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We go to obtain
 Mrs. Hestings. I
 have not time to do
 else than write him
 home. I suppose
 the wife will give
 a copy of the paper.
 The Suffolk Paper
 telling of their
 presence in the
 music hall. They
 had been married
 for some years.
 The house was
 full of people of
 all ages & sexes.
 The singing
 was very good.

making a blue chambray dress.
with white border for "dot" it cost
17-cts a yard & it's quite pretty.
Did she tell you that hat a pretty
black satin dress for both your
dress & sheet made by Miss Mc
Rude who does for her. Aggie
is looking well again & very pretty.
We telephone each other every day.
I seldom go over to see her, so she
comes & spends a couple of hours
they often in the late afternoon.
Paper is well also, & sends you much
love & the enclosed paper to Ben &
yourself. & says he will attend
to Mrs. Hedman. She will get good
return for her money. & a mention
is progressing nicely. Will be taken.

time as well as faint; I hope
we can meet all of us. at Sunday
Middling, & where that not soon
enough. Mrs. Pettie will take some
of us in. Chuck has been on a
visit to Savannah. He sent me
a card yesterday from the "De Sota
Hotel" "Hahol I" in fact to leave that
afternoon by steamer for Baltimore.
Is he engaged to be married? I
think he would visit
Miss Martha Phillips, daughter
of Mr. John C. Phillips (my friend)
in Washington. She is a lady & well
of. & Mrs. Phillips admires Charlie
very much. It is reported in the paper
that Mr. William Phillips is engaged

to Ethel Rose Pett; he must be
about thirty & she is only twenty.
You know I suppose he is the
Asst. Secretary of State &
his mother & sister are with him
in Washington & in the midst of
the best society at they have been
as well as being related to old Wen-
dell Phillips, the abolitionist.
I hope "Chuck" will go the exam-
ination, with Darling, you could
be there too & that I was living
in Washington. Had Dr. Connel-
l had we could have moved to Washing-
ton as he had so many influential
friends there, but all things happen
for the best - even if we do not think
we have the best future must trust

3552 Ellis Ave Chicago Ill
March 2, 1908

My dear Marie,

We have had our meeting
It was a great success, so harmonious
Every one so willing to do their part only
one man & he was half tight, gave one solitary
vote against the program,

I enclose you a printed report of the meeting.
If you say so I will make your holdings
up to 25000 shares. You have 5000 Ben has 5000
I will give 5000 to Louise & 5000 to the little boy
You will be trustee for the boy & Ben for Louise
Then I will give you other 5000 for yourself
This makes 25000 shares in all, of old Kimberly
Exchange 25000 of old 5¢ to one of new = 5000
shares of new stock. We are not allowed to sell for
less than 50 cents per share. The 5000 of new stock
will bring in at 50 cents per share 2500 dollars
I will make as much for you & Ben 2500 out of
the Sapphire, & then you will have a nice little nest

I am busy I am happy because I am trying
to good. & your mother is well & happy also
but both find plenty to do, this letter to you
is the last of 600 which have been mailed
since Friday.

You will have to send in the ten thousand
shares you & Ben hold to be put in Escrow
~~the~~ ten thousand shares $\div$ by 5 = 2000 shares of
New stock. 2000 share at one cent fee per share
makes 20⁰⁰ dollars. Ten of this will have to come
with the old shares & the other 10⁰⁰ a month from
now. If you can do this I will pay the fee on
the other 3000 shares - If you have no money
to pay the fee I will pay it all for you. But
send in your shares. You will get your
receipt for the 25000 share of old stock turned
in, there is no use my sending the other certificates
to you & have you sending right back to me. Making
them twice in the mail.

Darling, I am tired now. Kiss Louisa & Boyer
for me & tell them me to be as ever Old Daddy
Kiss Ben for me.

To Maria I have
pm Elizabeth N.Y.

