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340 Railway Ave
Elizabeth NJ 5/4/08

Dear Duck

In odd moments
I edit a "Suburban Country
Life" page for the Sunday
magazine section of the N.Y.
Herald. On June 14th I want
to publish an article
by "Ever Ready" on "The Ten
Mushrooms Everyone would
like to know". Have you
photos of any of the enclosed
that you could send me this
week?

It makes no difference
whether the photos have been
used or not. The Herald pays
a flat rate of \$2 for pictures.
They will be returned to you.
Credit will be given in the
article to photographer. But

There is not room to do
so under the pictures. The
work is so poor that only
the strangest and simplest
pictures ~~can~~ can be used.
The Herald pays the week
after publication and can
use 5 or 6 photos.

^x That ^x last ^x letter from
Persica was the grandest
epistle ever penned by
manned & has been
riddled over many times.
I had hoped to write before
this, but what with
the Herald, a seven
weeks visit from Grandpa

and Grandma Rogers and
my brother coming this
am. from Italy I'll have
to postpone it. However
we love you just the
same.

Uncle Bill

To D. Thayer
2 Hamden St.
Hampden N.S.
May 8 C/O P.

My dear Mr. Suggs:-

I cannot
realize that it is two weeks
since I left Straca, before I
know when I can visit it.
will be time to pack up again.

I want first of all to
thank you for the dainty
handkerchief I found in my
bag. I did not realize what-

Jessie said as she put it
in the bag so I was not
till I was nearly here that
I discovered it. I intended
acknowledging it at once
but I found when I reached
home that my mother was
still quite lame and I
found I could do a good
deal to relieve her.

Mr. Kitt has probably told
you of our trip, of our
many changes &c. but we
were not worn out by the trip.

The weather has been quite cold since
we came but I think it is a little
warmer today. My sister was not
for a walk yesterday and brought
home an awful quantity of
flowers so I think spring is here.

This week I begin packing things
for examination so shall be kept
busy that way for a while.
The children both a good deal
about house and school. My wife tells me

They are enjoying themselves
very much here. They have
so much space to play in
and we are so near the
water.

I imagine poor Mr. Killis
telling that he is pretty busy.
I am hoping that he can
begin to play golf soon.

Thanking you again for the
pretty handkerchief and also for
being so good to us these days before
he left and not forgetting the
lunch, with kind regards to
Mr. Luggan and Miss Parsons.

Believe me
yours very cordially
Mrs. Killis

from Dr R.H. Duggan, To D, rec'd Ithaca
NY May 6,
[1938?]

Prarie-Ville, Ala.

Dear Ben:-

As your Mother is away in the Fannsdale neighborhood - I undertake to let you know how we all are. Last Sunday ^{Mr} went to Fannsdale on the morning train - time enough to attend services at St. Mike's Church. — For this week the Rev. Mr. Matthews, an English Divine — on Evangelical duty is giving the people two services a day; in the mornings, what he calls Bible Readings, and at night regular Sermons. I heard him once — and

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was greatly pleased.
such too is the concu-
rent opinion of every
one who hears him.
I hope he may stir up
the people & the local
preacher also. — Reuben
had spent the night
with us — so on Sunday
morning he saddled his
horse to spend the day
& following night at his
Aunt Mulville's: — About
Eleven o'clock I found out
the Cook wanted to have the
day for her Church, leaving
me all alone with the cats
& chickens. — As my
horse was already harnessed
I soon was trotting down the
Laneville road myself.

- When gr Mother left, she
was to return on the Monday

Mid-day train; Yesterday
it was piping hot, almost
scorching in the direct
rays of the sun - nevertheless,
I hitched up & met
the train - but no Mrs D, -
and this morning a heavy
cloud overcasted the sky
& in a short while we had
it in torrents, actually I
believe in 3 hours seven
inches of rain fell, with
all the severe thunders
and lightning flashes that
could come, every few minutes
apparently. Out in front of
us the dirt road looked like a
Creek, & the fields beyond

were seemingly vast lakes.
This has continued inter-
mittingly for pretty much
the entire day;— by this morn^g
mail a card reached me wh^{ch}
was written Sunday Ev^g.

I feared Mr Harris some-
what improved, for Aunt
Melville & Miss Mari Lou
Marlowe had gone to
Farmsdale to Church, but
returned to a late dinner.
Today (this Ev^g) I wrote Mrs Lou
that she had better stay over
now & make all her visitations
& hear all the good sermons,
for she would never have the same
chance again. — We had
a hen Turkey off with young-
ones, so 'twill be a miracle
if they are not all dead as Hector.

To Dr. C. C. Chase
May 6, 1901?

On the 21st ult^o - I was in
Montgomery attending the
State Med. Association.
Mr Mother had preceded me
several days on a visit to
the Auburnites, and Friday
night I also went to Auburn
- both of reaching home on
Wednesday noon. We found
them all up & hearty and
growing upwards - but no
filling out, just like pales.
Frances taller than her Mother,
I am sure I never saw one house-
hold so thoroly Sunburnt as they
are from Mrs Camp down.
I had - by snatches - a half
opportunity to overlook Fred's book,
just the Copies out for revision
& Correction. The papers state
that the "Board" of the State of Virginia

— some Mulberry trees succeeded to the strain

had approved & adopted it.
 I hope it may be a success.
 We had quite a little frost ~~some~~
 days ago, but with very little
 injury right here. The frost in
 many States did harm & now with
 this thunder storm & overflow of
 all creeks & water courses, cotton
 sh^d get up a little. My crop is still
 waiting for a better figure. Write us
 fully about the children, as we are
 all always anxious about them.
 In Mont'g I attended the Tuberculosis
 exhibition & many addresses were
 made on this subject. It was an object
 lesson, very worthy of much study.
 Trusting this may reach you
 with all yr little family, in good
 health, & with much love to all.
 I am yr Affectionate Father.
 May 5th 1908 — *W. Enggarrus*

The Garden; Porter making went off all well - but very
 country attended.

