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5th East Hotel
Salt Lake City
March 3, '06

Winnie dear! -

This is Blanche's birthday
so I'll celebrate by sending you
the letter I've written so many times
in my thoughts. Mrs. Parsons asked
me to send you a list of my
wedding presents, so I've copied
it for you. I only wish I could
have sent a detailed description
of every thing or better yet, that
you could see them all now
while they are new - I surely had
quantities of beautiful presents -
we have been in Salt Lake
four weeks tomorrow and the time
has been full of happiness - I
have hardly had a moment
moment, there have been so
many nice things done for me -
but I haven't had time!
I know three people whom I

came - Mr. ²⁻Chinn (they ^{MAR 31 '06} accent
the last syllable out here) Mrs.
Kimball - her son is at college
in Durham and she visited us
there last fall - and Mrs. Wheeler,
a Columbia classmate who has
charge of the Domestic Science work
at the University here - There I had
met Mr. Stange (the other partner)
in New York - There were all
entering wedges and have been
good as gold to me so that
with Ed's funds I've had my
time filled full - There have
been dinners, suppers, theater
parties, card parties, clubs,
luncheons etc until I've
nearly worn out all my new
clothes - Mrs. Wheeler gives a
luncheon for me today and I
am looking forward to it with
great glee -

so far we have boarded, but we
 are both sick and tired of it
 and have taken a furnished flat
 for three months where we can
 keep house - There is a contract
 on up in Wyoming and we
 may be up there this summer
 so we do not wish to furnish
 a house and be tied down - The
 work is in the valley of the
 Big Horn and will take us
 through the Yellowstone our
 route - if we go - Blanche
 is planning to visit us this
 summer and I have visions
 of having her along for that
 trip but my dreams may
 all be busted - Cousin Nell
 Piper of Lowell, is going to
 California next summer too, &
 I shall have a visit from her -

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Salt Lake City is surprising me
happily at every turn - It is
even so much nicer than I had
dared hope it might be and I
really think it is the best
situated and most beautiful
of any city I know - The most
time wins are beyond description -
the streets are very very wide
and lined with beautiful trees,
the houses are homes and are
not crowded together or built
too near the street - there does
not seem to be any slum district
and there are all the pleasures
of a large town and a city in
combination - I think the future
is very bright for Zion - of the
world will let the questions
of Mormonism alone - The only

MAR 3, 1966

selection is education and
more "gentiles" - The latter
are kept away by the fuss
over the question - I do not
think that polygamy is a
serious question any more and
whatsoever will the W.C.T.U.
people do when the last of
the old women die, as they
are fast doing, who live with
plural wives -

Fannie must be a big girl
now! I was delighted with the
picture of her and her dear
mother - It was almost like a
glimpse of the real people - I
wonder when I shall see you
again - I am beginning to
doubt if I shall be able to go
to Fanny's wedding - It comes
too soon and it is so terribly far

but I intend to be in New ^{Mar 1900} Hampshire
the next summer. I have to walk!

We had a fine visit with
the Bromards in Indianapolis
where we came out - They are
eagering to catch you in prison
and I know would be very
glad to hear when you are
to go through - Their address
is 5448 University Ave -

Livingston, Indianapolis - They
have a fine boy and seem to
be very happy in their new
home -

In Chicago we saw Agnes
and her family and Charlie -
We were there with Hoese for
several days and Agnes had
us all at her house to supper
Sunday night - She is just
as lovely as ever and her
children are beautiful - the
baby is simply perfect!

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But I must stop this - Your
two letters have been more than
welcome and I hope you'll send
another soon - I want to know
when you are coming home
and how long you will be in
Durham. I am so glad you
are leaving this lonely year but
I wish it had come at some
other time, so that I could have
lead you in Durham last December!

With words of love to you,
a kiss for Louise and warm
regards for the Duggan -

As ever your devoted
Arlie -

My mail will always reach
me if sent to

307 Dorsey Block

Salt Lake City -

hand painted plate Lawson Mar 3, 06
 fancy work bag Miss Nelson (Potsdam)
 butter fish " Sigvor "
 " " Eleanor Hatch
 soup ladle Haver fine
 game set Comacis & Deneriths
 picture Thompsons
 sugar spoon Misses Dewey / Haver
 travelling bag Deneriths
 picture Haver fine
 hand painted plate Miss Davis (at the college)
 Russian nut bowl, nut picks & cracker Lillie Hayes
 books Davisons / Haver
 cutglass knife sets Edith Barr (Potsdam)
 bon bon dish Wabers (So. Brunswick)
 silver creamer & sugar bowl Corries in Helena Mt
 1/2 doz butter spreader May Clarke
 center piece Wabel Bunker
 #5 " Aunt Lizzie "
 silver fork Corries in Florida
 bon bon spoon Miss Rutledge (Potsdam)
 sugar tongs Miss Rawell
 pin & spoon Seaman
 picture Taylor
 silver dish Miss Marshall