March 4.08
~~Feb 4.08~~

Dear Patsy
Of this little smeller of beef
and onions, with a delicate
aroma of garden compost you may
lay it to the fact that I am in
the kitchen while the "help" is sweeping
and that I am engineering two
important enterprises - the making
of our first real hot bed - and the
concocting of a pot-roast (for the
later excellent dish I am justly
famous! Your good though long-
waited-for letter did us good.
But our hearts do throb with a
mixture of pride and envy. We are
truly glad that you are back
in dear Ithaca and that the
dear Duck is going to have a
better chance than when he was
there before and that ~~the~~ all
of you are enjoying the dear

show them from. I have been having an-
trouble in that famed bird - But really he
he'll get his duties all done in time.
We like our new place very, very much. We
count the twenty-eight shillings there, in London
out and only one "coco" - and that is the
last of a fine place. You know that that
means to us, I do hope you will come to
New York for a vacation soon and that you
will come out here. We have over 1/2 an acre of
garden and lawn with fine old trees and
a vacant block next to us fine of big
trees. The garden is well stocked with fruit
trees and vines and we have made great
plans for improving the place etc more

old life there as you so well know
how. also, however, we wish and
we wish, well, never mind
what we wish - wishes are
not fishes or we'd have em
fried spencer.

I have had the Grippe, thank
you, since you moved to Ithaca
and a number of other important
duties which have kept me from
writing to say how glad we are
to feel that you are so happy
situated - not that you were not
"miserable" - But we know that
Ithaca means almost as much
to you as to us, we are exiles
still -

Your bits of news are all of
interest. It is fine about the
Bourrs. I'm glad the stock has

We have a very nearly ideal
landscap^e and having suf-
fered from the other kind
we know how to appreciate a
change. Some fine day we
shall build a house and live
happily ever after! But never
here - so near New York - we must
have hills in ours.

Ruth is playing all over the house
with a neighbor - fourteen year old
girl who does just as she is told.
Ruth invents all the games and tells
her just how to act her part.

They are going down in the sub-
way now en route to a wedding.
You did not tell us half enough
about Marie Louise and "is Hobo".
The girl is very near five - even
within a few days if my memory
serves me aright - Ruth is five Apr 24.
Yes I wish they could play together while

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March 7, 1903
These was visited. They would
probably fight.

I can see my white Wyandottes
from the window - we have
our own eggs now and young
cockereels ^{enough} for Sunday dinners
all through March and April.

I am quite surprised at what
you tell me of Mr. Jarvis high
opinion of yours humbly. I never
took a word of his subject or
even in his department. If I had
who can say what would have
been his opinion.

Of our coming to Maca - nothing
definite is planned. I would like
to be there for the 40th anniversary
but probably shall not. I
hope greatly to go to the old
Camp Roodlheim which the Com-
stock has had so comfortably re-

modeled and have a
union of old Campers -
But even that ideal scheme
may vanish into air of a
thinness. The absence of the
Emilets of course makes us
have eager to go earlier than
August - and they'd want the
cottage than themselves.

Dulcy is just back from
ten days in Washington where she
has hobnobbed with the Depart-
ment of Superintendence of the N.E.R.
Had a fine time and is full of
schemes.

Our father and mother are here
now since three weeks. They are
a pretty contented pair of folks
and we do enjoy having
them round. It is 50 years
since papa was in N.Y. and
mamma was - both were in

Boston when we lived at 88 West (2nd floor)
last year. They and Dulcy were in South
on Longman for eight months. They
about Boston and here now. It was a
wally in the earth quake as he was in San
Francisco taking his ^{state} medical examination that
day. It was a terrible experience but
there even for his wife who at long last
has three days without news of him.

Stephen is an agreeable place to live.
A great many people have called on us.
I do not, like Mrs. Bailey, dislike it. Mrs. Briggs
parties, but my dinner hour has been twice
last week and might have been again last
night but we had declined.

I never had social ambitions.
We saw the beautiful Saint-
Gaudens exhibit at the Art
Museum Monday night on its
opening night a sort of semi-
private view (only a thousand
or so I suppose). We went
early and really saw the
lovely things. The crowd into
their "toilettes" came about as
we were leaving.

I belong to a very enjoyable club
in New York and to one here. Both
are really worth belonging to and
I say it who never thought much
of home's clubs.