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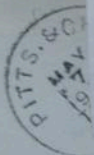
I suffer from Rheumatism. My husband is also very agreeable
but is better. The weather has been & plays a good game of cards
cold & rainy. & our Land lady says "Papa" enjoys it very much. & we
things with the table. Now I have a good table. Aggie often
a cat there. & feel more comfortable. Comes over with Jack & we have
we thought we would more back. Lunch about 4 o'clock together.
At Aldene Square, No 42, a nice back at scrambled egg supper
place. but I like to be near the hall. Maureen & Mary. How
street car & the Post, so concluded often I wish you were with us
this morning to remain where we my Darling. You must have
we. our room is large & airy & the music made up & near it
we have hot & cold water. very fine for any sake. I enjoy the family
of the day in our room & the table. I remain so much your devoted
room near by. I have also a pleasant son to Honora & thank her for
with Lady Gerald down stairs. & we her sweet letter. I am glad she
have games of 500 very frequently & having a pleasant time. I

hope Bobby is quite well again.
Miss Louise & herself for one
also to Ben give my love. When
you see Mrs. Stanley do tell her
I will never forget her sweet thoughts
of me in the day of gloom. She put
herself & sent by Alice Aggie told
me to send her love to you & best
wishes when I wrote. She is kept
pretty busy sewing for the children.
She thinks she will go over to Little
Haven the last of June. I will
miss her dreadfully but she & her
need the change. Mr. W. is so
close & dusty. Father's baby boy
4 years old has Pneumonia.
It's quite sick. Dot is improving.

the Beads. I wish I could
have sent you something
handmade; I met Mr.
Dexter a while ago. & he
told me Prof Morse & family
were coming to Flat Spring,
& would be going to
occupy rooms in the apart-
ment building; & I had
forgotten in what department
of the university he was Prof.
Yetter; I told me in your
note, as I know the Dexter
socially & may wish to call
on Mr. Morse. Mr. Dexter
conversed with folk Jack & Aggie
Daughter Mr. Henderson
lived in North Carolina; for
several years among my
relatives in Georgetown,
The Graces & Haywards.
Aggie lived in the same
unhappy chain, on account
of Mr. Heathcote's treatment
of her & mother "Papa" & I
could occupy a Flat with
her & her mother. I don't feel
like taking such a step &
have written to Willie in the
subject. As he has advised &
conversed with folk Jack & Aggie

The weather is cool, but
clear & dry & I do long
for steadily warm weather
on Papa's account. He loves
you very dearly. Charlie
tells that "Papa" has not time
& made him quite nervous.
But don't let Charlie ever
know I have said this.
He told "Papa" that his children
did not want him to sell
stock; which "Papa" is not
doing; only valuable mineral
land. While it is being sold very
even days are made.

EN ROUTE
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Mrs. B. M. Duggan
639 Groveland Park
Chicago
Ill.

To Maria, Chicago
May 17 2
1902

EN ROUTE
THE PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL
NEW YORK - CHICAGO

Dearest Madge:-
I have been so blue
on the train since
leaving Chicago because
I had to leave you all
so soon. Yet I have
felt somehow that
mother is going to
get well and that
I shall see you all
again soon.
I am pretty certain
that your new sister

will want to come to
Chicago with me in
a few days to see
Mother and ask her
to come to us when
she is strong enough.

I sent Aggie forty
dollars for Daddy
by a messenger boy
from the University
Club which I hope
reached her safely.
With a heartfelt love
for you
Devotedly Chuck

To D. H. H. H.

May 19th 1908.

My dear son

Your letter of a day or so ago was most acceptable & read with much interest. You & Marie are getting gay, having a dancing party. I suppose dancing was something new to Marie & she must have enjoyed watching the dances very much. What trouble to move out so much furniture & then back again, no wonder Marie was not feeling well. I am glad she is better. House cleaning is so tiresome when one goes through & through, that, I never can do now, no help to be found for such work, the country is certainly scarce of such laborers. I can hardly think of the baby as anything

but fat, it is well for those who have to handle him that he is thin. I suppose he is walking quite well now, & he & Louise can romp around. It seems to me your spring is very late, our pears & peaches are as large as a small guinea's egg & the foliage is so full & heavy that on the trees around the house, that it is entirely too dark to see well if it is cloudy, the corn in our patch is quite tall, has never been a working of any sort, the frequent rains have prevented work, this week we hoped to have it hoed but Saturday & Sunday we had a great deal of rain & it is very cloudy, oh yes! it rained hard yesterday evening too. The farmers will be ruined, Mr. Willie Beasley said he did not know what to do but to

plow up cotton & corn & plant over, he had not planted all his corn. Cotton that has been chopped out has been beaten down into the ground, the gardens too have suffered from too much water, with those who have their gardens worked, cabbage, potatoes, snap beans, onions &c are in abundance. Just here I stopped to receive a splendid head of cabbage sent us by Mrs. Redding, half of it will be more than enough to boil for dinner & fry for breakfast tomorrow, your Father is still fond of fried cabbage. The early flowers are over but the roses are blooming again. I wish I could put upon your table a bunch of the Malmaison roses, they are particularly pretty. Today a turkey is due to hatch, all the first ones are dead, no use of trying to raise turkeys on your Father's plan.

turn them loose & let them take care of
themselves.

