or heretofore any sensation.

I eat heartily & judiciously three times
a day, could probably eat more if I changed
it wise, sleep long & soundly, enjoy exer-
cise and quickly recover from the fatigue
of a long walk & feel sound & good generally.

I am not worrying over anything & took things during the past year much more calmly than the situation might have seemed to necessitate.

I am not studying now doing any considerable work here, merely resting, amusing myself, absorbing some western agriculture, etc. Last night I attended the theater, seeing Barrie's "Little Minister," which was fine.

Every one has been very kind & cordial to me. I have made a large number of acquaintances in all walks of life, from supreme court judges to day laborers on the farm, and seem to have gotten along equally well with all.

An instance of the kindness of one new made friend - to whom I bore a letter of introduction. Without any suggestion on my part he offered to obtain a pass for me so that I could see the western part of this state without the heavy expense incident to long distances & 4 or 5 cents per mile fare. He writes me today that he thinks he has succeeded.

The legislature was in session & I have met a number of the senators & representatives who have told me about their localities, - also a number of state officials.

I made one mountain trip just for the scenery & if the pass comes will cross the great Continental Divide in two different places, giving me perhaps the best mountain scenery in the United States, for ^{almost} twice the length of the state.

I am boarding 7 miles from Denver in a fine agricultural community; a village. Some families with fruits & strawberries are making a living on 2, 5, & 10 acres of land. Land is worth in this neighborhood, according to distance from street cars, etc. from \$200 to \$1000 for fruit land & \$100 to \$200 for farm land per acre - all values being above the earning capacity of the land, & partly speculative.

The climate averages much cooler than ours, especially the evenings. The sun is just as hot at noon but there is more breeze. Strangely a little shower blows up

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almost every afternoon. The total
yearly rainfall is about 14 inches.

The altitude here is about 5400 feet,
a little higher than Denver. There
are an abundance of ^{evident} consumptives
in all towns here. One runs risks, I
think. I am as careful as I can be.

I spend most of my time out
of doors; walking, riding on street cars
to town, or in buggy or wagon with
some new acquaintance.

The altitude, even 10000 ft.
did not affect me. I suppose
this should be called a beryant
climate. The rest & especially the
rest of my voice may help me but
I do not any perceptible benefit to
the catarrh by Sept. 1, - ^{great} decrease
of phlegm yet.

Hereafter I may frequently
change my location so mail should come
to Genl. Delivery, Denver, to be forwarded.

Please pardon writing as it is getting
dark. Love for both of you.

Yours aff. son
Fred D.

to take the trouble to list up the bugs to say one, what kind of a bug is this? I have been looking for Reuben all the evening but it is too late for him to come as I will settle down to my writing. Sister Sally wrote his horse was lame, if well he may think the road too heavy, for we have had rain several evenings, quite a heavy one yesterday evening. I wonder what you are all doing now, if the baby is on her pallet kicking or playing with her pillow, & you & Maria perhaps getting ready for church. I hope Maria is getting much stronger. Did Annie return? or did you keep the sister? I miss you all, baby particularly. ^{Friday} ~~Thursday~~ I went to Salem, it was a long lonely day, would not the baby have been good company for me! but I could only be with her in spirit. We found Uncle Waver very weak, & suffering a great deal of pain from his

getting tired of
 having her off, came
 yesterday for a few days
 time for himself. We
 sent letter from
 Mary. I wrote you of
 Mary's letter. With
 much love to all &
 kisses for the baby
 Your devoted
 Mother.

Saturday Aug 2nd 1903.

hips down & is greatly troubled with bed sores,
so very thin, nothing but skin & bones, appetite
variable, Garry Waugham sends him champagne
every day, that is keeping him up now. Thursday
morning Dr. Pettie thought he was dead, was
about to telegraph when he revived.

Your Father had a letter from Paul yesterday &
I one from Beeie. Johnny & himself will be at
home today, leave again Wednesday if Rose
is not too sick; she has fever. We hope to go
down to see Johnny, Beeie said he was not
improving as fast as at first & he was rather
discouraged. I will enclose Paul's letter if the
Dr will let me. I do hope the trip will benefit
him, but if he is like me he will not gain
much travelling. As I did not sleep much
that night on the train.

We were not able to go over to the ice cream
supper Miss Low had for the cathodic church,
as much rain, there was not a crowd but
she cleared \$35.00, was not that good, she
was thought ful enough to send us some &

of course our contribution went back. We
could not get hold of any one to send up for
some. This of not having any one to call upon
is pretty hard - even John can't be had.
Aunt Bulville wrote she wanted to come
down this week but I am afraid the rain
will stop her, she will think roads too heavy.
I know you will be sorry to hear I have had
several little fevers, yesterday I had more than
usual & could do nothing but sleep all the
afternoon, have taken 2 capsules of quinine
today & am feeling the effect of it. Fortunately
the fever came on after the morning's cooking
& work is over, & after a night's sleep I can
start again on another day's work. I try to
cook enough with breakfast to last for dinner
& supper, warm over the dinner if needed or
take it cold. We have been using grape nuts
for breakfast instead of cooking butter bread,
have toast or biscuit, some times cakes. I have
2 nice little baked fish in the well for dinner
today & some stuffed tomatoes. It is getting

quite hot, no breeze, far ^{any} for another ^{evening} ^{evening} I expect. The baptists began a protracted meeting today, I will not attend. Mrs John Harris leaves for a vacation tomorrow. How are you & the cod liver oil getting on, do you notice any benefit from it? Wampole is the best your Father says, can be taken in a little claret or Maltese.

Your Father's patient came up two days ago & paid his bill, that is something so unusual it makes an impression. I wish there were some more of the same sort, not that I wish them to be sick—

I hope Mrs Trumbull's baby is improving, my regards to her & Mrs Gerald. Louise behaved finely at the "pang-a-party", bless her little soul!

Have you heard whether the Denham cook will come? I expect this week you will be arranging things in your new houses. We went to see Mrs Mansfield & Mrs De Rose last week, Mrs Mansfield asked me to spend the day with her when your Father went to Schuylkill but he was not willing

Chicago 406 to Indiana Ave
August 7th 1903

My dear Langbe

"Papa" says I must
tell you that your Bed. Matress
& Pillow, have been shipped to
you via "Chicago & Alton Road".
I ought to reach you by end
of week. The ^{small} package will be
sent ^{at} you ^{and} the \$1.00 & ~~the~~
you are mistaken but so many
are talking to me while I sit
in the dining room making
& "hairs" cleaning the front
rooms, I hope I reach you
are well. I always feel so anxious
when I don't hear from you every
week. & "Chuck" never smiles ^{some}
more. Monday we all meet

At Milwaukee on the whole trip
"Christopher Columbus" & enjoyed
the trip immensely. We started
from the Pier at half past 9 am
& reached the city of Chicago at half
past nine at night, in a ^{thunder}
storm. But fortunately we could
hire a carriage & came home com-
fortably & about twelve were all
in the arms of "Maephant"
"Papa" enjoyed the change so much.
We had a delightful dinner in
board & fine views most of
the day. While in Milwaukee
we took a Galley boat ride. There
were 5' backed in line & we
had a jolly time & saw the whole
city. Some of the Lake side resi-
dences were palatial & superb
More in Chicago, I wish we
could have repeated a trip on the

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Lake & go to "Spilke" across the
Lake. Papa & I wished that you
Ben & Chuck were with us also
the dear Baby. The day was clear
& the motion of the boat could
scarcely be felt. The thunder-
storm came up about eight in the
evening. We had an electrical
storm again this morning early.
Alice thinks that Prof. Lister
has been chosen as President
of Durham College & will be there
early in September. Charles & Aggie
Aggie wishes with us
wishes me to you all & wishes
you could be here with us.
Write kisses to Ben "Louise" &
your dear self I am as ever
Your loving & devoted
"Mamma"

If you wish to keep the burlap
that covers the mattress for future
use in moving do so but if you do
not care to return it to the Kimball
log

The Cotton flannel around the new
bed, you had better keep for packing when
you wish at any time to move -

I hope you will like the bed

Yours loving
Daddy

4056 Indiana Ave Chicago, Ill.
Aug 6 1903

My dear Marie.