Well, the pot roast, is becoming
something grand!

Wichelin's brother Charlie and his wife
went over on same boat with Craig
and Kerns. They liked Dr. Kerr best of the
lot. Pop Craig is going to a Sanitarium
Write often as you can & tell me all the news
Love from all. Mrs. Madsen

I want to thank you for your last letter & for the
 picture of the house. I enjoyed looking it over & can
 imagine how you all look in the different rooms. I
 suppose the large bed room is yours & that there is
 room enough for the children's beds, or does some
 sleep in the children's room? I hardly think you
 would have her across the hall, or rather, I believe it
 is the lower end of the living room. What a large
 house to keep in order! Perhaps you shut up the
 double parlors except on special occasions. I think
 you now must have met if there has been
 a gathering on with his
 father. I wonder how could
 not them all before but
 weather, all kinds of them
 the old with saint &
 present him for the
 picture, with a red son,
 thought the best but no
 time for such work.
 With that by house to keep
 in order, I am afraid she
 will never have time to
 visit to you. Her son is
 & the way for me, but you
 are all such a sight?
 With much love to
 you all
 Yours devoted
 Mother.

any thing like the change in weather that we have
had, for several days we have needed no fire, &
yesterday & today have been almost like summer.
Mrs Powell & myself walked up to "New John Walters"
yesterday afternoon, when we were seated in the
pavilion I would have given anything for a fan, walk-
ing was enough. This evening I thought I would try it
to the store but our plan there was no faith, so I
took down a row in the cotton patch in front of us,
it was dry, but the coolest place to walk on I
ever saw, that was what tired me so. I was hardly
seated in the chamber when I heard Mrs R W
looking bathing to the dog, it was so pleasant we
sat on the porch until nearly dark, I was really
afraid she could not see her way over the mud so

took her down through the lot, to get over at your
Father's ladder, as she called it. Mrs Powell & myself
went through the church yard. I think we will have
to walk to see Mrs Hull, or be a long time calling on
our new neighbor. Ruben had the courage to attempt
a trip to Lumbville on Friday, found sister Sally &
Mrs Harris both in bed with grip, thinking your Father
could not get them they sent to Fannetts for Dr
Morely. Ruben remained with them until Monday,
Lucy as nurse, housekeeper & every thing, was glad to
have him, his left aunt Melville sitting up, the Dr
Mr - told her to stay in bed 4 or 5 days. Mrs H - was
no better. This morning sister Sally telephoned and
said Mrs Harris was very sick last night, but
better this. Corn Snake Run was over there Saturday

night & Sunday, said he would come to see us soon,
spend the night & day. Leary is in Town. He attends
to the Akew place, has a room in Mrs Sanders
house near there, she is not at home but left a good
cook in the yard who cooks for Henry. I am very
glad you are fixed with a cook. I hope she will stay.
My cook is not a genius either but she is steady, & it is
a comfort to have a settled woman on the lot.

Neph John has been digging in the garden (we cant
get it plowed) your Father put in some peas & tomatoes
this evening. I am begging to have some spinach in.
I reckon you will hardly care to plant a garden when
you are, will be there so short a time. No letters from
the boys since I wrote last. Ambrose & Leavelly are
issuing a weekly paper in their house, of course it is not
printed. Fanny sent me copies to read, only 2 issues
so far. You would be amused with their stories, news

I expect there are some letters
 at home for me but
 don't think you'll
 send them as I
 can't tell you any thing
 of the boys. Our new
 kindergarten seems very
 interesting to us but
 within one year you
 must stop now &
 attend to some thing
 for Helen's safety. I
 will be home by the
 time you write
 again. I wish
 much to go to you
 all & kiss the
 dear children.
 I am - ends
 Love
 Henry's devoted
 Mother.