I had a letter from Warr last night, he says
his back troubles him very much, can't do hardly
any manual labor without its becoming stiff,
& that it is now to the touch, he also speaks of
having rheumatism. He says he wants to go to
the Hot Springs on the Rio Grande river about
100 miles from where he is, says all who have
suffered with rheumatism & have spent a month
there have been cured. I sincerely hope he will go.
He says he wants to sell the place he is on,
40 acres, (I did not know he owned it) & buy "in
the flats" where it is warmer & he can raise
fruits, his spring vegetables, the very earliest, are just
coming up. He expected a large crop of currants too.

the crop was cut short by the cold.
Scarlet fever is raging out there, one family
lost 3 out of 4 children, did not know what
it was until the third child was too far gone
to do any thing for; they must have mighty poor
Dr's.

I had a letter from Fred a day or so ago, Mr
Boal, the Washington Inspector was there, if he
was through in time Fred expected to take
part in a game of base ball, the faculty &
assistants, don't you think they must be at a
loss for amusement! One night before he
retired some thief broke the lock off his
house door & carried off some guns before he could
get out with his pistol. Dorothy was a little
sick when he wrote, indignation he said, during

May 19, 1909

& I do are wrapped up in their own concerns, he seldom writes, & she never. She will gather last of this month to Tallahassee, Fla., to attend Commencement at the College where she graduated. Reuben went to Lenoirville from here yesterday, I expect him back to dinner today. The rains have injured his oats very much, poor fellow, 'every thing seems against his ever making any thing.

I had a doleful note from aunt Melville, Mrs Harris is better but "so despondent" & she is so troubled about your Uncle Ben, Dr Morely has said if he goes to work down at Dayton this summer it may kill him, he & Lucy went last week. I don't mind much what Dr M. says, he likes to get up an excitement about

every case he has. Henry is looking well, tho' I think he should be prudent.

There is nothing interesting to write as I must close, much love to Maria, the children & yourself

Yours devoted

Mother.

Delta Psi

May 22, 1908.

My dear Mr. Duggar,

You will probably be interested to know how we are getting along and we are certainly interested in knowing how you like your new home.

The Delta Psi have been doing splendidly since you left especially with Tappa Alpha Theta. We have already entertained two delegates, first the President of this district and second the grand president himself.

asking to know that we have loyal
supporters so far away. Remember us
all to Dr. Duggan and Louis and her
baby brother.

Most sincerely yours,

Ellen L. Loken,
for Delta Psi.

They were both charming and what
is more to the point they said they
liked us so well that they have decided
champion our cause and work enthus-
iastically for us in the Grand Council
this summer. If their efforts are success-
ful and the chances are they will be,
we shall get a charter the second
or third month of school next fall.

We have heard that Mrs.
Golding and Elizabeth have loosely
you have been to speak in our favor
to your Theta friends at Council.
The girls appreciate it more than
you can know for it is so encour-

badly written letter. I did not
take time to put up
proper names, use the form
New Horace's sick. I did
write she would go to the
convention of her college
new teachers then so they
felt like a brother again.
I will address this letter to you
but you know my letters are all intended
for you both. You may be surprised at the
heading. Saturday evening I was surprised to
see a man at our front gate, I called out, "do
you want to see the Dr?" (to the driver,) he
replied "I have come for you, Miss Melville
has one of her attacks & is very sick, she telephoned
for Dr. Moody because she could get him
quicker than "Mass Reuben". I quickly stuffed
a change of clothes into a satchel, tried to
give Dr. D. some directions about housekeeping
& in ten minutes was in the car ready
for the roughest drive I ever had, except the
time we drove up here in the cart very early
this spring, you can't imagine how rough the
road was, it took us about 2 1/2 hours to come,

TD Moody, Haver

Windsbury
Vt.

Windsbury May 25th 1868.

reached here just at dark. She had to
 send Lewis for me as Rich was from home.
 I much prefer having Lewis drive for he was
 careful. I found the worst of the attack over
 but sister Sally was very weak, she sat up a
 good deal yesterday on her wrapper, is dressed
 today & went to breakfast but I will not
 let her do any housekeeping. I am so used to
 her ways I can readily take charge of everything.
 Mr Harris is doing pretty well now but I am
 sorry to find his money is very poor, he is
 entirely incapable of attending to business tho
 he will try, gets things into a muddle & that
 makes it worse for her than if he did nothing.
 Lucy is on a visit to Terekalooa, they wrote
 her to have her visit out. I may go home
 tomorrow evening, that is if Dr D- comes
 for me. Reuben dined with us Saturday & was
 to be there that night. I hope Dr D- gave him
 enough to eat, I hate to leave him to his
 "tender mercies" for he is such a poor provider.

