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To Durham, N.H.

August 1, 1908

Chester, New York.

My dear Mrs. Suggs—
Your card came
to me the other day
and rebuked me very
much for not having
written you long ago.

I intended to write
you an Easter letter and
as that did not get done

I have intended writing
ever since but there
is something about the
ocean that is an awful
handicap to letter
writing. I do not know
what it is, I am sure
it is not the five cent
stamp.

First of all I want to
say that I am more
glad than I can tell
you that you are back
again. He missed you

all sadly last year, and it nearly
reals my heart & think that
I am not going to see you
soon, unless we can meet
in Buffalo or some place
en route to the West this
month, do you think that
will be feasible? for I am
sorry to say that we have
left Columbia. Mr. Gerould
is to-day in Minneapolis & begin
to work for the University of Minne-
sota. I shall join him as
soon as he finds a place
to live and the furniture arrives.
I do not realize that when I go
back I shall not find any of
my good friends at the end
of my journey. It is too sad, I do
not let myself think about it.

Mr. Gerould thinks that he has
bettered himself in every way, and
I am sure he has. He was not

at all happy in his ^{Aug. 1}
work last year for the
library got in a good
deal of a mess. Dr. Lefors
the Searens or Millers will
tell you about it if you care
to know.

We hope to have a
home in Minneapolis
before long and I want
you to know that there
will always be a hearty
welcome awaiting "the
Duggars" there.

When do you reach this
country? When do you
expect to go West? How
is my ~~very~~ God daughter?
My I wish I might
bring you all Mrs. Suggs
included.

Your father told me
last Spring when I met
him that Mr. Suggs
was going to be at Woods
Hole part of this Summer
he will be there with

Dr. Lefevre for I think he is there
now.

So let me hear from you
soon. I hope you are all well
and as glad to get back as
we are to have you. I am
going to cling to the thought
that I may be able to meet
you somewhere between here
and Chicago. I suppose Mr.
Gould will be ready for
me in about two weeks but
if there is any hopes of meeting
you by waiting a little while
I'll gladly wait.

With love to yourself, Mr. Duggar
and little Louise I am as always

Truly yours
Mary Gould.

August the first.

Get you are not in
 this land of hemp clothes
 My molly shoe, and
 stick to furniture.
 How do you, Mr.
 L. D. my dear friend
 about dear little
 "Madie".
 Madie and the
 each for me.
 Give me love to
 the husband,
 and kiss those
 you wish. Tell
 Alice I am sending
 her a corn which has
 the same as one
 I sent for her
 small children.
 He carries a
 red flag in the
 upper right pin.
 I mean here for
 the morning. You
 are better.
 With all love
 to my dear
 Madie and
 George, or any little
 the whole, from
 your loving father.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
 DEPT. HOUSE
 COLUMBIA, MO.,
 Aug 4, 1906.

It is an hour till dinner and

perhaps I can send a word to my Love before I am interrupted. Nearly a whole day has passed! Shall I tell you the happenings by going forwardly, backwardly, or skip-singly; or by a combination of first and last.

Mr. Purinton (spl.: Prof. Moore's assistant) and I kept company to Boston, and his prattle served to help make the time go by as I was being driven away from my Mariechen and her Tatchen. We were late in Boston, and the car which took me to the So. Sta. was still later. Finding that probably no dentists would be open after five I hustled out to buy a negligee shirt, and then was just in time to catch the 5:08 train to the hotel.

On arrival I went to the Dexter House. The first names I saw on the register were those of the Leffers, but they had eaten supper and were out. Well, I got some supper, and was soon on a hunt for Moore, who had expected me on the earlier train. I went down to the M.B.L. and found a lecture going on. Davenport was talking "Poultry Breeding and Mendelism", and he showed us a lot of interest.

ring slides. Afterwards Moore and the Leferres became
invisible. I had a chat with the former while Moore at-
tended to some work, and then with Moore until eleven
o'clock. I can tell you my Honey, wished you were here
to have the news, the gossip, the greetings and all.
How I like to share everything interesting with
my Diva! But I know you wish a few salient
bits of news right off. Prof. Waters has been offered the
Agr. deanship &c. in the Univ. of California, and he
has provisionally accepted: now he is fighting the
Board for his release! Waters who has been there so
long and done so much! However, don't tell the latter
phase of it. Gerould has gone to as good a position
in a better library environment. Besides others of
whom we have heard, Koch has left. By the way,
Gerould left largely because Stone was given inde-
pendent sway over the reading room last year.

Enough for Columbia this time. Moore and I have talked
all morning, and we have gone over the Washington situa-
tion pretty thoroughly, although he says that we are
not yet half through. Things are in a muddle of
reorganization. A thousand and two new regulations are
in vogue, and if scientific work is not smothered it
will be a wonder. I have no further desire to go by way
of Washington, and it is no question of prejudice any-
where. Everybody who knows us asks enthusiastically about
Mr. D. - and the Baby (I mean grosses Medekens), and it would

August 5th 1906.

Very dear Lou,

Your letter written on the ship, & mailed at Quebec, was gladly received & interested us very much. I hardly expected a letter quite as soon as we did not expect you would land before August the first. There is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing you are all safely home again, you have been blessed, these trips abroad & return in the U. S. & no accidents! I am at a loss to know where to address this, think you will be hanging on to Columbus to get everything straight before the University opens.

