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The plague of
flu is still upon
us & I have stopped
many times to kill
a dozen or so, then
to go on many more.
I never saw such fun,
please excuse this writing.

July 1st 1909.

My dear Son

It has not been long since
we dined (which was very late) & I
must try to get my letter written before
the effect of a cup of strong tea wears
off. I usually get very sleepy three or four
afternoons & some times take a nap but
dislike to get into the habit of napping
in the evenings. By this way, Annie must
have a lonely time while the others are
asleep. I had forgotten she was like her
Father in that respect, don't you remember
as a boy you could not take a day time
nap & I don't think you can do it now,
but if you could I know it would help

you, there are long days to go without
rest & I expect you sit up late.

This morning after cleaning up the break
fast things the cook went home sick, was
not able to return for dinner so as your
Father is very complaining & could take only
some tea & an egg I had the same for
myself, with the addition of some preserved
figs. I think your Father ate too many
butter beans for dinner yesterday, they were
so nice. He is very prudent in eating but
will have these little spells, the beans would
not have been too many for any one else.
Just as the cook left & I had tied on
an apron to give the store room a straight-
ening up & cleaning Mrs Stewart & Miss
Mary drove up & made a long visit. I was
very glad to see them, always enjoy their

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company. I showed them the prints, they thought the "Boy" a fine, ~~and~~ sweet looking little fellow, wanted to know if his eyes & hair are black, that was an unde-cided point when we saw him, he was so young. I am certainly much obliged to you for the pictures. Fred said Louise's did not do her justice, we all thought that, but we have a good one of her. I am glad the apron fitted, & pleased her. I thought the red would take with her. I love to see for her & wish I knew what would be appropriate, fashions are not the same with us that they are with "you northern people," now I don't mean in using that expression that you had become Northern in feeling but simply that you were living North. I

have always thought you both 'true to your
 colors' in other words, good southerners in
 Yankee land. Like yourself I too would
 be glad if the children could associate with
 southerners. It must be delightful to preside
 over a gas flame instead of a coal fire, but
 why does Maria put up pine apple for cures
 & see when it can be bought so cheaply?
 Hawaie canned is said to be as fine,
 superior to any other. I intend to try some the
 first chance I have.

It is unfortunate that you can't offer Maria
 a room but we all have to consider our
 own conveniences at times, & this is one.

I hope you will all fatten & improve greatly
 in the mountains, feel sure it will be a
 delightful outing for all. Will you take the

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German girl along so as to keep your hold
upon her?

Well, last week (the latter part) there was
quite a stir among us owing to the arrival
of Fred & his boys, then Alvey came like
"a thief in the night," only it was before
sun down, we had had no hint of his
coming & I believe that made it all the
more pleasant. Perhaps your Father
mentioned he was taking his horse & buggy
by boat, left the boat at Demopolis, hired
a buggy to bring him out just to spend
the night, he left next morning for Tuscaloosa
by way of Marion Junction & Akron, expected
to reach there by the time the boat did
& see his horse off, but the schedule was
such that he could not leave the Junction
until 5 p m & so was due in T- at
10 p m, to think! he might have stayed

with us until 1 o'clock, gone by York & reached
Tuscaloosa at 6 P.M. I told him how we
went that way in April but did not insist
on his staying as I did not know whether
the schedule had changed from York on.
We have not heard from him since he left.
I suppose he had a good deal to do but think
he might have sent a card. I am on a
visit to friends in Va.

Their furniture went by train & was to be
stored until they can go to house keeping.
They may get an unfurnished room & use
their bed room set. So many think I
have done the right thing moving up at
this time. Col. Murphy lives in T. now
& I wish I could tell you all the nice things
he said about Levey, he met him on his
prospecting visit there. The Col. & your
father have developed quite a friendship.

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The little boys could not let their Father go without them, or else they had seen enough of our quiet home, they went off with him Sunday morning. Fred spent Friday in Union town & at Ben Mansford's, Saturday he insisted on trying to get some insight into the two estates business & worked all day & until supper time ~~Saturday~~ then I told him he must stop, much time was taken up hunting for a book containing the estate accounts, it was never brought to light tho' he dived extensively into the office rubbish & much to my delight fired some of the trash in order as he said "to make room to look", for a rounded year Father did not say a word but I think he was too tired after the close days work to answer. I don't know what will be done if the book is not found, not that

I have any idea of our early settlement,
in fact I feel that he will never make a
settlement.

Yesterday evening we went to pay our
call at Mr Collins' found Mabel, her
husband, & little girl there. Oh! did we
tell you about Fanny marrying one of her
music teachers in the Conservatory? Either
17 or 26 years younger than herself I can't
remember which. It grieved her Mother so
that she did not allude to it at all, nor
did Mabel. I have written a very long letter
but must tell you one thing more. Rosalie
De Boer wishes to make me a visit next
week, you may remember we were school-
mates once, long long ago & have seen little
of each other since, have not met for years. I
wonder how we will appear to each other -
Your Father joins me in much love to you all
Your devoted Mother.

[illegible]

on home in safety. Alice & Leonora
were to spend this past week in
Ballon shopping & having dresses
made for Leonora's wedding, in
the Fall. Alice did not mention
the month or date. The wedding dress
is to be of white silk mainly & not
elaborate. She is to have also a female
organ and blue & white dress. A long
silk trimmed with light blue, & a
very pretty dark blue travelling dress
trimmed with black silk braid.

Mrs. Medendorp lent Leonora a beau-
tiful white fox coat, muff, &c. &
wedding gift. Alice is expecting a visit
from Alice & Camille, Packer, & Mrs.
Packer & Aunt Lizzie are to be at

the wedding & some of "Proctor's" relatives
I don't see when we would find
room & board. If we go: as Alice
has to "get rooms outside for the
nurses & men folk, also for some
of the "girls" Alice says she is trying
to keep Leonora at quiet at the care of
the so nervous. & she don't want
her to be all tied out. For the wedding,
I am so glad Secret. that you have
a pretty dress & dress for the
main feature, "Elizabeth" don't me
4 days of under wear (brown) but
very fine & light & they fit me beau-
tifully. It was a great surprise to
me, she had bought some for herself.
The whole one also the very pleasant &
affectionate letter. Chuck under

hurriedly on the eve of departure
for a business trip to the Louisville Mills.
Have you heard from him? Darling
Papa thanks you very much for your
sweet letter & is pleased to think
that Louise enjoys the card pictures
he sent her. Regret it will & ask
Miss Macleod that goes on a visit
to Paris. She has invited us to dine
with her tomorrow. We 4th are
so glad to know that you keep well
& are having a pleasant time
with the boys. That Ben is troubled
with Hay fever & increased no doubt
by the hot weather, as it is called
a nervous attack by some. Love
& kisses to Ben & the dear children
also your much love from Papa & M.
We keep well & cheerful & hope
to see you at the Red dell in June.

