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alone. This is getting
to be a few empty
days to him in. I wish
you would write back
soon when I see
all out go to town, you
are too old to live as we
do. Please write this
from letter. I want to see
some thing about
dinner with much
love to you all
Yours truly
1900

I can hardly realize "the fault" as
it were but we are certainly having fairly
weather. You must be getting ready for the home
trip. I debated with myself some time as to whether
I should write today but the letter was much
you in Boston. I am as glad to think you being
on the homeward way, the good Father said
get on "this is the time to encounter ice bugs",
he is always for's comfort - but I will hope
for the best. I wonder if it will be hot on the
water. We see by the papers that many persons
have died from the heat in the cities. I hope
you will not find it very hot in Columbia when
you arrive. I don't remember if I answered you

Last letter which was most acceptable. That
father sends one of the ones Uncle John &
Katie out here some years ago, but the book
did not always last, as in his case, I expect you
will be right glad to have a second to keep
him a company on the steamer, & Annie will be
well taken care of. Do suppose learning to speak
English? The baptists began a protestant meeting
yesterday, I did think I would go to hear Wallace
Lott's first sermon but it was so hot & the work
much heavier as I decided not to go. I thought Ruth
might come up & I would have to work something
for dinner, but he did not come.

Mr Jones provided last night, such a voice, it
beat in the window & could hear nearly
all the night, but his true voice did not
prevent my going to sleep; he is holding forth now.

11 o'clock in the day.

Last Tuesday sister Sally & Lucy Briggs came &
spent the day, it was the first visit either one
had made here this year & I enjoyed having them,
but oh dear! in the evening a cloud came up &
sister Sally was miserable, it was as strong as the
wind lasted until 6 o'clock quite hard. The bed I
think made up her mind to spend the night but
Lucy insisted they had plenty of time to get home
& that the little show rain their falling made no
difference, as with many fears sister I decided to
go. Henry was expected at her house that night so
that was why Lucy was so anxious to go back.
They reached home safely about dark. Lucy Miller
had gone off with her father for his health, I
would not be surprised if they are at East
brook Springs now.

I have not heard a thing from your father &
not a word from Dad since his visit to us.

Divide you of my fire being each, I don't
think she would hold out. but a week, but she
came back yesterday evening, you don't know what
I have to put up with, imagine her after dinner
making her sewing toilette, counting through the
front hall, picking up a paper or magazine & reading
herself on the bench under the cedar tree, or on the
front steps to rest. I am on guard of her taking the
evening down on the porch & that I have heard of
though. She is so fastidious about her eating that I
sometimes fear she will starve, she thinks the meals
must be ordered to suit her tastes, can't eat any more
but ham &c. &c. Of course, only as strong as I was
some years ago I would not ask any of them to work
for me. We are having very nice tomatoes now but
nothing else except cabbage from our garden, the
potatoes are so flourishing. We miss the fruit
so much. I don't think there will be any to preserve
unless a few figs if the chickens will let them

Bonn am Rhein.
July 6th, 1906.

Dearest Daddy, Your dear letter
of the 26th has just come and
we enjoyed it so much. As I wrote
Mama on a postal a few days ago
This has been a busy week getting
packed and ready for our last
trip in Europe. One trunk and
a hamper we have sent direct to
the ship and the other trunk
is almost ready to take with us
when we leave Bonn on Tuesday.

We will leave here in the morning
and go to Bruges which is a quaint
little Belgian town & where Ben
wants to stop to see a large
collection of orchids which some man
has there. The next morning we will
go from Ostend to Dover & on to London
that night. Thursday I hope to see
Cousin Agnes Robertson as she lives
near London in Bickley. We will
stay in London only two or three days
to see a little and buy a little
and then go to Liverpool. There I hope
to meet a Miss Miller who knows
a great deal about Uncle John
and his work. We will stay only

a day and go on to Edinburgh and
Relax. We will have three days there & then
must come back to Liverpool & be ready to sail
the 19th. I hope to see Mr. Lander in Edinburgh.
How I would love to spend a whole summer
in Scotland! It must be a wonderfully lovely
country and nothing would delight me more
than to go with you and darling Grace to
the land of your boyhood. I don't know whether
we will have time to see anything of The Lornoch
but hope to see as much as we can.