So Louis wanted to know if the icebergs were to be eaten! Bless his little heart, who must be fond of "ice". I expect Columbus will appear quite tame to you all after

as usual, right wing. We are having a
quiet time, only one lady visitor since
my return from Fairfield. Every few days
we have a heavy rain, the road is not
in good order before another comes so I
have not been to Charlottesville, they have the
best chance to come to see me, because they
have a close carriage, for of horse & driver
but always think it is easier for me to go,
with no top, one horse buggy & your faithful
hitch up & drive. Mr. Barnes was not much
improved by his visit, just the contrary
with me, I have felt so much better since
my return, in fact I don't believe I could
have kept up without that change & rest.
It was a great pleasure to me too to see
how all my is fixed, & how much he is
appreciated. I had a card from him yester-
day, and he just could not find time to
write a letter, that had been the briefest
week on record, long drives into the country,
plenty of office work & some night work,

that you know pays double. Collecting is
good down there, all employees are paid
off Saturday & have money to pay their
bills, wages are high, indeed every thing
is high. There is only one store in the place
& that is owned by the lumber company so
they sell as they please. The whole town &
thousands of acres of land are owned by the
company, all dwellings are rented, consequently
by no means improved. It is standing up so
much we will have a big rain directly, had
one yesterday. Barnes expecting brother Barnes
& wife to dinner but of course they could not
come & my Saturday cake baking & other
efforts were useless. There is a baptism & is
to be at the baptizing at the Baptist church.
I suppose it took place, Mrs. Spencer & some
children were to be baptized.

I am afraid these continued rains will injure
the cotton very much, must be the 'dog days'
they I believe last through August so there is
time for much damage to be done. We have

for water melons in the well, I wish you
could all enjoy it with us, but such luck is
splendid one to spend in the water waiting
for some body to eat it with us. Our Father has
12 turkeys he raised, is very proud of them, is
looking forward to some one to come right around
to see him with off every evening with the
milk buckets to milk the cows, he is improving
too, gets a nice bucket of milk but says "oh
I feel exhausted," he is so busy about it is
the reason. I have stopped 4 or 5 times since
I began this letter & said it will soon be
time to see about dinner & change in a
place for, that suits the quantity of cream
have & is less fatiguing than using & cleaning
the large ones. I am leaving all sorts of labor
doing ways, & about with. With much love
to you all & kisses to Annie.

Yours devotedly

Wm. H. W. Weston.

Durham, N. H.

Aug. 8th, 1916.

My precious Old Man,

To Buffalo
Fwd to Col H.

In spite of
your bald head I love you still!
Your dear letters have been a
great delight to me and the
beautiful shirt-waist makes me
long even more to see you. It is
the loveliest one I ever saw and
you are just too sweet and good.
I am thinking of you & day walking
about in St. Francis and I am
longing to hear what you and
Prof. Bailey are saying! Write
soon and tell me all about
it. I know you enjoyed seeing
Dr. Moore and the DeForest.

A postal of the Minnesota Library
came & recd yesterday from Mr.
Gould. He says "The rumor was a
true one and here I am. Why
don't you apply for Macmillan's
job." J. S. G.

Do you want me to send you
those letters of Dr. J. S. G. or can
you remember the important communication
regarding Mrs. Mary and Mr. Lippincott?

A bill from Dr. Shovey came
to-day "by request" charging ^{you} with
4 fillings at \$2 each, so please
send me the \$8.

I have spent the ten dollars
and have waiting for enough
to buy my ticket to Buffalo. I
want to go Monday. I can hardly
wait to get to you once more.
Do you love me still? Not
any, my still.

Do you love me still? Not
any, my still.

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says "I haven't got any paper
to love me, but I've got my name".
Thank you is much for my kind
information. It relieves my mind
so much to know just what to do.
I want to order The Thicket and better
but have to wait for The "gett".
Blanche and Fannie are going
to take me for a drive and picnic
to - morrow.

Yesterday Alice asked Mrs Morgan
to lunch and she stayed until
six o'clock. What do you think of
that for country? Mrs Scott and her
sister called and also Mrs Hancock
who used to go to college with me
and is as pretty as ever.

To-day Agnes & I wanted to
take Alice off from the children
and have the day to ourselves
but it rained and we are pleased

the "Caput".

I know you will be glad that I have sent you the letters to Mrs. Fallow, Miss Munn and Miss Miller. Also before you left those to Regina's sister & Mrs. Williamson, so that much is done. I must now write to Mrs. Gould, Frank Engel and Miss Cox. We are having dreadfully hot, sticky weather.

You don't know, my darling D'Hubbards how glad I am that your painful tooth is at last out and that the gas was efficacious so that you didn't have the dreadful shock of feeling it pulled. I do hope it is healing nicely and that you are suffering no after effects. With all my heart my own d'Hubbard I am
Yours

Marie
All send you a great deal of love and our personal wants to be most kindly remembered to you. Marie Louise sends all her love.

CHICAGO
DETROIT
NIAGARA FALLS

EN ROUTE
VIA

BUFFALO
NEW YORK
BOSTON

NEW YORK CENTRAL, BOSTON & ALBANY
AND MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROADS

10 A. M. Aug. 9, 1906.

My darling Madrie,

How do you suppose I met on the sleeper this morning as I started to go to breakfast? Our old friend of Naval Ball days Dr. Marcella Simpson! He insisted that I should go in to breakfast with him. He has a whole state room in the observation car, and wishes me to sit with him for the remainder of the day. - Thank goodness! The train has stopped for Indianapolis, and I now have a few minutes without jostling.

