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New Southern Hotel
MILLS FAUGH & CO
PROPRIETORS.

Meridian, Miss., Tuesday P.M. 1905

My own Darling -

Just a line to
tell you of my wonderful love and
of our safe arrival. Bobbie has been
a blessing - just too sweet for words.
In my way, too - she was afraid
to go chair-chain on the train so
each time waited until we reached
the hotel before allowing herself instead
of putting her pants! Father meets
us at the train as we were late
half an hour. He is my old and
loves truly. We came right up to
the Southern and after getting bathed
and rested Father took me to
see the City, bought us ice cream
and took us out for a lovely car
ride. Then we came home to find

supper and after ~~chatting~~ a little
while I put Baby in bed & am now
writing to the Blue Dove Nest. Baby
cannot order to remain in bed
and is now sitting, eating & com-
municating & adorning her toes in
the chair next me. We have had
good weather and a pleasant trip
in any particular. Of course it was
a hard day & party yesterday, but
I am going to try & forget that part
of it & enjoy myself from now on.
Baby talks of you constantly. Every
one notices her. Father says she is
the image of you & promises me your
fortune at her age. He says she shall
have her own Bess.

Baby sends you a sweet kiss and
just as she does likewise. Oh my
heart how I love you. You are
sweeter than cane syrup to me
& now I must say Bye Bye before my eye
shut tight. I am to sleep and love you.

Please dear Mrs. Duggan - I enclose herewith
this German
stamp & want
to know how
much it costs
to send a letter
from Berlin to
New York.
I have been
thinking of you
very much lately
and have been
intending to
send you a card
Post-Card from
Montpellier. But
you know how
easy it is to put
off until a more
convenient moment.
I am so glad
you are pleasantly settled.
Mr. Jisse had his heart quite fixed
on having a little apartment that
he, two others & ourselves could
not succeed in finding
what we wanted near the Uni-
versity. So we are living in a
Pension just as we did in
München. We find Berlin more
expensive than München &
had to search quite a while before we
finally located ourselves. We are
within fifteen minutes walk of the
University & the house is beautiful.

Pension Gerling
 Wilhelm Str. 49^{III}
 Berlin, Germany

Duggan: You do not

and I was to receive

24m a gradual

been intending to

card Post-Rescue
L. A. How

but off until a more

moment. I am so glad
to see the ship.

Heart quite fixed

little apartment - that

to ourselves, but we
could in finding

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Find Berlin more

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to a whole, before we
find ourselves. For an

minutes walk of the

house is beautifully

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Clean & neat. It is kept by English
ladies who are really very nice people
& they also speak German. But
they have a young woman
who comes to the house & takes
her meals in return for speak-
ing German at table & an hour
after dinner with those who
wish to learn. At present only
a Swedish student seems to be
trying to improve his German
besides Mr. Jesse. So those three
converse & I listen. We took board
here for a month - have been here
two weeks - but I think we will
stay as it is so hard to find just
what we want. Indeed, with my
tendency for "the blues" I think it
is better for me here than to
be so much alone as I should
be if we had an apartment house.
I have not said so to Mr. Jesse
because I want him to do what
he likes best. Miss Kerr is in Berlin
we had the opportunity to take a
room in the same house but
it was so far away from the
University that it was not to be thought

of. We are conveniently located
for everything nearby, except
the American Church - which
is half an hour away on the
Car. It convenes about all
the day to go to Church twice.
Still we find it very attractive.
Suppose you are having beau-
tiful sunny weather. I almost
envy you. We had the sun to-
peak out for a few hours on
three consecutive days, part of
each day being very cloudy &
the people were all talking
about its being "Heavenly weather"
that they had never seen a
fall like it - in dead earnest.
It seems very strange. The weather
is extremely depressing to
me, but as they say you can
expect nothing else in Berlin
in winter, we have concluded
that we will have to make our
own sunshine. I do not enjoy
Berlin as I did München but

I hope as time goes on, I shall
like it better. The streets are so
crowded with cars & vehicles
of all kinds that it keeps one
nervous in crossing the streets.
I don't think any where it is more
than just at the corner below
us on Leipziger Strasse. We have
happened here just at the time
when they are beginning this
new experiment of exchanging
professors with the United States.
Prof. Peabody of Harvard is here
lecturing in the University, & one
of their professors is lecturing at
Harvard - Prof. Osmond (or Ostrwald)
is his name. The emperor attended
the first lecture Prof. Peabody delivered
& we were fortunate enough to get
tickets to it. Then we were invited
to the University dinner given
in his honor. & really had a
much better time than I expected
to. Prof. Brandt the prof of English
Literature took me out to dinner
on the other side from