silver almond dish Hughes (Hansmer)
 Mar 2, 66
 tattle & tongue Nerves
 cases for silver Mrs Brown
 fern dish Mrs Morgan & Mr Whiskey
 bone table Hays
 Chinese plate Sprague
 picture of Rembrandt Walter Pratt
 bon bon dish Mr Farnell
 " " Laine Wilkins (N.Y.)
 1 doz china plates covers in Vatik
 2 Chinese cases Japan Pellets
 lettuce fork Ulysses Cady
 bon bon dish Mrs Brumham
 " " Mrs Taggall (Potterdam student)
 " spoon Giffords
 cream ladle Mrs Lovell (S. Newark friend)
 nephew ring Hansmer girl friend
 brush & comb Swatts
 seagull cups Ireland Kimball
 Bonbon Weeds
 2 doz dainties & centerpieces Hazens (New York)
 bon bon dish Mrs Tuxbury (Mrs Twell)
 silver sugar & creamer Mrs H. Smith
 bon bon dish Cassin James Adams
 spoon for olives George Peck (N.Y.C.)
 silver dish Pillsbury (Trustee)

cold meat or salad fork Mrs Tallamy (Exeter)
 table spoon Miss Brown (U.S.C.)
 pie server W.H.C. girls
 for blankets the girls
 salt dishes Woods
 dishes Miss Clarke (Potsdam)
 cut glass salad bowl Stanley Matthes
 asparagus fork Mrs Hitchcock (Haverhill)
 1/2 doz spoons Tim Hunt
 back (W.S. Aldrich, Potsdam
 clamping dish)
 crumblers Barnards
 sugar spoon Fuller (Haverhill)
 bon bon spoon Mrs Chambers (N.Y.)
 sugar spoon Wothers
 fancy bag Cousin Em Emerson
 Turkey table cover " Frances Bailey
 bon bon dish (on stand) Timothies (Haverhill)
 tea service (3 pieces) Gibbes
 salt dishes Dr Mrs Frost (Haverhill)
 center piece Mrs Fred Smith (Mary Matthes)
 bon bon dish Mrs Matthes & Ray
 picture of baby Smith & Grandmother Matthes
 beautiful lace handkerchief Mrs Kimball (Salt Lake)

Mar 30 1911

chest of table silver from Washburn High School
 knives, forks, tea spoons, table spoons,
 dessert spoons, butter spreaders, &
 soup spoons from the Pettie family
 sugar spoon & butter knife Bryant (Conn)
 two beautiful hand painted plates Fanning (Calif)
 brass Chinese tea bottle Helen Wilbur (N.Y.)
 coming set Sanderson
 knife rest Clara Blanford
 books Mrs. Ellen Weston (Potsdam)
 sugar tongs - Alice Chase (2 Brewster family)
 cold meat fork Anna Hager (Haverhill)
 gold thimble Christine Nelson (flower girl)
 candle sticks 2 Potsdam girls (students)
 cut glass bon bon dish Potsdam (Teale near)
 tea strainer Mrs. Ed. Griffiths
 1/2 doz coffee spoons Bracketts (Potsdam)
 doilies Mrs. Butterfield
 spoon wheel Clara Applegate (N.Y.)
 salt cups (silver) Eastman's (Exeter)

Mar 2, 86

1/2 doz Venetian glass sheet glasses
Dr. Wm. Scoboria

silver looking dish Will. Poyer & Aunt Christie

1 doz cut glass finger bowls & 1/2 doz almond dish
Blanche, Mrs. Mervine Wm. Stone

pr towels, Mrs. Bickford

book Mr. Phelps (Dorchester)

candelabra Wm. Wm. Parsons

2 cushion clothes Mrs. Gray (Potsdam)

bon bon dish Alice Don

" " Gerlie Green

large china dish Mrs. Grant

candelabra Prof. Wm. Rane

silver candle sticks Read's

cucumber server Mary Bartlett

bread dish (Kaysen's) Mrs. Forest Smith

stock Rene Young

mirror Mrs. Twisted Davis

1 doz Haberdash plates De Mervine

1 pr towels Mrs. Chas. Hager (Haver)

picture Florence Huletison (New York)

salt spoon Emma Foster (Haver)

Traveller's companion - ^{Mar 3, 06} Cousin
 cuffs collar & front for dress of Cherry Lane
 Uls. Craig
 picture (Uls. friend)
 Japanese dishes Cousins in Japan
 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz silver tea spoon Satt Lake friend
 hand painted fruit dish " " "
 Cor bon spoon " " "
 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz tea spoon " " "
 1 " coffee " " " "
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bouillon " " " "
 salad bowl & plates " " "
 pair cushion Agnes
 cold meat pot Potsdam friend
 Silver almond dishes " " "
 tapestry for pillow " " "
 silver mirror
 " nail file
 " nail polisher
 " velvet brush
 to match comb & brush Uls
 small game men