My Pullman passage expires at Indianapolis, so I am glad to have this invitation to ride comfortably for the remainder of the day. Dr. Simpson is almost unchanged, except as to the loss of his beard, which, by the way, greatly improves his appearance. He is now a zinc-oil bug, and lives in Indian Territory.

But I must tell you of the family. I reached Buffalo yesterday (Wednesday) at 1:00 P.M. ate dinner and went to the "Boys" office. Will was out a town (at Georgian Bay) and Doug had not returned from lunch. Then I hastened to 1208 Main, and

there found Nance and Daddy both looking unusually well and happy. We chatted until five, but I did not 'preempt' the subject. I can assure you, Mr. Torr, indeed I scarcely had time to touch upon our experiences. Then Daddy and I went down town together and saw Doug, and he showed me many of the ins and outs of his great business. He insisted on my going out to see them, but I could not stay over. He says you must come. He tries just as soon as possible. He says they have lots of room and that arrangements are already made for your maid and Louise's "Pupen". Douglas leaves for Georgian Bay Aug. 24, so in order to spend a week with him prior

to the time when he will be
packing up you should come
about Aug. 15. After staying as long
as you wish with Daisy, Mance and
Daddy want you to spend some
time with them. I am afraid
that rooms at 1298 are very expen-
sive, so I would inquire upon ar-
rival, about it, and make that
part of your stay as intensive
as you can. Yet, I know there
is a lot of selfishness in this. I want
my little sweetheart as soon as
I can have her. It is an age
already since I left her, and
every day and every mile makes
it worse. It is because I love her
and always shall love her in-
tensively, and need her every
day. And how is my little

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Daughterkins? Dear little soul
of your soul, I miss her too;
and I will be truly glad when
we three children are all playing
around our own soup bowl,
family gods, or whatever you
will. I will send you money
for the Buffalo trip the first
thing (hang this letter) tomor-
row morning, and I hope it will
be in time to reach you, give
you chance to get ticket, &c.
before the 15th, if you decide to
come at that time.

I can't tell you much about
the Ethaca trip now. I am glad
I made it, but I don't think
that there is much in it

THE POWERS
F. W. POOR, PROP.

COLUMBIA, MO. Friday, Aug. 10, 1906

My own little Girl,

I have just finished my corn cakes at the Powers, and before I have taken a turn about the town I am going to send you a wee note. I must hurry it for the 9: A.M. mail as I wish you to have some chink for your tickets if you decide to reach Buffalo in time to spend a week with Douglas. I am sending a money order to the full extent of the little balance of cash in my pocket \$31.00. I will put in also a small check which Charles can cash for you, I am sure, if you need it before starting; and, if not, Doug. would do it on arrival in Buffalo. How I do wish you were

here to go out with me on the first "tour" to see what changes these months have wrought. I have loved you and missed you all the while most truly, but now I shall feel the most "lonely" of all.

The ride over - on the Columbia Accommodation - last night was very cool and pleasant, after a good rain throughout the state. Yesterday the day was long, even though Dr. Simpson was certainly amusing. For my next I can tell you about trains on Big Four and how you can miss the long all-day trip. I know I have not a moment for a word more, so Sweetheart, take again what you already have, and keep always all the love - yet giving warmly to Daughterkins - of your old Hubbaus.

Durham New Hamp.

Sunday, Aug. 12.

My Dearest

I long for you and
can hardly wait to see you once
more. Friday I didn't write you
as Aggie said I took Alice off
on an all-day trip and yesterday
I started to write, but I was so late
that I tore the letter up. So day
is beautiful and I am thinking
of you in our dear little Columbia
enjoying the first Sunday of your
return. Do give my love to every-
body. When you get the pictures (limited)
that you took here on postals please
send them to Agnes & Alice

for they are dying to have them.
I intended to ~~flee~~ to-morrow for
Buffalo but as the money didn't ^{come}
yesterday I will put it off until
Wednesday. Madame Parsons asked
me when I was going & I told her
the end of this week so she said wait
and go with her to-morrow, and
now she is mad at me because
I am not going. However I shall
reach Buffalo as you wrote me
about the 15th any way. "Grandma"
has taken a great fancy to Lavinia
and to you. She speaks in highest
terms of you both to every body.

I am glad about Ithaca. I think
it will be lots better to settle down
in our minds and remain contentedly
in Columbia a few years longer.

Aug 12 1906

I went down to Fannie's this morning, while she was in church, and saw all of her pretty wedding-clothes. She is so disappointed that I am not to be at her wedding.

I have to hurry down as some people have coffee & call. I will add a word in the morning.

Ever your own precious little
Pleasie.

Monday 2. m.

Dearest, your letter has just come enclosing the check & P.O. order and I thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. I am so relieved & happy that you are safely in Columbia and are well and happy. Wasn't it nice to meet all people Mr. Simpson! Mrs. Cox's letter was very nice and I enjoyed reading Brother's Mrs.

Parsons has just gone on this grand
part night. Lennie & I walked with
the other children & see her go. She
brought Lennie a dear little red &
white glass cup Saturday from the
Beach with Lennie written on it.
We are to take dinner in Portsmouth
as Alice has just informed me. I
will leave Wednesday & arrive for
Buffalo arriving there Thursday.
Marie Lennie says she wants to go
find her Papa. She talks of you
constantly and is a dear little
comfort and treasure. I know
you will be glad to learn I have
arrived & she here. and now
weigh 121. Isn't that a pretty good
recommendation for the Parsons Reading
House! I love you more and more
devotedly every day and am your
very own
Madrie.