We sail on the steamship Kensington of The
Dominion Line July 19th and shall probably
land at Quebec for that must be a most
more interesting city than Montreal. We
will then go direct to Alice where I will
probably stay two weeks with Marie Louise
and Regina. Ben will be able to stay
only a day or two as he has to hurry on to
Columbia but he will stop at Buffalo
on the way to see you and dear Grace.
Perhaps I will be able to spend two weeks
in Buffalo with you all & so reach
Columbia about the first of September.

I am so glad to hear of the prospects
and improvements at Mountain Home.
In the last copy of the Columbia Herald
Mr. Williams was boasting that whole
section of the country opened up by the
Missouri Pacific R.R. It would be very
interesting trip for you & Mamma & take

and Hot Springs I am ^{July 6, 1906} sure will
benefit dear Mamie's rheumatism,
and of course you know what a pleasure
a visit from you would give us.

Do thank dear Maggie for
the bill enclosed in her last letter
and tell her I will buy her a
souvenir from the "Land of the Mountain
and the flood" with it.

I know what delight you must have
had last week in Alice and Agnes'
visits. I do hope I shall find Agnes
at Alice's and perhaps we can come
over to Buffalo together. Dear Doug!
I do hope Wanchet was benefitted
him and that he will come back
stronger. It worries me to think that
he is not so well. He works too hard.
I do hope he & Alice will be in

Buffalo when I came to there.
Chaslin, too, I hope will come on
to see me & I am only sorry he
can't see Ben, too.

You don't know how much I will
appreciate the photographs of Mann's
hangings. I have always longed
to have one & am so glad you found
it possible to have a photograph made.

To-morrow we expect to go to
Andernack to see an orchid
collection there & also to visit Frau
Engel, the little lame lady who was
sent weeks here in the Pension
under the treatment of a hypnotist.
She got discouraged & went home
but I do hope that by gymnastics

and message she will be much better.
Wednesday was 4th of July and we
had a union celebration with the Germans
who were very happy on the birth of a son
to the Crown Prince and Princess.

Louise talks continually of Grandmama
and Grandpapa and can hardly wait
to get to "Americus" to see them. The other
day when she was out walking with Regina
she saw two parrots which Regina told
her were popogais. That is the German name.
"Da ist der papa-gai" said Louise,
"und da ist die mama-gai, aber
wo ist der baby-gai?"

So far we haven't succeeded in getting
a girl for Mrs. Williams & are almost
discouraged about finding one. Regina
Lommel is going with us, and is happy
in the prospect.

I am so happy to think I shall
see all my dear ones so soon after
this long, long year in foreign lands.
I can hardly wait for the time to
come. Bob, too, will be so happy to see
you both, and says I must send you
much, much love for him. Marie Louise
kisses me in many, many kisses
and with all my love, I am
Your own devoted
Marie.

Dear Mr. [unclear]
I am so glad to hear
from you! We have had
no frost this morning.
I hope you will all
enjoy a day or so at
least. We are all well.
I am sure you will
stop over at [unclear]
some time, but I
don't like to
press you for any
particular time for now.
I am sure you will
be at [unclear] at
the [unclear] office.
Very dear [unclear]
1700.

I think I owe you a letter,
intended writing some time ago, and afraid
now my letters will not reach you, but this
does not tell me just when you will come.
It was very glad to have his letter a few nights
ago, at the same time one from Waverley
has mentioned that the nights were so
enough to sleep under a pair of blankets.
(July 1st) & that on the 25th of May, they
had a freeze, but strange to say plants were
not much injured, so even his garden was
late. A young man from Lyndhurst (the [unclear]
West) where Waverley is very much, is going

into the winning business with Ware & Wiggins. I hope this money will change Ware back & that we will hear he is making some, but the risk usually get richer & the poor poorer.

I am sure you were fixing dinner for the voyage from your letter that you all are coming home soon. I wonder you anything to see James & then he speak to him. It is too bad about the little dress. I can't imagine why it could not go, other packages sent you went all right, perhaps it should have been addressed to you as the other ones. I think it will be a sight when you get it, as usual.

Our community have been enjoying a protracted meeting at the Baptist church. Dr. D. was quite a regular attendant morning & night.

The report got out that he was going to join the Baptist church. I can't understand why he went, I went three nights & was awfully bored. I went because I did not want to stay at home alone. The only thing I remember is singing to me - but might they only happen in two sermons & the meeting closed.

