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I thought of Daddy all yesterday and
on Monday his health in Bremen after many
happy, happy returns. Bonn am Rhein

64 König Strasse
Mosby End. 1916.

Dearest Mamma

We arrived here
Saturday night and we were
about settled in what seems to be
a very nice and pretty pension.
Regina arrived Tuesday night
much to Marie Linné's delight. Bonn
is very pretty with quantities of trees
especially horse-chestnuts which are
all in bloom. The University is very
large and aristocratic. All the German
nobility come here as the Kaiser and his
too was once educated in Bonn.
I think we are going to be most

happy here.

We left Dron a week ago Saturday
at five in the afternoon and since
that time the day has gone very
very rapidly. We sailed for Marseilles
and up to the last night of the trip
had beautiful weather. Laurie and
I were sick some and after
a stormy night were very glad
to land Monday noon. There was
a Colmale exposition on in Marseilles
but as it was a small affair and
we had little time or ambition we didn't
go out to it. We left in the afternoon
for Lyons where we spent the night and
then went on next day to Geneva and
Lausanne. I know you and Daddy
will be glad to know of my visit to Laurie
Mary, Uncle John's eldest daughter.

We reached Lausanne at seven in the evening and as it was late before we were settled in the Hotel Saint Germain Mary wrote a note saying in which hotel I was & that if it were not convenient for her to come the next morning we would go to see her. So the next morning we went to the school which is a very pretty house called La Marguerite on the Avenue de Léman with a glorious view of the lake of Geneva below and beyond it the magnificent snow covered Alps with Mt. Blanc in the distance. We were shown into a very pretty English parlor and cousin Mary came ~~in~~ very happy to see us - poor Samie and I. I had tried to imagine her to myself but I never came any where near the truth. She is a very large woman - taller and larger than Will - big-boned but not stout, ~~heavy~~ looks very well like most English women, and has snow white hair and black eyebrows over blue eyes and a very sweet, kindly face. I liked her very much and she seemed very cordial and affectionate. She had brought out some old photograph albums that belonged to her mother and showed us the pictures of Uncle John, Cousin Annie, Cousin "Beagie" and her mother as well as several friends & subjects of Uncle John's portraits. She had only two little color sketches that Uncle John had painted for her & her sister when they were little children. She said that the stepmother - Uncle John's second marriage seems to have been very unfortunate so that few of his friends cared to visit him when his new wife was there -

MAY 21 1886
had taken all of his paintings
and his papers and lists of his
paintings when he died & no
one knows what has become of her.
Cousin Mary said she was not a
durable person & took up & that she
didn't care for picture or art but
all she wanted was money. Cousin
Mary seems to have been put adrift
from Liverpool people since she left
home at nineteen & go out to make
her own living rather than stay with the
stepmother. The only friend that she
has kept up with is a Miss Miller
who seems to know more about Uncle
John's work than his own daughters.
Cousin Mary very kindly gave me two
engravings of Uncle John's pictures
one like the one you gave Douglas.
She has one like that & those are
all she had she said. She was
really very nice and I wish I

could have had more time in
Savannah and could have known
how better. She sent greetings to both
you & Daddy & said she hoped
you would be able to come to Scotland
this summer.

We left at one o'clock that day for
Basel for we had to hurry on to Bonn
as the semester had already commenced.
We reached Basel at about six o'clock
and were met at the station by Dr.
Sever who is a professor in the
University there & an old friend of
Dad's. He had brought a lovely box of
beautiful souvenirs for Marie Louise
and found the way to her heart at
once. He went with us to our hotel
& then said he would come for
us next morning. He had mentioned
that they had a little baby boy
born the week before & regretted

that I wouldn't be able to meet Mrs Seem and
be entertained in their home. The next morning
he brought his little daughter to the hotel who is
a little younger than Marie Louise and after
a little the nurse took her home & he went with
us to the Art Museum where they left Louise
and me while Dr Seem took Ben to see the
University & Botanical Institute. I spent a very pleasant
morning examining the fine collection of Hans Holbein's
paintings & drawings in which Basel is very
rich & also the many Bocklin's who was a Basel
painter. They came for us about twelve and Dr
Seem brought me several sets of post cards of
the drawings & paintings & a pretty photograph
of the painting of Holbein's wife & children
which I had very much admired. Then he
took us to the swellest hotel in the city & gave
us a delightful luncheon & afterwards walked
in a carriage ride about the city. We went into
the Muntzplatz cathedral there and got the view
of the Rhine & mountains from the balcony.
saw also the Rathaus & other objects of interest
and left at half past five o'clock for Heidelberg.

There we spent the night & started out early
next morning to visit the castle. Unfortunately
Ben suffered from a terrific tooth ache in the
night so he wasn't in the best of shape. The
castle is very picturesquely situated on the
side of the hill above the river and the
city and is a perfectly tremendous affair.

MAY 21 1891
Beside the tremendously thick & strong
masonry the palace portion is very
extensive & beautiful. It consists of several
different buildings, built at different periods
& in different stages of ruin. The French
destroyed this castle as they did almost
every one along the Rhine & what was
left by them was finished by lightning.
In the castle we saw the tremendous "turret"
or wine barrel which holds 49,000 gallons
of wine & is mounted by a staircase
to a large platform on top.

From Heidelberg we went to Frankfurt, a
beautiful modern city, more like our
big cities than any other in Germany;
and then we went to Mainz or Mayence
as we spell it. Here Gutenberg invented print-
ing and there is a fine monument
in his honor. The cathedral too is a very
handsome example of the Franco-Gothic style
and the quays along the Rhine are pretty.
We took the steamers here Saturday morning
and made the only trip down the Rhine
as far as Rome where we arrived at

six o'clock Saturday morning. Nothing
could be more picturesque than certain
portions of the Rhine with its fine old
ruined castles, although except for them
I can say the trip up the Hudson is just
as beautiful or even more so. At Coblenz
we saw the bridge of boats, the tremendous
fortress and the monument to ^{emperor} William
the first.