Ließ mir jetzt ein Hundstisch. Da ich
 glaube die Wangen wird die
 diese Geringe und
 für mich aufbe-
 halten. Dann auch
 der Maria noch
 ein Hundstisch
 für den Papa
 der bin den
 kleinen Marie-
 chen so viel
 so viel Lie-
 hat. Schick
 auch einen
 Hundstisch
 anderen,
 Papas und
 Mathias, sag
 "Guten Tag"
 "Guten Tag"
 "Guten Tag"
 schick sehr
 viel an denen
 die den Papa.

Guten Tag Louischen! Hast
 du gut geschlafen? Und die Pu-
 ppen auch? Nein der Papa hat
 nicht so gut geschlafen, weil
 er jetzt keine Nachtsicht von
 seinen lieben "Gisla" bekommt.
 Kannst du
 nicht schreiben ma petite fille
 Dach ich denke schon;
 und der Papa wird es so lieb
 haben. Wenn du grösser
 wirst, schreibst du jedem

Tag an deinen Papa, nicht
wahr? Der Papa ist so weit
von seiner lieben Familie und
hat nur zwei Liebesbriefe bekom-
men. Das ist allerdings
Schade, aber der Choo Choo
wird bald, hoffentlich, die
liebe Familie nachbringen.
Vor wenigen Tagen habe ich
die kleine Aurelia gesehen.
Sie lässt dich grüssen, gleichfalls
senden Frank und Allen, Mary
Louise, George and Clifford Brown
schöne Grösse.

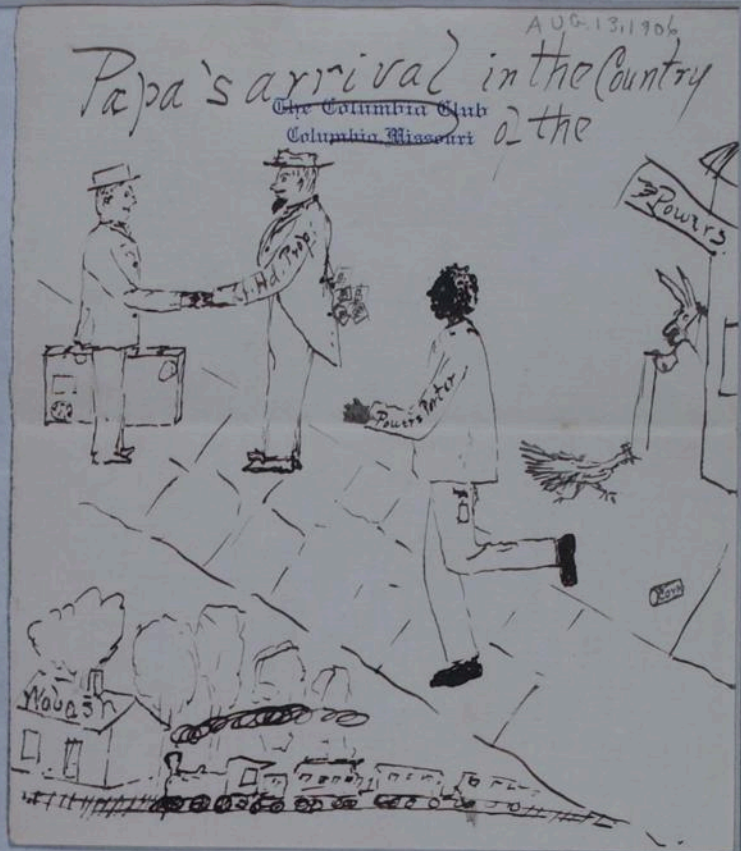
Es sind so viele Kinder
in der Virginia Avenue, einige

so gross wie cousin Annie, und
andere kleinere als Jackie. Das
wird schön und bedeutet schöne
Spiele im Herbst, nicht wahr? Ja,
wenn wir alle wieder zusammen
in unseren kleinen heim glück-
lich 'versammelt' sind, dann wird
das schöne Leben wieder anfangen.
Wir werden "Horsie" spielen, und
allelei Lieder singen.

Wie geht's der liebe Mutter. Wir
lieben sehr die kleine Mama,
nicht wahr?

Jetzt muss der Papa
sein Essen im Hotel nehmen. Das
ist gar nicht so angenehm, aber
der muss essen; ja, grosse oder
kleine Leute, wir müssen alle
etwas zu essen haben. Und lass
mich sagen; gestern habe ich
ein grosses Stück Wassermelone
gegessen. Aber im Hotel sind viele
Fliegen; doch thut das nichts, -
die arme fliegen, die müssen et-
was fressen, oder trinken. Ja die ha-
ben auch Durst.

Was hast du neulich gethan?
Erzähle mir, I möchte alles hören;
welche Puppe schläft bei dir? Wo gehst
du spazieren? Wann kommst du gar mal?