We must have had the last end of it for about two
o'clock at night there was such a snow & wind storm
with us, that I was afraid to go to bed until it subsided
somewhat, the storm in Windsor was about 6 o'clock &
the damage was done in 15 minutes. The same night
Dr Ross Whitfield was driving from his plantation to his
home in Danvers, he did not reach home that night,
next morning he was found sitting at the foot of a tree
dead (leaning on the tree) his horse & buggy were tied
near by, we have heard no particulars, whether he was
kicked & got out of his buggy, or whether he went under
the tree as a protection from the snow; he might have
been struck by lightning - But I must not make
any letter a chapter of accidents but thank you for
yours. I am right ^{glad} you will not leave your apartment, I
think you must have more of a home feeling than there is
a pension. We were very sorry to hear you were not well & had
been suffering with colds, I do hope you have had no return.
Have ask your Father's remedy - the best thing he ever tried

was blowing chloroform in the ear, I think you are the
very one he wished once with it, you was too small to
remember perhaps. Now let me see if I can tell you how
to blow in the chloroform. Have a piece of cord, or any
small tube, tie a small piece of cotton with a thread, & put
the thread through the tube drawing in the little plug of
cotton right tight at the end, the string of cotton being
out at the other end, have a piece of thin cotton laid
over the ear, drop 2 or 3 drops of chloroform on the little plug
of cotton, hold it in the ear & blow through ^{the string of} the tube or cord,
the warm chloroformed breath stops the pain, the thin piece
of cotton is to prevent the chloroform touching the skin.
I wish I could help Maria with her 'spains.' How does she
dance tonight, altogether in colored dresses, or does she wear
white, or does she wear? I have often heard the French
people needed excitement, I reckon that is where Maria has
French blood shows out, & the reason she can't stay quietly at
home. The idea of the Carnival lasting so long! That sounds
very silly, could he had to be the old man of the house &
take care of things while the three young ones went to
Nassau House. He was in profile the week before our leaving,

purchased a residence lot in a very desirable part of
the city, a corner lot with pavement & coping, ^{each} lot \$250.
for this lot, was just ahead of a \$250 dollars offer, says now
he will take a little breathing spell before he does any thing
more, he could borrow money at 6 per cent to put up a house
that would rent for more than the interest on the money.
He says this is an invest merit. If he should like to settle
in Mobile, at any time there would be no trouble about a house,
& I think if he ever marries it will be a vestibule first.
At last I have a letter from Wm. he says "our proprietors are
doing fine as can be I do not know exactly how to interpret
that, but suppose he is prospering, says they have not done much
with "the case" have been waiting a month for some treaty from
St. Louis. The pigs raised in the snow are some of them as high
as his knee, raised mostly on Alfalfa hay. Fred turned him
that he is such an Alfalfa man. Benton left home early
Saturday morning to get some plants I bought for him was to
return in time to set them out that evening but the creek was
so high he had to wait on the other side until it came down &
the next day he was with after dinner as he stayed until we went
quitting evening & carried his plants. That he is again will keep
the roads bad for some time yet. Send me a page from your next

planting of potatoes, or any
thing else. 12 o'clock, you
father has gone as it might
be a little, he will
be home before
I write - I will have a
long day with I think
I have to talk to me, just
a few for her & much for
to you
I have written
Mother.

March 12th 1906.

I watched for your letter several days &
would hardly say I was very glad to get it last night,
& to hear you were all well, & Louise so happy would it
I like to hear her singing to herself! Is she tried to use
some French in talking, it reminds me of how we
used to do at school, mix French & English. I think it
a very good idea for you to go to the Hotel at noon
instead of night, have often wondered if Louise was not
asleep before the dinner hour. I don't imagine French camps
are much of a loss, as I have heard they were very
there. You seem to be just having your winter - is not it
unusual we have not had a snow this winter, only
one sleet I think. Those pictures must have been very
interesting to you & Marie. Louise must be a model of
patience to be quiet as long with a book of pictures. I

imagine how earnest she looked cutting the pictures
out of a paper, when with us she had such a grave
earnest look, as like you when a child.

I should think Colverton would find it hard to take care
of 2000 students, I am glad you think of returning in
July, you can come & stay with us until you can get the
use of your house in Colverton, would not I be happy to
have you all!