Born is very pretty and I think
we shall like it very much. I will write
you later more about our Algerian trip.

Daddy's dear letter had just arrived
and I am so happy to know that he
is again feeling well. I could hardly
wait to get to Born to get news from you
both. As regards the ~~four~~ hundred
dollars that we must pay this year on
the gas mine will just ask Daddy
if we can put off paying it until when
we get home in September. We are very
much pressed just now & don't see how
we can arrange for it until we get home.
With a heart full of love to you both and
longing to hear from you soon I am your devoted
son.

1298 Main Street, Buffalo, New York
May 7th 1906

My dear Marie

I have now got all
over the festivities & jollification of celebrating
my 73 Anniversary of birth day. I now sit
down to write congratulations to you
on the Anniversary of your birth day. I
wish I could send by Marconi wireless
so that they would reach you in time
but that would be too expensive, so
on the Morning of May 12th I will send
you a pneumatic vibratory message which
if you have your Psychic vibratory apparatus
in a receptive condition will be received
by you about 2. P. M. May 12th. The other morning
I received from Willie at Long Port Lomanand
such a message about a letter of mine which

he ought to have delivered to me before starting for the South but forgot to do. We are living in a great age & soon we will not have to write at all, but at certain stipulated hour, go to our rooms & sit quietly & we will receive the message, desire through the exercise of our subliminal powers.

M^{rs} Gardiner who lived at East Aurora & was present at your wedding died & was buried two weeks ago, & Douglas is going to live in their house out there. Mr. ^{Mc} ~~Mc~~ ^{Mc} with his two children is coming to Buffalo to live at his father's.

Willie comes home from the South today & on his arrival his wife will go to visit her father in New York for a week.

We had a letter from Agnes the other day, says she heard from you. She is well but her hands are full with house keep & the care of a husband & two children. She seems devoted to her little boy. Alice Parsons also wrote to say that M^{rs} Jamming had safely escaped with her husband & children & was going on a visit to Durham, Also wrote that young M^{rs} Underhill was visiting Durham. That since her brother's death, & her husband had been confined in a Lunatic Asylum, she had completely broken down.

Alice herself is tired out & wishes that the Commencement exercises were over so that she might get a little rest. Chuck writes in the best of spirits that he is very happy & greatly enjoying his work.

As for your mother & myself we are enjoying our-
selves pretty much as usual, with the
exception of a little rheumatism now
and then she is quite well. Both of us
long to see you again. Of the candy
that Ben sent I got all the cherries
for my share. You know how I enjoy
them. She took the rest. They were a
great treat for both of us.

I have been trying to get a few postal
cards, of colored painting, masterpieces of the
Dresden Gallery. It is rather difficult to get
them here. Bring me a few choice ones if
you should see them there. Cost here 5 cents each
here, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $5\frac{1}{2}$.

With love & kisses for Ben Louise & yourself
from your mother & your

loving
Papa. Good bye

Received in Broom
& with account to have to
you \$11
from daughter
Western

May 7th 1866

My dear Son

Business was later than usual today
but I hope I can leave my letter soon for the
post. You will surely believe that I have been
fine all day & my hands & feet are well now but I
cannot sit near the window to write, the bush bay
tree has grown so, & makes such a shade that the
shadows is not as light as it used to be. Last night
about bed time a rain began which lasted all
night & brought about the cool change, but wish we
were so warm & comfortable to day which very pleasant,
it would have been comfortable this morning. The sun
is very bright & everything looks so green & fresh. I am
glad to stop for "dew-bug boys" tonight come home for
supper the first I have seen. Beulah said they were
identical. Geo took dinner with us yesterday had been at

Well, he is day or so working on a fence, down down
two acres & some young sticks to put in the pasture
them of course he had some with him. They are much
behind with work at the Harris place, have a great
deal of corn to plant yet, that may be for the best, had
it done in the ground all that day, weather the ants
would have eaten it, people around us are planting
corn or corn Saturday -

What do you want to the great Sahara! Well, I thought
you would, how nice for Maria to have a friend to
dine with, while you were gone, & Maria to be so intimate
with every thing, much more pleasant for her than a
laid & ingenuit. We enjoyed you better as usual, I said it
to Maria & tried to tell Henry what you said of the
trip. I would like to have had a sight of you on the
deck, going through hunting, & the whole party being
arrested by Breckinridge police, everything was so novel &
interesting was it! We read in the papers an
account of disturbances in France, Paris & Versailles &

believe it was, I hope you passed through the latter
place before the trouble began, probably by this time
you are in Rome. Don't you all get tired coming about
as much? Maria says I would but there is a great difference
between us, you are young & active & I am old & stiff. A
change of air & scenery is conducive to growth, Maria
should be a fine specimen.

Richard spent today with at Newark, said his brother
John was looking better & stronger, they brought with them
from Stafford & Mrs & Mrs Smith, & his people, Maria
wrote me they would stay a week & asked us to go over to
see them, but as the note was 4 days reaching me they
were gone I suppose by that time. I received Mr. Ireland
old putting in a page or so to Maria but have not time
this evening, so I will tell you I send by registered mail
a dress for Maria, I intended making one for her but
saw it - the waist & shoulders were too bad to go to town
for materials, then it was some time before I got the
pattern, after hearing of the officers trip I decided not to
send it until you returned. Tell Maria I fully intend

the hem as it ought not be the right length, children
how was my short dresses, Louis Charles was a
leather belt, ^{with a} either black or white & tell him to see or
some little boys on the under side seams for the belt to
slip through & hold it down, & he sees & let me know of
it fast, or not; I can hardly imagine how large enough to
fill it, but it was not by & I gave pattern; I was getting my
word up a little fixed up to make Linsey a little visit, if
my carriage does not find me, he is to say when I had but
go. They are very quiet at Paris now, no news from them
in some time, all hands busy I reckon. This is Harveys
sowing time, to be ready for commencement.
Louis would be amused to see my little chickens come
to the beating of a tin pan for their feed. I never call,
only tap on the pan with an iron spoon & they come
running. I have only a few but they look as thriving, if
I could have known the black dog was going to die I
would have set many more hens, dogs as Louis called
him is our only guardian & he goes follow ^{is} so curious.
It is time for this to be going, hoping you are safely