Many thanks for the sweet
letter with inclosure which arrived
safely yesterday. I ordered & paid for
the Dave report this morning, & it will
be shipped to you on Friday or Saturday
so that you will receive it early next
week. I enclosed find bill. Mr. Brown
will write directions for making it
into a bed.

With great love to you all I remain

Your loving
Daddy

My hand is so shaky I cannot write more
now.

at I have no other to thank for this work, is that is too work. I spend me
 of myself with mine, I would not end it out to
 work for fear of its being
 to I never heard any one
 or not in the church
 work & have not
 washed any kind of
 returns or give would
 have been sent down.
 I thought the little puff
 alone would be pretty &
 cool for everyone. I
 wonder if you will let
 the lady know the little
 she & when she has or
 what she does that is not
 the 1905 or savings, I think
 she would be more
 comfortable than just let
 days I wanted to get little
 The morning work is over
 with & I will try to answer your letter which
 I was so glad to have, I was much interested
 in all you said but disappointed that
 you did not tell me how you were. Are
 you getting any better of that cough in your
 back home as you called it, & are you gaining
 strength? I do hope you are, for I know how
 anxious you will be to get things fixed in
 the new house but I will have to tell you
 as you did me, "don't be too energetic."
 It was very pleasant to hear I was missed.
 I certainly missed you all, the baby's sweet
 bright face is constantly before me. Every
 one thinks the picture is good, particularly
 of the smiling grand Mother & baby, every
 one likes the baby best in that picture &

say it is the best one of me they ever saw,
what do you think of that!! Ben is quite
an artist.

Yesterday morning was so cool & pleasant
we thought we would drive down & spend
the day with the Haris family, just as we
were about ready to start here came Mrs
J T Collins & Virginia with a little black
dog for Dr D. to prescribe for, he did so, &
I hoped they would go but they eat & lathered
& lathered until nearly two o'clock as we were
late getting there, but Sister S. & Lucy had
gone to Hammondale, came in about 15
minutes after we did; Mr Haris was at
home looking after the carpenters, two rooms
(dining room & back room) are being ceiled
over head, & lathered on the sides for the
plasterers to begin their work next week. Of
course they did not mind us, had dinner in
the back hall. We sent a little boy to let Reuben
know we were there & after dinner he rode
over bringing in a bag before him, a water

small
size.
I must
see about
something
for dinner,
with small
loaves & many
pieces for
you all.
You bring
Mother.

bring home, we enjoyed our cantalpus for
breakfast & the water melon is in the well
cooling for us at 11 o'clock, that is the
time we like them. Lucy had a delightful
visit, looks much better, fattened very promptly.
Sunday Johnny & Maria returned from
Stafford, as they were to leave for Va on
Wednesday we went down Tuesday to spend
the day, the drive through the fields was
very pleasant & it was a treat to see so
much fine corn, & cotton doing well. We
found a house full, old Mrs. Stors, Rosa &
little girl, Mary & her two children besides the
regular family, Mary dropped in to dinner
making in all 12 grown persons, three children,
three little darlings & several grown ones,
how would you like to provide for such a
crowd for dinner? I don't think they had
fewer than 6 roasted chickens in one
big dish & soup & vegetables galore. We were
glad to find Johnny much improved, & Mary

also, she can walk very well now, is stiff tho
& it is hard for her to get up when she sits
down. The girls & Mary had made beautiful
clothes for Beezie & Lizzie, it is astonishing
how beautifully they fit & sew. Melville as usual
was at the head of every thing, had done the
housekeeping, mended the socks & kept every
thing going. Rosa & Mary will stay with the
girls until Johnny & Beezie return. Rosa had
not regained her strength, you know she had a
little spell of fever.

I was very sorry you had to cook, hope Anne's
health is restored by this time. We have a
little ramp of a boy now but he is some
help, can bring water, churn, & help wash
dishes, I can't trust him unless I am near
by. I make him sweep porches, the kitchen,
& feed & water the chickens, all that saves
me steps. I don't cook much especially at
dinner time. Tomatoes are such a help we
can eat them raw.

Maries I send a little plain dress for Lizzie
just to make "clean come." I was sewing on it.

Aug - 9 - 03

Dear Mrs. Suggs:

I received your letter just before leaving Ann Arbor and was so glad to see that you are feeling so cheerful and apparently so well.

Dr. Good had written me that it was so hot in Del. that we felt as though we didn't want

my winter flannels and a
long coat. Hannah's gotten
over my sea sickness yet. I had
almost gotten to the stage of
nauseating to die and they do
pay that is the very last stage
and it all came about from
trying the ferry because from
the island to the main land
otherwise our trip was
delightful. Now I'm taking
some drops for my appetite
and mother is coming to

to hurry but Guy has
begun to feel much
dreadfully poor and
leaves on Monday morning
in a room about May
^{to be at} home about Friday.
Mother insists on about
a six weeks visit from
me so I'll be coming
along when these nice
fall days are there.
It is dreadfully cold
up here and at
Mackinac I wore all

keep up with the appetite
she cant understand
me I need the drops but
I tell her I want to
surprise the man God
by weighing about 100
pounds (you might call
it forced feeding but
it tastes so good when
one doesn't know what
is coming. I saw too
the going to write down
a lot of these tried
and true recipes for
future reference.

Aug 9, 1903
I spent a greater part
of yesterday in looking
at some brand new
babies and expect to
inspect some more
today as the fog seems
to prevail here too.
Each one I've seen so
far is the "only one"
in town, brightest etc.
As a consequence the
town is a little dull
socially, every one is
busy at home.

I've been telling Mother

doesn't it. But I'm Irish and
a six month diet! - Give my
love to the Jerry's and Peck's
and my dear Dr. Good. Take
life easy and don't marry.
Every thing straightens out in
the long run and you have
a baby who don't cry. - Kiss
the little sweetie for me
and with love to you. I am

Very sincerely,

233 Bay St.
Franklin City. Mich.
Lucia H. Hayes

How nice it is for you
to have your brother
with you and trying
to persuade her to let
me have one of mine.
The 6 ft. 4" one but fear
I'm not going to be able
to get him. I said I might
be content with the one
who was only 6 ft. 1" or
the one who is 6 ft. 2"
but wanted all I could
get. I very much fear
it is time for me to
stop and let a little
more. Sounds awful

5 P. M. Monday,

MACON, MO.,

Aug 10 - 1903

My dear old Dottie.

What a fine lot these station agents are anyway! You know that blooming idiot told me that I could make connections at Macon with an east-bound train. Here I am: arrived O.K. at Macon 3 P. M., and cannot leave for Shelbyville until 11 P. M. It is only twenty-four miles away; but it might as well be a thousand. I could have made exactly the same connections by leaving Columbia at 4:10 P. M.