Edinburgh Aug 15
to R. W. Buffalo 86

Mr James Robertson

Dear Sir

It is with
great regret that I write
to you at this time, being
deprived of meeting your
daughter & husband on their
very short visit to this City.
I had a presentiment that
they would be here during
my absence at the Cattle
Show at Peebles and left
word at the shop to let
me know of their arrival -
little did I think that
they had been and away
in little more than 24 hours -
But this world is full
of disappointments, - and these
are of them

I got a letter from Liverpool
before embarking for home
from them excusing their
hasty visit and expressing
their deep regret at not
having more time to spend
in Auld Scotland -

They hope to be able
in some future time to
come over, with you
along with them, you
must be true + hearty
ever to think of such an
voyage, it would take a
great deal of sentimental
courage ^{for me} ~~to~~ ever to dream
of it, but I wish you
long life, and health to
accomplish their wish

I am informed that you
were pleased with the
Photo sent you, Edinburgh
has changed very much
in these last fifty years
going to Pearhill lately
by Cable Car, it ran past
the old house in Norton
Place, it still remains -
But the situation is quite
transformed, houses and
shops from the Abbey
Mons to Pearhill Barrocks
on each side, and the
once quiet and peaceful
district of your time town
into a bustling and stirring
suburb, and the green
fields are all away -

Your Daughter has not been
able to obtain any examples
of Uncle John's brush. The view
of Kelso which he painted in
Edinburgh more than 70 years
ago is still remarkably fresh.
I also have 2 engravings of
Liverpool celebrities which she
she might have got. Had it not
been for the hurricane rush visit
she made, however I will
let her off this time. trusting
she will send her Photo-
as a reminder of the most
interesting letters she sent
from the famous University
Cities of Europe, I would
esteem it very much -
Hoping that they, and
yourself are enjoying the
best of health. Believe me
yours. very sincerely
Charles Lander
47 George St

Saturday.

East Aurora.

16 AUG 1906

My son, (On Col. Mo.)

His letter has come from
you so far to-day. It is offering
but to-day and I have thinking of
you down in old Missouri
and hoping that you are sitting
still and not rushing about
making yourself ill and losing
all the fat that we traveller traveller
to put on you! I love you so dearly
and long so to see you. Did
you send me that dream that
night?

Chuck sent me a letter telling
me he was so sorry not to be able
to come up and see me while

I am in Buffalo. I did hope
he would be able to come. He said he
would send you the 175, as soon as
you wished or if convenient to you
the 3rd of September. He has had a
raise of salary and seems to be
quite happy and contented.

I haven't written Dr. Lefevre for
I never got the address of that
Capt. Carter. He was to write to
me if he found a servant who
wanted to come to Wisconsin.

When would you like me to
come home? For your birthday?
I should love to spend that day with
you.

Please excuse this little scrap
of paper, but I don't like to use
too much of Alice's only paper and as
yet haven't been able to buy any more
of my own. With all my love my darling
Diana your mother

My out-ped
O. K. you
Some of the things
made

I rode in an
Automobile
I had my dinner tray up in
an apple tree !!

I am hanging etc
of Gurn but I
want to find my
papa my son
Wm. W. W. W.

16 AUG 1906
Durham, N. H.

Sunday.

My Heart's Dearest (at Cornell)

I hope you arrived
safely in Woods Hall and enjoyed
your stay there. I long to hear
all about it. Do write to me
soon. Marie Louis and I miss
you so much. Louischen says my
papa is on the cho-cho train
but doesn't to see him. "Whinnie"
we are quite happy here. Yesterday
afternoon Miss Coe gave a little
card-party for the three sisters

the limit.

I love you darling and long
to hear from you. Write to me
and send me the money if
you want me to begin my journey
next. I suppose of course you will
wait until you get your checks
in Missouri as I don't want you
to cramp your self financially.

If with all my heart
darling, I am

Yours
Francis

and Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Kane, Mrs.
Cuddihoe and her friend Miss
Butler were there.

Several people have called and
everyone asks for you. As usual you
make a fine impression wherever you
go.

Lucie is a dear lovable little soul
and makes many friends.

This morning we all went in our best
to church, and this afternoon
Charles took Agnes, Alice, Louisa
and I in the north bound
down on the river.

Charles & Grandma Parsons are
on the point of leaving Cousin Mary
that Louisa will go there to
school next winter. Isn't that

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1218 Main St.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Thursday, A. M.

My dear Darling Ben,

I am more
sorry than I can tell that you
were so worried about me. I don't
see why you didn't get my letter.
I have written two to Chicago. I
didn't write last Friday because I
was gone all day to the beach. Saturday
I started to write you, but I was tired

and then and decided to wait until
later in the day. That afternoon Alice
insisted on her going to a reception
in the town and so I wrote Sunday
morning. I just let you more after
more each day. But you know how
hard it is to write at Alice's
with a thousand and one interruptions.

Yesterday we started from Durham
I felt so shaky about starting alone
I just did not know how I was to make
the long journey. I had spent all
morning packing the two trunks
and getting everything in readiness.

Everyone said they would help me
but you know how it is, at the
last minute I had everything to
do by myself. I was so dizzy I
almost fell from standing so much
since early morning. Agnes was awfully
good about ironing the tablecloth
and a few little things I needed
but Alice had to rush off with
the box & the examiners and I
don't know what fall.

We had a fine trip in spite
of my fears and forebodings. I
took a section and Regine felt
that she was having the turn
of her life. Louise wanted the porter
to wash her shoes, and sure enough
he did them beautifully.