I wonder if you have
had any. Please write
to me & let me know,
I am also.
Well, my letter did not
come tonight, but I hope
for one tomorrow. When I
begin this I did not expect
to finish it tonight. This
evening I'll give you my
love to you all.
Yours devotedly,
Wm. D. 8th 1886

To D.
D. W.
D. W.

As I expect to go to Haverhill
tomorrow I will begin my letter this evening &
perhaps finish it there. I am getting very tired
here from you all, how you made this last year
very age, I suppose you had not time to write, or
maybe the letter will come tonight; it has been
16 days since the last one.

This has been a lovely day, bright, & just cool enough
to be pleasant. Mrs & Miss Harris stopped by before
services & she did me around, the gentlemen walked.
When the baptists came over we had a right good
congregation. (they have Sunday school & then come
in.) Mrs Harris would not stay to dinner, they left
their brotlet at their house & had to hurry back.
I heard from them that since June Adams, is on

on visit to Colins with wife at Greenwood. Hope
I will see her. I don't know whether I told you that
Charles Jones was much impressed by his stay at
Stafford, & will return in a few days to spend
another two weeks. Your Father went to Danforth
Friday, Mary & sister & children were on train, going
to Birmingham, & sister must have ordered her
self, for we understood she would spend the
evening when she came, he ran off his horses
as she had to visit the house & leave.

Your Mother was showing around a lot of potatoes at
church today from Winnie but did not favor me
with a sight of them. I heard her say Winnie
was in sight of Winnie. Have you read account
of the earthquake at San Francisco? the shocks
continue as long times don't they? Still they talk of
building the city right away. What a large amount
has been contributed to help the sufferers! I wonder

how much they really get.

Last week we had very cool weather, one night
frost. I have frost several days all day. About that
time I saw by the papers that there was a heavy
fall of snow in Wisconsin. Last week Miss Lou
Beardsley & Mrs. Wailley from Danforth came in, she
wanted to see and old book your Father has from
the coat of arms she wanted. Your Father goes to
London tomorrow the Potts car comes off Tuesday, he
will have a terribly rough ride in the east. If the
one is tried Tuesday, he may have some & then
go to Chelsea for a day at least, might come as
far as Spring Hill Tuesday night. We hoped Mrs.
Richard Knapp would go but he backed out.

I wonder what you all are doing this evening, how
I would like to have a peep at you.

They still keep about at Auburn, no letters for
three or four weeks, when they begin to

winter all will winter at once. Reuben was down at
Mattatonic last week but did not stop by going or
coming. A Danvers school had a pie week there
yesterday, it is a favorite place with them. Miss Lee
told me Mrs John Cambell & wife will be with
them the first of June, you remember him. They
will stay until time to go to New York Harbor & visiting
& all go together, Miss Lee, Louis, & other relatives, a
party of about 15 will meet in Birmingham & go on.
Mrs Cambell will come to the country at a pretty season,
nothing looks as fresh & green, but the first ones
are over. With a great effort your father & Allen managed
to shear the sheep last week, the wool is very fine &
turned out pretty well, considering how much was pulled
out by the acre bushes. He had some work done in
the garden too. I have had only one postal from
Wade in several months so I can't tell you anything
about him. George's letter did not come last week.
We have had some nice dewberries, & today, strawberries.

64 König Strasse

Bonn am Rhein

May 19th, 1906.

My darling Daddy,

I too dear letters from
you have come this week and you
don't know how much I have enjoyed
them. I was so glad to hear of your
birthday celebration and that both
you and precious Nance are
so well and happy. I wish we could
have put our celebrations together and
that you could both have quaffed
long and deep from my bolle.

Excused your vibrating message
at exactly the hour you named
and it drove away all remnants
of the blues and made me very
happy & I remembered giving two
dearest dear ones on my birthday.

San Francisco earthquake.

I was so shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Gardiner I can hardly believe it possible. She was so young and full of life. What could have been the matter? Poor Mr. Gardiner and the little children! It will be nice for Douglas to have a larger house and yard, but I don't quite see how he and Alice can like to live in the house so closely associated always with their dear friend.

Yes, I was sorry not to go to the desert, of course, but it would have been too great a risk to take Marie Louise in all those dirty little hotels and the trips, too, were very fatiguing. But I tell you that Ben was elected vice president of the Congress & made a member of the French Botanical Society? After he came back from the South we all went to Sousse which is a most interesting place. We got there late at night so went directly to Ben Hotel and the next morning started out early in our carriages to visit the sights. We drove first to the Mosque of Sidi-bou-Medine in the little village of El-Ghabab which goes clambering up the hill. This village is entirely Arab & the little narrow road which leads to it is so steep that we had to leave our carriages at the foot of the hill & walk up. No Jews are allowed to enter this village, or ascend this path. Above us on one side were the little Arab houses rising one above another & of which you see nothing but the low, bare, white-washed wall with a low door, and on the other side we had a fine view of the valley of Sousse and the mountains beyond. The Arab houses are built around an inner court, have no windows on the street and even if the outer door stands open there is always a wall or other obstruction so that you can't possibly see into the court beyond. At the top of the street rises the mosque and the tomb or "marabout" of Sidi-bou-Medine. One enters this holy ground by an interesting portal of wood painted in various colors & quaint designs & which

You don't know how sorry I am
that you won't be able to be in Scotland
this summer. I had hoped and looked
forward & budget all winter that
you would be able to make the long
talked of trip and it is a great dis-
appointment to me as I know it must
be to both you and dear Mamma.
Perhaps next summer, though, you
can go & Chuck will be able to go with
you.