Anyway, cheer up Sweetheart: I never would have had such a sweet divorce if I had not waited some thirty years. Next comes. It may be that the cucumber disease will develop some interesting diagnostic characters while I loiter. Who knows?

I did not want to leave my
lorry, though, at all, and the day
has already been long and tire-
some. - I left Centralia at 12 m.
lunched at Mobley at 12:45,
and left the latter at 2:05.

I have already looked this city
over, and after supper I know
of nothing to do but sleep un-
til time for my train. Perhaps
I might write to Dr. Moore, but
there is not much ambition
floating around in the heavy and
sloggy aroma of this resort (for
those who can't get away). The town-
crier has just been along, and
from him I learn that there
is to be an auction sale of
fifteen head of hogs and ~~fifteen~~
hogs' head right away. All are re-
quested to gather within the
range of the gun. Perhaps
that might be exciting.

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MACON, MO.,

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What are my little girls doing?

I wonder if they like me one
tenth as much as I like them!
I would like to be at home to
take tea with my own Persica.
How nice it would be to have
"tea" every day, — if there were
no afternoon laboratory — and
sober not a nap and a drive,
why tennis and a dive
[continued in my next].

By the way, Marie, please
remined Chuck of a remark he made
at lunch yesterday: "When I promise
a man anything, by Gorry! I do it."
Tell him that Mrs. Jacobs has
been expecting that cord on her
lights every day since the box
arrived. Miss N — can't continue
me to take prizes unless she
can see how to manipulate the

box. Let not such a
thing come to pass! Anyway, please
get him to do the job, — and not
after supper, either, when the lights
are on. Tell Chuck I will be
the Bass Vial at his elopement,
too, if he will go up to the new
house and look around every day.
You know this is fair week.

Honey Bunch, would you mind
telephoning Mr. Keene (apl?) that
the Rogers are expected with-
in a day or two, and that we
would be peradventure pleased
if he could consistently cast the
coat?

I will be in Shelbina tomorrow
forenoon and in Monroe City
tomorrow night — all things welling.
Be as good to my old Dollykins,
my Love, kiss my little Babykins many
times, and learn more day by day
of the love of your
Old Hubba.

worry for and anxious
about you die & I do wish
I could help you bear it -
I could help things easier
for you. I do not see why
all this trouble should
come to you just from
having one baby when
you have so well a
thing before. It is a
great blessing that
baby is so good but even
the best ones are lots of

care & need constant attention.
I've wanted to know about baby.
Will be so sorry this summer
for that Helen Thompson who has
a home full of summer friends.
The brother all praise baby of
to the dear & one gentleman. I
am that he thought I must be
a wonderful cook for baby. I'll
think that that's right. I'll
be kind. I'll be so sorry in a

Hotel on Prince Edwards
Island. Wish that she
is coming to Exeter this
fall.

We wish that you were
here this cool, bright-
morning to go blackberrying
with us. I am going to
drive Mother, Aunt Mollie
Thompson (who came last
night to visit us) Louisa
May & Priscilla out into
the country & we will
get the berries on the road
side. This afternoon we

will all go in fathering ^{Aug 11, 1903}
down the river in the launch.
Carrie had two cousins
from Georgia visiting
her yesterday and these
on the go all day helping
her to amuse them with
driving, swimming &
boating & I think they
have a high opinion of
Durham.

I suppose you have heard
that Corradi & Edith Demire
are married and are

going to live in Japan.
Mr. Gibbs got him the
position there.

I am so glad to have
the circular of your
University - for now I feel
as if I knew a little bit
about your surroundings.

The dear baby picture
is the perfect image of
you. Every one I have
showed it to says "Why
that is Maria's baby" just
long to see or hold the
dear little girl in my arms.

I would ask you a bit I question
about the whole scheme if I could
be I was sure for you would
forget to answer them. As to
the picture of Health, Mrs. Lane
told me that you received her all
the time and was in the hospital.
I did not know that women were
allowed to have their babies with
them in such a place.

Remember that you will be receiving
a line that Mr. Whorwicker, mother with

not crutches. He is not
here this summer but
Mr. Thed told us the news
and says that he says
that his cure is due to
his swimming in the
salt water.

Fannie & Keone? are
still dear, debilitated, bones
and no marriage is
in view yet.

Allie does not look or feel
well but she is a dear girl
I must say good bye now
for the folks are waiting
for me.
All the family send love

only one since he sent
the letters &
sent you. Always
keeps well & busy
with Quaker & the
girls. Nothing really
new here.

We have had several
cains that keep the
air cool but Jackson
the planter enters out
the planter one bag &
goodies. His name is
the baby for me, with
me. Love to you all
Yours devoted
Mother
Give my love to the
new house.

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While waiting for the time to
come to get dinner I will answer your
very acceptable letter of the 9th. I like to
hear what you are all doing, having seen
the house I can imagine how it all looks
& how you will all look in it, be sure
don't have the floors too slippery for by
the winter snow will begin to slide
around ready for a fall almost any where.
I hope she is over her cold, you folks must
not forget her when the wind is cool,
no wonder she took cold with such a
sudden fall of temperature. You certainly
intend to keep warm this winter, now is
the time to put away coal but all wagons
are so busy with hay we could not get
ours hauled if it was at Gallatin. Yours was

cheap I think. By this time you have
returned from your trip, not worn out I
hope. How fortunate Maria is to have come
one to stay with her. Last night I was the
only person in this house. I sat on the
porch until late supper time hoping your
Father would return, the little negro boy
came around to where I was for company
I suppose, then dog with him, they were
soon asleep on the floor but I was glad to
have them any way. Soon after supper I
locked up every door & window & went to
forget any loneliness in sleep. Your Father
did not return until 9 o'clock this morning.
He was with Mr. Willie Beasley's wife.
I am glad to hear Maria improves even
slowly. I hope she will improve more rapidly
when cool weather comes. Is the baby can
pull him & move can she! Learning new
tricks, I know she is sweeter than ever. I
sent the pictures for Henry to see, carried
them to Mount Vernon Sunday, the old ladies

more I
sister.
thought them as pretty. We went up to
church & dined with Mrs. Wren & Miss
Mary. Mrs. Baume gave us a very good
sermon but it is hard to listen to any
thing on such seats as they have. Mr. B.
has a call to Pr. & the people are so much
afraid he will go. Alpheus's baby was to
have been christened that day but she
failed to come up, Mrs. Gholson was so
disappointed, had sent her carriage to
Hansradale for her. We stopped by in the
afternoon to see Mrs. G. a little while.
I wonder if Maria received my letter mailed
last Friday, by the same mail I sent a
little plain dress for Lizzie, Tuesday morning
the bundle was brought up with our
mail. I put the dress into one of the
Exp. Station envelopes addressed to your
Father because it was good thick paper,
outside that I put another paper tied
securely, addressed to Maria & stamped, how
that our side paper got off I can't think.

it was fortunate the dress was in that envelope as it came back to us. I fixed it up & started it off again, my packages are slow to reach you, did the box ever arrive, freight was paid. The uncutted need were sent too, I hope you received them.