since that promotion he had an
office down town. Aggie has had
Miss Sue Bride. her dressmaker
serving her during the past
week & has now I guess really
dressed one a white Swiss Muslin
another a Low-cut colored Linen
(lasting only 15 cts per yd.) & she
cleaned the Pongee mill. ~~Baroline~~
& has a fully. Must have done
the mill a few yds of Pongee added
for the week. Aggie feels quite happy
by now & I hope it will last -
as she is like a different person,
I hope little Jack & herself long
to "sewnas mudding". He can't say

yet what we will do, I am so glad
you gave us the date of the event.
If you better don't put very interest-
ing. I am glad that Miss Petter
has invited you to visit her, &
that you will be able to go. I wish
he could all much; at that time,
but when we can we will only be
too glad to visit you & the other
dear children, whom I long to see.
I am the long Ben is still suffer-
ing with his feet: it is called
a nervous trouble, & I hope the
change their past week has helped
him. Papa sends you both much
love. He is sitting by me reading.
I have not heard yet from Mr.

Thinks of Lorraine who has the lot
to sell. \$995.00, & says if he does
not sell, he can still draw the sale
at we want the money now. I am
sorry for Dr. Mullin, & Mrs. Mullin
for the is so ambitious for his
success & a hospitable sure lady
I am glad to hear of Mrs. Law.
She was the first "Scottie" I met
one saw & she was a picture with
those curls. Does she wear those new
Pom-pom. Stanley? I don't think she
can live long without Maude. Love
to her & give her my sympathy. She
always confided in me her troubles.
We must have her hands full
with the Parsons, & also getting ready

delightful night to me
I have been longing
for some fruit. I suppose
if we have a shower or
two the figs will begin to
ripen. I do hope you are
feeling better, with
some more cold be-
hind for that long
spell. Much love to
you all, which I
will get at those
times I return to his
things
With devoted
Mother.
1909.

It is about 10 o'clock, your
Father is dying on the hall sofa & I
am writing at the dining room table
as the breeze is best in here & the light
better than elsewhere, the house is so
dark now from the spreading of the
trees. A colored woman who lost her house
by fire yesterday has just left; comes begging
of course I looked up some thing for her
this I am sure before she finishes her
round she will have more than she
had before the fire.

Your letter last night was very accept-
able, we regret very much that you are
suffering so from hay fever, it is a pity

this time has not come for you to go to the mountains, perhaps that change might benefit you.

The idea of having had fire last week, we were seeking the coolest places we could find it was so hot, some days we breathed all & it was hard to stand the heat. Today is cloudy, now & then, & the breeze is pleasant. I hope Maria is feeling rested, I think she exerts herself too much.

Yes, Louise is the name of Bolling's only daughter, a very interesting bright girl, about 16, there are 2 boys, Henry & Robert they are bright too & Henry stood well at school, Robert has not been to school yet. Louise is very ambitious for Louise & I think will push her too much, this coming season she will enter the University for a 4 years course Louise says. Hearing the boys did remind us of days gone

by. They went back with their Father Sunday morning, could not see him go without them. Fanny wrote they were very afterwards they did not stay. I have been expecting a letter from Fanny telling me when she & the girls are coming, if your Father does not gain his strength faster I am afraid they will have a dull time, no one to hitch up the horse & drive them around. Fanny could drive if there was any one to hitch up.

Your Father has been very unwell ever since Fred left, not able to move about at all until yesterday he crept around a little, says he is feeling very weak today. He tried on about a pint of scalded milk a day with a little toast, yesterday he ventured on an egg for breakfast, & dinner. Having taken so little of course he is weak & hot weather is not the time to recover ones strength. I don't mean to

leave the impression that he kept his bed
all the time, dressed & lay on the sofa. I
had to get the horse fed as best I could by
some one coming in, or give him him some
myself, leave stable door unfastened so he
could push it open & drink at the pool.
He has no less than 6 places with fowl
stopped up, all of which I have to feed &
water besides 2 hens with chickens I am trying
to raise, by the time I make the rounds in
the morning before breakfast I am tired, &
tempted to open the door & let them out to
eat at the general feeding of "out sides"
chickens. He has a mania for keeping every
thing under control. 4 turkeys are prisoners
because they went over in the road, a
guinea because he stright lead some yard
guineas off, I bought guineas "to get them
accustomed to noise around" & a rooster for

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what I don't know, he has been exp. with.
It is such a pity for people to do such
unnecessary things!

We see by this paper that Dr. Petrus is at last
recovering from typhoid fever. By the way -
that dreadful disease Pellagra is
becoming not uncommon in our country,
there is a lady in Des Moines dying by degrees
with it, & I have heard of cases there, & in
Spring Hill among the negroes.

Slawey writes that he is doing practically
nothing yet, the Dr. tell him it is "disturbingly
= ously healthy" in Tschuklova now, not as in
Des Moines, there are a good many cases of
typhoid fever besides other complaints.
For the present Slawey is boarding at the
Hotel, I see in Petersburg, she wrote him
it was as hot there as in Ula, L - says
the heat is terrible in Tschuklova. The

planters are getting their crops out of the
ground but they will be so late not much will
be made. It is too bad for any country not to
raise a supply of corn! I believe the bad
western wind is the cause of that dread-
ful disease.

Yesterday morning Annie Collins, & Elizabeth
Collins called, they are lively pleasant girls,
the evening before Mr & Mrs Hatch & Minnie
came to see us. Minnie goes to Tuckaloon
tomorrow to visit Dr. Percors. She took her
brother to Hot Springs for a short stay, it
was too dull there for Minnie. She enquired
particularly about you all, says as usual
she is going to write to Annie, she has
fattened about 25 lbs & looks so well. The
fleas are still very tormenting, if they don't
leave soon I think my weight will be reduced
to almost nothing. The cook brought in from
the garden this morning a few nice peaches, a

To D. Thacker

July 19th 1909

My dear Son

While Harry, your Father,
& Reuben are reading on the front porch
I will begin a letter to you. I had no idea
such a time had passed since I wrote.
I have been in such a stir since Fanny
& the girls came, & had so much to do
there was no time for writing, you can
imagine how it is when I tell you it is
very hot weather, the cook rather inefficient
& only a new come field girl to bring water
twice a day & take out the wash water. I
do the house work, help in the kitchen &
try to answer all the calls upon me, & they
are numerous. I just tell you this that you
may understand why I have not written,
since beginning this I have been interrupted