Since my last writing your Father has had grip, nearly
all last week he kept very close & complained a great
deal but he has been attending to his work the last few
days, since the grip made him so weak & he seemed
incapable of making an effort, but it takes mighty little to
do that. ^{Monday} ~~Friday~~ he was feeling very badly but had to go to
Winchester to fix up some carpets for Fred. I sent for John
to hitch up the cart for him, he went over some terrible
road. I begged him when he went to do all that day but
he did not fix up but one carpet & was to go again
today (he never will go straight through with a job) it is
so stormy now I fear he will not go, & Fred is in such a
hurry for the carpet for his sitting room floor, says the

millinery has given away all at once. This will clean
out the old carpets there. Fred spent the day after he
left us (a very damp disagreeable one) out on the
Experiment farm & at Mr Burmford's place, the evening
before was a severe attack of rheumatism in his neck
& shoulder was confined to the house some days, much
relieved when he wrote, I am so easy he has had rheuma-
tism, may have a return. Yesterday Benbow stopped by a
few minutes on his way to Mitchellton, would not wait
for dinner so I gave him a lunch & fixed one for him to
put in his pocket for supper, there are no provisions up
there. I hate for him to be riding over such dreadful
roads, the Lanesville road is so bad that he had to get
off his horse & walk on the clouds, leaving his horse to
beats and almost bottomless. I hoped he would be with
us today but it is so cloudy & stormy he hurried on
back. Yesterday was over an over day but Mr Harris did
not come, Mrs Collins not finding him at the church
dove around here, she said she would not have come if
she had known what bad holes there were in front of

over lot, going back she walked over them. I was very
glad she came, wanted to see her about some work
for the Guild, will try to get our members to work for a
Bazaar in Dec, we must begin early for there are a few
of us. One article a month made by each lady would
make a nice little number by Dec. I have begun on a
beaded center piece. Reuben says in December ~~some~~
Bertha John in Barnstable Saturday, he was looking very
thin & badly; no, there is no hope of permanent improve-
ment with him.

I think I have not heard from Henry or Warr since
I wrote you last Monday. Tom letter was 16 days coming,
an unusually long time, the longest time has been 14 days,
some times they come in 12 days. Tell Louise our two little
bears are growing fast, I wish she could see them
running & jumping around. I have been doctoring sick-
ness, picked up our quills for good I thought, administered
"col. trispartite" several times & now she is doing well. About
this time every year our food dies that way, apparently
congestion. We have not had enough care shown to make
our garden grow much & another winter will prevent this

PM. 1906

12 Rue Jean des Ballons
Montpellier France.
March 17th

Dearest Daddy -

Your precious letter
has just reached me, and to show
how much I appreciate it, I am going
to reply right away. I am so glad
to hear that you both continue well
and happy and that you had a
good time at the rendezvous. Dear
Mamma I know is beloved by everyone
in the house as she is wherever
she goes, and you as always make
plenty of friends. I imagine you
spend your evenings most pleasantly
with cards and music and other
things I could do with you. I am very
happy to think that you are planning

a trip to Scotland, and do hope that
you will be able to make all arrangements.
Only wish I could assist you financially
but we are just making ends meet with
all the travel we have ahead of us.

I am very proud to think of that we have
been able to live on (what is left of Ben's
salary after paying his substitute) £120 a
month these five months in Montpellier
and out of it save 3/10 to buy ourselves
some clothes and also enough to cover
the expense of the Xmas trip to Egypt and
the prospective trip to Algeria. Of course we
couldn't have done that if we had stayed
in a pension and I had had a nurse-
girl for Marie Louise.

We will leave for Algeria April 14th
sailing April 15th from Port Vendree for Oran
in Algeria. We will remain in Algeria
until about the twentieth of April & then
come back to France & take a through train
to Grenoble which is beautifully situated
in the French Alps. There I shall stay
three or four days - perhaps a week -
while Ben goes down to Paris to see

an Italian Botanist who has a wonderful collection of truffles. He will come back & join me at Geneva and we will go on to Lausanne, Switzerland, where I am hoping to see Uncle John's daughter, Mary, who has a private boarding school there. Cousin Lily Dykes sent me her address and I also received a very pleasant letter the other day from Agnes Robertson, Uncle John's other daughter, who is teaching in Mrs. Lishman's school near London. She says that Mrs. Lishman remembers you well & says you met a very handsome man.

From Switzerland we will go straight to Bonn on the Rhine and will spend May and June there at the University.

"Regina", the nurse girl I had last summer will join us there.

From Bonn the first of July we will all go to London & spend a week buying a few clothes for which we have saved the money & which will be very necessary as we have

bought nothing new this year. From London we will go to Liverpool & I am hoping to go to Edinburgh. We will sail from Liverpool July 19th for Montreal. "Regina" has promised to go with us & to stay three years in America.