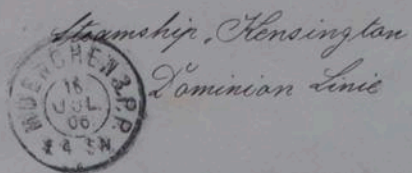
On Friday we started early & went to John's. Found him better than he has been in some time, looked better & was stronger, but he took a notion to give up the service & I was afraid he will go back, also understood finally what to do for him & was so efficient, the girls are willing to do all they can for their Father but do not understand the use of the many different medicines used for him. Melville was very much suffering with his throat too, Dr. D. prescribed for him. My & little girls are still there. Charles spent

Yesterday night & yesterday day with us had a
chill Friday, as soon as the fever was off
mounted his horse & came down to visit the
look after his cattle he heard some sick, the
trouble was exaggerated, only one was sick. I
tried to keep him last night but he said he
must go home, of course a lot of grumblings was
figured for him. I am afraid it will not have
much to do with, except work, very high fever
left yesterday evening. I could not persuade her
to say she would come back & cook in my
absence. I am so disappointed & have Henry will
be too. Dr D. brought in a nice basket of
fruit this morning, he smiled, in his own good
time then fed the horse & cow, dressed the
wounds in distasteful *) brought in fresh water
& then ate his breakfast, you see he has to be
right busy in the morning. He is to make

another early trip to town, and some shoes,
things I hate to buy -

Edwin, his husband, three children & some one
visiting the miller, will go from There to see
Sally's to spend several days & then to Passapatan;
tell them Mr. Dyflint has been riding his aunt
Wesley's out. They are all teasing her about
it. Mrs. & Miss Thatch come today for Rod Springs
Dinner's sent them a check, wanted them to meet
her in New York & see the sights, but they prefer
not seeing it in a trip to Rod Springs for Mrs
H. & observation, it was hard work for her to
get Mrs Thatch off, it would be just the other
way with us, if we could get some one to stay on
the place Dr D. would go anywhere. We have
not heard from Paul since he was here. Some time
think some of them must be sick. Mary is the
only one who writes regularly & appreciates it as
much. A cousin has just left at the door of

Mrs. B. M. Luggar



Steamship Kensington

Dominion Line

Sailing July 19th Liverpool
England

He

München, den 15. Juli 1906.

Ihr geehrte Frau Professor!

Endlich ist es mir
möglich, Frau Professor, das zweite
Stück der Point-lace Robe zu sen-
den. Ich hoffe daß es wohlbehalten
und noch zur rechten Zeit in Ihre
Hände gelangt. Da ich ein recht
duftiges Muster gewählt habe,
glaube ich ganz den Geschmack
der sehr geehrten Frau Professor
getroffen habe. Große Freude be-
reitete mir die Nachricht, daß
das Point-lace Jäckchen ganz
nach Wunsch ausgefallen ist

und ich hoffe nun, daß dasselbe
auch bei dem Rache der Fall sein
werde.

Meine Eltern und ich danken
herzlich für die übersandten
Grüsse und wünschen Frau
Professor und Ihren sehr geehrten
Familie eine recht glückliche Reise.

Unter höflichen Empfeh-
lungen und den herzlichsten
Grüssen bin ich

Ihre
ergebene

Maria Schuster.

Gestatte mir auf gefälligen Wunsch
die Rechnung für die gefertigte
Point-lace Probe anzufügen:

ganzes Kleid Point-lace gezeichnet = 50 M
Material, Arbeitslohn, Porto = 90 M

Summa: 140 M

Receiving Sprague
July 22nd 1906

Very dear Tom

Your letter of the 5th reached me yesterday, forwarded from Peaverville on the 19th. I was as glad to hear it, you were mistaken about having told me when you would write so I did not write on any usual day, Monday, but asked your Father to write when your letter came as I expected that to tell me when you would write. He did not say whether he wrote, this will meet you where ever you land & I will write next week to Durham. You are well out at sea now & I will think of you all as much, & pray you may have a safe trip.