I am so glad you Chuckie is so
happy in his work. That is the "Haupt-
sache" as the Germans say, and the
outdoor work must be the only thing
for him.

Long may "Samaritan Symp" flourish!
No, I don't when I want to commence
on your specific just yet. I am afraid
it wouldn't agree with her and
saucer brant!!

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Juin
escaped the general misfortune of the

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opens into a small court ornamented
with tiles. On the right rises the mosque
with its lofty minaret and grand entrance
and on the left is the mausoleum.
We must first enter the mausoleum, descending
several steps to a charming little Turkish
gallery with a tall & lonely marble column.
Here you take off your shoes if you
are a Mohammedan, or don slippers
if you are a dog of a Christian, and
enter the Kaubba. One enters through
a doorway of wonderfully carved wood, a
small room almost dark, but filled
with precious stuffs & marvellously artistic
articles & this room leads into a still
smaller chamber in which are two carved
wooden tombs covered with embroidery
of all colors & designs. In the tomb to
the right repose the remains of Idris-
bin Medini whom all Belam revere.
While on the left are those of his most
fervent disciple. Going back through
the court you take off the sandals
& then mount the steps to the mosque.
The beautiful doorway in the form of an
arcade is ornamented with lonely marble

and others woefully common & cheap. All mosques have a little chapel in the wall on the side toward Mecca which is called the "mihrab"; & this one was exquisitely ornamented ^{on the walls & arched ceiling} with fine carved plaster in even more delicate pattern than that of the rest of the chamber. Friday is the Arab Sunday and although we arrived before time for the regular service there were several Arabs squatting cross-legged upon the various pillars, all with their faces toward Mecca & singing out their prayers which they read from a book, perhaps at the Koran. Two Arabs had strings of beads on which they seemed to be counting their prayers. They sing-song them just as Luigi, the Japanese, used to study his lessons. Only Arab men are allowed in the mosques. The Arab women can go once a week to pray at the marabouts.

After leaving the mosque we went to the Medersa or theological seminary for students of the Koran. Very little of the old decoration is left as it has been ruined by damp. On the way to our camajos we stopped in an Arab bakery where the bread, which is dark, is baked in round, flat loaves in a tremendous chimney which has a wood fire in one part of it. The Arab baker stands in front of the chimney in a sort of deep ditch or trench & with a long rake put through the small opening he pushes the loaves nearer or farther from the fire. Most of the bread is made at home & sent to the baker to be baked & we saw several little Arab girls carry in the unbaked bread on a flat piece of wood on their heads, & the baker.

We next drove to what was once the Roman city of *Musina*. Only a few large stones bearing Roman inscriptions remain to tell the story and some of these were used in the construction of the mosque of Agadir. This mosque was once the center of the populous Arab town of Agadir & that too has vanished leaving only the minaret of the mosque.

From here we drove on to the mosque of Sidi-Haloui ^{passing the minaret of Sidi-Shasseu on the top of which}

Arab inscriptions & rare tiles. The ceiling,
as is that of the interior of the mosque,
is of plaster sculptured in Arab design.
You have seen the Alhambra and
can imagine the beauty of this other
Moorish architecture. In delicacy and
beauty of detail it is said to surpass
the Alhambra. At the head of the
steps are massive cedar doors covered
with a wonderful openwork of bronze. For
pure Arab decoration these doors are to
Moorish art what Alberti's are to Italian.
From this door a colonnade of horse shoe
arches extends around the inner court
to the prayer chamber. Here we had to
put on the tremendous sandals again
and as Marie Louise, Marguerite & Paquette
couldn't possibly keep them on the Arabs
had to content themselves with carefully
wiping off their feet. In the prayer chamber
one sees series after series of columns supporting
horse shoe arches from which hang many
lamps of various designs & sizes.
Some of them are wonderfully beautiful.

is a huge stork's nest. ^{May 19, 1906} Several other
stork's nests are in the vicinity and
all about one hears the music of the
magpie's. ^{magpie's.}

The mosque of Sidi-Haloui is very
celebrated & is resplendent with tiles
of lovely design. We saw here the pulpit
of ornamented wood which had been
drawn out for the Friday service. It consists
of a flight of four or six steps & from there
the Arab preacher reads from the Koran
& exhorts his audience of men.

We next visited the site of the ancient
city of Mansourah. The towers of the city
wall & a part of the wall remain eff-
circling an area so large that a
small Arab village lies entirely
unnoticed. Of the mosque only a part of
the minaret remains which however
is one of the finest examples of Moorish
Art. Mansourah was constructed in 1363
by Abou-Idriss who besieged Sherken
for eight years. After four years of fruit-
less siege he built the city of Mansourah
sending word to the King of Sherken.

is the largest in Algeria. The minaret is ornamented with
marble columns and in the prayer-chamber are 12 columns
supporting a ceiling & dome of wonderful delicacy. Service
was going on here & the prayer chamber was filled with
Arabs men sitting cross-legged swinging back & forth & singing
but their prayers. We visited the Arab shops and bazaar
and saw the Arabs - it is always the men - embroidering
with gold thread the little emiral red velvet caps that the women
wear under their white outdoor covering, saw them making
The hennasse which is the outer garment of the men & children,
and making all kinds of jewelry and soap. From the
train on leaving Alger we got a view of the beautiful
cascades of El-Ouirt which fall from high up in the
mountains.

