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your safe arrival in
Columbus. Aggie &
her are with me, & we are
much happy together. But I
just wish you could be
here too. Aggie is enjoying
freedom from care & con-
nual effort to please & keep
"Doh" in order, & will
tell me yesterday (while on
a visit to me) that Long &
himself will defray her up
perish while traveling. He
is a grand generous hearted
man, Long will return
home the taste of this week &
probably Aggie will go to
East Russia in a week.
She is not certain about mar-
rying & visiting Sue & Elizabeth
at Sackbrook in his last
letter they would probably give
up their Flat & live with
the "Peatherbonds". In that re-
spect she would rather return
earlier & pack up. But Aggie
does not like the idea of giving
up her home, & get it may
be better in an easier life to
live in the ind. & Sack says
his parents are homesome.

also want to help him in
reducing his expenses, at
the same time, say thank you
to Mother. That is all I want,
I trust. Darling Ben enjoyed
his full day & you are all
well & happy together. Love &
blessings to the three. Good night
You will give us new life
& we must give every hour
to dear little Louise. Not
so interesting & sweet & true
pleased. Not like her own
way but it is small & attractive
in appearance & said by me
here. It looks like me, but she

I have now got up a little dinner & I don't want to be deprived of visits
 from my friends on
 May account. Now when
 you dwell you in town
 I intend to find the boy
 riding the silver candle
 sticks to be appeared
 to you. Very best yours
 I am glad to hear of
 your well. I hope you
 will like them. I am
 very glad the dress
 fit. I hope it was
 beautiful, if I were you
 I would enjoy
 making a pretty dress
 for you. I don't
 know from where or
 where. With much love
 to the dear friends &
 your self. I am devoted
 yours
 M. J.

Yesterday or yesterday as this morning I will
 let the cleaning & cleaning of my room
 wait, & get my letter ready for this evening's
 mail, if the mosquitoes will let me, they
 worry us considerably during the day but
 strange to say not at night.

Yesterday we had quite a surprise, Chas. W.
 Minge & his wife drove up quite early, I was
 not quite ready to receive visitors but
 had finished my most important work,
 went out as soon as I could get into a clean
 dress & invited them to stay to dinner, at
 first they declined on the plea of my having
 no cook, then they decided to go to Mitchellton
 & return to a lunch, that gave me time to
 get things in order. They came on a hunt
 for old furniture, looked at all the old

pieces, & at the old portraits & other things in
your Father's collection, said this was the
"quaintest" house (its contents I suppose) they
ever were in. I believe they would have
bought several pieces of furniture but your
Father said "I am keeping them for my boys."
They wanted three large mahogany tables at
Maitland's but your Father will not sell them.
I am glad he doesn't for I think Alice has
as much right to them as he has. They said
they enjoyed the day very much, left too late
for me to write, & at night I am too tired
& sleepy, sometimes I go to sleep at 8 o'clock,
but I am up at 5, or earlier. Edmund
has rented Beech's house in Hamedale. I
think he is very foolish to be buying handsome
furniture to move around in rented houses,
Beech may want her house again after a
year. He told me he had ordered mahogany
dining room chairs at \$2.50 a piece.

But I must thank you for your letter, and
glad your indisposition was of short duration

& that you are home again. Just here I must
thank you ^{very} for your kind invitation, your Father
says he can't promise so far ahead, that
circumstances will shape his movements. I think
all will depend on whether or not we can get
Lyd, or some one else to stay here. I am under the
impression he finds it hard to shake up his
mind to go so far. I am so glad Maria Louise
is so happy with her play mates, the novelty
will soon wear off & I wish her appetite
will return, the hot weather may have some
thing to do with it too. I would like to see her
with Fred's crowd. The question of salary has
not been promised Fred yet, still we all
think he will get it. College opened. Wednesday,
700 students are counted on provided
they can find boarding places, the difficulty
of getting cooks will prevent housekeepers from
taking boarders.