Daddy was waiting at the depot
and after breakfast we went to the
boy's office & saw Doug. Will hadn't
arrived so early. Doug is to come here
for us at 10:30 & check in his automobile
and take us on it to east Aurora.
Daddy and Nance are looking fine
and it is so good to be with
them. Louise seemed to remember
them perfectly. I can get a room here
for myself & a servant's room for Regine
& for ~~board~~ all three included. I will
be charged \$6 a week.
I am so happy. I am so happy.
I am so happy. I am so happy.

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East Aurora.

Friday A.M.

Hearts Dearest, at Columbus's
You could tell
couldn't you, that Alvie doesn't
wield the pen of the ready writer!
I have tried too of late addressing
the envelope and writing East
Aurora and then I gave up in
disgust and must to find
this one in my own trunk
— that dear friend — by of
three last fifteen months.
Well, my own husband, I
am really here and en-

(Alice did this!)

paying myself in spite of the
intense heat. After a very pleasant
day with our dear Mamma and
Daddy Douglas came for me
in his automobile and brought
Laurie Segura and I met her.
He checked our various trunks
and hat box on his commutation
ticket and now I am enjoying
The "garden of a Communist's
wife" and have had one more
Evergreen come. The ride in
the auto was lovely and I enjoyed
it in spite of my prejudice
for horses. Will come to see
me while I was with Mamma
and brought me a box of Kuglers.

Elizabeth, he said, had strained her foot the last day that they were at Georgian Bay, so couldn't come with him. I accepted the apology and we had a pleasant little chat. He is looking splendidly.

It was so good to get your dear letter and Louise was so happy with hers and with the fine portrait of her father! Your dear sweet thing, how I love you! I am getting so homesick for you I don't see how I can stay away much longer. It is frightfully hot here, though, and I know it must be still hotter in Missouri. Do, dearest, take good care of yourself and don't try to do so much in this heat. Your letter came today telling of Mrs Spalding's and Mrs Miller's troubles and I am so sorry to hear of them. I am anxious to hear about Mr. Reed. Did the little dearest mother make for Louis arrive in Columbia and can you forward them?

I am going to stay here until Tuesday. I thought I would leave that morning, but Mrs Babcock has persuaded me to stay longer to ^{be present} ~~give~~ a lawn party in my honor that afternoon, so I shall go in in the evening train.

Alice gave a lovely little luncheon I am sure for me this noon. I am sorry ^{since} ~~since~~ is looking so badly. They both send much love to you. With all my love,
your mother

pm Aug. 21, 1906 East Aurora.
To Ed, Columbia, Mo. Tuesday Early.

Well my darling, I still haven't had an opportunity to buy some paper of my own so I will write you only a half-sheet again. I expected to write you a line last night but we were in great excitement. After dinner I took Jessie, Marion and Alice down town & buy ice-cream soda which I had promised the children for some days. Upon our return we stopped for a few moments at Mrs. Babcock's and then came home to find Doug lying on the couch in the sitting-room. Alice took the children up & Ed (Regina had put Louis to bed directly after dinner & had gone to bed himself). When Alice came down we sat & sewed and talked while Douglas slept and smoked his pipe. It was only about a quarter past nine when we heard a little noise out in the kitchen. The electric light was going out there as well as in the hall & in the room where we were sitting and I said that

perhaps Leguia was out there nodding. Alice
said "No I don't think she can be ~~disturbed~~
and as we heard some more noise I said "well
come on let's go out & see." So Alice took up
her shears and she said laughingly that
she'd take a weapon and I took my janny-
work in my hand just as I had been saying what
we must through the dining room and as Alice
pushed the swinging door into the pantry there
was a man just getting out of the window
just within reach of her hand. She screamed
and I screamed & we ran screaming back
to the sitting room & Alice shook Doug and
~~scolded~~ Douglas. There was a man in the kitchen
hall. Doug was amazed being awaked in
such a manner from a sound sleep & he
stared at her wildly and stammered "What
the matter?" Alice was still more frightened
then because she thought she had driven
Doug insane & she rushed out on the porch
& screamed while I went up the stairs to see
if the children were all safe. Louis & Marion
hadn't waked at all, but poor little Jessie
was out of bed & trembling like a leaf. I brought
him down with me & several of the neighbors

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came. Two ladies in the neighborhood
saw two men running as hard as they
could between the two houses. Nothing
was taken. Alice was almost crying and
was sitting down & everyone was talking
to her. I looked in her silver drawer
& found nothing disturbed & then
Mrs. Balrock went forth & we looked
under every bed & in every closet
upstairs & found nothing all right.
They were evidently just entering the
house & the noise we heard was the
taking out of the screen & getting
into the window. After the excitement
was all over & I was all alone in my
room with the door locked & the window
down I began to get terribly trembly. Didn't
I long to hold your hand though! I tried
to read a little to quiet my mind &
then the telephone began to ring furiously

and Daisy was in bed & wouldn't
go down. I couldn't sleep & began
to think of Mrs Gardner's dying in
the house so finally I called and
asked Alice to come & sleep with me,
but Daisy said for Louise & I to come
& sleep in their room, so he took our
mattress in & put it on the floor. I didn't
sleep much all night and of course
it was just my luck to have been unwell
yesterday so I feel very weak & tired this
morning. How I wish you had been
here. I wouldn't have had any anxiety
with my own darling & husband
there. I must finish packing
this morning and then this afternoon
Mrs Babcock is giving a tea for me
and at about 8 o'clock this evening we
will leave for Buffalo. Daddy will meet
me there at the Depot, and I will
stay there a while. I told you didn't

I think it would be \$16. for the ^{the} price of me for the
week. Daddy says he is going to pay for it but
you know I don't want to let him do that out of
the little money he has. I think I had better leave
Buffalo the 29th, Wednesday, or if you think better on
Thursday the 30th. In either case we will reach home
for your birthday party. We are counting on those
other not to speak of the old fashioned kisses! I think
your scheme of going to Niagara Falls is fine one &
I am anxious to go there any way. So if you could
buy the tickets & tell me how to do we will arrive
O.K. I suppose you won't want to meet us in Saint
Louis? But I hope we will find you in Centralia.