3 times Fanny, the 2 older girls & Dorothy
came Wednesday. Thursday Everett Bailey
spent a long day here, with them & Saturday
he came to breakfast & took the girls over to
Framedale to visit his sister, we are all so
worried that Fanny seems to have fallen
in love with that boy & sends her girls around
with them but we are for us to say one
word, she is going to do it. Altho Bet Selous
warned her Bailey it was against the wishes
of the whole congregation, for the Baileys are
common people & he not thought at all
reliable, Bet calls Phosphorus, the boy tells
Munchausen tales with his oily tongue,
the girl I hear is very bad, now there are
the people she has enticed her girls too,
but we say nothing - She says Everett will
bring them back Wednesday. I invited the
4 members of the Harris family to ~~come~~ come
to church yesterday & dine with us that they

might see the girls but she sent them off
very distress of that & sister Sally was much
disappointed not seeing them. Saturday my old
friend Rosalie Du Bois, came on the 1.30
train from Framedale & stayed until this
mornings train over then, she too was so very
wont to see them. I enjoyed her visit so much
& she seemed delighted with every thing. Well,
we went to church & before the communion
service was quite over a terrible cloud came
up & we had to come home right from the
communion table, the horses were hurled
out of the carriages just in time to save a
regular down pour, Rich & Roseberry exhibiting
Our John Harris & Fanny Blake came around
after the worst of it, as I had 12 whites &
4 negroes to dinner, (the cook & her girl, Thomas
who came to help with the horses, & Ed Scott
who was over to freeze the cream for dinner)
I was in a room from 5 o'clock to a quarter of
eleven to get every thing fixed up, you see I could see

fix this over night as I usually do because
I had company. The Harises came early &
Lucy helped me so much & I thought
everything was going on swimmingly. ~~But~~
but alas, alas, I left Ed freezing some of the
nicest fresh peach cream I ever made & went
off well satisfied. On my return the first
news that greeted me was that the freezer
had sprung a leak, & all my nice cream was
like brine. I could not swear long but set my
head to work to see what I could have in
place of it, just then Ed Scott appeared with
a freezer & said "here is some custard my wife
made & sent you", he had told her of the
misfortune, it was hot then, all my cream
had been used but Lucy & I washed some
canned peaches & put in the custard & Ed
set to work again. Every one said it was very
nice, it was something cool very nice. Then Lucy
helped me put tomatoes alone bread & cake

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& fix every thing. Rocalie said it was a
 beautiful dinner & every thing went on so smooth-
 ly, I waited on the table only calling the cook
 to take the plates I had removed from the
 table. Ed dished out the cream, that was
 such a help. Now I will tell you of the
 country menu. A quarter of mutton, sliced corn
 beef, baked tomatoes, Irish potatoes, corn pudding
 butter beans, sliced tomatoes, two kinds of
 pickle, iced tea, coffee & bread. I had some
 stewed peaches but forgot to put them on the
 table. Well my whole letter is about ourselves but
 I reckon that interests you, I judge you by myself.
 We had a letter from Elmy today telling us of
 the death of Mrs Pettus, her sister left her as
 well as married when she ^(her sister) went to church, while
 she was gone a lady who lives in the house
 assisted her to her bed, she lay down & put a
 fan over her face, when she came back from

church she went into the corner, spoke to her
 & getting no answer raised the fan; found
 she was breathing her last, she telephoned for
 Henry & he spent the afternoon there, doing
 what he could for the family. Now there are
 only 2 of the family left. Henry said. I do not
 think we are a week & they may then select a house.
 Ruben has had a terrible pain in his shoulder &
 back today, went off with some powders & a bottle
 of liniment, he must have slept in to much
 and last night. How is your trouble? I hope that
 little trip did not make it worse. Please thank
 Maria for her letter. I will answer it soon.
 I don't know how long Fanny will be with us.
 It will soon be time for you to go to the mountains.
 I hope you will enjoy the time up there. Fanny
 has gone up for a week, Ruben gone home so
 there is only your Father to write with me in
 much love to you all & many kisses to the
 children.

Your devoted Mother.

Hotel Mc Lester

E. C. SNOW,
PROPRIETOR

Tuscaloosa, Ala. July 25 1909
My dear Mother,

I have just come down from dinner and it should be a good time to write to home folks and some other letter that should be answered. This hotel usually serves very good meals and especially so on Sunday. The cooking is usually well done and the service as good as possible but there is a ^{general} complaining about the fact that one soon becomes tired. Under the circumstances however I feel that this is the best place for me to be, & am in contact with more people and am more in touch

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with the town generally than of
I were at some boarding house.
I expect Ida perhaps tomorrow
night, and in about a week she
will go out to Pineacola to visit
her friend Miss Eunice Rawls.
I am just a little uneasy about
her going down there after coming
from Virginia for there have been
a good many cases of typhoid
fever in Pineacola. Ida writes
me that she has gained considerably
in weight during the last few weeks.
Several of her Corvinty friends have
enquired of her, and she will
meet some very nice young ladies
and become known to them. She stays this

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Home.

Spent L. Little in the street last night
and he told me that a sister from
Lucy Melvin advised him that Nicole
Haines and aunt Melville would
probably be up Tuesday. I am glad
they are able to leave home. For I am
sure the change will be of advantage
both physically and mentally to both
of them.

For a few days after I do come
I suppose we will be busy trying
to make our permanent arrangements.
I have several places in view, but
I want him to look them over. I believe
it would be more economical to board
in a room and take meals nearby, than

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to attempt to keep house. Tho if the
letter is preferred I have an opportunity
to get three rooms and a kitchen at
Tom Pearson's house - she is D. Pearson's
mother.

Phoebe has secured to see Oliver
Poca White and Mary Newell, and
they seem to be quite well without
cousin Phil to nurse and care for.

Mr. Penick has been out of town
some time I have been here, and have
not heard an Episcopal sermon.

I am picking up more work every day
and am more encouraged. Hope to make
appearance next month.

With love,

Your devoted son,
E.C. Snow.

the sunlight; at the other end of the neighborhood there was a same
high price rice, at
New Dealings, there is
little if as before we
New Hatches grow for
Dr. Pearson's benefit, we
very good of merit.
I must stop now & fix the
table for dinner.
I don't know how long but
better than you say
some idea
he is getting
on, down it & that too.
Pearson loves you so
& many kisses to the
children & family
Mother.

Dear Mr. May

July 28th 1909.

It has been more than
a week since I wrote to Ben as it
is high time you were hearing from
us. I have had so much to do that
I just could not write & now I can't
find a pen point fit for anything.
I can't remember where I left off writing
to Ben as if I repeat please excuse
me.

It has been sometime since we heard
from you or Ben. I hope there has been no
sickness in the family. Perhaps you are
busy preparing to leave for the mountains.
I hope you will all be benefitted by the
change, even the rest will be good for

for you. I wish I could take a rest myself, I will, in a measure, now that they are all gone & Reuben is better, able to dress himself & come to the table; for some days I had to feed him because it was so painful to him to be raised up, & one hand was useless to him. Yesterday evening he said he felt as if a walk might help him so he walked to the store & has gone down again this morning. I expect in a day or so he will go home. Joe still has the rheumatic pains but not near so bad.