to D. B. March 11 1906

with aunt Melville, well, we had a hard
 times getting here & would not have attempted
 the trip except that Sister I. & Mrs Harris
 both had grippers, & only Larry & Rich to help
 them. Your Father brought me up in the east
 Sunday morning (we had received a telephone
 message the night before) he went home in
 the evening. The road through the swamps &
 in some other places was terrible I was shaken
 to pieces almost, had to get out & walk over
 the worst places, your Father would walk on
 the very edge of the road & lead the horse. They

were so surprised to see me come that way,
thought I would telephone them to send to
Framedale for me but I thought the car side
would be preferable to a wagon side from
Framedale with a strange driver, then we
would have had to start so early & go such a
round a bout way to reach Gallien in time for
the train. We found aunt Mabel's car, but
unable & unable to do anything but attend to
Mrs Harris, it is wrong for her to expose herself
as Lucy & I do the housekeeping. Lucy has not
been well for 2 days as I keep home as far as
she will let me. Mrs Harris does not improve.
Dr Morely comes every day to see him & brings
numberless drug store prescriptions but none

seem to do any good. He was sent for when they
thought your Father could not get here & altho'
he knows that, he keeps coming. Mr Harris'
mind is wandering, ~~the~~ minutes he talks
rationally, the next as way off on some subject,
imagines different things are happening, & talks
about them. Dr Morely says he has diabetes (is
that spelled right?) & that is the cause of the
wandering mind. I wish he had some other Dr.
I don't believe in Dr Morely. While Ben was here
when we came, he looks very well & is as
cheerful, he is attending to the Hekaw place,
has a room & board at Mrs Sanderson's, across
the road. Lucy is in Tenn. We are having
cooler weather now, had some rain yesterday &

the day before, it will not improve the swamp
road. I do not know when I will go home, may
stay until next week. It seems to be a comfort to
sister Sally to have me, altho there is no nothing
up at night to be done. Freshon Winnie can
take care of your Father.

I hope you are all well, Louise would be so
pleased with the flowers here, quantities of
John quills & butter cups, Lucy sold some foraging
in Birmingham, you would be surprised to see what
a thoughtful managing girl she is & what a worker
Rich is, he is hauling hay now from a house where it
is stored to the stable loft, flows, & does any kind of
work that comes to hand. They had to keep him at
home these 2 weeks to attend to things, he may not
go back to school. He is a man in age & it is a

3552 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Louise & Royce March 12th 1908
for me,

My dear Marie

I was very much pleased
to get your letter yesterday & to hear that
all was well with you & your husband
& little ones. I am glad that the weather
is fine now but will soon be warmer
for the children to play out of doors. The
Coal & gas bills will also be lightened
somewhat & it won't be so hard on
Ben.

Your Registered letter with the stock
Certificate got here this morning & I
have made it my business this forenoon
to make it all right. The stock is in
Esrow & the fees all paid.
I have taken the liberty of doubling Ben
Certificate, & adding ten thousand shares
to yours. Now Ben & you will have ten
thousand shares each Louise & Royce can

share the 5000 shares between them
You being the Trustee for them to do with
it whatever is best in your judgment.
I only wish that this would be more
immediately serviceable to you, You
know it is the only way I get paid so
far for my work, But when I think
that I can in any way help you & your
loved ones by my work then I feel that
labor becomes loving service & thus it
makes me happy.

Your mother seems to be in better health
The weather for a few days has been clear
dry & much milder & she goes out alone to
see her friends & spends the afternoons
with them & she comes home happy & the
air & exercise gives her good appetite &
she sleeps soundly, Every body loves her &
flatters her & she comes home in a jolly &
that pleases me.

With great love for you & your dear ones I remain
as ever Your Affectionate Daddy

March 26th 1908

My dear Son

I read with pleasure your interesting letter that came in this morning's mail. I am a little late with my letter must try to have it ready for this evening's mail, but I am invited over to Mrs Powell's this afternoon to look at the brides Trousseau, (Lucy Scott, for a time our cook) it would even do not to go, "Mrs Scott" would feel slighted. Lucy is to become Mrs Abram Ward jr, April 1st of course we have "cards," to the evening at church. I hope with this sunny weather your cold is better, when you have to tussle with the "Boy" at night you must have sleeping gown & slippers, but I hope he will keep up his good behavior, continue to sleep