Did I tell you of the attempt to burn Mrs.
Wren's house down? She discharged her cook,
two or three nights after the woman entered

P.S. The man
has just come
in, as pictures
parted from
them at half-
past, was down
for a day. Has
pictures of the
last, apparently
a very large one.
Has another day
has some letters
the town, wants
to know the
past was
inspiring &
supper.
Gunter.

old cage with heroine, put them in a corner
against & under the horse, set fire to them,
New Anderson coming home met her on the
street & saw the fire, it was soon put out
& the woman arrested & put in jail, her
"peg leg" told the tale on her, her clothes had
a great deal of heroine on them too. Just
think what an excitement for those poor de-
ludies! Misses Mary was completely prostrated,
they might have been burned alive if it had
been later in the night.

I have not seen Reuben since I came from
Auburn, he actually wrote a note telling me
his horse fell on his leg, from above the
knee, & bruised it very much, but he is able
to ride now for I had with saw him Sat-
day in Farnsdale.

All well at Aunt Melville's but they do
not come to see us, they say because we
have not a cook. I tell her that makes no

Papa is much better & able to
 about. Dr. Lyons is certainly
 a fine Dr. & took good care
 of his patient. I hope Louis
 is not seriously sick. The
 is again very warm &
 have not been out for several
 days. Aggie & her mother
 expect to go tomorrow after

noon. Douglass called yesterday & urged Reggie to go at once to them - but she had to wait for the return of her laundry. Willie & Edw. are having a good time at "Magnum Hall". Reggie has not heard from "Jack" & does not know what he is doing. Presumes he is busy packing up & moving. He is certainly a foolish little fellow. Kid in many respects. He has himself a bad case. Thinks he will be

by going to his mother's but when he tried to go, he & his mother were constantly quarreling about money that just as he never paid her regularly. "Jack" is the image of the "Smoky Katbi" he called out to me on the street as he passed by. How is Regina getting on? I am ter sorry you find it so hot. Fink me are staying up here. if that is comforting. Reggie will visit Willie the last week in October. Alice writes that the Kanes are

going to live at Worcester, Mass.
near Boston. Mr. Kane has
been appointed State Forester
& Mr. Bead has moved a
mile to Rochester. Our Hampshire
Place will miss the Kanes, & I
tell her little Lucia, we are
not certain when we will leave
for Arkansas & circumstances
must decide. "Papa" is still gentle
& his mother has named him
Mr. Howard is here, Mr. Carson
sends you his love. Lot's company
unfortunately with Louise, but
she is a pretty & bright child &
only too much petted & spoiled
but that is an avoidable defect

all well & having
rather weather than we
have, & have friends
all the evening & put
it up stairs is perfect.
You will have the same
to do over again, don't
make your plans too slack
I might slip up if so
fortunate as to be able to
see you, but if you
can afford to spend that
money I think you
had better come to see
at. I have been as good
as suggested. I think
by 1918
get a week for a few
weeks of rest longer, it

I have not had a letter from
you since the 7th, about 11 days. I am afraid
you are very busy, or some one is sick, may be
this hot weather is tiring our nerves or nerves
as you had your tumor. This has been a very
warm Sept, Saturday it seemed to me was
hotter than any day this summer, so oppressive.
In the house this morning it is right pleasant,
as nice breeze is stirring, I have not been out
in the sun.

The two old folks are getting along about as
usual, no help yet, I wish you could look in
on us sometimes. I often wonder if this state
of affairs is to last all the time.
Last week I did some little extra cooking &
put it where your father could get it easily,
he was to "warm up" on the "blue flame," &

will be
each a cotton
of the colored
ladies will
be able to
stand the
heat of a
 stove. Ben
spends this
winter &
winter &
have been
saying to
get to know
each other
in French.
Must love to
you all & a
little girl
that are
want to
Must to
and
You don't
Mother.

spent the day & night with my poor old
friends, Mrs. Ware was sick in bed & Miss
May just able to creep about, said she had
to get up when "Pee" went to bed. They look
dreadfully & would you believe it, have to
stay on the lot alone, unless some good old
darker takes pity on them & comes in to stay
with them at night, they have some good friends
among the servants.