Fanny left us Friday morning for Hannaleah where she was to spend the day & night at Wet Bailey's, the three girls were left with us until Saturday morning. I put them on the train & Fanny was to join them. We

were so disappointed not to have Frances & Margaret longer but Fanny got up a foolish scare about Pellagra & said she must take them home, they came to stay a month they said. I do think she can have more nonsensical notions & scares than any one I ever saw. Oh, 'Minnie she was' on a diet. I wish you could have seen how she did about it, ate nearly every thing she wanted & instead of getting thin was as fat as ever, face real greasy looking, hair all in a tumble & waists & skirts too came away, now I did want to smooth her hair out, but I ought not to write it. I could not help wondering if she went so ~~is~~ I ~~threw~~ last summer.

These girls look thin & sallow, Frances had a good appetite for only certain

things, Margaret also likes to drink, so
many things they would not eat. I have
not heard from them since they left,
Harry may have taken them off this train
& stayed longer in Tacoma but their
tickets were to Seaside.

The fog is nearly over & I did not put
up but 2 1/2 qts, could not preserve when
there was so much else to do.

Mr. Davis & Sister Dally were to go to Tacoma
yesterday, Lucy & Bick left at home
to keep house, some lady friends will
stay with Lucy. I intended to stay some
with her & may do so yet after Father
leaves.

This is a steamy hot day, I think we
must have a rain this evening. Last
night the young folks had a watermelon
eating at the depot, on the platform in

March we can't keep
 without paying monthly
 \$200 rent; \$200 water
 & board, \$200 & \$200
 \$400.00 monthly.
 The house at the factory
 & the mill are broken
 & will need more repairs
 & we can not look
 for any help from
 the State.
 The boys had to say: "Thank
 you for the money we heard from yesterday. But only
 a few lines as he was returning from
 his vacation in Canada. He wrote
 from Schenectady, New York. Where
 he had been on a short business
 trip. He spent a few hours with
 Willie in Buffalo, & said he was
 looking splendidly. He loved Willie
 very very much, & had always done so,

I don't think from present indications we can go to the wedding. But we never know what a day will bring forth. I have several "I can't" on "the piece"; & hope for success. I will not "lose the ill" I bear to fly to others. I know not of it. I would rather wait & lose a few pocket books; before starting. & in October the weather will be cooler. & there won't be crowded. & after paying her a visit I would lose & wish you my darling, & Douglas & Alice. But I don't care to visit Elizabeth & be insulted, she is so emotional & amiable, she cannot be depended on, & Price is what-

I am planning to get in the summer age. The weather continues quite warm but we have a large airy room & the toilet room very nice, & very sunny. We go out to "Longlab" in "Elle" Park & meet friends & have pleasant evenings. Since Mr. Weatherston's return we go out seldom in their automobile. Mr. Weatherston paid a few hundred dollars towards purchasing the Auto & they have the great claim to it. Aggie & Jack go out after eight o'clock to the Parks & often take their friends: the Shaws & Goldmans. You know Jack always has money to get support on but nothing without a protest for his family, up to date

I have given her the year for the past
year. but now that Saturday is reduced.
I hope our sale will be sold. The
first Automobile arrived in Bluff
last week, which caused much
excitement in the little town.
Kate & Lucia are well & enjoying
life, the former has a Gramophone
& Lucia has an organ & they
pass several hours most of the time
& Alice Fitzgerald one week is spending
the summer with them, also
the friends her Mr. Hay, who plays
beautifully on the organ. is devoted
to Kate but not at a distance. They
all write to me & want me with them,
& I would love to be there, but you
see dear. I don't like to leave you
father & don't want to lose my large

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Thank you & Ben for your pleasant
invitation to which you in Pittsburg
& I am praying that he may be able
to accept. With me work in this
hot weather but with all you can
& don't worry. I don't hear from
Alice. I suppose her hands are too
busy to write. Cooking for that large
family & having the maddening
on hand. Aggie does not think
she can go to Durham for the wedding
jack has a fair practice but he
is a poor collector. I am glad
Willie visited you. He takes no re-
cations this summer as he unless he
can't afford it to Darling. You under-
stand I don't want to burden the
dear generous hearted Mr & Mother

& as you say the "clothes" are an im-
portant matter. especially as I am
wearing only what I had last sum-
mer: You were very smart to make
a pretty dress for Louisa; I only
wish you could have got one ready
made. They are selling so cheap now.
Papū joins me in much love to
Ben. & the dear children & goes
sweetest love. Love from again to
your own dear devoted "Mama"

your father goes to dinner
to see some thing about
the Apple. Will please
drive here around to
highly will to go about
3 days. Reuben will stay
with you. We will drive
around some if
the weather is good.
If your father was
in the house he would
write with you in
much less to you all.
His the children for
me. Your devoted
Mother.

August 5th 1909.

It will soon be bed time but
I will begin my letter if I have not time
to finish before I get sleepy. We made an
early start (for us) this morning & reached
Demopolis before 11 o'clock. Some groceries were
needed & I wanted some material to work
on as we had to brave the heat & glare of
that town. I was moving about and met Mrs
Weems, also Bessie Simmons & Louise Vinage
on the street, we hurried to get through, &
on the road for home by 12.30, fearing the
usual cloud this evening. A visit had long
been due Mrs Julian Collins as we stopped
in & made her quite a long visit, of course
their dinner was over. The clouds began to

gather but we decided to make Mrs. Garrow
 a visit. She & her little son were just finish-
 ing up two weeks washing & I know she
 must have been hot & tired but gave us a
 hearty welcome. She does all her own work,
 one would think her as northern woman but
 she is not. With all the washing, cooking, &c.
 she had made lemon sherbet for dinner, had
 some left over & treated us to a large summer
 supper, very acceptable after the hot ride, &
 no dinner. We made a right good visit
 before the clouds began to come up, then we
 hurried home to unload our groceries before
 the rain came, just did do it, we old folks
 with no one to help us have to "hustle" many
 a time. I wanted to stop & see how Reuben's
 rheumatism was but we could not do all.
 We left on Sunday evening feeling it pretty badly.

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right down the middle of his back.

I am truly glad your hay fever is over & hope Louise's ear is all right. I wonder if you enjoyed the cherries, the idea of a can load being shipped, what a time there must have been gathering them!

If "Boysie's" chubs are praffing out now, what will they do in the mountains! I expect both children will be fat & soey as possible, & have a fine time in the woods if there are no real bugs or ticks.