as well as those two nights you mentioned, till Maria
seems worried about the business, teething babies are
not expected to be good all the time. If the weather is
as mild as with us at present the children can enjoy
out door air. I am so glad Louise has a little playmate.
I think it would be well for Maria to have a nurse
for a while, if she is not feeling strong the baby is too
heavy for her to carry with, you see I imagine him
fat & heavy as I saw him last fall. It was too bad
for you to have such a cold when you had invited
company you were fortunate to have had Dr. Treadwell to
help entertain. Now I wonder what a "stuff bunch" is,
always something new to old country folks.
I am sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Johnson, you
had not mentioned it. I suppose Prof. Craig's rapid
improvement was rather a surprise to his friends.

Dr. Mont. Webster writes that Mr. Harris improves
very slowly, continues so weak & his mind wanders as
much as ever, he sits up an hour or so every day. They
can't leave him alone even for a few minutes, he gets
out of bed & tries to go out, he is so weak he caught
fall & hurt himself badly, has fallen twice. If he
continues in this fix I am afraid Sister Sally will be
broken down. Under the influence of Cod Liver Oil she
better at night & she has a chance to sleep now than
a short time ago. It is terrible to think of his mind
going. I intended to go to stay some snow with them,
Sister S. hated us to give me up, but for two days,
Saturday & Sunday, there was so much snow that crabs
were all out & there is no telling the condition of the
Laneville road, about as bad as at any time this
winter I expect. Last Friday evening Mrs. Dinsley

Columns house at Fairacres burned to the ground.
It was with difficulty that Bessie's house (rented
by Ohadwick) was saved, only a small garden between
the houses. Lilly was sick in bed & had been for weeks.
I had a letter from Dad yesterday, Frances was in bed
with toricities, some of them are always sick.
Tell Maria I made a birth day dress for Margaret,
all the laces in skirt & waist I did with my fingers,
it is white muslin with yoke of all over scalloping &
trimmed with edge of the same. I think it right
pretty for me. I do love to work for the good children
but my old fingers are getting stiff & clumsy now. I
want to make Dad a visit some time next month, go
about a week before the Medical Convention so
I can't go any & return with your Father. I do not mind
going alone as it is a day trip but returning one must

to join your Father in eating it. I never eat it, too
much trouble to chew. These warm days have brought
the corn out but they are not so fine as usual, I
did not have them yesterday last fall. It is time to
dine to go to Mrs Powell's, she did I tell you Louis Gaudin
is to marry a Birmingham widow? Mrs Potter, he
has a daughter 16. Mr Morgan told Dewey he knew him
that Louis must be taking him for his money, for he
looks like an Egyptian morning, indeed it is the
money - Much love to you all & a kiss to the children

Your devoted

Mother.

1908
I know you have meant
& I trust completely over the
trouble in consequence which
I can sympathize with you
in. Married Camphor & I said
was the best thing I ever heard
or heard of. A woman with
a babe had to be snatched away
with herself & she alone knows
what maternity means. without
a nurse to abuse her, I hope
honors will be a comfort at
all at pleasure & joy. I will

And the success to you in all Love with them; He is also
a couple of days at "Papa" nice looking very pretty & gave Aggie
has to get them for me; as Aggie & I a delightful lunch but
she does not go as often as she
used to. "Woman brain". How I
long you must not think of
paying for the success at you
have paid for them amply -
with the \$2.00 you enclosed
in your letter. Thanks for the
same. Aggie telephoned me
that she is not going to under-
stand you to beg you to return
the debt. as she wants to near
thine the 1st or 5th of April
(I forgot which). You should
think dear I get fat; Mrs
Pumpkin is getting stout &
fine looking. Mary is falling

& I a delightful lunch but
days ago. "Papa" is nice but is
very fat at present. The annual
meeting will take place soon;
no very thing seems probable
he is certainly a wonderful
man for his years. There is
no end to his perseverance
& brain work. I trust he will
lose to secure the benefit of it
all; Oh! won't I dress you
them in beautiful socks,
Let us all hope for success
& affirm it; & we will get
it. Your own thoughts are won-
derful & can do any thing
if we concentrate them.