I do hope that you & Maria can be in England and Scotland at the same time that we are there. I could leave Marie Louise with perfect confidence with ~~Regina~~ and we would be perfectly free to go & enjoy ourselves with you. The low rates are on for the American & Dominion lines until June but so if you could arrange to come during the month of May - sailing from Philadelphia, Boston or Montreal - you could get a very reasonable ticket. We have the best state-room engaged on the boat going back & have to pay only \$42.50 a piece. If you sailed during the first part of May you would have plenty of time for a fine sightseeing trip & perhaps if you liked to return with us on the 17th of July.

in 3 Holland, England & Paris

Mar 19, 1906

The \$42.50 includes railway ticket
to London or from London to Liverpool.

The name of the line sailing from Phil.
to Liverpool is "The American Line" Land
Little Buildings, Broad & Sanson Streets,
Philadelphia.

The name of the line from Boston to Liverpool
is the England line & you can get sailing
list & particulars for this line from that
above address.

The name of the line from Montreal to Liverpool
is the Dominion line, and as all three
lines are in the same company any of
their offices will furnish information about
the others so you can write as above to Phil.
or to 9 Broadway, New York City.

I think all of these lines furnish
reduced ^{special} rate, through tickets from
any inland town in the U.S. to the city
from which the ship sails.

All of these lines have boats which carry
only one class of passengers such as we are
taking & the people are all either university people
missionaries etc - a fine class of passengers.

Tips on the boat, we paid all told

\$6.00. Railroad fares it is very difficult
to tell you about, but in England & Scotland
no one, not even Cooks and Tourists, take
other than 3rd class tickets. 3rd class is so good.

You can get almost all the definite information
you desire in the Baedeker guide books which
you can buy in Buffalo at a good book store.
The last edition of Baedeker's Great Britain costs
\$2.50 I think, but one is more than repaid
by having it to refer to constantly. It gives
distances, railroad fares, hotels & their prices
also pensions, maps, and all information
of interest.

In buying money with you we have found
that the safest & in far the most convenient way
is to put it all into American Express checks which
you can get at their office in Buffalo.

Baedeker recommends tips of 10% on hotel bills
& restaurants but we find that natives give 5%.

I don't think you could count on less than
\$1.25 a piece a day for pension or hotels provided
at some ~~pensions~~ ^{pensions} you would pay less you
would pay more at some of the hotels.

Outside of railroad fare I think \$4.00 a day will
cover all ordinary expenses, ^{Hotel, meals, street cars, tips, entrance fees etc} for the two of you.
Theatre of course would be extra.

I am very happy to give you all the information
we can, and perhaps after you have worked
out your proposed plan of travel with the

and
107 your Baedeker you should wish to send me a list of questions so
I can experience on certain definite points I would be glad to answer
them in full. You will have to buy a steamer trunk and baide
that I would try to take only dress suit cases or valises for it will be an awful
further for you to have to look after two trunks. Do be sure, too, to take winter
flannels & overcoats for the boat. It was cold too in England when we landed
last June.

I have mother & Mr. Lander & all the cousins that I hoped
you would be able to join me & that we should see them next
summer.

I just had to jump up & give Marie Louise her "gouter" of chocolate
& bread. She is getting to be quite a little French miss.

Ben goes to Little almost every day now & spends the day at
The Marine Laboratory there. It makes it a little tiresome for me
but I have my French lessons, drawing and sewing to do and
Marie Louise keeps me constantly amused. She is quite a companion
to me.

I am so glad my dear Christie is going to have outdoor & more
interesting work. I couldn't bear to have him "floundering" about all the time
for while it is nice to see the country it is an unsettling life for a
young man & me is thrown with so many undesirable people. I hope
he will get well & strong & come to Montreal & meet us when we
all return together. Wouldn't that be nice!

I am so distressed to hear of sweet little Marion's illness &
do hope she is out of all danger now & that the darling child
will suffer from no after effects. I am thankful Jamie has so far
escaped. Do give Alice and Daisy my dearest love when you see
them & also to dear Will. With a heart full & overflowing with
love for you both my precious parents & with happiest anticipations
and dreams of all seeing Scotland together & the merry home-
ward trip. I am, Yours own a loving, Marie.

I think of you both, appreciate & love you, more & more every day.
Ben sends fond love & joins in wishing you "bon voyage" and
happy meeting for us all in London. Marie Louise sends sweetest wishes.

To D,
Inst. Bot., Montpellier

March 19th 1906.