A girl came yesterday evening to say she would cook for us a month, until cotton opens well. I suppose she will begin Monday to cook, will try to have her tomorrow to do some house cleaning which is badly needed. Your Father is enjoying Seckle pears, they are larger & nicer than I ever saw them before, I don't care much for them. We have some very nice apples & I keep some on hand all the time either stewed or baked. We have had such nice black eyed peas, they go so well with stewed tomatoes, but the chickens are making away with the tomatoes, the new garden where so many were planted has not been enclosed yet, it is a

crossing I went
 with Mr. Warr,
 with much time
 to go all, I had
 to go to bed.
 I was to Mr.
 Warr's
 Sunday Aug 16th 1903
 I should have written
 to you yesterday evening, but just
 did not get to it. Thursday night
 Uncle Warr died, we received
 notice about 2 1/2 hours before train
 time, ^{next morning} your father hurried to have
 horse fed, get himself ready, & go to
 see Mrs. Beasley before going to
 the train, he left home thinking
 he would be buried in Selma
 but when he reached there the
 Paragons in whose agency he
 had asked to be buried said
 nothing about it so Green &

himself decided to bring the body over. I had written out telegrams to Mr Colby, Green, Poling, Allen & Dr Foreman while your Father was getting ready & they were in time for Dr Foreman & Green to take the train, they came over with the body & spent the night with us. The body was placed in the church. There was great trouble to get a minister, Mr Colby was sick, the Selma minister sick, Mr Harris away so your Father telegraphed from Selma asking Mr Benson to join him on the train, the dispatch was not received but fortunately Mr Benson happened

to be at the depot to meet a brother he expected, your father asked him if he was n't coming with him, that was the first he knew of it so he left his brother a perfect stranger in Vinnetown & jumped on the train. Mrs. Hatch took care of him that night. We had to hurry the services, leaving them at 9 o'clock that Mr. Brown might be in time to go home on the freight, there were ~~was~~ no time to send out notices & no body to do any thing, Mrs. Hatch could nt even let the near neighbors know the hour, he did manage to get some

went to dig the grave, starting
by light in the morning. I thinking
the service would be held in school
made no preparations for company,
but as it was a long quiet day I
spent the morning in giving the
house a good cleaning & did not
cook any dinner. About 3 o'clock a
telephone came that he would
bring the body, but no word of any
one coming with him, however I
thought relatives might come & I
went to work & made cake &
tried to arrange for Saturday's
dinner, at sunset another
message came that Dr. Horne &
Green, would be here as I had.

to beg the help of a Scott girl
 & have supper cooked, set the
 table fresh, sheet beds, put water
 in the rooms &c &c. Still you sit
 down as usual for one & I hardly see
 how I keep up under such

pressure. Next morning I had
 the breakfast to cook, churning to
 be done to have nice butter milk
 for Green, rooms to be fixed up
 &c, all with the aid of a ser-
 vant, & to be ready by 9 o'clock to
 go to church. Of course there were
 very few persons there, mostly gentlemen.
 Maria^{Barnes}, Lucy Bringe & Bessie came
 over, also young John Bringe &
 Melville, but there were heavy

closets gathering & they were all
afraid to stay to dinner as I had
only Green & Reuben, a big dinner
was ordered not knowing how would
come, Sadie cooked dinner for one.
We telephoned the same old people
~~last~~ they always leave some excuse
not to come. Reuben spent yesterday
last night & today with us. Sadie
was to come over today but did not
as this dread full scratch has been
written in between trips to the
kitchen to look after the cooking.
Please thank Marie for her note. I
am so glad she liked the little dress.
I thought it very plain, just for every
day wear. Now that her sister will
be with her I hope they can soon
make the short dress, then the
little girl can make better times

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Dated UK Boston Mass 19

To Benj M Duggan

Columbia, Mo.

is it Life or death matter will
naunce do if necessary will come
reply Forest Smith Brooklyn Mass
A D Parsons

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RECEIVED at 9⁵⁰ am

Aug 20 1903

Dated ~~Brockt~~ Brockton Mass 20

To Prof B M Duggan

Columbia, Mo.

no reply to telegram much troubled
is marie dying reply Forrest Smith
Brooklyn

Chas L Parsons

Dorset Mass.

Aug. 21st 1883

Darling Marie:

I certainly was
relieved and thankful
when your telegram came
yesterday telling me that
you were better. You don't
know little what how worried
and anxious I have been
and now I will tell you just
how matters stand etc.

Annie is going home with

one from Mrs. But we could not make
out just what she said for something
was the matter with the telephone. Well
Mrs. Smith's friend on our behalf said that
for Parker to see if we could find Charles
who was either in the public library or
at bed. Fortunately we found him
just. Coming out of the library then and
of our host just met him there and
would not have been able to find him
all day. Well he thought it all over
and said that the only thing to do would
be to telephone to Bert and ask him if it
was a case of the matter and that then

Mother Parsons to spend the
winter and I have to get her
ready to meet Mother in New
York before the first of September
so while Mother could be with the
children we came down here
for a few days of rest & shopping
for Annie. We came Sunday
Tuesday afternoon received
Pam. letter letting me that you
were sick in bed again and
asking me to come (which I
wanted to do with all my heart)

Well Wednesday morning
about nine o'clock Mother
telephoned us from Durham
that a telegram had come for

would have time to reply before
six o'clock & if he said, come -
I could start on the night
train. I packed my trunk after
buying a few needed things
and was all ready to start
at a minute's notice and
my heart flew into my mouth
every time the telephone rang
but no telegram came that
day or night. so Thursday Ches.
telegraphed you again and
then your reply came. I would
have gone to you in a minute
if it had been urgent - dearest
but if you could get on without
me I could not get away for another

would have had to ^{8/21/03} say
all her plans (which I think
would be hard for me to do)
and Charlie would have had
to borrow over a hundred
dollars from her for my
expenses for he never was
as hard up in his life as
right now. He had heavy
corses last spring and our
expenses have been heavy
this summer. He said that
if you were very sick that
nothing should stand in
my way & that I should
go to you at once and
leave you don't know how

much I wanted to go to you
& take care of you & the
precious baby. My heart
& thoughts have been and
are so full of you & I should
I could help you as much as I
I wanted to see you all
but under the circumstances,
I could not get away unless
you were absolutely well.
If I could have had my own
way & the money I would be
with you this very minute
instead of sitting on Mrs. Smith's
porch writing to you. I can
blame the separation from
my dear ones fairly well until

when I was a little older I came to learn & that
if necessary or if I could not have it. I hope
that you are much better and that
you will be very careful. It is very thing
I hope you will be well and you get things
I am. I think she is very in a moment
to any thing if you have to use of you
though I will not tell you it. I hope that
you can find a good suit for you. I
want down to see Henry & find my hat. It
is a small hat to 11th you just as even
as the small hat. I hope that she will
have to stay in bed and I would like to
ask if she is better. I hope she would so that you

next year but I do not think
you will ever see her in
Columbia. I would send you
one of my girls but they won't
go so far away from Prince
Edward Island. The arduous
question is the hardest thing
on earth to deal with these
days.

I shall miss Annie terribly
but after a lot of thought we have
decided to let her go with brother
for one year. I think it will
do her good for she can be out-
of doors and have a free easy
life for all winter and she is
too young or not strong enough
to do the high school this year.

Of course she is crazy ^{at 100} to go but
she will get very homesick &
afraid.

Mrs. Smith is just as good
to me as she can be and I
am having a few days of
much needed rest and feel
better for it.

Please thank dear Ben. & our
chuck. for their letters & tell
them that they both know
that I would have come in
a minute if I ^{had} had my own
mistress & had ^{that} the needed
cash.

With a heart full of love &
sympathy for you all and many
wishes for you & the precious
little Louie & with kindest

regards & best wishes to you
from Mr. & Mrs. Smith & with
much love to you from Charlie
who was just as good about
it. all & anxious to have me
start for Missouri if you
were very rich and who said
I must tell you that if he had
had the money he once had
we both would have started out
to see you.