It is quite chilly & rainy here to-day. I heard the
kather Amem and met with Ben (he) an interesting
lecture at 12 o'clock in the University. It was on the
history of Rheumatism & had fine stereopticon illustrations.
Tomorrow we are going to the big Probe or final rehearsal
of the Bellevue Concert. We couldn't buy tickets to the
concerts themselves as every seat was taken before we reached
Boson. Tickets for the rehearsal are selling at 4 marks
which is a dollar & the music will be practically the
same only of course we won't see the fine toilettes.

I have the great good news to tell you that Ben has
at last ordered a new suit of clothes!! The dear old
fellow is as busy as ever and is much interested
in a new problem which he has started here. He sends
you both lots of love and says with that "Socratic spiritus"
nause ought to get up enough "glame" to make him that
long promised letter! Marie Louise sends you many many
helloes, kisses those which are sent with all the love of
Your very
Marie.

that he would never leave ^{the neighborhood} until
Glencoe was his. The city is said
to have contained wonderful palaces, gardens,
& vast edifices. Of these nothing remains
but the minaret gives evidence of the
city's ancient splendor. The minaret
still bears traces of its title ornamentation
and the arches of its beautiful double
windows rest on columns of onyx. The
door is marvellously sculptured with
a wealth of detail & richness of design
that could hardly be equalled. This door
opens into the base of the minaret as in
our churches & not as in other mosques
& on one side. ~~Like~~ the interior of the minaret
was hollow & had a series of inclined
planes going up it so that one might
ride a horse to its summit as happens
is said to have done in the Campanile
at Venice. This is quite different from
other minarets in which the very interior
is always a solid mass of masonry around
which, between it & the outer wall, wind
the stairs.

The grand mosque in Glencoe itself

P.S. I forgot to
say having written
that I regret
that I cannot go
all these last months
of course I am working
at home. But I am
you certainly you
writing. I want with you
falls got every thing
Wrote
Mother.

T.D. in Germany

May 21st 1906

I am truly glad to have your
& Ben's letters last Friday. I felt anxious to
know if you made the sea trip safely, now that
you are settled for a time I feel relieved. You
must have enjoyed visiting those places in
Africa, the idea of the whole family going!
You all seem to make friends as you go, & make
the most of every thing. I wonder if Louisa enjoyed
seeing the ruins, the pyramids &c, & if she will
remember any thing of it to tell us when she
returns, I know not - I am glad you have
only two months more to stay in Europe. We
have Minnie will spend the summer in
England so she must be at all home with it

was asked if she was trying to catch a
"convert." she had better not sell herself for a
tittle as some American girls have done.

It is cloudy this morning. I do hope we will have
some rain. The crops & garden need it so badly. I
never saw such large, hard clouds as are in the
plowed land, nor can't come through. I should
think. All farm work is back ward, a great deal
of corn was planted only last week & the week
before. I had a chance last week to see something
of the country as I went Monday to Hamadale.
Mr Harris met me at the train & took me
home with him. I stayed with them until
Friday morning. Wednesday sister Sally took me
over to Hamadale, we wanted to see Johnny & as
old lady cousin of mine Mrs Jane Adams. We
found Johnny, Rebecca & sister ready to leave

for the 12 o'clock train for Stafford. as we had
only a short time to see them. We spent the day
with the family & enjoyed seeing cousin Jane so much.
she had to leave on the 4 o'clock train for Illinois.
She will not tell her age but must be between 76 &
78, is not at all feeble, on the contrary quite strong.
Going through the fields we met Henry he told us
Randall had a chill. Tuesday (the first chill he ever
had) & that he had prescribed for him, would
call to see how he was, coming back we met him
again & he reported Randall better, said he had told
him to stay in bed and sweat the chill off next
morning, but before breakfast a note came to me that
he was feeling very badly & I must go soon. Mr Harris
kindly drove me over after breakfast & I found he
feeling real sick, well last night, he had on him
6 blankets, a hot brick to his feet & the buggy, and he
colder over them, was burning up & so miserable that
he had nothing to eat scarcely the day before. Nighttime

the load of cover, gave every few minutes a spoon-
ful of lemonade & in an hour or more he was
feeling better, missed the chill but I knew he could
cross medicine so telephoned the Dr to come up if
he had reached home from Lincoln. The reached
Hainesville about dinner time rested & fed his horse
& later in the evening joined me at Reuben's, he &
his horse had travelled 29 miles, you may know they
were tired. The first medicine for Reuben & then
we went to Mr. Harris' to spend the night. Next
morning we found Reuben much better & esp. we
came on home. I enjoyed my visit to sister Sally
as I always do. She was to help me make a success
visit but as we had only one day to work we
did not get it finished. I hope to do that this
evening. I cannot get another picnic as I have promised
Hanny to go to Common mound. I would rather go
any other time, but she seems to always pitch on
that time for us to make her a visit. Dr D. has
been spoken to to attend to a lady as he is afraid
to leave her, she is one of the kind who is

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always ahead of time & usually very sick, she
thinks there is no one like D. I. in real cases.
He lost his case in London, will have about
1200 dollars to pay for bro. Harris' Dr. bill. Fred
begged him to offer a compromise but written but
he would not, his lawyer was so confident of
success, better make crapes since sometimes there
always to go with a stiff such a thank. D. I. left
his suit & home in London & came over to commit
one day, the train was just to visit him. If it had
not been for the London trip I might have gone
over with the Dr. one day. I wish you had come
of the nice cherries that have just been brought
in, they are so ripe & sweet. I have been so often interrup-
ed since I began writing, have a little girl gathering
blue clover seed in the grapey & every 5 minutes she
comes to say she is through. I want them for Berlin.
I must stop now, say her & let her go. Give many kisses
to dear little grand daughter, with much love for you
all. Your loving Mother.