My dear Son

I am writing under difficulties today, the
west wind is blowing like all the world, consequently
the room is full of smoke & soot, every few minutes
out comes a puff that fills every thing with the little
black particles. I will not go into the dining room for there
is such a dark room it gives me the blues & I am
rather disposed that way now. He has had 24 hours
of this most continuous rain. Seven am, it began
yesterday morning kept up all day & for variety thunder
storms & regular down pours all night, such a looking
in this house as you can hardly imagine carpets & beds
and in both rooms up stairs, a quantity of water captured
from vessels where we keep them to catch the leaks we
know of; the dining floor was wet & the stone & floor in
the kitchen held puddles of water. This high wind will
take the surface water off, but it will be many a day before
the ground is dry & when will the roads be in travelling
order! I saw 2 wagons stall on the road in front of our

front lot, Saturday & three others were pulled through
with the greatest trouble & suffering to the poor animals, &
many of lambs & shingles all together, some from
Dorchester there should be a law against cattle branding
even had some of them, it is usually to animals, & to people
who are desiring to get out in their baggage, some of them
called at the window, says there will be no small thing
the word is washed up? I am glad I had your letter
Saturday, am amazed it says much. From your letter I judge
after about the 1st you will probably be in the way of me,
I wonder when, but you will not have more than 2 days
to consider. I am sorry I did not send you paper with
the account of Mrs. Hore's call to marriage, I thought of it
but I should have sent it in some of the papers
before they were such a fuss over it. We will look among
the papers & see if we can find one in the last marriage
at a dead end. It is strange the Americans out in the
fields in their houses, they must believe in poverty
even those who are very happy by the description of
various authors & poets.

I think I wish you always bright & very desirable lot
in Dublin, I am well, you have been trying to buy it
& though an agent offered \$2500 for it, I am glad
to see it, I am well, I am going to put a house on it, see

how the money would do it for me. He says this
is for an interest must & will buy him in more than the
interest on the money. Very often it is that his is getting from
to selling, I hope he is. I am sure a look of my party
designed to look over for a place, houses from 1000 to several
thousand dollars. I know the Hartford people will be ready
give him up if he should take a letter to leave. I have
heard that Henry is visiting & has a very good stock of
wheat, he does not seem to be anything on it, he always
has some good on hand.

How have you ever thought of any thing that he has said
himself, as that when his right for to have nothing he
should fall back on it? I do not see that it is more than
it has been still it is well to look about. This year he
will have better times, I will tell you why as well as I
can, to begin at the beginning you know he hardly made
out last year owing to the fact that he & the wife had
not have the interest fixed as he promised & there was no
place for houses that they would live in. I am sure
in debt to the King & the wife's lot, that made them
wonder this year & suppose well, I have not yet fixed
& got in hands of a great deal of money & some more

work, the next thing we heard (through sister Sally)
was, that the Mercantiles had taken charge of
the Harris place. After a long time Reuben came down
and it seems as if we have been able to get a good
explanation of the matter but it seems some of the towns
business disatisfied with his management, De Sans got
above himself & there was about to be a break up, the
Mercantiles he was thinking of their interests as they began
humoring the dissatisfied parties & finally asked Reuben
to give up the management of the place, they to keep
De Sans there & leave Mr. Walter over & direct him in
place of Reuben. Mr. Bolton is a clerk for the Co, goes around
to the places they ad advise for & looks after their interests.
De Sans then did not want Reuben about thinking he
would be a watch on him, so they let try to get R. to
leave the place go to Bristolton, he refused to do that but
said he would move into the house on the Townsville
place. Of course his work & cooking stove go with him,
with some so, as De Sans has to take meals there with
Reuben. The Co are working Reubens team, gave all
mortgaged to them, using all his implements & they,

have done it, have said unkind things of Mr. Davis
to me, all appearing to be in the hands of the
I am distressed to death about it all & the worst of it is I can
do nothing.

I am glad to hear you have had a severe attack of rheumatism
on his return home caused by exposing himself at the Union
Station. If the coal is washed up I don't know when this
will get off but will send it to the post-office. They
say the rain is out, the wind out & a winter morning cold.
It is turning cold but still very cloudy. With much love to
you all & a kiss to my little girl.

Yours devotedly
Mother.

1298 Main Street, Buffalo, New York
March 21-1906

My dear Marie

Tomorrow I am going to Chicago on my way to Columbia, to be present at the annual meeting of the Sapphire Mining Company which will be held there on March 24.

I will spend one or two days there & then return here by way of Chicago. Thus I will be able to make Agnes two short visits & see her bouncing boy of which she is so proud.

I have also some business to attend to in Chicago while there. I hope to be back in Buffalo by Wednesday morning March 28th. I will write to you on my return all the time.

We have had quite a spell of winter weather during the last ten days, lots of snow & frost. Your Mother however has been quite well for her with now & then a little touch of rheumatism. She is happy here. We have nice cosy room, everything neat & clean, & all the conveniences of civilized life about us. Your Mother has also plenty of pleasant company as there are six young married couples in the house, quite nice people. She has no care, no special work & only the duty of making herself agreeable. You know how accomplished she is in that line, & for her sake I am glad that she has such a nice environment. & that it will continue through the winter.