I can't realize that it has been 19 years since Alice Duggan was among us. I often think of her & Waver pulling up the fuzzy weed in the front yard in the evenings, she was a sweet girl then & so pretty I thought. Friday morning - I did think I would finish this before breakfast for the mail

but concluded to wait hoping the 9 o'clock
mail would bring me some better news from
Slavery or aunt Melville. I have not heard
from her since she wrote of leaving for Tuck
about in a day or so. It will be bad if
either of them are sick up there, she is
always so good about writing that I am
nervous when no letter comes. At last writing
Slavery seemed to feel encouraged at his prospects.
Bolling says he is as much liked that he
will certainly do well. He & Ida are boarding
at Mrs Mayes as Dr Pearson told me.
Slavery had written to him declining to take
the rooms he had looked at in Mrs
Pearson's house. The Dr looks so young, in
appearance he is exactly the opposite of
Vernon, has black hair & eyes, heavy black
moustache, he looks some thing like an

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It rains, they are getting the best of horses
back rides & all country amusements, but
these evening clouds must interfere with
them, one is coming up now altho it is
not more than 12 o'clock. The mail this
morning brought me a letter from Margaret,
she told of 2 entertainments she had been
to, & said Fanny would let Frederick, Frances,
& her self go out at five o'clock with some other
boys & girls to Wright's mill, that means
several hours in the water before & after
dinner. I do not think that is good for the
children, their skins, already thick & scaly,
tend so & I think they are overtaxed with
the swimming tho' not conscious of it.
Fred is much pained with his work, says
he may have to go to some quiet place to
get through with it by Sept. I wish he had

wanted awhile to write that book, he keeps
in such a strain. I can't bear to see it, he
will wear out is soon.

Day before yesterday did worked here all day
cutting out walk ways through the "sticks", &
bitter weed to the stable & places, those
stick weeds are as tall, or taller than I am.
Your Father thinks they cause the sores on the
chickens heads, I don't think so. We have lost
with that disease nearly all the few chickens we
had, some recover with only one eye & one I
have been feeding is totally blind. I am sorry I
did not kill him instead of trying to cure
him. Your Father did not feel very well this
morning early but is all right now, he laid
it to the shalbit.

I think Le Conte pears will soon be eaten
but I never fancied them, too insipid. Really

To D, 210
Shrewsbury, Mass.
Lake, N.Y.

August 12th 1909

My dear Son

It seems you are having all
the sunshine, & we all the rain, every
day almost there is a rain, & of course much
cloudy time, the sun has been under a
cloud all the morning & I think our rain
will soon be at hand, it is cooling for
a while but when the sun comes out there
is a steam that is any thing but pleasant.
I intended taking the cook & driving up to
Reuben's this morning to give his room a
good cleaning & straightening up but the
clouds prevented my going. Yesterday was
his birth day, I asked him to come up to
dinner, made a nice meat cake & had
planned for apple float as we can't get

ice for cream when we want it, but he did not come as I was going to take the cows to him, may try again tomorrow. Mr Blackaby plans for an ice house, & cold storage for meat fell through, he could not attend to that, & cut hay too. While on this subject I will say he has cut the first crop of hay at Frederikton, saved a large quantity. I don't know what your Father's share will be, but more than the dachies turned over to him. Mr B - takes it, & your Father does the hauling. I advise him to rent some enough in the large hay barn at Gallies to store it until he can sell it, save hauling.

I read with pleasure your letter received yesterday morning. The weather is hot for "Boys" to be cutting teeth but I hope he will not have much trouble with them &

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that Lories will improve, get plenty for the wedding. I would like to have a fresh set here in the dairy little deer. I know she will look pretty & sweet as can be. Will it be a home wedding?

I wish I could send you some eggs at 10^{cts} a doz, chickens are higher & rarer, the cow hand has carried off so many. I saved all mine but two, some were so bad I had to put the food in their mouths for over a week, that is not pleasant work by any means.

Mrs "Bob Wood" & Hampden Collins called this morning, I declare Mrs C is the fattest thing I ever saw, looks like a hog's head, by how Hampden looks so small.

There are some visiting girls in the neighborhood, they ride, ride, until their horses are worn out & I don't see how they can

stand it, it is not a respectable ride in the
early morning but they go all over the country
& stay out in the boiling sun until dinner
time, all outside. One was thrown from her
horse & narrowly escaped being killed, she
was riding with a young man. I wonder
what sort of brothers they have - I wonder
if any grand daughters will carry on as the
girls do not, not Lories, I am sure.

Yesterday was a pleasant evening, we drove
down to call on Mrs Allan Stewart & Flora
Neil, they were going off, the former to Selkirk,
& Flora to a party in Dundee, the trains
pass in a short time of each other. Mrs Stewart
& Miss Mary seem to enjoy their nice little
home very much. Frank has a fine crop.
Fanny Allen, now Mrs Flood, is on a visit
to her Mother, your Father says we must
call but I don't feel much like it, I have

not the same respect for Fanny that I had. From what I hear the man has not three ideas but none.

Aunt M + Uncle Harris made a short visit to Tusculum, only a week, she had one of her attacks while there. The newly mentioned seeing Henry, (wrote himself) returned Ida's call, she was not up, at 10 o'clock. Sister S- did not say if she waited for her to get up & dress or not. I am busy making some shirts for Reuben, first I can make them just as nice as the bought ones, 3 yds of good quality madras costs only 45^{cts}, that is cheap for a nice shirt is not it.

Fred's family were all well when I heard from them, Fanny still taking the children to Wright's mill on pie pies. I am much afraid some of them will be drowned now

that creek, going as swimming soon after dinner does it seem right to me, they might have cramps.

I have never seen any milk, or egg powder either, it is a good thing to be able to have milk with so little trouble & I hope you will find it wholesome & good for the children, at that price I think you might take some times, I remember your fondness for milk.

There is nothing interesting to write as I will close with much love to you all & many kisses to the children

Your devoted

Mother.

P.S. Tell Maria I will send her the apron pattern for Lavinia, she seemed to like it, perhaps she would prefer my not sending it until she returns to Ithaca -

now gives Ida & Slavery find it uncomfortable
 confined to one room in a boarding house.
 They prefer housekeeping, but there is not a house
 for rent & it is much cheaper to board, a
 small house rents for 25 dollars, that is
 about board for one.

Speaking of being confined to one room reminds
 me of Fede's poor little children Slavery &
 Dorothy who are in Montgomery being ^{given} the
 Paster's treatment, but don't be alarmed
 I think it is all Fanny's unnecessary
 uneasiness. They were petting a dog, he
 licked Dorothy's hand from which a
 splinter had just been picked, he licked
 Slavery's foot that had some old sores, &
 some scratches on it, two days after, the
 dog went mad & they took the children to
 Montgomery to Dr Sanders, he said there

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was just the very slightest danger but
advised treat ment. They have a room three
or 4 squares from the Capitol where Dr
Sardiers office is, the first week they had
to go 3 or 4 times a day to know for hy perder
-mies, now go once a day but will have to
continue doing so until Sept 2nd. Fanny as
with them. Fred wrote they were very restless
& anxious to get home, & that he might have
to go down & spend a little time helping to
amuse them. The treatment does not inter-
-fere with their play or car rides still it
must be tiresome for them. I know how
Dorothy worried here, seemed to want her
old play places & play things. As the dog was
not read at the time I can't see how there
was any danger to the children. It was like
the Pellagra scare when she was here,

took the girls home for fear they might leave it.