May 25, 1907

& never thinks to help him along in any way. Poor boy! my heart aches for him, no mortal knows how much.

How are you Minnie, are you feeling any better, take care of your self & don't trouble too much to keep that large house in order, you may say just listen at Mother, how does she do, well, I am expecting myself less than I have done for a long time, trying to take things easy, if Dr D. just would sit bring in, & pile up things as he does I would get on very well. My servant is a poor one but we don't care so much for fine cooking, plain food will do for us.

Minnie Pearson has been on a visit to her Mother we called to see her Friday, she was pushing to leave for Tuckuloca Monday, her parents were going with her to be at Communion, from there she will return to Dr G. She asked

about you, and she had intended writing to you
 & that she would do so when she reached home.
 I gave her your address. I suppose she has "as
 much of nothing" to do that she could not write,
 she looks as well as ever, tho she complained of
 having had much trouble with a cold & sore
 throat.

I am afraid we are going to have a storm, the
 clouds are black, & it is thundering so, a
 moderate rain will help every thing but these
 days the rain comes in floods.

I suppose the children, Louis particularly, are
 enjoying summer weather as they can get out so
 much now. I look at our shady front yard
 some times & wish the children could play in
 it, as fresh & green now.

If any letters have come for me since I left Dr.
 D. has not sent them up as I have no news
 from the boys. Some of Fred's children had little
 spells after we left them. I think their commu-
 nion began Sunday. These were given this

I hope I can
 give you a
 good day
 I am sure
 you will
 have much energy in the
 hot weather I wish I could
 but I love you all the same
 & think of you constantly
 am so glad you enjoyed a
 happy birthday & that you
 admired the Museum I sent
 you. I know it will be very
 coming to you when away
 at. I know you appreciate
 Ben's sentiment with his gift

Aggie has agreed to marry
she had no choice & I send
you: The dear child has been
a little depressed since Willie
notified Jack & herself that
after September "Jack" would
have to support her for the time
how selfish he is! He is doing
very well in his practice, but
seems to think the money he
makes is for his use & enjoy-
ment & through it he seems
to love Aggie more than his
money seems to the home of the
McCallum family. Charles
McCallum & his wife Catherine
a separation recently on account

of money & Mrs. McCallum's
advice to her son. He is
well & jolly & has enjoyed
so much a brief visit from
Willie who came to attend
the Electrical Light Convention
also a meeting of the Sons of
Dor. Willie was hoping Gene &
my good friends Douglas had
purchased a fine Touring
Car. So you may expect to
have a visit from Alice & him
by this summer. Has George
returned home? & how are
you Darling? I am anxious
for you to get stronger & do
you have a girl & take care
of Boyce's part of each day?

Aggie hopes to return to South
Flame in July. Mr. Packard
is anxious to have her join
my farm her sister letter to
Aggie is ready to give her a
warm welcome at me. I am
so glad that my darling
sister - remember my dear little
sister, she always sends
her love to you & yours. Soon
Laura & herself will return
to Colaplace. For the summer
I have nothing new except
a black lace waist over white
silk & a cheffon skirt with
drop skirt of black silk too.
I place a handsome Agate
on my toilet & it looks more

Barito, N. Mex.

May, 5/2/1908.

Dear Mother;

You will see by this that I have not left for the Springs as yet. We went to Canizos Thursday, 2nd & stayed until Sunday noon then came up on the special train to Walnutata & from there came over the divide with the rest of the party from El Paso, - were snowing & skating in our part of the way. That cleared shortly so that on the divide it was clear & all could get a good look at the snow & the surrounding country. Sunday morning in - it was alternately skating and raining the greater part of the time after the clouds drifted from the mountains one could see that there had been quite a fall of snow on them tho it did not stay long among the newly budding trees. Tho it was quite a contrast.

I don't think you had ever mentioned about Miss Susan's leaving. When did she go to?

For the case I da sent is very good for one taken under such conditions.

About \$35,000.00 worth of hole in all have been sold on the installment plan in Barito, not so bad after all.

I now have a family in my house & I board out the

May 31, 1859

sent, usually with the corn & furnish some of the
vegetables from my small garden.

I don't think there could possibly be any weakness
or heart trouble in my case for it would have
shown up long ago in the haunts and climbs
on the mountain at an altitude of 10,000 ft.

The springs are in N. Mex near Rio Grande below Socorro,
Northwest of El Paso.

From the photo I da is not a bad looking girl tho one
can't see too well to judge any too well.

This country is full of cydonias the like all the western country
has stiff winds in the spring.

You must thank Father for the prescription - as yet
have not been able to get them filled tho will as soon as
possible have not as yet been able to make arrangements
to get off to the springs - you think the back trouble is a
strain but when I was under twelve I could not pick cotton
because of my back hurting me you may remember I think
the back is the weaker part & then the cold settles
on me as with some people it settles in eyes or face
or neuralgia, I don't know.

Yours aff. son,
Wm

June 3rd 1908.

My dear Son

My hand is very unsteady this morning but I reckon you will be able to read the writing. I want to have my letter ready to mail this evening, will not wait until later in the day to write for fear of some interruption, the crickets are scarce these days, Mrs. Hull sent word she would be up to see me soon. I have been making bee nests this morning hoping to tempt the bees to lay, they seem to have forgotten that is their business, eggs never even as scarce with us at this season of the year.