1905-07
The great Biblical Scholar
Prof. Harnack who also could
speak some English. There
were over forty at table. The
American Ambassador his wife
the Peabody family (father
mother, daughter & niece) & our-
selves were the only Americans.
It was a beautiful dinner
given at the Kaiserhof. The
Peabodys are disposed to be
very kind & friendly. I saw
the entry of the King of Spain
from their gallery on Unter
den Linden. Dr. Alstedt is
here & also Dr. Kauffmann who
was at one time a professor
in the University of K^önigsberg.
He took luncheon with them
a few days ago at the Kaiser-
hof. His mother is a perfectly
charming old lady. But I

believe Dr. Kauffman was there
before your day was with her. He
was a great society man, fond
of giving "pink teas" &c. I've
no doubt you have heard of
him. But she seems to be quite
an elegant old lady. Mr. Jesse
& I had intended to begin sight
seeing some in the mornings
of this week. But he has man-
aged in some way to take a
violent cold. He staid in bed
until lunch time & really ~~could~~
have remained there all day
but I can't do anything with
him he insists that he is going
to lectures this afternoon as
usual. All of his lectures come
in the afternoon. Very after-
noon from 4-6 & some other
days one at three. The morn-
ings he wanted to leave for
for examining the University

Laboratories, library &c. & for the
collections of the City. We enjoyed
Venice so thoroughly. It is quite un-
like anything else I think and
we saw the most gorgeous sun-
set one day. I shall always be
glad to look back to it. We met
an artist on the boat next
day and Mr. Jesse spoke of the
Sunset & he said it was a
very rare one. That he had
lived there for fifteen years
& had rarely seen one like
it. And just as good fortune
would have it we were just
in a position to see it beauti-
ful. We stopped for a day at
Verona & at Bolzano on our way
to München. We reached there
Saturday night & so attended Sun-
day twice & took dinner with the
McCrackens. But after that I was
out of the house for the three
days I was there. which was
a great disappointment as I
wanted very much to go to the
Alte Pinakothek & to Schaeffer's Studio

but the weather was frightful
so I staid indoors. Thursday
we went to Nuremberg & on
Saturday to Prague & then on
to Dresden, where we had some
of most delightful days. Fran-
lin Rein was there & we went
to see things together. I also
found there some of our fellow
passengers on the "Rein" - It was
very pleasant to see them
again. One of the ladies is com-
ing to Berlin about the 15th of
Dec. & wants to come to this
Pension. At least she asked me
to write her a card when we
were settled, in order that she
might be with us. Have you heard
the football news from home?
They had won the games with
Simpson, Rola & Haskell, when
I last heard. I hope they will keep
it up. But you don't know how
much relieved I will be when
the Thanksgiving game is over.
I felt for a while as if I just could
not stand having Richard play
this year & several times I debated with

myself if I should not ask him
not to play this year. But I could
never quite bring myself to the
point of depriving him of the
pleasure. But it is rather painful
for the others to have him away
so much. You see when he plays
he takes his meals at the dining
table. & I know how we miss
him when we were all there.
& then too I confess I have internal
shivers when I think of what
might happen to him in any
game. They all seem to be very
well so far. & the conditions
in the home were much more
favorable when I last heard.
no new cases of fever for a long
time. And there had been no deaths
except one, early in August &
that was a colored boy who insisted
on working while he had the
fever. In that respect we have
something to be thankful for.
The enrollment perhaps has suf-
fered but not so much as one
would have expected. While we

as great an increase as we
had a right to expect still it
is ahead of the ^{involvement of the} same time last
year. Harb' from Dr. Jones had
at times! - with the firm & the execu-
tive Board so disabled! - You
know Mr. Dells was down with
Sciatica, as well as Mr. Williams
having fever. He is better they
say, though he had a relapse
after he went home. When Mrs.
Williams wrote me that he was
so anxious to come home that
they were going to bring him just
as soon as it was safe. I felt like
begging her not to move him too
soon. But of course I knew ^{my}
little would not get them in
time to do the least good. How I
wish it might have happened
that we could have been together
this winter. But I am very thankful
for all the pleasure that we have
had in meeting you and the
others from home. I feel that it
is very ungrateful to get blue as I
sometimes do & I try with might &
main to fight against it. With kind
est regards to the family & my self
to you & Dr. Duffan I am, some times, truly
yours, some times, truly
yours, some times, truly

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Friday morning

Dear Marie

Please write me if there is
any particular kind of breakfast food
Louise prefers or special things you would
rather have for other meals. I want her to
have what she is accustomed to, that she
may not get sick. I will write me a few
lines about it if you have not time for
more. It is mail time - I am ~~so~~ glad you
are coming, good bye for this present
Bonne nuit Mother.

Only now one of these ^{fragment} is regarding
to Max. She has little blue and
pink apron that I bought for her
already made that she wears one
them and they look as pretty as little
light dresses. Her little Bloomers and
red sweater, too, have been invaluable
and now as the little toboggan cap is long
nice piece she has a bonnet like
red hat to wear with it shaped like
this with a red pom-pom  everyone
notices her on the street and in
the hotel and she is becoming a regular
little coquette.

I see in The Herald that the board
of curators are going to ask Roosevelt to
attend the next Commencement. Wouldn't
that boom Columbia! Mrs. Jease writes
that she & Dr. Jease will return in
May - I suppose they don't want to
miss another Commencement.

So "Bob" sent you more caramels!
Ben thinks it a big joke and we
wish we could share them with you.
I think of you so often, you and
darling Daddy and long to be with
you all the time. I missed more than

course the Esplanade was swarming with people. Whenever there is sunshine you can see people in the parks.