Altho' the weather has been so hot we have made some calls late in the afternoon. The last was on Fanny, she had gone riding so we did not see her but I hope she will return our visit, I have some curiosity to see her husband, I hear he is not troubled with much brains, ideas all musical I suppose. In the theatre it was asked "why is Mrs Flood the oldest woman in La"? "because she was born 23 years before the Flood". The marriage must have been much talked of in Shreveport. We all guess Fanny could for more sense than to marry so she did.

Aunt Melville & Mr Harris returned Monday from a short visit to Lake Louis. I have

been trying all the week to get your Father
 take me up to see them but have not gotten
 him up to the point yet. I don't think either
 were benefited, she was sick while there & he
 is bad the day after he reached home.

Just drew I stopped for dinner. I wish
 you could have had some of our sheep
 stew, & fried pears, you have no idea
 how nice the Le Corvites are fried like
 apples. I think you would like them that way.
 We want to gather some Le Corvites to send
 Slawey this evening but it is getting very
 hot, they should have been gathered this
 morning. I was over at Mrs. Powell's a few
 evenings ago, found there Bessie Locke,
 (nee Browder) she has two fine little
 boys & she is looking very well.

We keep up well the hot weather, live almost

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our vegetables, pears stewed, & fruit, bread & butter
& milk for your Father. I had been feeling very
weak but since beginning a tonic feel much
stronger. Ruben was not complaining of
chickenpox when with us last Sunday, the
cough continues to take off his force. Took the
cook last week, drove up & spent most of
the day cleaning his bed & room, & then the
other part of the house. I wish I could do the
same often but I am very weary about being
on that coast, automobiles give Annie a fit
almost, they are so often out from Demopolis.
Tell Annie I hope she will fatten up on
mountain air, & fare, if cows milk is
lacking. With much love to your both & to the
children I am

Yours devoted

Mother.

[illegible]

Aggie wrote to Charlie & suggested
without my knowledge at the time
that our boys should have us go to
the wedding & also to visit them.
& recently she wrote to Willie, with-
out my knowledge on the same subject
which she should not have done
as she knew Willie wrote her in
answer to a letter of but a month
ago, asking for a loan from her.
That he had not a cent & that his
little business had suffered from the
depression of the past year, &c.

I have now said a word to them &
told them nothing to go to the wedding, as
I know they are doing what they can
for us, & saying you know Alice
will have her little girl, & we have

no invitation from any of Alice's
friends. I therefore concluded it
would be preferable for Papa & I to
visit you all in October, if possible.
I have tried hard though Kate & others
to collect some money due me on lots -
also to sell some land & lots but -
there is no money South - until the
crops come in. The disappointment
has been great. To you & Father Aggie
& myself, but God knows best. I made
& sent Donna a very pretty lace hand
kerchief which she seems very much
pleased with & I will send her to
Mama a large Silver Lady, which I had
& have had overhauled by "Marshall
Gould's". Papa has just gone down
for it. Aggie sent Donna a very
hand some embroidered Table Cover which
she understands herself. Jack said if

He had made good collectionist this winter
Aggie could go east & she is disappointed
He has no push & indulges himself
when he has money. But he has money
from nothing & nothing can be expected
of him. Aggie is very beautiful but very
vain sometimes. I hope Louise will
will again & that Ben will get strong
& well from the change. Do take great
care of your precious self. I long to see
you again & be with you my darling.
It must be very cool in the lake for
you to wear flannels. The weather here
is delightful now & we are very comfortable
only my ankle & foot is lame having
recovered a blow from a rock one night
when I got up & stepped. I shut down
the window two weeks ago, I am wearing
Pond's extract of Hamamelis & I think
I suffer from it. I will take several days
longer for me to get over it. Papa sends for

To Maria, T. Hill, Samuel
Patt, NY, C/o Stearns & Co.

August 27th 1909

Dearest Maria

Various jobs have occupied
this morning until it is now nearly
dinner time & I have not thanked
you for your interesting letter that came
last night. I was getting anxious to hear
how you all were enjoying mountain
life. To think of its being so cold! & we
are almost scorching down here. I think
it a pity you have to make so short a
stay in that bracing air. I am afraid
Ben will run himself to death for
frenzy. You had more courage than I
would have had, to go across those lakes
in a canoe & take children along.
I was wondering if you would take the

German girl, know it is a help to you
to have her take care of the children.
You did not say what you will do
with "Boysie" when you & Lories go to
Durham, leave him with Ben & the
German girl I reckon. Will you return
to "Inlet" or go from Durham to Ithaca
& Ben meet you there? I would be
delighted to have a picture of Lories in
her flower girl dress, know she will look
as sweet & pretty as can be & don't you
forget about it. I do wish our summers
were not so warm, & that you could bring
the children down to see us. It is a hard
case that the daughters & children I love
most, are where I can see least of them.
Of course Ben has his full share of
love too. I think I am getting up some
affection for Fanny when she does so

strangely that I just have to wonder what
sort of a woman she is. I wish I could tell
you all about her visit this summer, it
was clearly a visit of investigation as to
the social & financial standing of the
Baileys, (the people in Farmdale saw
that) for Fannies future benefit, she wants
to give her to Corcoran B., young as she is,
I was disgusted, but maybe I should not
express my feelings & you must be sure to
see this letter go up in flames. I am
sorry for those girls—

The last news from Ashburn was that
Fannies had gone to Monticomey to help
succor the children in their close
quarters, & that Frederic & Fred had gone
down also, I think they must have
gone to the Montague place to have
some work done. Fred certainly can't

afford to board as many in the city. The
letter was from Margaret, as Mr Williams
was staying at the house at night. On the
2nd of Sept I suppose the children & Harry
will return home.

Day before yesterday I succeeded in getting
Dr G. to take me to Lanesville, I have been
wanting to go for so long. We found the two
old folks all alone, Lucy & Rich are a week
visit to friends in Livingston. They were
looking better than when I last saw
them & Mrs Harris talked more & better
than I have heard him in a long time.
I cant help feeling uneasy about their
being in the house at night entirely
alone & both of them subject to severe
spells. Ben knows how far off the nearest
negro cabin is, calling would hardly wake
any one. We are situated the same way

but our head th is good. I really think
tho' we should have a dog to warn us of
the approach of any one at night. D. D.
is right deaf, he sits in the hall reading
after I retire & I think one could creep in
without his knowing it & give him a tap
on the head, then kill me, there are so
many horrible things done these times.

We came back very late from Laneville.
Reuben was sitting on the porch waiting
for us. He went on to Greensboro yesterday
morning on a visit to Green Duggan. I
don't know when he will return.