we are optimistic direction
I am sending Gatt as it has
been dark & rainy all morning
& "Papa" must fast like when
he goes out: Mrs. Vandewater
has left the house on Aldine
square... I hope little Louise will
enjoy her Doll: it will have
to give her a new pleasure.
at any rate Aggie seems
much happier & Mrs. Mother
is very nice to her, & will
love her face: for Aggie
has good care of her & con-
fided her pet. Aggie is cer-
tainly very sweet & generous.
After Mary's lunch, she takes

Madam, but a good
 day. The best
 of health & family
 all the way.
 I will I could
 tell you more
 my dear darling
 of you good
 I have missed
 you so much
 I hope you are
 well & happy
 but you know
 I am not
 1908

Dear of you through your
 letter to Aggie. She had
 her milk, as also Bontey yet
 today. afternoon looking much
 & pretty, but a little more out
 having had the case of Jack
 & his father most of the week.
 Jack's eye suffered from
 stirring out a windy day when
 there was much sand & gravel
 & he had to see an eye specialist
 & he kept in bed with his
 eyes bandaged. & Mr. Weather-
 son was sick in bed with father

Monty & Aggie had to look
all of their nourishment
to do all the musing, as he had you some few useful arti-
cles - not away in a
visit to her Brother who had
lost his only son; The family
are all well again - & Aggie &
Jack went to the dance at
the Masonic Temple both being
& had a lovely time. Jack had
an accident - falling - fortunately
he had the dark glasses on
his eyes are well. He suffer-
ed greatly at first. & Aggie
was very anxious about the
result. She certainly is very
fond of him & very jealous.
She sends you much love &
says she wishes she was in

Leonard's place, & that she
loved the West very & will
let you know that were but
she where he was dressed, he
had a becoming blue flannel
suit now, & is learning to
talk & behaved very nicely. We
spent Sunday morning with him
all. & Aggie & myself are going
to a Matinee tomorrow afternoon.
I am glad to get Papa away
from his business sometimes.
Did Louie like her Doll &
has she the two dear little babies?
I give to my precious child.
Did she move & take life easily
& don't try to accept my in-
formation. It is too long for
a Mother with a Baby & her

might not know "Papa"
is holding a pint of cream
daily & feels well & strong
& quite sanguine about the
kindly business being a success
So tell Louisa for me & get her
with the envelope & fresh Easter
Buns for her hair. Tell also
to Ben & Leonard, Charles
wrote from Baltimore - his
address is, Charles C. Robinson
Manager of the Southern Ch-
rice Co of Baltimore Md.
Oh! I am so proud of him
my youngest son, & hope
his my wishes will be fulfilled
in the future. By his marriage
to a refined cultured Baltimore
Southern woman, he will
that his home will be in Baltimore
& he has a very responsible sit

Amherst.

April 21st 1908

My dearest Annie

How sweet of you to send
me such a beautiful & useful Easter present! I
shall put it in to immediate use for I am
needing a little woolen sweater for the feet of the
family, Dorothy. I thank you so much for your
thoughtfulness, & the love that prompted it. I was
glad to learn from Ben's letter that your sister is
with you. I am sure you will enjoy having her,
will she study in the University?
I have not answered Ben's letter but will do
so soon, as I will not be here very long I am
with the children & Fanny as much as possible.

they are more familiar with one than they
ever were, we are getting well acquainted.
You would be surprised to see how tall Frances
is, a little taller than her Mother, Frederic has not
grown so much, the others have grown too. Dorothy
is a sweet pretty little thing & very bright, all of them
but Dorothy are doing as well at school. Margaret is
very ^{delicate} delicate looking as ever, very thin, & often has
headache, did not go to school yesterday because
she was feeling badly. Fanny & Fred went last
night to the organization of the conversation
club, they insisted on my going but I begged
off, after lessons were studied the children & myself
had a game of "Pat". Mrs Camp was feeling
badly so she took a nap on the sofa. We are
all rejoicing over Fred's book having been adopted

in Pa. He has been very busy reading the proof
& getting more illustrations for the book, is very
anxious to have one complete in time for the
Oklahoma selection of text books, fears it will be
too late. I do hope he will realize a great deal on
his book for he has such a family to provide for,
but there is one thing about it, the children are
all smart enough to help him when old enough.
Frederic is now selling the corn he made in his
patch last year for seed corn, gets 2.00 a bushel.
He will plant more this year, or maybe has planted.
The children were delighted to find a little cold in
the stable Easter morning, they told Dorothy it
was a big Easter egg & she was looking for the egg.
I hope you were able to get a seat in church Easter
Sunday. Ben seemed to expect such a crowd.