The birds are singing as sweetly, coos so pretty & every thing such a bright green that I often wish

for you all to enjoy the country awhile. Within
the last week I have dug holes & set out some
egg plants, they are doing finely, I hope to keep them
worked myself & to have some return from them,
the frequent rains keep the grass growing, garden
& corn patches have gone to grass, but by much
talking, almost begging, we succeeded in getting a
man today to plow the corn, then if he will he
it we may make some covering ears, all not used
on the table will come in nicely for "Amie."

My last letter to you was written at aunt Melville's.
I came home on Friday having been there six days,
I might have left her sooner but Rich was
cutting & hauling hay ^{with the horses} & your Father feeling too
badly to come for me. It makes me sad to think
of that family, sister Sally's health as uncertain

& Ben Harris unfit to attend to any thing. Lucy
is in Tuscaloosa, going every day to a specialist to
treat her throat, went to another Dr about her
ride, he could not find what was the matter, your
Father has prescribed for it as good many times &
relieved her some but she wants to be cured. I
am afraid she never will be as long as she sits &
thinks so much of her ailments. Sister Sally says
she does not see how they can live there another
year, she wants to go to Hannibal but Lucy wants
to go to Tuscaloosa, their income is not sufficient
to support them there as I don't know what they
can do.

It has been a long time since I have heard
from you, I hope some of the family are sick.
Perhaps you are busy with your book, proof reading

&c. The Auburn Commencement is going on this week, Fred entertains the Baptist Commencement preachers, Mr. Porter, from Louisville Ky. Fanny would have preferred having Gov. Cornus, they entertained him last year but President Thacker has him, the Gov. is quite a friend to Fred. The new agricultural building will be begun this summer.

Alway has been a bachelor for some little time but I da will be home today, she had a very enjoyable visit to her native state. Reuben left here Sunday evening, he cut his oats last week but will hardly make expenses on them, too much wet weather. The wet weather certainly agreed with cabbages, I never saw so many & such large ones. Willy Scott brought to the store one that weighed 11 lbs. No letter from you this morning, I do hope some of you are sick. Kiss the dear children for me with much love to you all your devoted Mother.

Mrs. C. S. Ford
announces the marriage of her daughter

Lucene Edith
to

Mr. John Curtis Herbert
on Thursday, June the fourth
nineteen hundred and eight
Emporia, Kansas



B. L. M. DATES

L. P. ROBERTS

Murray Hill HOTEL

PARK AVE. & 40TH TO 41ST STS.
ONE BLOCK FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION

NEW YORK

June 7th, 1908
(In Ithaca, N.Y.)
My dear Duggan,
I find that it will be
desirable me to return to Ithaca
via New York, so I am engaging
berths on D. L. & W. sleeper
N. Y. to Ithaca for Tuesday
night. As we don't need to turn
out of our berths promptly
on arrival at Ithaca it is
not likely that we shall reach
the house till after 8 A.M. on
Wednesday.

I had a good and fruitful trip
to Baltimore and Philadelphia,
had long rest last night and
shall now go on to New Haven and
spend Sunday night with Warren,
head of Romance at Yale.

Love to all
Emerson, Hill

June 18th 1908.

My dear Son

It has been a week since my last letter & I must get one off this evening but there is a great lack of material to make up a letter. I am here alone all day, see no one & hardly know what is going on outside this lot, every thing is so quiet that I get so sleepy I don't know what to do with myself, sew a little, & go almost to sleep over it, then try reading awhile, & finally have to find some active work to get awake, run out & feed the little turkeys, try to locate a cuckling hen, or something of the sort. You will perhaps wonder why I am alone,

well, your Father could sit quiet going to
the reunion in Birmingham, off he
started Monday morning leaving us one to
attend to the hoes or cows, said Reuben
can throw them a little hay." Reuben comes
up late in the evening & leaves directly after
breakfast, yesterday morning a little after sun
rise. I gave him a cold breakfast. ~~Supper~~
I suppose your Father will be home Friday,
Mr Hatch went & as Mrs Lora Davies expressed
it "the three biggest women in the county," Mrs
L. W. "Mrs Bob Wood" & Mrs Joe Collins, all
taking advantage of the 3.26th fare. Of course
Mrs Powell went, the Willie had just come
home for a visit. Mrs P. is doing his best to

entertain him, had the wonderfully entertain-
ing Dr. Fiske to tea last night.

We are having such breezy nice weather now
I wish every day you & yours were with us,
usually when you have been here in June
the weather has been so hot. I would like for
you all to have one pleasant weather visit to
us. That reminds me to thank you for your
invitation to visit you, go on with Paul. Wish
I could, but that must be a pleasure to look
forward to at some future day, not this
summer, nothing gives me more pleasure than
than to be with you all; if you were only
near, when I could see you any time it would
be such a pleasure. I hope by this time your
work has returned, that was a nice way to

get dinner but rather hard on you, dishes
are heavy. I expect Louis & the Boy romp
around a good deal since he goes so well on
all forms. Did Louis go to the pie pie? if so
I expect she enjoyed it.

I will enclose Wav's last letter as you seldom
see one from him, you can destroy after reading.
Alway is behind time with his letter but he very
often is now. Last week I had a visit from
Mrs Hatch & Mrs Hornumay, the latter has fattened
so much, she is afraid the place will be thrown
back on her hands. Her second daughter, Flora,
graduated at the University this Commencement.
Mrs Brull, a son, & little daughter called Sunday
evening, poor woman! she looks as if she

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has been dragged around so much, she has, she
moves every year I think, then all those heavy,
working boys to cook for is no light work.