I went up with Mrs. Hatch, she will not go
on the train alone, even to Minnetonka, returning
at noon next day she took our home to dinner
with her & brought our home in the evening, that saved
the Dr. some trouble. Mrs. H. has a new
carriage & has repaired & painted, inside the
house considerably, getting ready for Minnie,
& the reception she will give Ben, the
night he is married, which will be Oct 10th.
The girl he marries is kin to the Pagges
family & lives in Minnetonka. Judge Taylor
is having a house built which Ben will

rent, it seems funny for Ben to be married
but he is much older than he looks. Minnetonka
continues to improve. Mr. Poole has made a
pretty looking house of the old Rectory I hear,
did not see it.

We went Sunday evening to see Mrs. Dr. Boe
instead of joining Mr. Rob. Poole in the Minnetonka
house she bought out his interest in Wynoka
& Mrs. Dr. Poole & herself will live there, the
latter has no fancy for town. Adele will move
very soon, into her home to Mrs. Garrow of
Kamradale. I am so glad his wife is a good
Episcopalian. Mrs. Tenck has had our church
painted red, we all requested it should be
the same old color, brown, I suppose she
will say it will fade, but it can't fade
brown.

A new family has moved into the neighbor-
hood, Mr. Walker, Dr. Tenck's brother in law.
Dr. Tenck fixed up the Shivers house for them.
I have not seen Ruben since our return.

from Auburn, think he must be busy
trying to make arrangements for next year,
he stopped by a few minutes the day I was
in Amherst but as usual your father found
out nothing from him. Harry's letter has
more than I can repeat so I enclose the
letter for you to read, you need not return it.
Alway writes he is very busy, one of his horses
is crippled, that makes it so hard on him &
the other horse, he can't use his buggy & it is
so hot. I think he has decided to begin build-
ing his house as the new lot brings in an
income, the house will. He says Gulf port
has improved so much, his down town lots are
now in the block between the City Hall, & county
courthouse, both having been built since he was
there. An electric R.R. has been built 16 miles
along the coast & rapidly extending, this will
reach from Biloxi to Pass Christian, traversing
the beach the whole way. I do hope you are

The weather is so warm in
 Arkansas & the I need to
 marry at this season that
 we have postponed our wedding
 till in the month or right
 the middle of October; our
 arrangements will depend upon
 the weather. Saturday was the
 hottest day we have had since
 we came to Arkansas.

we have a student to live in the old. Willie had a painted
the basement room & take care of the children &
of the furnace: Ben should be a fine boy & for the summer
exempt from all such work. Last night they were dined at
where Miss Regina sleep when Maggie Hall, entertained in
you have guests & can Ben stay by one of Miss's friends,
space her study? & how does Reggie had at last heard from
Regina get on with the taking? Jack & he sent her the money
Reggie is enjoying her visit & I trust, Willie will accompany
Elizabeth & Willie, she had her to Chicago on Sunday evening
Jack telephoned me that she as he had some business
will come here after handling to attend to. I hope "Willie" will
with Elizabeth down town, take advantage of the opportunity
we are all enabled to dine to give Jack a good talk about
at Willie's thought. Lingular & the way he treats Regina, she
has going on the charity of her

relation; He never can find money
for his childrens school, at his
request, He is looking very pretty
I had a fine time at Eastbury
on Mrs. Lapers & Mrs. Batlocks
at once at three, entertained the
Charles telegraphed Nellie that
he will sail to day for Europe
I think I must write Nellie
& return with her. How I wish
to visit you Darling and
Mother; I have a new suit
dark blue, with waist & skirt
& have ever commenced packing
when we receive a letter about the
experience that is also security of good

West Chester Pa
Sept 22-06

My dear Duggar.

I have been wanting to write you for a long time but so many things have happened meanwhile that I am afraid I won't ever catch up.