I had the unexpected pleasure of going to the Episcopal church here (I thought there was no minister here) Fred & three of the children went with me, the little church was prettily decorated, at night we attended a song service at the Methodist church, the music was fine to me, the large pipe organ, an orchestra of 4 pieces, & many voices, made the music. Miss Mary Deak arranged the program & played the organ, my! how she did work on that large instrument! Fanny says she gave them some fine music last night on the violin. The meeting was held at Prof Ross' their new Piano (800 dollars) was just in time to help furnish entertain ment, these Auburn dots will interest Ben more than yourself. I came up Good Friday had to lay

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over in Selma from 10 until 4, I went to Mrs Cunningham's & to church with her daughter. Mrs James, she was as kind & polite to me, & gave me on the street car for the depot. I had a pleasant trip up, Fanny & Pauline had the buggy waiting for me at the depot.

I commenced this letter up stairs before breakfast have stopped several times & now am writing in the girls room with Dorothy talking & jumping around as please space suit also. Being with these children reminds me of our delightful visit to you last fall & of the great pleasure the children gave us. How nice it would be to have the two families together some times. I wish we

house was large enough to have you all come to
see us at once. Henry & his wife too. I expect to
leave for home next Tuesday. Now I must
bring to a close this rambling letter, please excuse
all defects, with much love to you all & kisses to
the children

Yours devoted

Wm. Brewster.

To Mrs. Luggar
April 25, 1908

Dear Mrs Luggar -

I was so glad to
have your Easter Greeting
and to know that you
still remembered us -

Mrs Miller read me such
a jolly letter from you
one day when Mrs Treubner
and I were out there -

It does seem a jolly
place - You know perhaps

That the Barnes people were
victimizing the Board again -
I'll in no way have a share in
your support - Every child
except the French ones that
the mother, some of the deans
Dear Mrs D. how was your
a quarantaine. There is a
great deal of depression and
they too a couple of weeks
up in the camp - Mrs.
Cushman seems very anxious for
Montreal to stay a year and

That it has been decided
that the Medical school will
not go to St. Louis - You
know how it has always
been, whenever I looked
at a house with the view
of buying they began to
talk moving - I was so
glad it was finally
settled when Dr. Hill was
here and today I looked
at a lot on the Pallies
homestead - Half an
hour later picked up
the St Louis paper and
read an article stating

a half. Isn't that a long
time - I shall miss her
so but there is to be another
baby in September and
the little lady isn't very
strong - Little Lucia while
very healthy is still very
tiny and I'm sure will
not be walking by Sept.
She is a beautiful child
and good as gold - Mrs. P.
certainly knows how
to feed them once she gets
them started. You would
surely enjoy seeing the
enthusiasm which is
shown every where over

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Dr. Hill's coming - I don't
know of any man who
could come here as
President and be received
with so much genuine
delight - I do hope he will
convince you back. As I told
Dr. Shugar before he left
I believe the tide is turning
I would have written
you sooner but about
April first I received
a very great sorrow and
it was some time before

I could adjust myself
and reconcile myself
to the inevitable - It is
hard to persuade oneself
to accept fate and show
a cheerful countenance -

You would enjoy our
Exchange of which you
have surely heard much.
While not a howling
success financially it
certainly is doing some
good in the community.
Our rugs are beautiful
and the country women
enjoy making them
and two of them have

turned out to be veritable
artists in constructing carpets -

I hope we must fall down
through lack of funds - How
we owe all and the dear children
don't feel the way so no larger again
no longer - Also a very large

man - I think you will
laugh but I am honestly
contemplating going to home -
sleeping again this fall -