As to the money in my pocket-book I am pretty
low. I arrived in Buffalo after paying the porter
with exactly five dollars in my purse. One
dollar & a half I had to pay for washing in this dreadful
little place and Regina wanted 50¢. Then I bought
rocks water last night so I have \$2.50 left out of which
I must pay my fare back to Buffalo this afternoon.
I wouldn't have been so low but I lent Agnes \$15.00 in
Durban as she had a bill to pay in Chicago that couldn't
be postponed any longer & she was so worried & Jack wouldn't send
her a cent more to pay for her washing, but sent her his bill
for the month & said he was paying out enough! She
didn't want Alice & Chas to know and altho' it was more
than I could say I will do & couldn't refuse to help the dear child.
The bill was for \$25.00 & they threatened to bring suit if it were not paid
by Aug 15th so I took Agnes & pay my \$15.00 on account & they would
be willing to wait for the rest until Sept.

I long for you my very d'Orme & will lose all nervousness
only when I am safe with you. Do be careful in this hot
weather & think only of the one who loves you most in
all this world - your devoted over mother.
Marie Louise sends her Papa her sweetest kisses.
Do forward any letter that comes for Regina. She is getting anxious.

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Aug 23, 1906.

My own sweet Divie,

What a luglar experience you did have! I know that it made you spend a very bad night indeed, and I am sorry. But it was a nice social letter to have from my Lillie, and I was getting so anxious to hear of any of the little things that she was doing or thinking.

I am so sorry you have not been well. As soon as I get you

home", I am going to have charge
of the administration of tonics.
While talking about home, I'll
mention the circus again. His
supposedly a big thing, Hagenbeck's.
Therefore the train from Centralia
in the afternoon will be loaded
down, and you can choose your
day of coming (arrival) either the day
before or the day after Aug. 30. If
you come the day before, I will
take it as a hint that you
wish to attend. How about it? If
you come the day after, — why
I will be patient until that time.
You must not think me selfish
in wanting you to come as soon

as convenient. I would not wish it if I did not believe the weather to be greatly improved, Sweetheart.

Today I am back on normal rations, and I am feeling far better than any day since my return. The excessive humidity has disappeared, but I am sorry that we did not get some of the showers which fell amongst our neighbors. Mr. Reeder says they are wearing top coats in Dakota today, and will be doing the same in Minn. tomorrow!

One last word about tickets: I have been talking with the Wabash agent, and I cannot well arrange to send you the tickets under any circumstances. There is one possibility which you might get Daddy to look into. You see there are cheap round trip rates to Niagara now, \$10.⁰⁰ round trip from St. Louis on any line, and the scalpers are having a fat time, as the regular rate to St. L. is about 18.⁰⁰. If Daddy will go to the Big Four ^{uptown} office with you they might sell you two round trip tickets St. L. to Niagara and return, and simply take up the going part. Then you could spend the morning of leaving in Niagara Falls, and have the ticket signed just before leaving the latter. In that case, of course, you would have to get a local Wabash ticket from

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The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

St. Louis to Columbia, and exchange
your baggage checks.

It is certainly surprising,
and well nigh unbelievable, how
Agnes is treated - with relation
to bills, but I did not say anything
more about it now. I am send-
ing you a check for seventy dol-
lars. I make it a personal check
because I feel sure Will will be
glad to have it cashed for you;
and to get a N. Y. draft I would
have to wait until tomorrow. I send
this much, because if you do have
to pay full fare, you will find

that it adds up. By the way, I left with Nance a few mileage checks on N.Y. Cent. Ry., which is enough to take two persons one way on your Niagara excursion, whenever that may be.

The Board is meeting today. The best that I can hope concerning the greenhouse matter is that it will be referred to Dean Waters with power to act.

Did I tell you that I had a letter fromUnc. Bill asking me to edit a druffle article sent in by some Frenchman? Naturally I preferred that he should first "show me".

I expect to do some work tomorrow, and I can tell you that it makes me happy to feel like it.

I do hope that you are not feeling very tired. You must not "overdo" yourself in Buffalo, but have a happy time. Throw in a bunch for your Hubbards.

I am sorry you will not see Chuck.

Be sure to write me when to meet you at Centralia, for I have the 65¢.

Give my love to Daddy and Nance, hug our little Lirio, our Grosses Maedchen, and here's a whole half nick piled up high, and yet well pressed down, for my darling Madrie from her Benj.

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Saturday.
1298 Main St.
Buffalo.

My own Heart Dearest (in Col No)
Your sweet letter
has just arrived and brought delight
to you & wife. I am more thankful
than I can tell that you are feeling
as much better, and I do hope, my
Darling, that you will keep quite, quite
well until I return to take care of
you. I have been so worried about

you during the excessive heat, and
I do wish you hadn't gone to Missouri
so soon, but had waited for your own
little "famble." You must take every
care of your dear self and try to
get strong and well for the coming
winter.