Yesterday evening Mr Redding's carriage stopped
at the gate to leave us some of the largest,
smoothest, potatoes I have seen this season.
Edwood has some large ones but his crop is very
irregular in size. I know you will take pleasure
in working your little garden. My egg plants
are doing finely, if they bear well I will have
more than we can use.

Mr Harris went to Seckelorum last week (I
believe he was just crazy to see Lucy) Lucie
wrote she saw him on the street & he looked so
feeble she offered him a seat in her buggy but
he declined. I do hope he did not go to the

recession. Nothing will run for Alderman,
Ludie says if he gets it, Tarkenton will
shine with improvements.

Of course you saw a notice of Gen Lee's death
in Wicksburg. Many veterans have passed away
in the last year.

Kiss the children for me, much love to you all

Your devoted Mother.

Culebra, Ala., June 12, '08.

Dear Ben;

Your letter of June 2 came duly to hand and should have had an earlier reply. However Ambrose has been sick with a child's disorder for about a week and there have been other interruptions. I thank you for your invitation and Marie's that Fannie and I stay with you when at the Graduate School. I still hope and expect to attend, and Fannie may accompany me, but she has recently expressed doubts about the children sparing her. We shall be glad to accept your invitation for one or both of us, and will be glad to occupy a room in your home until you are ready to leave for Hood's hole. However, as we will be so near Sage, I think we would best not put Marie to the additional trouble that would arise from our being constantly at your table, but that we should take most of our meals at Sage College. Certainly we should insist on doing this if while there, the cook should desert, or sickness in the family throw an extra tax on both of you, or any other interrupting circumstance arise.

Alabama Text Book Commission is now in session and I have every hope of hearing, within

a few weeks at the latest that my book
has been adopted. Oklahoma's Commission
will not meet until July 20, and I have
not yet been able to ^{get} any understanding
from the publisher as to whether
they will push my book there or
Melborn's. If his book were in the hands
of a competing publisher, I would rather
enter the lists against it than
against Burkett's or Soule's. However,
as mine and W's. are in the hands of the
same publisher, my hands are tied, even
as to ~~the~~ any comparison of the two.
The completed book was issued about June 1.
It still contains a few mistakes - none fatal
I think, - and all of which that I have
thus far seen I hope to have corrected
in time for the Virginia and main Alabama
issue.

Perhaps you may have seen in the press
that the A.P.S. is hereafter to have three deans,
purely nominal, it seems; - Ross, Dean of Agri. Sciences,
(to recomp. him for \$5.00 extra salary until recently, but
no longer paid him by the state, as State Chemist);
Petrie, of Academic Branches, and Melmore of
Engineering, both of the latter being thus held at
\$25.00 as against \$75 elsewhere.

I hope are well with you and that you
will have a pleasant Commencement.
With love from all the Auburn Suggs for all the
New York Suggs.

To Major Duggar
Post June 16, 1904

Chester, New York.

My dear Lady Duggar -

I have only a few
minutes in which
to write you I find seeing
my friends and family
after a two years absence
a very engrossing occupation.
But I must let you know
that Jerry and I are
to have the pleasure of

a vacation in Europe
this Summer. This
is the first trip for either
one of us so you can
imagine with what
pleasure we look forward
to it.

We sail on the fourth
of July, Red Star Line, S.S.
Holland.

I wish we might
all go and Mr. Suggs
and get some fine
points in European travel

for I am sure we ^{shall} feel a
~~little~~ like Bates in the woods
many time. Perhaps we can
meet when we get back and
have a jolly time talking it all
over together.

I am sure you are enjoying
Ithaca. I wanted to stop a minute
and see you as I came on, but I
stayed longer than I intended with
my mother in Chicago and then
hurried here as fast as I could for
my father and mother feel that
I am cutting them off with a very
short visit.

With all best wishes for a
lovely Summer to you and love
to you all
from
Mary C. Gould.

June the sixteenth.

P.S. Give my special love and a
big hug to Little Lox.

highly. I suppose your commencement is
over today, I am afraid you have not been able
to enjoy it. I wonder if the change to Woods
Hole will benefit you. I have ~~had~~ a letter
from Fred this morning, he was a little sick
after corn; too much entertaining, & being enter-
tained he said, when over that he had fever
for a day & night, caused by an abscess at the
root of a tooth that had just been plugged.
Andrew is sick, inflammation of the colon, slight,
but constant fever, some of his symptoms not
encouraging, he has been sick a week. Fred
still hopes to spend July in Athens, told me
of your letter inviting him & Fanny to stay
with you. I was about to write & ask Fanny to
come down & bring the boys as she promised she

would some time this summer. Perhaps when
Andrew is up she may be glad to bring him
down for a change.
I have was so completely worn out as I was
last night. I was up at 4 o'clock in the
morning to have every thing ready for an early
break fast to go to Demopolis, we had an early
start for us, 7.30, were home by 2 o'clock, the
cicle, standing, & walking about, even all so tiresome.
Of course dinner was ready when we reached
home, I should have rested, but had things to
put away. (store corn goods) & then had to
dress for a visit with Mrs Powell to some Ma-
thins of the Collins family, they were out
riding so we did not see them after all. I hope
Annie was not as tired as I was for she

My sickness was caused by eating corn, diet at an early hour in the morning.

had to take your Father over the creek in the
cart when I went out visiting. We went to a
new grocery & found so many nice things to
tempt us that we had a good buggy load.
I saw some cotton looking very well, but all is
back ward, & some very poor. Davis Collins has
the finest crop I ever saw on that place, the
Walker place.