Your ever devoted & loving
Alice!

P.S. God Bless - make you soon
well is my constant prayer
these days & dearie and hope
my prayers will soon be answered.

August 24th 1893.

My dear Sam

It was very intention to write to you yesterday but before I had quite finished my Sunday reading (the services & a sermon). Benton came out, after his left I concluded to wait until this morning but it is now nearly dinner time & I have just started so many things come up for me to do or to see to, and fast it seems nothing escapes me without one, not even the taking down & cleaning out the stove pipe, or the putting down of insects around the door. Now there will be many calls on my time to help look over old papers from Chase Down, we have already spent over day at it, & and afternoon brushing off & hanging up pictures, you know your Father's work is slowly & with any one else I could do the thing in half the time. Dear father is a portrait gallery now. The corner that were on each side of the fire place were taken down & these places filled by "Father's" & "Aunt White's" portraits, the tapestry hangings under

aunt White, its place filled by the pastel
 portrait of your grand Mother. In the picture
 corner is the small oil painting of your great
 grand Mother, Mrs. Daughman. Every blog brass
 place in the hall, it makes me sad to be
 departing "Chateau Mirette too" but the things
 must be taken care of for Waver, as I understand
 the will all the household & kitchen furniture
 with two exceptions was left to him, that is your
 Grand Mother's big ward robe to Louise Sprague, &
 a mahogany bureau to Harry Sprague. His clock
 dismored from was willed to Louis, (but this was
 willed it otherwise) & the salt tins to your Father,
 also the gold chain & topaz watch key. The land
 is left to your Father during his life & when he
 dies goes to Waver. The debts are to be paid first,
 the office lot if sold for 4000.00 will hardly
 pay them & the Executors may conclude to sell
 furniture, bedding &c. Your Father, Waver & Dr
 Fossie are executors. As soon as the will is
 probated I hope they will begin work and good
 connect, find tenants to work all the land & make
 some thing off of it, even a small income from
 there would be a help to us. The Infirmary bill is

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between 3 & 400, funeral expenses (Grand bought a very kind casket) about 200, Dr. Pette's bill not sent in, but we expect it is a large one, then there are other bills all about - I am afraid the Sprague family will be much dissatisfied & want to expect the will, but of course we keep very quiet on that subject. Alice W. has no right to expect anything for they never loved like brother & sister, & Alice Johnson with her sister tomented him in his last days, we doubt urged on by her Brother, but for his kindness in saving the mortgage (\$600.00) on Alice's house in Memphis she could not have sold it, it shows what thanks some people give others for what they do for them. If Alice had waited a little longer & then showed her notes against him all would have been right & no bad feeling or worry to him. I hope I have not tired you with particulars, thought you would be interested.

And now for your letter which came this morning - I am very sorry Maria had another attack but truly glad she feels better again. I don't think she can change mind about overdoing.

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myself & she does the same thing, it is too bad.
you have no regular cook this hot weather - I think
it well the Dickinson sister did not come just
at this time. I am so glad you all enjoy the
new house & kind neighbors. I would like to see
you in it, really. Now I would have stayed longer
if I had thought I could have dressed you more
& get straight but I knew Mamma would not let
me help & I thought I would be a burden. I saw
too Mamma was making too great an effort to have
things as she had pictured to herself to have
them during my visit as I thought I had but
come home. Your Father needed looking after but he
had said he could do without me longer. I can't
bear to be useless, & can't sit up for beauty &
ornament. I am very sorry the pans were broken
which ones were they?

We will be very glad to have the prints, thank you
for them, they did not come with the letters.

Seeing your mice the fly comes very much &
kindly think Louisa can enjoy her naps on the
floor without a need to keep them off. How is she
progressing? does she try to sit alone yet? What are

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Servant I expect she spends more time than ever kicking on the floor.

We heard from Henry yesterday he was busy practicing on the sick children of which there were a good many. He wished to spend a few days at "Bader" on the coast but can't see his way to get off yet.

The Lainesville kids have not been down since my return home, I am beginning to think they might come. I wrote you they have had 2 rooms nearly fixed, if they can't leave during the week they might come Sunday, I wrote a special invitation for Sunday before this but it did not bring them.

Ben & Corrie's house must be packed & packed, about a week ago 8 of the children & grand children came & are there, just think of 8 new additions to the regular family, Mabel & her husband, Willie & his wife, Harry & 2 children, Bob - Ben Corrie says they eat up a lamb in 2 days, I wonder what about chickens, biscuits, &c &c.

No account since from Uncle John. Oh! Paul said he would leave for home on the 27th & as he

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would be in 30 miles of Columbus would try to
get a stop over for one day to see you, did not
know if he could. Had him your name in your
new house & I thought you would be so glad to
see him. Well, I think I have written enough to
tell you out so write stop. Sam Patton is taking
a nap or would have some message. I know he
appreciated & we both enjoyed your letter, with
much love to Mamma, Baby & yourself & kisses to
the baby.

Your dearest

Mother.



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My dear Duggar,

As you see we are still aboard. Are now in the Channel and at 1.30 the passengers for Boulogne will disembark. We expect to get into Rotterdam about 8.30 tomorrow morning. Have had a first rate voyage, none of us sick, - but foggy most of the time.

You see I am boiling things down, for this isn't a letter - just a sort of business note. Among our steamer letters were two, one from Mr. A. A. Bacon and another from his wife in which they mentioned the fact that he was trying to get an

appointment to the University of Missouri in Physics. They do not know that we have friends there and did not ask us in any way to use our "influence" in their favor. I thought it would do you, nor them, no harm however, to write you this note telling you that Mr. Bacon was at Dartmouth while I was there and is a fine fellow in every way. Mrs. Moore and I both liking him immensely. There is no question but that he would be a distinct addition to any faculty. U. of M. or any place else. Mrs. Bacon was with this winter in Boston (they were married last Jan) and liked her as well as her husband. They are a nice couple, - and of the course at Columbia I hope you

will meet him soon and
remember us both to
them. If the floor is
not already filled (as it
most likely is) - and you
are not already interested
in some other candidate.
any effort you might be
willing to make in his
behalf, would be appreciated.

I am sorry it was not
possible to reach you before
this, for I know Mr. B.
is anxious to get located
for next year.

I most attempt to tell
you how much Mrs. Moore
and I enjoyed and appre-
ciated your streamer letters
to us, I and the baby's pictures
!!! - well I'll leave it
all for Mr. M. to do
justice to later on. We
will be pretty much over
the moon until we reach
Bergen about the middle

of September. but I hope
we will be able to write
you at length from that
place.

You will be interested
in knowing that Sitchell
is aboard, and that I
have assisted (?) at daily
dissections of "American
Botanists". He is going
around the world, Java
New Zealand etc. and
will no doubt pick up
some good things - in
more than our sense I
imagine although you
need it quite in the
daily press.

With very best wishes from
us both to you all and I
hope that you will have a
most delightful and
successful winter I am

Very truly yours
George V. Moore

August 31st 1908

My dear Son

You have not given us
your number.

This letter should have reached you on your birth day but the days slipped by faster than I thought. However I hope you will take it as a birthday remembrance even if it does reach you a day later. We wish you every happy return of the 1st of Sept. I was very busy last week cleaning & straightening up things in the house & getting some scrubbers out of the yard so time passed rapidly. It was well I accomplished something for Saturday morning my cook said she must go, had promised to stay a month. At dinner time the boy went out on a message to the store & has not yet returned. It has been his practice to slip off Saturday but heretofore has returned early Monday morning, so now we are without help again, only a boy comes & smokes night & morning, does nothing else. I don't know what will become of this young rascal, all entirely unreliable, we will have to turn when there would be his to do & a chance to get meals from a restaurant without the labor of cooking.