Every one says its foolish when
they so frequently willing to
stand - But it won't jelly -

The nice time of the year
is here and I have some
pictures of the Valley on my
desk - This is Missouri
at her loveliest - Won't
you write me a letter.
Remember us very kindly
to your husband and
with all good wishes to
you. Love

Sincerely your friend

Lucia W Hayes

(Hobo Day)

(Miss Lucy L Hayes)
Columbia, Mo)

Columbia

April - twenty fifth.

in trying to catch me
 there, my father's father
 will be married
 tonight, we will not
 turn out to the wedding
 but a wedding garment
 & I am present to
 every I must join
 my good friends, please
 excuse the writing
 I expect to say it is
 not enough for you
 I am behind with my letter, but you
 must excuse me, it is hard to write when on a visit
 to the grand children, particularly, when so many
 things are going on in the town, every day there was
 some things going on, but I thought of you & yours
 all the same & wondered what our quiet little
 Louise would have thought of those boys & Dorothy,
 the commotion in that house surpasses anything
 I ever saw, every one talks (except Paul) at the most
 rapid & loudest rate, they come in & out, & every door
 clams like a pistol shot, the three dogs come too, &
 old Billy (the cook) in the kitchen & dining room adds
 her share, & a big one it is, to the din. I stood it very

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well but your Father was bewildered, however he would
take them out with him & try to keep them straight.
I enjoyed my visit very much, more than I ever did I
think, tho I did have to pass through the trying ordeal
of an evening company at their house, was introduced to
more Professors & their wives than I ever came to meet
again at one time, could not remember their names to
save my life, & had to tell so many polite fibes, "very glad
to meet you" when I would have been glad not to -
I wrote to Maria on the 21st before the dreadful storm
that visited our State, & others you have no doubt seen
accounts of the Friday night & Sunday night's storm,
Sunday was the worst, that is the most rain, the electrical
part was terrible both nights. Friday night the whole family
except Mrs. Lamb & myself Dorothy went to "a show"
nearly finished. I was very near turning back when I
went out & saw it was dark as pitch except when the

lightening came but all said "come on it will not rain",
the cloud continued to gather slowly & when we came
out to go home I never saw such incessant lightning
& such black clouds as the flashes revealed. Fanny was
in the buggy (we declined to be driven through the darkness)
she took the 5 children & hurried home, I saw your Father
& my self joined arms & such a pace as we had home!
the wind blowing, the rain coming in the distance & the
thunder & lightning terrible, we reached home a short time
before the rain came entirely out of breath, the next night
was clear & good & your Father took the children out again, I
had had enough of blundering about in the dark. I do
think they might have some light in that town an
occasional lamp post would be better than none, the
town should be able to afford that. I left out some things in
my letter to Maria that I intended to write you but they
have passed out of my mind now I met Prof. Gray at

"the evening" at Paris he spoke of you told of having been
one of your pupils with a good deal of pride. I thought, kind
that his college did not start in time to get you back.
Fred has gotten his book off his hands - how is it with you?
I have no doubt it will be as great a success as is predicted by
some for Fred's book. President Hatch says it will be accepted
by all the states, Fred is not counting on that, but very anxious
for Ohio to adopt it.

Tuesday
We left Auburn at 6 P. M., reached Salem at 11.30. Spent the
night at Hotel Albion, reached home on the noon train. Syd
had the buggy for us. We had to telephone from Salem because our
telegram has been taken from us, the Southern is commencing
about on its last legs! We found Reuben here, he had given
out dinner & was waiting for us. We heard at Farnsdale that
the "old folks" had returned from Stafford, did not learn if they
were much improved, but I hope they were in a measure any
how. The rain here was set much so I hope we can soon
drive up to see them. I found letters from both Warr & Henry,
the latter tells of his fine garden, is eating beans, potatoes, lettuce,
& cucumber will soon have corn, ready to eat, I am almost
envious, we have nothing, the birds are eating the peas, the
only thing sufficiently abundant to eat. I have not heard from