over

Well, here I am for another P. L. After
fixing up my letter Dr D. comes in from the
office & says, "your package is back again," as I
must tell you about it or you will be worn out
expecting it. (The dress for Lavinia) I wrote I would
send it 2 weeks ago today & as I did. Dr & Mrs
Davies looked over the postal laws, stamped &
registered it as they thought all right but last
Monday it came back marked ~~x~~ "calculable matter",
wrong postage due. I stopped on my way to the train
for the dress & Mr D. said it will certainly go all
right this time but today it is back again, Dr D.
& Mrs Davies searched the postal laws through to
see what was the matter, it seems dimensions are
wrong, 2 inches too long, did you ever hear of such
nonsense! Dr D. has written to the P. M. in Br
Y who returned the package so there it lies in the
office awaiting a reply. "Mule Sam" will ride it around
until it will be well crushed. I can't say when it
will start again. There was no trouble when I sent
your waist or Lavinia's white dress, there must be a
crank in the B. & office.

[illegible]

Long & Company own a nice
little Automobile, & Long took
me for a ~~ride~~ around the Park,
it was a glorious morning & I
enjoyed my new experience
immensely. "Papa" also had a ride
with Long. Elizabeth looked nice
& jolly & the two little girls are
very like their mother in coloring
but the Baby had a soft sweet
expression & eyes & head (fore),
like theirs. They keep two girls
& live very nicely. Elizabeth seems
to be a good manager & rules the
house. They have a large comfortable
house. Near their former residence
they expect to come over on Monday
for the day when Elizabeth & I
will see. But Long cannot like her

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Charlie is disappointed of course
 as not being able to go to Columbia
 for "Commencement" but Willie
 told him plainly he could not be
 spared until the Fall. So Charlie
 yielded very gracefully. Willie
 is very sympathetic with Charlie
 & thinks very thing of him &
 will do all he can for his advancement
 now. He says he could have
 borrowed the money to put Charlie
 through college but he felt that
 Charlie could have borrowed the money
 at will. "Chuck" looks handsome
 & plump in face with a good
 colour & the Miss Lockwood are desir-
 ed to him. Willie says he did not
 see much of Charlie; what I regret.

Mieci & Douglas want to make
a fishing trip into Canada this
summer; Mieci took handseamer,
& Long seems strong & well. has
a large garden spot planted, &
many young chickens, "Pappa"
is happy to be here to work a little
in the garden & to breathe the sweet
country air. We have a large comfort-
able room, & there is very much,
but not strong enough to do her
work. & can't find a good miller
here. as they are busy the fishing.
She had a woman doing cleaning
house, I hope I can get you will
be able to make Aggie's visit before
coming back; "Pappa" is a superior
in his situation, & the change to the
city you would enjoy. I wish you
were feeling better, Doubt if it has

Douglas told me you & he
spoke of getting a cottage on
the Lake for the two families
for the summer, but he had
heard nothing further about it.
Aggie told me nothing of that -
so I had nothing to say.

The Florets are going back
to Buffalo to live in the Fall
& to Derby this summer.
Mr. He is busy packing up.
Mr. Flore is not well enough
to keep the store & Anna &
Robert will work in Buffalo.
Aggie & "Doh" told enjoyed so
much their visit to you &
they looked so well. "Doh" as plump
as a bee bee. I am so thin.

64 König Strasse

Börsen am Rhein

May 27th, 1916.

My darling Mamma,

I am wondering how
you and precious Daddy are this
Sunday morning and if you are getting
ready for church. I am thinking
of you all the time and long
for your letters and to know all
the little particulars of your every day
life. Do you see Mrs. Winship often,
and Mrs. Enhardt me? And what
has become of that sweet young girl
Lulu Kaye and her brother Harold?
Are they married? Are the
Russes & Albers still keeping their
"Pension" and do you ever see
them? Do you remember me

to them if you do.

This morning we are not going to church as it is drizzling. It rains here a great deal. Every day at least one storm. The vegetation is beautiful on account of it, but it isn't pleasant to feel that you are never safe in going out without an umbrella.

Dr. Bell, our Columbia friend, had invited us to go with him & The Drachenfels this afternoon, and it quite a disappointment not to have to go. We were to take the Rhine Steamer as far as Bingenwinter and from there walk up the Drachenfels which is one of the mountains of the small Sieben Gebirge. At its summit is a beautiful old ruined castle and the view up & down the Rhine is said to be wonderful.

The view from Castelnau is

also early. We went there ^{MAY 27 1906} Wednesday,
Peguin, Marie Lavinie and I. It is
a hill south of Bonn covered with
woods through which run shaded
drives and woody paths to the top
where there is a hotel & beer garden
in which concerts are given three times
a week. Just in front of the hotel the
trees have been cut away and the
view is lovely of Bonn and several
small villages down in the valley
through which runs the broad
Moselle River, always alive with
steamers & sailing boats. The Lieben-
berg is on one side and to the
left in the distance the city of
Cologne.

This week the great Schumann
fest took place. Schumann and his
wife are buried in the cemetery
here. Three concerts were given and
all the tickets to them were bought
before we arrived in Bonn. - The cheapest

seats being \$3.25. They were full dress
affairs and many were out in evening
dresses although they commenced
at 6 o'clock. Two Probes were given, that
is last Rehearsals, and tickets for them
sold at \$1.00. We went to the performance
given Monday afternoon at 5.30 and
lasting until nine. In the middle
of the program fortunately there was
a 25 minute pause so that people
could go ~~out~~ into the garden (there
is always a garden connected with the
Theatres over here) and get a glass
of beer and a little something to
eat. After the concert regular supper
was to be had there. Joachim, the
famous director directed the orchestra
of 83 instruments in the opening
"Symphony in E dur", two movements
of which were exquisite. Then Schumann's
concert was given under the direction of

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Professor Hugo Winters. Fräulein Kappel
sang the Kretchen. She has a wonderfully
sympathetic and sweet voice and
her sisters sang the Faust equally
well. One of the soloists from Vienna
stayed here in this person. She
is a charming & very pretty woman
and her voice is very sweet.
The music was a great treat to me
and I only wished that you and
Daddy could have been with us.