A card from Benny says he & Lucy will spend
Sunday with us. I think I will ask sister
Sullys family to come too, it will be our reunion
day. I don't think I have written since your
Father's return from Birmingham, he enjoyed
the trip very much stayed with Mr & Mrs Cohen,
they are so comfortably fixed, their boys are doing
finely. I am so glad for her, she certainly tried to

I will want to see her in
 a week or less time perhaps
 let my help know with her
 house work & baby, & what
 ever you do, don't write
 every day to Aunt Ann. I
 am going to see your
 family, that is if I get
 off. You are making it so
 late getting a letter &
 my sister with some
 of your sewing society
 if so don't hesitate to
 tell me, you may want
 to take a little trip
 now when in July. I
 understand that is the
 best month in Columbia
 I hope you to have fun
 I hope I will see you the
 paper mentioning his
 appointment as Doctor.
 Nothing from Wm or
 Henry lately. With much
 love to all of them
 I am glad to hear of
 your health & hope
 you are well & happy
 I am dear
 Mother.

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Your letter yesterday evening was gladly welcomed, I felt
 anxious to hear from Annie, was much relieved to know she was better
 at the time you wrote, & hope by this time she is almost able to return
 home. I expect caring for the baby was quite a diversion for the nurse,
 she must be obtaining a good deal more & very interesting but she hardly
 knows you yet I reckon. We had some cool weather too, one the night of
 the 13th a little fine would have been pleasant, the next day (Sunday) was
 delightful, Mrs. Harris presided her first dinner for us that day, Louie &
 herself dined with us. I set a long table hoping the Sumner Harris
 would come & Presb. but not a soul did I have but the two mentioned,
 it is right provoking to prepare for so many & not have them come.
 I told Louie I wanted to get ready to travel & asked her about the
 goods at Hannadale, she said "come down & spend the day with us, buy a
 travelling dress & I will get some linen & we will make it all one day" so
 yesterday I went, bought the goods after eleven o'clock & brought the dress
 home made in the evening, as you see I am getting ready. We wrote to
 ask Fred about his going at least a week ago, (as soon as your letter came
 saying he would go on) but not a word have we heard from him. I will
 write you several days beforehand if I can get off. I think if it was not
 for Uncle Wm's condition your Father would make a great effort to go on with

never catches them disappoint you & Maria & very self too. We had a letter from Dr Pettis last night, he thinks his condition very unfavorable, which he could not say what a day might bring forth, he has gone to bed again, is very weak, your Father & Green go over tomorrow to have him examine papers to save his property, it was all advertised for sale, they will borrow enough to pay off his debts, on 2 years time, & give a mortgage to one man instead of to several as he had it. Mortgage the office lot, which will bring a high price if sold, perhaps 35 to 40 dollars. Green spent Sunday with him, pumped all he could from him, came over & spent the night with us & your Father went with Green to Demopolis. Monday, had a heavy team sent out from town. Uncle Warr's business matters have worried him very much lately, now, he says he will do anything your Father & Green think best.

Yes, I have been feeling better lately, am taking a tonic that helps me. I feel sometimes as if I ought not leave your Father just now, but there is no telling how long he may live, or he may drop off at any minute. It is not enough today to make cotton grow, I heard an old farmer talking yesterday about the cotton, he said the crop is poor, a few years ago I saw his hopes there would be a good crop this year & people would have a chance to get out of debt. I saw Mrs. J. B. Warren yesterday, her Father was buried two days ago. Beesie G. has not yet returned from Truckee, Mother has change of the house. She was over at Auntie's part of the day helping us sew. Now I want you & Maria to consider that you must not make any preparation for me, just let me take what

of your self & rest. I thought our great good of
being a Prof was that there are three minutes
to rest, but our Profs keep hard at work all
the time. How is your hay firm? a great many
persons suffer that way now it seems. By this
time your company has left I suppose, & Louise
misses her little play mate. I wonder if you
took the children on that drive to the falls. Thank
Louise for that sweet little letter & tell her when
violet comes again I will send her some more, on
both send her many kisses.

Sunday we had quite a family gathering, the
Harris family (Rich drove the carriage) Benny, Lucy,
Reuben & ourselves, 9 to dinner, it seemed like
old times to have so many at table, I think we
all enjoyed the part of the day that was left

after attending church. Mr Harris was very quiet
& had little appetite. Your Father was very unwell,
lay on the sofa nearly all day & Benny had
to take the foot of the table. He is getting over
the trouble, but has to be very particular with
his diet. I think eating raisins, started the
trouble. Benny & Lucy would have spent the
night but business necessitated their being in
Haverhill early Monday morning, they hoped to
rent the Hotel to New Johnson for another year.
Some time in July or Aug they will go to Leon
for a few weeks. Lucy says she finds it very
pleasant where she is, some nice people in
Dayton.
Louise Duggan (Rollings daughter) & possibly
Florence & Anna Duggan jr will be down on

Thursday to make us a visit of several days.
I don't think we can make it very pleasant
to them but will do our best. Tom & Father insist
on asking them. Pauline will be here to help
entertain them. I have been doing some extra
cleaning to make things look a little better in this
dingy old house.