Sister Sally & Mrs W- made a short
visit to Truckee-w, she says all the
girls in town are in love with Henry,
think him as handsome, she says he
looks very well, & is, considering the short
time he has been there doing very well.

in his profession. We sent him a basket
of pears today week & have not had a
line from them yet, he & I are the
slowest people about writing that I ever
saw, now, she has nothing to do, might
write for amusement.

I had a letter from my brother Ben, he
has had a trav with sick sheep, out of
107 only 29 are alive, a fine buck that
cost the Co (he works for a syndicate) \$32.00
died. Now is having buildings put up &
getting things straight so he can go on to
buy more, he will not be able to take a
vacation this summer.

You & Louis will make a short visit to
Durham, I hope it will be a very
pleasant one for you both, you must
try & find time to write me all about it.
Dr D. writes with me & would love to you
all & wishes to the children & me every morning.

Auburn, Ala., Aug. 28 '09.
Dear Ben:

I hope you are now enjoying cool weather in the mountains. While the summer here until recently has been pleasant, we have in the last two weeks had some very hot weather. I ought to have written you as soon as I heard from Mr. Crabb. To my surprise he showed some interest in the position here. But it was necessary for me to make a choice promptly since the man who up to that time seemed decidedly the most promising had another position offered him. The man I selected was Funchess, a Clemson graduate of '08, who had spent the last session at the University of Wis. in the study of soils. He has reported for duty & I have sent him off with two parties of Bureau of Soils surveyors to learn their methods and to familiarize himself with certain Ala. soils. I am very well pleased with him so far. I was much interested in the news from Cornell College of Agriculture. Prof. Well offered his

resignation giving reasons, which were really complaints as to trustees' interference with "president's functions. They (probably a majority only) postponed action on it to a subsequent meeting. At that, according to press reports the Board adopted his suggestions and asked him to remain. He insisted, & his resignation was accepted to take effect Jan. 1, '80. The resignation of Prof. Barron, Dean of Agr., was accepted at the first summer meeting. I do not know the cause, but hear that he will return to Dr. Knapp's work in the Dept. of Agr.

Your letter gave me first news of Waters going to Kansas as President. Our ag. building is nearly complete, but unfurnished. Against my judgment Pres. is going to move us all over without waiting for adequate equipment, for which he hopes to have funds after Xmas - tho the amt. then will be small & I fear, ridiculously inadequate. He seems to think that seats for lecture rooms are the only things absolutely needed for beginning work in the new building, and does not appreciate the loss of moral effect on students of moving into a building without equipment - nor necessity at once for laboratories except in those departments already having them, & others.

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Prof. Lloyd has just secured an assistant chiefly for college work, in C. S. Ridgway, fresh from Johns Hopkins. Consider this next confidential. If we are to have in the Station any large amount of pathological work done, especially some supported by Adams funds, do you think that best permanent arrangement would be an additional assistant in botany, under the present head, or an entire separation of the work under a man having only station duties and only plant pathology, - assuming that there would be means to pay in the latter case, only \$15.00 or \$16.00 for salary the first year?

Doubtless mother has written you that Llewellyn & Dorothy are in Montgomery under the Pasteur treatment. Fannie is with them, - all boarding near the office where the treatment (injection) is made once daily. They will not return until Sept. 3 tho' homelike in spite of being pleasantly situated, - if that be possible in August in a southern city. We have sent each of the others down for a

few days jaunt, and their banish-
ment from home being brief, they
have enjoyed it. Frederic and I
were together with them recently,
took the opportunity to spend much
time watching the deliberations of the
Legislature, - largely for Frederic's
instruction in parliamentary practice.

Not until August was I able to do any writing on "Southern Crops" which I must complete sometime this winter. For the last few weeks I have tried to take a half holiday in order to write at home. But some urgent correspondence, agricultural and official visitors, and trips to Montgomery have considerably interfered. Yet I have done considerable writing.

considerable writing. I wonder who will look after
Cyril while you are out of the house if you
bring him home with you before his mother's
return - as I understand mother to say
you planned. Crop prospects in Cal. this year are

you planned. Crop prospects in Als. this year are poor and some of my tenants will come out debt to me. Now as to the settlement of the and such a mess. The hell that

poor and some of my relations
in debt to me. Now as to the settlement of the
estates. Between ourselves I never saw such a mess. The will that
was ~~was~~ filed in Probate Office is the one that has a clause in a different hand-
writing & therefore invalid. The agreement under which some property was sold &
partly distributed to my father & legal & partly applied to the many debts of grandmothers
estate, is defective & invalid. The day I was there, my desire to advise father

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P.S. I find that I failed to notice your request for a picture of a sweet potato field. I have no such picture, but am sure that I can make a photo giving what you wish. I assume that you are not in haste for it.

Again, in confidence, - what would probably be the cost of a modest initial equipment for pathological work, if everything has to be duplicated?
F.

Abandondale,
Aug. 31, 1909.

My own Sweet Arris du Poide,

Boysie and
"Lalla" are munching their
animal "Ra Kas", and preparing.
I hope, for their respective mid-
day snoozes; so here is my chance
for a "log" of the trip and the
day.

Just then the bell rang, and
I stopped for my cheese pudding and
sidings - and it is now "all
aboard!"

Well, when I found your train
might remain a minute I
tried to find your car; but
all of the porters seemed to
have gone to the lunch coun-
ter, and I failed to locate you,
until all was closing up.
I do hope that you had a

ing high. If you had been here we might have danced until morning. With Lalla on one arm and George's "choo choo" on the other the Boy strutted all over the house in a perfect ecstasy. When going to bed he missed his little mother keenly. The day was pretty full for the little fellow so he tossed about restlessly. At midnight I took him in with me, and he pulled my ears and battered my head alternately until daybreak, when he slept calmly. He will be alright now for he went to sleep nicely this noon and the excitement effects are wearing off. Let me finish up the news of your son, "dear Hart" by saying that Frank paid a visit of respect

this morning, Louise tells me, and has good reason to come no more. Boysie boxed his ears and told him "my house, don't come no more". Now I suppose I will have to send the Phillips some vegetables, and make Boysie say a few complimentary verses to Frank!

Everything is O.K., Sweetheart, and we have ordered enough to live on, so don't give us a moment's thought except to love ^(and write up) us, and have a good time, and help to send everything off as it should be sent.

Give Leonora a kiss for me and tell her that such things come high when coupled with my sincere interest in her present and future joy and happiness.

good trip my Madree - you and
Louischen.

Boysie slept restlessly, but
in the morning he was as
sweet as a rose bud, and ate
all that his petals could in-
close. He went to sleep half an
hour before reaching Utica, so
that his rest was cut short. At
the restaurant I had chicken
fricassees, ice cream, and cocoa,
and while I was serving, Boysie
ate all but the trimmings, and
magnanimously gave me his
"cocoa". On the further trip he
was a "devil", and insisted
on getting off the train and
taking a car or a 'mobile.