Ben saw a little dark red hat
in a shop window the other day and
said that I must buy it. It is quite
becoming in the new Bordeaux red color.
I had it sent up to the house and
Thursday we had a good laugh over
the house girl here. I had been having
a white hat made and Thursday
it was sent to me. I was out when
the girl came & Anna, the house
girl went to the door. She was told
that there was a hat for a lady in

the house and Anna demanded
the name. The girl said she didn't
know the name but this was the address
& the lady was an Americaness, was
small, with dark hair & wore a brown
suit. Anna said yes, yes. There
was such a lady in the house
but she had already bought a
hat!! So she sent the girl away.
You see what an awful example
of extravagance I am setting to these
stupid Germans!

Friday was a holiday so I sent
Regina for my hat yesterday and it
really is very pretty. I hope you could
see it in all of its freshness.

I am hoping for a letter from you
tomorrow. So far this week none has
come. We hear that Prof. Shilly has left
Princeton to accept the head of the Anthropological
Dept at Cornell. Dr Schumann goes to Chicago
perhaps it will be Shilly who will be chosen & Dr will
will have the Teachers College there. Ben sends
you my very much love & Marie sends most
devoted. With all my heart, my darlings, I am,
Yours ever Marie.

this season's crop will
strain & cause for crop and
heavy with being heavy
down with the rain
a wet day. Rain is at
present for vacation, for
grown to tall. We have a
bunch of bushes yesterday, but
such a lot of a lot of
"let" give it, we are
there is any profit was
gone. I am glad to see the
season. The crop of figs are in
fruit. I hope we will get
the bushes will be well
well which some people say
make very little of it. I
very little from. I will be glad
to hear about your work, and

It is evening but several hard rains today
will of course prevent New Haven's coming, every
day last week we had rain except yesterday, we
hoped the showers had stopped & were surprised
when rain came again today, everything is
dripping wet but the sun has come out as
bright as can be. The farmers were anxious
for rain but are getting more than they want
now, it interferes to much with "chopping
cotton". I was very glad to have yesterday your
letter of the 14th. I suspect Maria & yourself are
enjoying your stay in Rome as well as Louis & I.

as saying she should be as quiet, she has
been with strange enough not to mind them.
I am not surprised at what she thought of the
Arabs. I am much obliged for your concerns
about the bonds & corn. I did not think you
could help me. When but asked for her gratifi-
cation, I will write her what you wish.

Yes, I think it is time. Henry was leaving his
brother or uncle if he ever intends to I really had
not thought how he is getting on in years. I thought
building a house in Bristol was the first step
towards a change in his life but he does not
say as, at 4 years he was running on with Henry
about his poor girl & his sick girl, & the other day
heard of another girl said to be his "sweet heart"
so perhaps he must make a selection, too many
things to his bow. Blanche Davis was the one

who told of the last girl, but I have not seen
her to know any thing more about it, but I think
the one she alludes to is Miss Pargue who
frequently spends a week or so at the Bachelors'
with her brother. I have been thinking for some time
she had a motive. Blanche met her at Heding-
Spring where she (Blanche) has been teaching.
Well, I think I wrote because I had accepted Henry's
invitation to go up to common consent, but I thought
so much of having to go alone, & of the strange
would have to meet that my courage failed me & I
wrote her I could not go. She thinks it a very nice
trip (as it would be for her) & that I would not mind
the strange but I would. I would be like Lavinia at
the table, "still as a mouse," the older I grow, the
greater my diffidence to meeting strangers. Henry will have
to come to see me, I will ask her as soon as we have
some vegetables from our garden, by that time which
will be now plentiful, we have 5 little yellow brigs
as yesterday that I feel like turning out to grow, by

the way, the man who brought them was from
Newwood he said your Uncle John stayed only
8 days at Stafford & that he was not feeling well,
but going about. The man was Alfred, who as a little
boy waited on your grand Father, used to come here
with him, & played ball with the boys, he inquired
particularly about you. Tell Lornie a little red bird
has made a nest in a rose bush close to the porch,
laid 3 little eggs & has gone to sitting, every night she
has got an egg. I was thinking today how pleased Lornie
would be to watch her, & the little birds when they
hatched, I hope nothing will disturb her but few the
cats will. Does Regina stay with you now? if so
Lornie can enjoy to the full, the cloudy streets & paths.
I thought you were going to spend some more time in
Bournemouth & take her up there for the home wood marsh.
I am so glad it is now time for you to return. I have
not heard from Benbow, but suppose if sick he would
let us know. Mary Webster was to spend the past
week in Dorchester with Henry Gable, I am afraid

Durham N. H.
May 21. 1866

Dear Maria:-

I am writing this
sitting by a good wood fire in the
kitchen room grate and am thankful
to be where it is warm for it is
as cold & damp all over the house
It is raining hard & has been for
two days as the children are at
home today & as they have un-
der the kitchen while they
do the dishes I am glad to get
a chance to write to you. I
have wanted an opportunity for
weeks.

Mrs. Merrill finished up my sewing
last Saturday night after reading for me

since the first of April & you can
imagine my relief. I only have this
week to get the house in some
kind of order before commencement
& then open that event the house
house cleaning begins.

Next Sunday is Baccalaureate
and we have a very fine
minister coming to preach the
sermon. Chas. has two friends
from Boston coming Saturday to
spend Sunday. Mary Anne has
a friend coming for Monday &
that night. Tuesday three of our
friends from Manchester are
coming & Leonora is coming home
& will bring two girls with her.