Mar 21, 1906

Willie & his family are well. In business the Firm has been quite prosperous during the past year & we have been able from the profits to increase their Capital. Douglas has improved much in health during the last 6 months. His little girl Marion is just recovering from an attack of scarlet fever. She is now out of danger. However & little Jamie who has been living away from home at a neighbors will soon be allowed to go back. Alice, Douglas wife is quite well but tired out as no servant would stay with scarlet fever in the house.

Your own sister Alice Paton is as usual full of work & care & responsibility for her own family & for other people. She has a servant now, but feels money to be scarce.

Charlie Parsons & the children are all well,
Chuck requested his employers to give
him work in the Engineering Department
and they at once & gladly sent him as
assistant Superintendent Engineer at the
North Kensington works. He likes his
new position & duties very much. He sent
your mother Five Dollars to buy a new waist
the other day as a Thank offering.
You will see from this pen & ink epistle
that the rheumatism has almost entirely
deserted my right arm & I am very thankful
Kiss Ben & darling Louise for your Mother &
me. By the time this gets to Montpellier you
will have started for Algeria. May your journey
be both pleasant & profitable. That God may bless
& prosper you & yours is the prayer of your loving Daddy.

Harriet, I'll drive I wish
she could see me &
little birds jumping &
singing around. One old
one. It is down & I
am afraid will
never get up again, the
It is the last of the year
young. It is turning
cold we may have
more frosts or perhaps
well, the chickens &
apples have not
blown yet by the
time this makes the
very age of it will have
left you good pleasant
quarters & will find
a pleasant place even
when I hope to write
to you to also a kind to know
you should not wait.

started to begin my letter, Monday mornings are always
busy ones with me, & now, I have not taken off my
bean with 12 little chickens, but she can stay on the
nest a little longer. I did think I would not raise
any chickens but decided to set three hens & let the
chickens take their chances, the dog may not kill
them all. This is a real March day, the east wind is
high & not at all pleasant, last week we had
some good sunny days that we all enjoyed, today
is cloudy & we may have more rain, storms are
predicted for this time. Yesterday evening Miss Lee &
myself took a little walk, but for the deep holes
about in places the road would be pretty good for
driving, some, who are compelled to go pull through
them but it is hard on vehicles & horses.

Your letter of the 10th came Saturday (13 days coming) I

was very glad to have it. I would like to have walked
in for the "Girls" birth day celebration, and sure she
was pleased to have a party. Tell her I thought of
her that day particularly, I think of her every day as
well as Annie & yourself & am beginning to count the
times before your return. That must have been a very
large number to carry 30 men. I notice you are always
one of the walkers, you will never get fat. No man
has cause to go to the Ecole des Beaux Arts I suppose
Louise does not go to the Kindergarten. I wonder if
Annie will enjoy her trip in Italy as much as you &
Annie did, has she said anything about coming home?
I never see Mrs Hatch. We were about to get ready to go to
see her Saturday afternoon soon but Reuben came &
your Father went home back, we intended trying to get
them in the cart. Mrs Manupain has been up about 3
weeks. I don't see why she did not wait until good
road time to make her visit, her friends can't visit
her. Reuben had been at Vinticton two days, about the
night, & yesterday, with us. He has been so unfortunate

with his goats, so many have died, your Father
thinks it is charr matter, they have a house to stay
in, but it is a dirt floor, & very damp, he has turned
them out as they can go under the crib shelter but
still they die. His neighbor, Davis Collins expects soon
to marry Mrs Julius Collins' adopted daughter, they
have been spending the winter at her place, the old
McC Rae place that Mrs Dickenson owned awhile.
Reuben is a fine looking girl, I hear Mrs Julius left her
some property so altogether the month pleases the "old
folks" on both sides I understand. It has been a long
time since there was a wedding in this neighborhood,
of course it will be at the Baptist church. Don't you
miss having no Episcopal church to go to? but I expect
you have attended services since we have. Our last
service was the 2nd Sunday in Dec. I heard there
was some talk of Mr Harris leaving Farnedale, we
will know definitely the next time I hear from Sister
Sally, she gives me all the news from Farnedale, by
the way I had a note from her a few days ago, Johnny

is getting on pretty well now, is stronger, the nurse is
still there & I am sure is a great benefit to him. May
& his children are there, with all that house full they
are having the house painted all over inside & out.
Waver is making it a long time between letters, I have no
news from him, & Henry is behind too, he is thinking
of that house he is going to have built I reckon, ^{study}
~~ing plans. I expect my last weeks letter~~ ^{to you} was very much
delayed. I did not know when I sent it that all the
railroads were damaged by the rain, for ~~two~~ days we
had no mail at all & then only from Helena for a day
or two. Every R.R. running into Birmingham was more
or less injured, the same thing in Montgomery. The rivers
even now are falling very slowly. Cahaba bridge was
several feet under water & it is a wonder it was not
washed away. I am very much afraid the fruit crop is
ruined, Tuesday after the rain we had a freeze, &
Wednesday a white frost, but for the frost the fruit
would not have been so much injured because a wind,
& on Monday had dried the moisture out of the