In the first place I want to tell you how much we both appreciated your telegram. As Mrs. Moore said, it made it seem so much more like Tommie was here to really know that you knew he had arrived. And then the box from Mrs. Duggar! It came at just the right time. Harriet was having a little birthday party in her mother's room, and had just finished admiring her two candles.

oak (with a short one for Tommie's first work) when the package from Missouri was handed in. Harriet wanted to see at once what was in it and I know Mrs. Duggar would have been entirely satisfied could she have seen how delighted the young lady was with her "hookings" and all the rest. The lamp was gouted with "Auntie's" and it certainly is. It will be used to decorate the Christmas tree. The little silver holders will be put to immediate use and the Algerian box will have to wait for Mrs. Moore's grateful pen to have justice done it. In the meantime Mrs. Duggar will be glad to know that only a short time ago Mrs. Moore had made a

request for a box to keep on her dress for pins and her "best diamonds" - "one that could be locked" - for Harriet greatly enjoys looking over her mother's collection of foreign stones. So far the gift will be destined to pass as useful as well as a beautiful exister.

The small box continues to thrive and Mrs. Moore is fairly "humming". Harriet had a complication of any kind - not a tooth of a degree of fever since the first day. Well, it is up on Sunday - but has felt like it practically from the first. She had such a trouble since with Harriet that I made up my mind that I wouldn't be any thing like it this time if it could be helped. Picked out a doctor who wasn't so insistent as the others. At all,

and consequently the whole
thing was over in two hours
and a half. - with only about
an hour's suffering on Mrs.
Innoc's part. Think she
is going to get up better
than when she went to
bed. She has plenty of milk
but not such an excessive
amount as with Harriet.

I want you to know that I
didn't forget about the brown
plants. It was because they
couldn't be obtained that they
were not sent.

There are a thousand things I wish
I want to write, - but I can't
do it now. Am pretty busy these
days - and have so many notes
to write that I don't know
when I will get through.
I don't intend to wait for that
time to write again however.

Hope things are starting off
well in the College and you won't
have too much to do. Write many
thanks for the remembrances from Fred
and much love from the four of us -
Aunt I. Moore

To Columbia, Mo.

Sept. 24 1906
Duckham.

Dearest Marie:-

It has long been the
desire of my heart to write to you
but until tonight nothing has been
possible to better writing for your old
sister - for when she did have a few
minutes - to spare she would be too
tired to write etc. Tonight - for a wonder
my head is clear & as the house
is quiet & there is a nice fire in
the sitting room & a good light. I am
making the most of the combination
& am going to try & write a few letters -

as the third? I believe and although I believe
he may not do it - now a week in the
chief the best - so certainly expect to be
myself - I had my hands in the
the poor house the children who was
now out - well - it - all. Then he himself was
here during the summer & Father's
came for a while to visit in the week - if it
the constant interruptions from the street
st. left me in my brother's firm but not
him in the morning - well - then if myself.
he himself made his very pretty when he was
for Emma also from that - about 7 different
kind - I tried up all the other, thought he a
very pretty occasion. That's my old dress for
the little children - well - then if myself.

Chas. has gone out to call on her.
Harrison the new instructor in
English. He lives with Will. Hunt.
Annie is studying her lessons &
the two little girls have gone to bed.
I think we will have frost tonight - it
is so cool & the fire feels good.

Well to go away back to the week and
in August - or soon after you left us
my real hard work began for Nellie
left me & I have had my hands more
than full ever since. Part of the
time I could only get two months - three
times a day to help with the washing
& ironing & not much she could only
do the washing & ironing & I had
all we could do besides the rest of the
work for this big family in the end
of a house. As I am now again

becoming & her & it - did ease
me so much more - so many
dishes. I'm so thankful for
she was such a help but I am
glad to have her away for she
was getting very tired. I can not
find a girl for less a money at
present but this week I found a
woman to do the washing & take
it out of the house only I will have
to iron the starched clothes.
Mr. & Mrs. Bell are coming to spend
Saturday & Sunday of this week with
us - bring their two little children
but Mr. Rogers has promised to
come & cook for me those two days
so I feel all the better. She is going to work for
Mrs. Forest Smith - this winter in
Brookline. They do not want to work
in Durham. I wish I could get a woman

like her.