The Old Cook concert society night.
I promised to be very fine. We do not
have large speaking any more. One
would be surprised to see how much
will stand. how done. In the Ballroom. We
have beautiful flowers & a grand Band &
it is quite a show for day afternoon when
the day has been passed. I remember
often the day one to be watching
the general trouble. This night for the
first & last it will be a night, I have by

Leonora is one of the clever
girls who are Proper Readers
at her school this year & then
I have to go to Andover for
the week - the middle of June.
I dread it. For I will be more nervous
than I used to be when you had
to get up & recite. Leonora is such
a nervous child that I am afraid
she will have hysterics on the stage.

I have asked Margaret Cox
& several others for London addresses
for you but they do not know
of any very good places. Margaret
says she knows of several places
in Paris but I don't think she does
for I never saw any thing much
that she ever brought home.

to Woods Hole. Why don't you take a steamer
that will land you in Boston?

In April Mrs. Allen gave Fannie
a birthday party - & Lillian & Anne
combined it. It was a big surprise
to Fannie. She received some beautiful
things but not as many or as valuable
as did Allie. Blanche was here
& she & Fannie said that when
you came this summer they
were going to give you a baby dress
shower. For Fannie for you deserved
a shower as well as the rest of the
big four. I do not envy Thomas his
big rushing bride. He is to take her
to Worcester next September.

If Allie has not written you her
secret yet don't let on that I have
told you for I know she is going to
write to you soon. She has expectations
of an addition to her family next
fall & the whole family are very

Lusitania here can do etc, etc. there
is so much on both sides of the
question to be decided. I do not
say much but I do not want to
go one bit. I would never have
such a big, comfortable home with
such lovely, pure air again. I
have a few friends that I would
like to have. I do not advise the
modern people I know well enough
to want to settle among them. But
of course I am going to do with the
best grace possible whatever is for
Chas. but good but I do hope it will
be decided that we are not to go.
Chas. is said to be by nearly every
body the strongest man that New
Hampshire College has. His course
certainly stands the highest & he
has given the best in him to his
College for several years. I think it

Chas. says you can get ^{MAY 8 1891} ~~any~~
you want at Flet Robinson's store
in London. I have your bundle
got all the winter flannels that
you & Louisa will need for
your while you are in London for
they are better & more reasonable
than any thing you can get in the
States. I do hope you have seen our
cousin & that you like her. I am
anxious to hear about her & every
thing else for that matter. I long
for July to come & you need not
think that you are going to
Wood's Hall for you are not. Ben.
has had you to himself for a good
long time & he has got to spare
you & Louisa to us when he
can get to with us himself.
I do hope he won't have to go himself

happy over it - the old Blanche as a dead weight
& Blanche told Mrs. Stone - now nearly ^{again} ^{to} ^{the}
purges it - I told you Alice was made with Blanche
& she was - told her so. Father's illness has
consumption & as she will not stay away from
home long enough to be helped she can not
live many months. It is terribly sad for the four
poor little children all under eleven years.

I know you will be pleased to hear
that Chas. has been recommended by Prof. Morley
of Western Reserve College to take his place
when he resigns, at a salary of \$2000. Chas.
feels more pleased over Prof. Morley's recom-
mendation than any thing else for with Prof. Richards
of Harvard he is the best ^{American} chemist in
Germany & France. We have not decided to
go to Cleveland yet - but are waiting to see what the

is time they should show their ^{May 28, 1900}
appreciation of him & his work. I
can not write all I would say as
you will have to wait. In the
meantime.

Isn't it fine that Cornell won
the race with Howard & also
the games. There will be a
big time in Ithaca to day.

Mr. Whoriskey owes me a box
of Hughes I am glad to say. Also
Mr. Kane & Will. Hunt can the
races Friday afternoon.

Did I tell you that Mrs. Ingh-
land visited the Inghes Fort-
last month & they gave an
afternoon tea for her? I was
invited but - of course did not go
mistake did Mrs. Peltier or Mrs. Gibbs

It made me sick the way some of
the faculty women crawled around
his. Mrs. Rouse was one of them.

Wouldn't see how Mrs. Cumberland
could come back to Durham ~~now~~ come
after their disgraceful leaving. She
certainly has the news of all of
Main graduates from Smith - the
June. She is a tall, broad shouldered
girl but very homely. Looks like a J.

Memorial services were
held in the church yesterday for
Mrs. Hamilton Smith who died
in Washington in March. Her
body was brought here & buried
Saturday. After Mrs. Underdonk
beach a great deal of her money
is to be divided between Dartmouth
& this College. Col. Hall of Dover who
was Mrs. Smith's lawyer persuaded

her to leave the money between the two
Colleges for he is a Dartmouth man. The news
was in the paper & I heard nothing of Dartmouth
right about the fact but she was very much
interested in this College. When we were
the morning of our visit at school here. I feel very
sorry for Mrs. Underdonk for her marriage has
will be completely over & she is left so alone
to her children's death. She says this is to be her home
& she presided the house as full of relatives who
came in for the funeral services.

Remember me very lovingly for which I am
thankful. We & John were just a pleasant
surprise to the mother & father. Father has
been a lawyer for she is so busy & I am so busy that
we do not get much time for visiting. I feel
fortunate to hear about the history.

Aunt has made cake & has
just finished churning butter &
wants me to come & fix it as I
must bring this long scroll
to a close & get to work. I have written
this on my lap as if you can read
it you will be doing well.

Wish you Ben. & that little Louise
could be here for commencement
for I know you would enjoy seeing
all the old friends & students
who are coming back this year.

With a heart full of love
for you all in which the whole
family would join and many
kisses for you sweet sister & that
precious baby.

Ever your devoted

Alice

P.S. I hope you received my last letter
& that this will reach you.