I am afraid my letter is very uninteresting but nothing has happened worthy of a note since we returned from Lyons. Saturday afternoon I spent in the Museum looking again at the pictures. Besides the collection of paintings there are hundreds of drawings one of them an exquisite madonna by Raphael. Yesterday I heard a lecture on fortified architecture interestingly illustrated with views of Carcassonne and Bismarck's forts and the Chateaux of Pierrepoint, Colmar, Lot, Gaillard etc. At the end of the lecture the students all clap and the Prof makes a bow & then goes out the students waiting until after he has passed instead of rushing pell-mell as we do in America.

I do hope, dearest, that you have entirely recovered from your cold. I was afraid of that kind of medicine especially when I saw in the paper Mother sent us at the time what storms there were at that time. Do take good care of yourself of dear & addykins.

I see Mr. Furlong has had an article in the December (I think) number of the Metropolitan Magazine on Kairouan the holy city which is in Algeria or Libinia and is illustrated by him. Will it be too much trouble for you to buy it for me and send it to us? We may go there while we are in Algeria & I should like so much to have his article. Don't throw away any magazine that you have read, but send it to me, slowly & read one. Here I read nothing but French. Twice our American friend has lent me the Review of Reviews for which we bless him. Do write soon, both of you dearest of parents to your own adoring
Marie

New sends you both much love & Lucie many kisses which you will find in each corner of this letter.

words can tell our preparations
for Xmas together. How I wish that
some year all the family and every
grandchild can come and take
Xmas dinner with us. Wouldn't it
be have a jolly old time?

I am going to write to-day for
the Robinsons coat of-arms till
dear Daddy. I wish Mr. Landee
would write me about Uncle John's
painting but he hasn't answered
my letter yet.

Did you ever get your letter from
the Dead Letter Office which I note
you saw advertised in the Columbia
Herald? I hope it was from some of
the ladies and contained a money
order for your which arrived in time
for New Year.

The weather is very mild here.
We have had a good deal of rain since
we have been back but Sunday was
fine & we spent the afternoon at
the park at Palawan and yesterday
was ideal. I never saw such a
beautiful day in January. Of

[1905?]
Grand Hôtel Continental

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my dear Papa,

I had a
good time last
night. I miss you
and I will be so glad
when you come
home. Mr. De la Roche
made me a gift of a lantern
out of an orange. I love

your Papa,

OK
Your little girl
Marie Louise

[1905?]

Dear Mrs Sluggar -
Many thanks
for the. Dainty pretty
gift - and the thought
of me. I have not
yet had courage to
go to see you tonight
we miss you so much
please do tell me why

to poor minority folk, what
do you think of the many
Candidates - Mrs Jones of Iowa
would shine as Madame
Pep - but her husband
would very soon follow
Uncle Mch. I told Anne
how very kind, despotic
the hard times so many
beautiful hand made
gifts - I want you hear

we cant have the
people we live with
us? Such an up
soon as poor Hottel
Jesse resignation
did came - and
the return of A Cross
Bill - well on one
point we all agree
at least - old Andrew
did the white act
may be live on
doing good turns

to "stop you". Amelia
and Elizabeth both
took a sick turn before
Christmas now are
chaper again. Love
my love to your Mother
remember me to your
Father Please don't
let the children
forget us - Wish you
your a joyous New
Year - and great
happiness in the
New Home - your
devoted friend
A P W Ledyard

1895

Dear Ben - It gives me great
pleasure to note that you have had
such favorable opportunities
for travelling. But a mere
stay in Vienna was not equal
to expectations. Looking back
over the past few years you have
been quite a traveller, and for
Marie & the little one continue
to keep pace with your guidance.
They also will become almost
Gypsies. Fred & Harry are about
to follow your initiation and when
last heard from were at Cornell or
Iowa. We hope the trip may develop
in a contrary way - benefit or crash.

Indecently more a man than a dog
 up to cushion his nervous system and
 Harry's adipose needs diminishing in
 a like proportionate degree. Harry has
 no color, that is his fatness is not good
 but of the flabby immuscular variety
 which does not invite grace of movement
 or healthy activity.

The past week was one much troubled
 by the farmers - raining nearly every day and
 no chance to fight grass. Reuben looks very
 despondent, he could not imagine there would
 ever occur such a stagnation of labor even
 when cash in hand is refused, the consequence
 of course, is but few can hold out in
 such barren competition. As I predicted
 the price is fairly butting itself along, without
 much attention being paid to the bullheads
 of buyers. To think of it, with Capital a
 man could have retired 3 months ago &
 made 15 dollars a bale by the 10th of July.
 I doubt very much if Cotton can stay down to
 10 cents, & $7\frac{3}{4}$ in December with an inquiry at
 the back of it. The crop of corn in this
 section was far as I can ascertain well

about 70% of the last season's yield.
 Tell me this is a picture of "Toa" my dog, poor
 fellow between the hot weather & the grass he goes badly
 to work, much better than I am limited to one sheet
 for notes as written voluminous. Love & good night to all. Affly to Father
 21st July 1860