Now did you ever have any experience in raising
egg plants & will you tell me a good fertilizer
for them? Vines are growing well, but there is
a little black insect ~~very much~~ about the size
of a flea, & hops like one that is eating the leaves.
I put on them root & ashes, that seemed to do no
good so I tried Pyrethrum powder with some
success, do you know any thing better. I am counting
largely on my egg plants for a late summer

532. Collet in Chicago Hill.
 I have just received from
 Prof. Hill a letter dated
 Tuesday afternoon, I not
 waited & sailing from 2 o'clock
 leaving my moment after the
 half hour to see them from the
 tower from the "Academy", but they
 did not come, perhaps the weather
 was too hot after the long travel.

or perhaps they missed the street
for in your letter you said you
told Mr. Hill to get off at 37th.
Streets & it should have been 36th.
But I suppose they have written
you on this one. "The why & the
wherefore"; I am so glad I don't
you like your Pearl earrings &
those that serve in are all the
rage at so many have not had
their ears bored. Aggie had a
pair also. Given by ~~her~~ Father.
Mine are local drops that go into
the ears, some day you shall have
a pair that serves on if you
like them. I hope the weather

it's colder with you & that you
are enjoying a little rest, one
needs it in this warm season.
Aggie & the children have business
morning for Louie's lesson & I
am going to be a "Lonely" for two
months, but they all need a
change from that warm dark
~~red~~ room & home. We will go over
sometimes during the season, &
not so often. Kennedy will be there
for a week, on Thursday night -
"Jack" too, promised well. He is
having a good practice these
days. Aggie sends you her love
& says you have not written her.

if you needed the "bracket & thin-
ning". She feels anxious to know
three miles that Mrs. Parsons is
with them for the summer &
that she has no servant & no
fear of any, & that Leonard
is taller but looks pale & thin.
She is having nervous indigestion
& is engaged to be married to
a Mr. Cooper & so she does not
want to know get out of the
family, the nice announcement
to the family - my mother & Mr. Loomis
want to have a good time.
Lathrop is working in a Broker's
office in Boston; I wonder if
he has given up the college work;

To Maud, Ithaca
June 28, 1908
Columbia, Mo.
901 Conley Ave.

My dear Mrs. Duggan -
Papa has just
brought your card from
the P.O. I have wanted to
write you for ever so long
but since I have been able
to write I have not been
sure of your whereabouts,
thought maybe you were
off at some resort or other.
Even now I haven't your

address. Perhaps you
have heard from some
of your friends who have
been kinder than I of my
long illness - I certainly
have been cutting up ever
since my good man went
away. I shall not go into
details but will just tell
you that a little over a
month - ago we lost our
"little sister" - I was as very

miserable all spring having
fever for several weeks and spending
a good part of each day in bed.
Dr. Dross, who I called in before I
knew of my condition, said I was
only run down and needed build-
ing up. He put me all kinds of hope
which fortunately I did not take
for I was beginning to lose my own
private suspicions. Well, I felt worse
and worse until at four months
the child came or was taken - for
it had been dead for some time.
It was an all day operation and
I tell you right now I never want
to hear of a little more again.
Of course it was hard to lose the
child after having been through
so much but I could not help
feeling relieved when it was all
over. And now that I've told you all

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my troubles I should like
to know how my boy is and
dear little Louise. When
her Nathaniel Cabot - for
a play mate - now but - I
often hear him say: "I wish
you would play like Louise.
He got - the - blue ribbon
Louise sent - and it is still
pinned inside his winter
cap. When I suggested that
he send one to Louise he

back in time. I am to visit
Harry in New York in about
ten days and shall spend
the rest of the summer
visiting my Yankee in-laws
Harry's brother has taken a
large house up in the
Rockaways and we shall
be there most of the time.

Tell, sister I know you are
 weary of plodding through
this scrub. How I should
love to see you all! Dr. Hall

replied "Oh, what's the good of send-
ing a ribbon to a girl? and that
ended the matter. Mrs. Walter
Merrill has just left for Boston
where she represents Mission in
some fine food business. She will
be in Cambridge during the summer
and I believe will send for him
later! Mrs. Brown tells me that
things are as usual on the hill
but I don't lose that hill a bit
since you went away. The Openings
are spinning the summer here.

Harry's mother died rather suddenly
three weeks ago and he is coming
home to be with his father who is
very old and entirely alone as far
as his own family is concerned.
He persuaded H. not to come back
when he heard of his mother's death
because he could not possibly get

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note - that he was staying
with you in St. Louis. Guilden
he persuaded you to come
back to old Drizzon?

The boys are all well
and growing like weeds.

Drumhead does not look
too hot - like the same
child. We call him captain.
Lazier he is as 'bluffy'

Our address will be 45-Long
Ave. Norwalk, Conn. Many
see on Guilford Ct. near

both the children and
myself I remain

Affectionately
Wm. B. Allen

June 25th

The British Museum and
just to Russell Square
which in London. I am
longing for a long letter
from you or write when
you can. I know you are
happy to be in Athens but -
I don't believe any body
there loves you as much as
I do. Please give my kindest
regards to Dr. Duggan.

With warmest love &