We had a cold Saturday & yesterday morning, this morning was quite hot, real Sept weather, just the sort to take shills. We had quite a disappointment yesterday, didn't Michael's bird within they would all be down to spend the day. Now Father had written asking Mrs. Barnes to please

for us as it was the 5th Sunday, had also invited his brother to come with him as with Rebecca & ourselves it would have been quite a little table full. I had made preparations for dinner altho we had not heard from Mrs. Howard expected a letter every mail & wanted to be prepared. After the first shower ^{Saturday} a message (telephone) came that "Mrs. Harris could not come it had rained", so I saved my goose's neck & it was well I did, for no one came, we could not have made an impression on the fowls & the girl who promised to cook dinner did not come. Instead of a good dinner & ice cream to finish off my, we contented ourselves with candies, raw tomatoes, bread, butter & cake. I am afraid Sister Sally will not come at all now because Lucy will have Miss Lou Harlow from Tuscaloosa with her. I think I wrote you of Fanny, Grabel, Walker & wife being on a visit to Mrs. Collins, they inquired particularly about you, Minnie & baby, that reminds me, what became of the prints? did you send them? & did you get the mustard seed? The Baptists are holding a protracted meeting, the Robinsons girls & sons help out with the service we heard them distinctly last night while sitting on the porch. I am sure the nights will soon be too cool to sit out, I love to sit on the porch at night. Last Monday (today week) I was shocked to learn that Mr. House had dropped dead. A dele had been talking to him on the back porch, he turned from her went into the dining room & fell dead, she was the only person in the house but had been on his ship & some servants

working with my arms the house. Our Father happened to be near
& was called in but death was instant. He came home & I asked him to
take me up to offer my services to stay the night with Adele, she
accepted gladly it seemed, not knowing whether her sister would get
there. Dr. Poole, his wife, & sister did get in after night & we were the
only persons there. Mrs. Brown was in Southland & it was hard to persuade
Mr. Stickney to come to hold services but he did come.

We have good news from Uncle John, they are now in the mountains
of W. I hope he will not hurry home for that meeting of the legislature.
I have not heard from Frank, probably he is at home by this time.
How is my little beauty? still flapping her wings & kicking as much
as ever? Kiss the dear little one for me, how I would like to have a
peep at her, & you all. I suppose you are all beginning to feel spirits
at home now in this new house. I do hope you have found a good
cook to relieve you & Maria of kitchen work. I don't mind getting break-
fast, it is the dinner I dislike, but today I used only my little dollar
kerosene stove, boiled skinned fish, set that off & warmed over corn
fried meat, then scrambled some eggs & then boiled water for the
dishes while we were eating, had cold butter bread, biscuit, loaf bread
& some tomatoes, that is enough to keep me up. I hope I have not
repeated any thing I wrote in my last letter, if so please excuse it, it is so
hard to remember how far back to go. Give my kind regards to Mrs.

Cooke P.S.
Sept. 6th 1903.

Dear Father;-

Yours and Mother's
much interest letters received
some days since, up until today
I have been kept pretty busy from
early till late.

The extra rush was caused by some
assays that had been made on a
property here in the mountain,
in five pounds of ore eighty-five
cents worth of gold was extracted.
so you can see what caused me to
break camp near the River & move near
the excited district.

This district is in a few miles
of a claim at which the first
native copper was found in

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this country - so we are in here
to get some claims to add should
there be any real boom - the gold
is in the rock the whether it was
put there by man or nature no
one can tell at present.

A car of ore has been loaded at
Coeke to be shipped to Denver, and
when the return comes then all
will be known.

From this you can see just why
this is a bad time in which to
leave and especially so if there
is no need positively of my
coming at all, so you need not
expect me at all for the present.
Later on I might take a notion to
come down should the prospect warrant
some. This country develops slowly for
the lack of capital & confidence by

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outside capitalistic, so you can at it
 will be taken an advantage when it comes.
 If I remember correctly, to contest a will
 the party, to the extent has to give bond
 for all expenses that may occur.
 and the amount of the bond would
 hardly warrant the same.

Do you think there is any possibility of
 the register being caught at this late date?
 It is possible that they may be a little
 careless after so long. Reuben I believe
 I would think could be trusted to look up
 some of the property or to at least get some
 hints as to names that might be of
 use.

I think I wrote Mother that I had been working
 on a cotton proposition out near ^{last date} Gibson for an
 Allen City, Co. Their claim was now striking perfect
 trails to Co. of the same city I must close.

Yours off & on
 W. J. Jeffers.

Chicago 4156 Indiana Ave
Sept 8th

My dear Maie

Mother Charlie &

Yourself have written for a long time
As of course I feel anxious to know you
may be sick, & I would always rather
know the truth than be kept in sus-
pense: Agnes is quite sick in bed to-
day with an acute attack of Influenza.
She had a couple of her friends to dinner
Sunday & as one took it not efficient
she sat too long in the main kitchen
& after dinner they all went out strolling
in the cool air of the Parks & she only
more a slight shawl over her shoulders.
Yesterday she felt fresh & today
is quite sick: But it will not be long
before she will be well. Aggie has had
some small measles so Aggie has had

quiet & sleep & I trust will soon
be with you again. Jack, Baby & I have
spent a delightful week on the Lake
at Thair's Beach Hotel. "where there
were 40 guests & they spent the
time merrily & they were all re-
freshed, Aggie had been talking
of wanting to visit you this
month also. but now she will be
"thru" back in her swing set.

Alice was awfully disappointed
she could not go to you & visit. but
also. but she said unless you were
all & needed her she could not afford
the one hundred dollars, which Charlie
did not have. but could have borrowed
if necessary. I know darling you were
disappointed. Alice doesn't always
I have her honest face, & I am
not surprised with an additional
family added to her. I am glad
Alice will spend some time in

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Hankinsville will see Grand
mother, & she will impose her will
very may, I have sent this afternoon
by registered Package parcel
to Miss Maude Louise Duggan &
"Pop & son", which I hope the little
darling will enjoy using for many
a year. The cup she will get later
and I want her to have a handsome
one from her "God Mother". I wish
I could help you with Baby that
clothed! I don't see how you will
have time & strength to sew much,
I should think Mrs. Williams could
help you in that line. Mrs. Bronham
can tell you if she don't will, and
Mr. W. made photo for Mrs. Bronham
last. Dear Charlie I wish he could
have visited us, but as we had no
space room I did not write & urge him
to come for the matter it is hard

for him to sleep in Jack's office,
but should he want to come, we
could move the lounge in the Parlor
& we would all love to have him.
Although your Father cannot,
will have his business here for awhile
I can go to you any time you say
so. But if Aggie can go I would
only be too glad for her & Baby to
make you a visit & friend of
hers that offend a half, safe place
to Columbia; 'Papa' has gone down
town to register the package described
simply to Columbia Mrs. Love of
Prof. Suggs & I must go now
to bid Aggie so good bye my own
darling, Love & kisses to you all
from us all ever your devoted
Mamma"

Sept 9th 1903

My Dear Son

I spent Sunday with aunt Mabelle & left my letters. I hoped she would send them by mail & put off writing, but they have not come & I will do the best I can with my old ones. I hope none of you have been sick. it has been so long since we have heard from you I was afraid you might be, but I hope it has been only a piece of work that has prevented your writing. I suppose College opened on the 1st.