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Just the Rones are going to leave us & he thinks he is uttering himself very much but that remains to be seen. His salary is the same there as here but he says he will have outside chances to make money etc. I do think the new work will suit him better for he never has been a great success as a teacher. They are going to live in Webster Mass. near the Halls. Mr. Rone & Mr. Hall have started a large pen house there & think Mr. Hall will make a success of it - for he is a very practical man. Mrs. Rone thinks the change will benefit the agency & if they are all suited are certainly right to do but are certainly

will miss them. Poor little Fissella
is broken hearted for she & Fan. are
great chums & she will never
have a little friend of her own age
living so near her again. They have
other girls of her own age to play
with - but Fissella will be much alone
after Fan. goes. He does not know exactly
when they will go but not right
away for they have not found a
house to visit - then yet.

Dr Ben. was only Prof. of Horticulture
wouldn't it be fine for him. It
would make him director of the
Experiment Station under the other
position & in that way could pay him
more & you could get the Rovers home.
and his wife & us & we would
have such a happy, happy time. Chas. &

There have been nothing it seems to stay & it has
nearly made me well. Ben. will write after
him. The position is a nuisance if he could
keep the subject agreed. Charlie says
please ask them if he knows of any young

Philadelphians who is up on the subject &
would be willing for the position. He usually
is well & otherwise. If he does please let him
know so on as he can. Dr. Hume is very careful.
Ben. will take the bill. Hume is at. would not
take him. has arranged to be up on the whole
subject. for it is not a hard case & he
knows could not have thought of it.

I have just called on the Hums yet. but the
last day. at the Hume's. whether they return
right. at the last time & you have not

year. I have not called on any
of the new people yet.
Charlie says that if Mrs. will
get him the place of Prof. of Agricul-
tural Chemistry - get in Missouri
at a good salary he will accept.
He says the man you mentioned
in your letter is a good chemist.

Your dress came safely & the
sight of it brought back old times.
It failed badly indeed - it! I do not
know what Mrs. Merrill can
do with it - yet for she is not coming
for me now but will be back here
the second week in October. Perhaps she
can get you out a pretty waist-
out of the new prices.

Fannie's wedding was a very pretty &
very shut-out. She was married ^{to the} with

old fashioned Congregational ^{Sept 24 1906} service.
Fannie looked as well as she could
as she walked up the aisle with-
out her sign was not as noticeable.
They were preceded by Theaure & his
brother who is a red headed fellow
fairly good looking. Fannie wore white
rose buds in her hair & carried a
large bunch of them. She had a
hair dresser from Dover to fix her
hair also Blanchie, Estha & Polly.
I heard that her presents were
numerous & beautiful but did not
get time to go down & see them.

I have not received a bill for the
dinner I gave her & I do not suppose
you have either. It was not as nice
as I could have wished & I will see

order from that firm again. I
would rather see what they
Edward & Allie are reunited & are
very cozy in their new flat. She
expects to be confined early in October
& is going to a private Hospital for
the last party. I think she is very
sensible to do that for she has no
nurse & no one to look after her
& she will have good care at the
Hospital.

How is Regina getting on, you did
not mention her in your nice
letter which I received this morning.
I just wish I could make you a
visit & see just how you are
adjusted etc. but desire that pleasure
is one I am looking forward to & on.

What have you done this year. I know you
must be very busy & the weather must have
been very hot - full. you for it was most
uncomfortable here. I have heard much
rumor in London & we had this year
at least. I have suffered as usual with the
heat here.

London is all under a fog of heat. we were
able to show up their stockings & shoes & by night
the weather is warmer for it & even the children
make remarks about it. There must be a little
space for her if her feet were dirty - but she
was busy & I am sure stockings at times.
Yes. I am sorry. I am sure. I am sure. I am sure.
I am sure. I am sure. I am sure. I am sure.