I was not certain until Monday morning that

I could come & had to leave at 4:00 clock as it
was a rush to install the cook, get my suit
case packed & reach Gallatin at the appointed
time especially as a tremendous rain came up
just as your Father put the buggy at the front
door for us to go, as soon as it held up a little we
started & fortunately were in time for the train. I
had to spend part of the night at Marion
Junction, the hotel is run by a lady, no night
porter or any one to call me up as I asked the
loan of an alarm clock, lay down without undressing
& at 2:25, the hour for the train, took ~~up~~ my
grip & walked over to the station alone, courage
one for me was not it. There was a tiresome
delay of 2 & a half hours so the train for Fair
ford had left Calvert but I found Slawey
there with his buggy for me & we soon drove to

Fairford, you should see what a nice comfortable
home "the Bachelors" have, a nice breakfast of
coffee, fried chicken biscuits or savouries as (he
left home without breakfast) He was soon called
off for a drive of 5 miles but Messrs Morgan &
Duke took charge of me. When Slawey returned he
took me to the saw mill, then I was surprised at
the rapidity with which large logs were converted
into planks, then we went to his office but
patients soon ran me out & he was busy until
supper time, after supper he took me to see the
lady who was coming up with me, Mrs. Ryan,
she brought 2 children, one 3 years old & one 18
months, no nurse, as it takes as all to nurse
them. The train as one of the nice est, one hour
kind as the trip was rather tedious from 8:30
to one. We were given rooms in the same cottage

+ very near the dining room. This could be made
a beautiful watering place but the old man
who owns it spends his money on improvements,
+ accommodations are only passable. But a blind to
any window only "chimpanzy," thin, old curtains, at
night I pin my sheets over them to keep flies
from coming inside. The farm is real country, fresh
chicken + ham, a plenty of vegetables, but biscuit
+ corn bread poor, but the water gives us fine
appetites + we overlook defects, are always ready
for meals. The water is cool + delightful, one had
taste like some mineral water, the chief amuse-
ment is going to the springs + "racing drinking
water," a young lady who came up with us
drinks 3 gallons a day, Henry takes even more.
He was busy all the time Thursday + Friday
with the Mason's meetings, last night the
"Wood men"; he seems to enjoy it all very much.

JULY 22, 1906

know any one, Mrs. Byron tells me he is
a great favorite in Fairfield & much thought
of as a physician. I stopped "to get a drink"
that means several, & considerable time
between drinks as it is too late to finish my
letter tonight. The springs are not far off as we
drink right from the spring, the walk helps to
kill time. Monday morning - We have just
returned from breakfast, I must finish my
letter to mail at Fairfield, Henry & I are
going down this afternoon, the others will remain
longer. I will stay about 2 days with Henry &
then go home, the cook would not consent to
stay but 2 weeks; from your Father's letter
she is a poor apology for a cook.

There is a little dark haired girl about 3
years old here, she makes me think of Louise,

but she is not good as Lomeau is. There is
nothing to interest you in these parts, I may
have tired you already as I will finish up,
with much love to "the girls" & yourself.

Your devoted

Mother.

July 28, probably 1906

Opworth Heights
Ludwig For. Mich.

My Dear Mrs Duggan;

I hope this letter
reaches you. you will
be nearing home and
friends, and I can
not tell you how
glad we will be to
welcome you in Columbia
again - I know
you have had a pleas-
ant, profitable year;
but the best part of
going away is the time
coming, and I know
you will rejoice to
be safely in America.

And I hope you ^{July 26, 06} will
not worry -
If you hear the girl
you can send her
to us here - The station
is Sudington, and
I will meet her there
if I know her time
of course. If not
I will enclose you
an address that she
can show where she
gets off the train and
she will have no
trouble in coming from
Sudington to Apurtha
on the street car - and
only a mile -
Tell her to have this
address where she can

July 24 06

Your last letter reached
me two weeks ago, and
I have some of your
experiences in girl
hunting have been
amusing - I am
afraid it has been
great trouble, and it
has not been as easy
as I expected; for I
imagined there would
be so many applicants
to an advertisement
that all we would have
to do would be to choose.
I will not be at all
disappointed if you
have not been successful

July 26, 06

show it, and I will
then be able to identify her.
You can explain to
her please that we
are here until the last
of August and then
return to Columbia. I
will pay all of her fares
after she reaches Indi-
anapolis, and I wish
you would write me
how much you think
best to have her pay
each week, toward
paying for her passage.

I suppose \$9.00 a week
is what I am to pay her
for the first year -

Edwin is having such a
fine time in the sand, and

he looks like a real
big fellow in his first
little romps -

I will probably reach
Columbia before you do,
and visit then something
I can do for you in
regard to getting settled
and your house in order.
So let me do something
as it will be such
a pleasure.

With kindest regards
To Dr. Duggan. Kisses
for Mame Lavin, and
longest greeting for each
one of you Sincerely
Walden H. Williams
July Twenty Sixth -