We had such an agreeable surprise last night, our best dinner up to Van Dorn & were late getting in, Fayette stopped us & said Fred had telephoned for your father to meet him at Gallien, the train was late. Fayette announced, and we were riding but he would send John down with Phoebe in the car which he did, wasn't that considerate in our colored friends? But did not get here until 8/2 o'clock but we sat up late & had a good while to talk before he left this morning, he had been to the Cambridge station, returned home today, he is looking well but has not gained much in weight, his voice subject to the same fluctuations, very weak this morning. He left all well at home.

We went Sunday because a Mr. Mabelle was sick, found her in

bed & on the verge of a fever, but your Father began on her at once & cut off the fever, but the medicines nauseated her very much at times. We had not been there any time when Thos sent word his baby was very sick he must come at once, so off he trundled up the hill in the hot sun & had to stay until we had finished dinner, Margaret was threatened with convulsions, he kept them off with Chloroform, when we called on our way home she was looking very bright. Thos has sent for his Mother & she was there. Before we left sister Sally's Baby lay down with a fever, still Lucy was expecting Marie Louise Maule & was fixing for an evening entertainment tomorrow night, they telephoned me today that it would be put off until Thursday evening, we are to go up that morning that I may help them fix. I think we will come home by sunset light, more pleasant than to wait until night day. I have been visiting more times usual lately, spent a day with Adele De Boes, your Father put me out & he went to Van Down. Monday he dropped me at Mrs Beasley's while he had his horse shod at the Taylor place. Yesterday he was to leave me at New John Walter Collins' but we found they were going to Gallens to see Herbert off, so I would not go in, went on to Van Down to get some more old papers to look over. This evening we will call to see Mrs Postels, then I think my visiting will be at an end for some time. This evening I returned from Mrs De Boes we found a note from Mrs Peter James saying if convenient she would like to spend the night with us, you should have seen us

bustling around to straighten up things, I had hurried off that morning & left amiable careless & your Father had all sorts of mislaid things lying around, we managed to reduce things to tolerable order, sent word to Dadie by some one proposing to come over & cook supper, I put my prettiest mats, chairs &c on the table & at last sat down to wait for her, but so much came & as Mrs. James & we had supper, next morning when I was putting up breakfast dishes & had one or very much soiled crockery, she knocked at the door. I had to call to her to walk in & take a seat & I slipped on another as quick as I could & went out, she made a good long visit before tea time as it seems the past week has been full of little experiments for me. We are having real hot days now & the cotton on this land is coming badly, in some places there is a good deal of worm picking is going on regularly.

We are very much obliged to you for the pictures, I was as glad to have Lonnie's to show to Fred. Mrs. Ogden, (Grace Augusta Cox that was) has been making Fanny a long visit, has a little girl about like Lonnie's Fred said, I suppose he must about her age. He's Lonnie keeps well, indeed all of you. It is now visit time & I must get this off, much love to Louisa, baby & yourself

Excuse this writing.

Your devoted Mother.

I neglected to put down the
 dates of my last writing but think it has
 been about a week for I remember I had
 left my spectacles at Danesville & had to
 use my old ones & now am doing the
 same thing, broke my good ones the
 other night as you see had writing, it is a
 great draw back not to have them & had
 on my eyes.
 I was as glad to have your interesting letter
 a few days ago, very sorry Maria does not
 grow stronger but perhaps she will as the
 weather becomes cooler. I wish we had a
 coach, & that you could send her to us to
 practice on, I think your Father a first
 rate Dr., & I can carry out prescriptions,
 he notices such little things & has more
 time to think of his cases than town Drs
 who are rushed. Would not Maria like

the
 with being visited
 are, up to something
 said to him, that might
 the whole relation might
 cost it. It is time to
 in about equal division,
 I am as glad it is
 a little cooler, but
 right I had a chance,
 Miss Maria is the lady
 for me, with much
 love to you all
 Your devoted
 Mother.
 I made a mistake
 in writing on the
 page.

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busy day washing up & putting away my
 best glass & chairs, & silver taken out for the
 dinner. I keep little out for fear of losing it.
 Yesterday afternoon I helped look over Waver's
 Don's papers, my! what a job it is, Waver's
 old letters, & Waver's from the time he was
 at college down to the present, Waver's letters
 (yours uncle) & even Waver's compositions.
 I would pass them over very lightly if I had
 any way, but your Father wants to keep as
 many utterly worthless ones & when they come
 to look for papers in settling the estate he
 will find it a job to go over them again to
 get what he really needs. I do wish Green
 had been made one of the Executors, he
 would fix things up as a breeze, get rents
 &c &c. I had a letter from Sherry this morning
 says he has been very busy, that last week
 was literally a week in the saddle, his
 buggy was at the shop to be mended.
 I think I will enclose Waver's last letter, it gives
 a better idea of what he is doing than any
 we have had, just a piece of plain white
 paper under the writing & you can read it

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& I have a good time if we could arrange it as I would like. Hope the cook proves a good one & is willing to help some with the baby. Mary thanks for the photo, we think them very good, the baby is much admired. I showed her to our eight guests on Sunday to dinner, & Mrs. Botch & Mrs. Wainwright in the evening as she was extensively introduced that day.

It is a pity you are so sick. I hope there will be less to do after a little while when things get straight, but I think you & Fred are always needed, by the way he gave us a pleasant surprise on the 10th, came from Princeton & spent the night, now I may have mentioned this before, if so excuse me. He looks well but not much improved there when he went out. He could not get his ticket extended to go to Columbia.

By this time I hope Ben Robertson has recovered his health, my kind regards to him, I suppose he has dropped vice my for books.

Sunday was our census day, we started

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10 at the table & I was reminded of the good old times when such a thing was not an unusual occurrence, Mr Harris, Miss Malow, Lucy - Charles Wren & wife, Mr John Harris & wife & Rubens, they were all so much home folks that dinner was quite an informal affair & all seemed to enjoy the day, not to say the dinner which made me feel well satisfied with my effort, for it was an effort with Betty Matthews as cook I tried to fix so much with the breakfast cooking. I will give you the menu -

Young Matthews had his course first, pecan nuts in wine glasses with wine poured on them & those put thems of his, to pick them up with hands in the pocket, their appetites were sharpened for my roasted or baked gosling, fried chicken, cashew, tomatoes, peas, rice, corn bread loaf bread, pickle & plum jelly, cold tea & coffee. Lucy Malow helped me clear the table for plum, & dew berry cake & peach ice cream. I wish you & Annie could have been with us. Monday was a

Prairie-Ville, Mo.
Sept 4th 1903.

My Dear Son:—

A change in the weather yesterday invigorates us some. What - yet the midday appears to have its share of Sun-heat, but towards night again there be cool enough for a blanket. Our Mother writes you of the night her hood sews K.C. - our pleasant Company on Sunday. I wrote her one that she even mentioned my "fad" nutr. Farine!! —

The chief subject of my letter today is to enquire partic-
ularly about Marie - I dislike to hear of her continued ill-health, and I am led to believe that si-
nce she is not being treated properly (pretty strong language, isn't it?), never-
theless I think there must be a change for betterment or worsement in this day.

Learn all I can gather from yr
Mother & her continued Complaint and
frequent indisposition, or inability for
exertion compels me to suggest an
other remedy, or method of medi-
cation.