Well we certainly had a lively time
of it all I provided. There
was just twelve of us at the table.
It seemed good to see dear Mrs.
Mason & Mrs. Kingsbury again &
they asked particularly about you
& yours. Mrs. M. certainly has her
hands full. The children are all
large for their ages, some of them
very pretty but I never saw a more
active set. Margaretta is very artistic
can draw anything when she sits
still long enough, she looks like her
father. Mrs. Mason looks broken &
she surely has had enough in
her life to break her of long eyes.

I suppose Agnes is in Chicago now
sure & I do hope her life this year

will be a tragedy, ^{Sept 24, 1906} happen one.
The needs love, attention & freedom
from constant care about money
matters. Jack is a selfish brute &
has not care if you tell her. He
says you tell her every thing & proved
it by repeating things I said to you
about Dorothy & which brought her
never would hear. From what
Mamma writes - I guess Elizabeth
threw the cloven foot - again lately.
Long to hear from Agnes about her
visit at Nello. Mamma is not
so enthusiastic about Elizabeth - as
she was when I was there & I
am not so thankful enough
that I did not go near her.

September 25th 1906

Very dear Lou

It is so cloudy this morning & hard to get a good light to write, so I am at the dining room window writing on my lap. There is a real fall wind this morning, I think the equinoctial storm is brewing, I believe this we should have had it before this. It has been so hot that a cool day is really enjoyable. For several nights we had a little rain during the night, Sunday we had some rain & as the clouds were very dark towards Hammond we concluded Mr Harris could not fulfill his afternoon appointment but about half past three he & his wife drove up to the gate, the sexton had gone, church not opened so they rested awhile with us & returned, I don't think they had any rain on them.

It seems too bad for him to come so far over
rugged roads & no one at the church, our
people are very sick now. Julie's told me
Johnny is doing so well, goes to Painesdale
twice a day in the buggy with only his little
Lucky, he has not done that for more than a
year, is looking so much better & taking on
some flesh, it is the most remarkable case I
ever heard of. Ohadwick I wrote you, has sent
Becky to her house & she boards with Julie.
Becky is with Miss Ohadwick & pretty as much,
the family will be quite small this winter.
Harry & his little girls are there still.

I hope by this time the professors have left &
you & Marie have been able to get the house
in order, I know what it is to have things
piled to pieces for workmen. What a sickness
the botany students among those 1600 keep
you busy. It is wonderful the increase of students
at the different Universities & schools! Auburn
has already 500, every place I hear from, has

as many more than a year or so ago.

I have had no news from Fred since Harry
wrote he was suffering so with his wind-
tooth, had an abscess in it. The children have
begun school. Frederic & Frances are in the
8th grade this year, have taken up Latin. I
think Margaret is in the 7th grade. I think
Harry is too anxious for them to advance rapidly,
they are so thin & delicate looking I would rather
have them gaining some flesh. The girls are strong
excepting of headaches.

It is nice to have your street paved but then
your tired walks are trying as bright, hot, day.
How is Louis amusing himself these days. Will
find a plenty of playmates I think.

Minnie's hair was expected home last
night, was to spend yesterday in Auburn selecting
furniture for New York. We must hurry down
to see her before they get too busy fixing for the
reception. The marriage will take place at the
Methodist church in Keenestown, she belongs to

that church -

I have not seen Father yet, he must be
very busy trying to make arrangements for
another year, I wish he would come to see us.

Mama seems to have forgotten her time at school,
has not written in so long.

Alway keeps very busy, perhaps I wrote you he
will soon begin building a house on the lot he
bought in Padula. How do you like the picture
I sent you of him? we think it fine.

My old friend Mrs. Brander is gradually weak-
ening, I never see her now, only the family go in
to see her. I miss her pleasant smiles when I
go over as I do quite often to inquire how she is.
Mrs. Wilson is still there & Mrs. Barker out
often for several days at a time.

This is a poor letter, as usual to write, your Father
is out so much longer since marriage, with much
love to you all & Kindest love to

Your devoted Father