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for Missouri, expects to return
tomorrow evening. Charles Packard
was also in Chicago in some
chemical business, & was sitting
with Aggie when "Papa" arrived.
Charles called to see me Sunday
afternoon in his return to
Duchess, but could only stay
about fifteen minutes as his
train was late from Chicago.
All were well in Chicago. I have
thought "Papa" not looking better
than he had been here for years.
I received a sweet letter from
Alice this morning. She says
Mr. Hamilton Miller died

early in the morning. Some
Mr. Beale was at the funeral.
He today will be placed alongside
of her husband in Durham.
Mr. Miller died suddenly.
Did you know that Mr.
Underdunks' husband was
sick & in a retreat some-
where? It is so sad for her to
be left alone with her little-
daughters only to console her.
Alice must also be hearing
from Lou Parker, who is now
at Pensacola Florida, but has been
all winter enjoying the gaiety of
Charleston society. "Papa" writes
that Aggie's "little Nark" is a fine
looking child & is well.

again after being quite sick
with Bronchitis. I have
missed my darling husband
very much but have made
the best of my loneliness, hav-
ing pleasant guests in the
house & a plenty to read. La
Piano also at my disposal
I don't go out shopping much
as I have not had much spend-
ing money from Bluffton.
The Darters have their 'min-
nag' with me when 'Hale' is not
here & look after my interests,
Kell Darling I must close now
& try & get this mailed. The
weather is miserable today.

From France
To Buffalo -
Mrs. Robertson

Late March 1906

Address - Bonn am Rhine
Poste Restante
Germany.

Dearest Mama,

We are sending you
a little basket of glaci fruit as a
small reminder at Mi-Creme. At
this time French Catholics are allowed
to marry and there have been more
masquerade balls & public masquerading
before sitting down to enjoy(?) quietly
the other half of Lent with fasting & prayer.
The French can't stand forty days
of long fasts & no dances as the
Church allows them one day in the
middle which means that they have
a week of pollution. I should have
loved to send you some French candy

but knew it would be stale before
it reached you, but Ben said he
wanted certainly to send you a
little of the fruit. The glass melon
is a specialty of Montpelier & I hope
you will find it nice. We are
sending it as "without value" and
will also put "sample" on the package
so hope that it will go through the
mail all right. Daddy may have to
go to the Post Office for it but I don't
think you ought to have to pay anything
on it for it is so little that it really
is only a sample. Mother sent me
a tract in Germany & Ben got a
postal telling him to come to the post office
& when he told them it was made by Mother
for me he didn't have to pay anything
on it & they were very pleasant.

We have seen many French
things over here but we think the
night-shirts are the most French.

Ben bought some underclothes the other day and that night when he put on the night shirt he found that the front was so much shorter than the back. As the Gauchers say, Doesn't that beat you?

To-day the sun is shining brightly after some days of impourvantage weather. We have had continual rain, high winds, cold & even snow. To add to the general discomfort our fire place has decided to smoke. It commenced before the bad weather & I told the madame who thought it must be because the sun was shining into the top of the chimney & made it so warm that the hot air didn't rise. Did you ever hear of such a thing? When the rain came I showed her that it still smoked, but of course we have had to wait for good weather to have a chimney sweep come down & clean out the flue.

Spring here, as the children learn at school and as all the calendars say, begins on the 22nd of March, and on that day in spite of the cold & rain open-air cafes were put on all of the street car lines. We are quite pleasing our stars, that, according to calendar, spring did not commence the first of March as with us. All classes at the Beaux Arts, etc, commence now at six o'clock in the morning leaving the middle of the day free for no reason that I can hear

except that it is good & ^{late March 1906} nice
early & in summer the sun shines
too warmly in the middle of the day
for work.

Ben is at little again to-day.
His hands which he cut with for
broken test-tube are much better
now. His left hand he will have
re-decided to - tomorrow.

Mrs Miller writes that The Richards
are coming to Europe in April. Now
I wish you & Daddy were coming with
them. I hope The boys & Daddy can arrange
matters so that you can come. I think
you will have to engage your state-
room a long time ahead, and if I
were you I would plan to sail in May
before the big crowds & high prices of
June.

We sail from Port Vaudreuil a week

from to-day and now that we feel unsettled
here & almost on the eve of departure I wish the
time would come, I would give anything of you
and dear Daddy me going to be with us.

I am longing for the letter saying you have
really engaged your berth on the steamer &
will soon be with us here. What good times
we will have! Squeeze Daddy for me and get
him to give your many, many sweet kisses for
me. With a heart overflowing with love and
with much love from Ben & sweetest kisses from
Marie Louise, & your both, I am

Yours ever devoted.
Marie.