This morning we were quite distressed
to have a letter from a gentleman in
Pittsburg saying our Chickie has an
attack of typhoid fever and is now
in the hospital in Allegheny. The
gentleman wrote that there was no
cause for alarm, that the case

was a very light one and that Chuck's
friends were seeing that he received
the very best of attention. If you should
find time to write him a little note
I am sure he would appreciate it and
it would cheer him up. Address him
at The Allegheny General Hospital,
Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Darling, so much
for the check which arrived safely.
It seems like a tremendous one, but
travelling in this country eats up the
money. I will ask Will to cash it tomorrow
and to help me see about tickets. We
are going to drive with Will and

Elizabeth as it is Jean's birthday and
she has invited little Marion, and
Marie Louise. Marion is staying with
her grandmother here in the city while
Dorothy, Alice, and Jennie are in
Georgian Bay.

I will leave here Thursday noon
and arrive in St Louis Friday morning.
You must meet me certainly in Centralia.
I dread the long trip alone. I don't
enjoy anything without you, dear.

How I wished for you yesterday
when Daddy took us with him to
Niagara Falls! I didn't have time
to write you a line yesterday so in
the morning directly after breakfast

26 VIII 1906
Daddy, Maue and I went down
town. There they bought me a lovely gold
bracelet, and I also signed my quit-
claim deed. I will have to bring yours
back with me as it isn't complete.
You should have had the County Clerk
certify that the notary was regularly
appointed. After a little shopping
with Maue we had just time to
get back to lunch. Directly after
it we started, Daddy, Maue, Louise,
Regina and I for Niagara Falls
in the street-car. The day was
delightfully cool and we enjoyed

The ride. At Niagara Daddy called
a carriage and we had a beautiful
drive over Goat Island, The Three
Sisters Islands and up & down
The Gorge on both The American and
Canadian sides. I had never been
on The Islands above The Falls and
we got out at all The good viewpoints
& walked down to The very edge of The
Falls & saw those wonderful Canadian
rapids above The Horseshoe Falls. I had
forgotten how wonderfully beautiful and
magnificent Niagara is, and I enjoyed
every moment of our trip. It was

a revelation to Regina. How much more
tremendous it seems than anything
we saw in Europe - except the Alps!

We had dinner in a fine hotel
on the Canadian side and enjoyed
the exquisite view from the balconies.
Before dinner Daddy had sherry
cobbles brought to us and at dinner
Daddy had beer for Regina so we were
all in a state of "glance". We reached
home at about nine o'clock last night.

I may use those mileage checks
yet in getting to Niagara. I won't
know positively until I can go down
to see with Will. That will be
much better than going with
dear Daddy.

I do hope the greenhouse matter
is settled satisfactorily. You must
write me all about it as I can't meet
you until Friday. Oh, how glad
I shall be to see you my precious
husband! Laurie informed me this
morning that she told her father
and her father told her! She is a
cute little somebody. I had her hair-ribbon
in my mouth fixing her hair, and she asked,
"Wo ist der Bär? Oh, die Mama hat es
in der Mund - wie ein Vogel!"

Do take good care of yourself, please,
and love with all your heart
your very own
Mamma.

Love sends
one hundred
sweet kisses
to her son

Papa.

Mary Hanks

for your invitation

to the circus

but I believe I shall

really be too busy

I will start thinking

now.

27 AUG 1906

1275 Main St.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Monday. A. M.

Dearest,

Your dear letter written
Saturday has just been read and I
am so happy that you are feeling
so much better and that the weather
is cooler. It was extremely warm here
yesterday, but during the night a thunder
storm came up and it is still
raining and cool this morning. We went
yesterday to drive with Will at one

o'clock. Of course it was the hottest
part of the day, but except for the heat
everything was very pleasant. Jean had
her birthday picnic piled up on her
plate and was much excited and delighted.
Elizabeth gave us a nice dinner of
tender fried chicken, mashed potato,
corn fritters, and summer squash,
after which we had lettuce salad
and peas, and for desert delicious
peach short-cake and ice-cream.
Jean's birthday-cake was brought
in with fine white candles stuck
in pretty little ^{pink} rose holders and it
was surrounded with lace-paper trim.

with pink ribbons. The flowers on
the table were a large cut glass bowl
filled with pink carnations and strewn
on the table around it were ferns.
With the cake we had my. nice coffee.
Little Elizabeth or Betsey as she is called
is a very cute child & the children looked
very pretty together in their white dresses,
white ribbons & white shoes.

After supper last night we had a
long cool ride on the street-car
which with the transfer system cost
us only five cents each!

Saturday morning Mrs. Lyman called
on me. She is Charlie Parsons' cousin.
She is very pleasant & has a charming
manner. She invited Daddy, Nanna
and I to lunch with her to-day
at one o'clock, but telephoned yesterday
to ask if it would be just as convenient
for us to come Wednesday at one
as her niece-girl was quite sick.

We were so happy to have a letter
that is Nanna received a letter yesterday
from Mr. Chequer - saying that Charles
was better and that the doctor believed
now that it isn't typhoid. They will
keep him for this week in the Hospital
however. I am so glad for the dear boy.

Regina was so happy on her letter
and thanked you very much for sending
it on to her. Will is going to help me
see about my ticket and off it comes this
morning. I was so glad to hear from you
and all the family. I am sure you are
all well. I am sure you are all well.
I am sure you are all well. I am sure you are all well.