There is a Medical application
& an internal treatment which sh^d
produce better results, & whilst that
treatment is altogether curative without
any consequent harm to the individual
or any special organization, I feel
I should not defer explaining to you or
her regarding it. — It is the internal
use of Kress Glyco-Thymoline Expt.
½ teaspoonful in little water (or wine
glass full, hot water preferable.) three (3)
times daily ½ hour or hour before
meal time. (Other treatment internally
Cod-liver Oil & Maltine as reconstruction.)
Now this same Glyco-Thymoline acts
faithfully as a local application — in
full strength — but would advise
half strength with a small Rubber

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(hard rubber) enema Syringe twice
daily at first & later by Vge.
There is not a possible chance
of systemic or local injury
by anyone with judgement & the
ordinary precautions. I am
exceedingly anxious for her
good, that she may make use
of this treatment for four(4)
weeks & then report how abso-
lutely her condition at the conclusion.
Of course I would emphasize the
importance of keeping the secretions
moderately active with the diet of
Prune juice - Stewed Apples &
such like - or even a Laxative
Pill every other night if required
& drinking plentifully & copiously
of good pure water. I leave this
suggestion to you & Harry, and as my
wife reminds me I must curtail
my paper, I will cut this off at this
period. Love to both of you. Affectionately,
Your Father. *W. J. Suggs*

Dear Mr. [unclear] to him one.
The plantation tells
me saying it is
time to plant my
beans for this
year & the lady for
you, with mine
I hope for you all &
kind regards to the
Robertson
Yours truly
W. L. D.
Sept. 23rd 1908.
By your defects
I have written
now as being.

It is nearly eleven o'clock & I
am just through with my evening work
(but this was a humming day & it took me
longer to get through) & hope to have no interrup-
tions until my letter is finished, I am a day or
so late with my weekly but have had such
unexpected things to happen that I have
been unable to write sooner. I enjoyed your
letter very much yesterday, am so glad you
are feeling a little better, it is very hard to
be so absent as long, especially this cool
weather which I presume gives you an appetite,
it does me. I was ashamed of this dinner
I ate yesterday but was real hungry.
It is a fine thing for you that the cook
likes to help with the baby & I hope she will
continue to. Do you think she is trying to
say for you, how sweet she must be. What
because of the two little Bens said she

threatened you with some trouble. I know
 they were thorough. I know Ben looked fine
 in his cap & gown & you were proud of him
 too. I don't ^{it} seem to have as much gaiety
 at the opening of a college. Miss Sears
 looked to me as if she would run a club
 or any thing else, but you know that is
 always the way, some one person takes the
 lead & keeps going from one thing to another
 until they think they must control every
 thing; it is the case in church matters & all.
 It is very pleasant to have congenial neigh-
 -ors & I am glad you are so situated & that
 you like the house so much. I would like to take
 a peep at you all. I sometimes think I should
 have postponed my visit until fall but going
 when I did achieved one of a warm sunneth in
 the kitchen I can ^{stand} cooking better now. We
 have had no fever lately, except about the
 same but I don't mind that much.
 Sunday we took a lunch & then drove up to
 New Haven & found them at dinner, of course
 they invited us and joining them, but we
 only took some drink & I a cup of hot

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fortune, Sister Sally said she was feeling
 much stronger & better so was much surprised
 Monday morning to receive a telephone message
 that she was taken sick in the night & wanted
 the Dr. I hurried & got ready to go rather late &
 it was well I did for when we arrived she
 was in a state of congestion, & without saying
 off any blood I went to work to get her water,
 opened a mustard plaster, & then rub her
 for about one hour, Dr. D. gave chloroform
 internally, at once, & then let her inhale it for
 at least three quarters of an hour before the
 spell was over, Amy was scared to death, did not
 know where anything was, & made a connection
 you never saw. Sister S. was perfectly conscious
 but suffering intensely, her fingers & wrists were
 twisted around & perfectly rigid she said
 they felt as if being twisted off. I never saw
 such a case, if we had been 10 minutes
 later I believe she would have died.

Dr. left her with her & he came home at
 night & went up for me yesterday, we returned
 home late in the evening leaving her in a

very good condition & I hope she will soon
be well again. Lucy's friend left yesterday so
that will be a relief, she made such an
effort to have everything nice & pleasant for
her, company, when she should have been
asleep in bed.

You can't imagine how sweetly the mocking
birds are singing this evening, trying themselves,
the sun is bright & warm now but the
nights are very cool. Everything in this neighbor-
hood is quiet as can be, the farmers all busy
gathering their crops. The corn & hay crop is very
fine but cotton will not turn out as well as
expected, for Maria's benefit I will say Reuben
has packed only 10 bales, has been over his crop
once & half again, he is gathering his corn.
We have not heard from Jack since the
night he spent with us. Henry writes he is
very busy.

9-23-03 Johnny is expected home the 1st of Oct. he
is much improved by the trip.

I am so glad we are to have 2 services in
a month until bad roads come, Sunday will
be our afternoon service, the preacher's car

his place. Your father rode all yesterday morning to find some one, as we had said he would be here this morning to take the job but no sight of her yet they are certainly the most unreliable people on the globe. How does your new cook do?

I suppose you are as busy as ever & keep them. Your sister dear tell me if you gained on the last dinner. Every one says I am looking as well that I thought I must be gaining flesh rapidly as I was weighed, & what do you think it was, 80 or a greater pounds - I thought I was fatter but it is not as with me - As it seems I am to continue it that work & our stove is as out of fix, we have written to make inquiries about a "blue flame" kerosene stove & if I think I can manage it I think we will get one, it will do away with the labor of cleaning the stove & making the fire, & is said to be a great saving in the way of fuel. I must light my letter now & let the poor cook know, started them with breakfast -

I wish I had not seen any one, I forgot

and had evening services Sunday & a right good little congregation thanks to the baptists, our number is small, Mrs Collins is in Birmingham & Mrs De Bevoise has but one horse & can't get out, our good friend Mrs Stewart used to call & offer to bring her & Mr Hauser to church, but there is no one to do that now.

Mrs & Miss Colls came down Sunday to see the afflicted families, called here a little while on their way home, they are both looking very well, much improved by their visit to Edith & the coast, chases & fishing home in Mobile. Miss Annie (Mrs Stoddard) has a little girl & Frank a boy so Mrs Colls has 5 grand children, Miss Annie continues to live with them.

Aunt Melville is improving, I want him to spend some days with me, think the change will help her. I came cook for 3, as well as 2. Monday George & Ethel goes to London on their well business. I think I will go with him as far as New Rochelle, he can stop

for me coming back. I wish he could have
 gone this week & had the benefit of the moon
 if belated. That will be the 5th anniversary
 day, 34 years, how time flies - Don't you think
 you will feel quite aged when you have been
 married that long? How are Maria & the baby,
 is it she growing more interesting every day?
 I have been trying to see a little in between
 times, tell Maria I have just finished a sight
 pretty wrapper, but was about 10 days on it.
 Reuben did not come down Sunday. Mr Davis
 went with Blancher as far as Montgometry (he
 has gone out teaching) said he sent Fred in
 Montgometry & several of the Auburn Prof were
 there, they had something they wanted the
 Legislature to do, this is their last chance for
 four years. I have not heard very lately from
 the other boys.

Aunt Vindicator is again disappointed in
 getting a teacher, two ladies promised to
 come & changed their minds. I don't see why
 they can't make up their minds to send
 Rich off to school. Did you ever think any