At any rate, we reached
the house without police inter-
ference, forced a window,
and soon the goose was hang-

Aug 24/1929
I hope that our little
Louisechen is as chipper
as a lark, and that she
will comport herself gaily,
and charmingly.

This morning Prof. Thom-
as dropped in and chatted
an hour and then Mr.
Benedict, - who goes today,
and thus the forenoon
went.

It is as cool as October,
and we may have a fire
tonight. The garden is all
there, Pete is 'out on the
line', and Jimmie is at
the old stand.

See, if we did not enjoy
our supper last night. I
bought bread and some
sliced ham in Auburn,

the "old home fare" of boiled
ham, toast, and cocoa
but the appetite; and only you
and Louise here were needed
to make us feel the owner-
ship of all the world.

Well, so long, my Persica,
sweet. Give Alice particularly
my love, and include all
the others. Here's one hun-
dred and thirty five hugs
for thee
Your own Benj.

Sept 5, 1901

^{To 214 pages}
Durham, N.H.
Sunday

My own Dearest,

I find no mail
goes out Sunday, so my letter
will be late in reaching you &
am afraid. I didn't get an
opportunity to write until last
night and then it was too late
to go until Monday morning.

This is a rainy Sunday so
none of us have gone to church.
Alice is naturally very tired
and it is rather hard to
have such a large family
on her hands. Maama and
Papa, Charles' Aunt Lizzie, Agnes,
Berrie, Louie & I are all here
in her house so her family is
a large one to look out for.

Her accomadator left Sunday

morning and her girl left
last night. She has another
woman coming this noon
though who she will pay by the
hour. For these reasons I am
very anxious to get home and
am only waiting for the money.
We can leave here on the express
at 3.10 and reach Boston
at 4.45. This will give us
plenty of time to get down
suffer in Boston and take the
7. train New York Central reaching
Syracuse at 7 next morning.
Agnes & Barbic will come with
me & we would rather go by Syracuse
than Carastota as we would have
to get up & be delayed by
Please write me immediately
our connections from there on.

pm Sept 5, 1909

I should like to leave Wednesday
or Thursday at the latest.
Agnes & I would leave tomorrow
if I had the money for the
tickets. I be awakes at night
thinking of you & Raynie and long
to be with you again. Barbara
is a handsome little fellow
and so good & quiet. Linnie
and he are devoted.

It was so sweet in Chuck
to send the money on for Mance
& Daddy to come & to meet them
in Boston & bring them here
just in time for the wedding.
That was his present to Linnora.
He left next day. If Bill &
Douglas had only come we could
have had the first family reunion
in 15 years. At the last moment

they wrote that they was unable to come.

Linnie is having the time of her life, everyone is so good & there. I do wish with all my heart that you could have seen her at the wedding. She did beautifully and looked so sweet.

Mamma & Papa are going by steamer from Boston to Baltimore about the 15th I suppose. After a visit there they will come on for a short time with us.

The Pettis were lovely to me & I appreciate their kindness highly. Yesterday they visited my old friend Helen Doe over & spend the afternoon.

The wedding was lovely. Linnie got away without a grain of rice but the suit cases we sent after them were beautifully decorated. With all my heart my dearest I love you & am ever your affectionate
wife

To D. M. W. H. C.

Friday.

p.m. Sept 3, 1907, Durham.

My dear Darling -

I haven't had
a moment to myself much less
to write since I came. I miss
you & the Baby terribly. Will
you look up Travis Pete and
send on the money so that I
can come on as soon as
I get ready without having to
wait. Agnes will come back
with me so have Louise fix

The guest room. We want bother
you with your work so don't worry.
Leonora got away from us without
a bit of rice but we filed her suit
case all right. I will wait & wait^{tell}
you details. I am pretty tired, have
lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds so I guess I want weigh
160 in a hurry. However I could spare
it. With lots & lots of love, dear.
I am your own
madame.

Kiss & hug my little Boopie for
me. Love - yep my own precious husband.
P.S. I don't mean I want to come
to. monon dear! But I
just want to be able to come
at a time suitable.
I quit love you.

After 5 days return to
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
at CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Department of Plant Physiology
ITHACA, N. Y.



Mrs. B. M. Oggar,
Durham,
New Hampshire
To Prof. C. L. Parsons

W. letter Sept - 1909

A letter from Boyce

W. letter Sept - 1909

Wednesday ^{the Fast}
Sept. 1909.
5 East Ave., Ithaca.

My own Madrie,

Your sweet letter
has just arrived, and I am de-
lighted that you and Louischen
arrived without any inconvenience.
Don't worry about us. Bessie takes
things philosophically, and tells
me forty times a day that "Ma
ma come soon: Sister, come
soon; see Aunt Jay." I have
a fight every time I attempt to
leave the house, but he will
be accustomed to it in a day
or two, and a piece of candy
goes a long way to make us
even up.

We are enjoying the regatta

Bess and Louise is doing very well. My trunk has not yet arrived and I am now on my way to do some telegraphing.

Oh but we love you, Sweet-heart, and yet we want you to have a grand vacation - only don't come back weighing quite 160!

With a heart full of love,

Your old ^{friend} *Benj.*

to Merri, c/o Parsons
Durham, N.C.

5 East Ave. Ithaca, N.Y.
Thursday P.M. Sept. 20th.

My own sweet Bunch,

So this is the day after
the wedding and doubtless the
guests are disbanding and the
family uniting; and of the "scraps"
they picked up twelve baskets,
and Solomon himself could not
tell to whom they belonged"!
Now amongst all these where
are you? I can scarcely
wait to hear about everything,
Deanie, but while I am waiting
I will tell you about the per-
fect (save in one regard) day
which we have had.

In the first place it was the
great day of the fair - Gov. Hughes
was there, and I was not. (By the
way, Bessie and I shall go tomor-
row, Bessie willing.) In the second
place the air was mountainous,

and the surroundings charming. In the third place, Boycie was a perfect cherub all day. He played in the sand pile in the morning, slept until four, took a ride with "Gee Gee", and later a walk with me. He played with Margaret, embraced Frank, and after supper went into a gale before our first fire on the hearth, incidentally discovering that books make a full-vestibuled 20th Century limited train, with you and Louise as passengers. So you see we love you still, my Honey.

I have a letter from G.T. Moore saying that he will drop in on me some time during Sunday, Sept. 12, to remain some twenty-four hours. Mrs. Moore and the children remain at Wood's Hole until some time

in Oct. ^{to get a first}
^{the latest forest}
^{with}
^{adieu}
^{my adieu}
^{adieu}
^{my}

I have been hard at work with proof today. I found it piled up from Greiner & Co., but I think I can clean half of it up tomorrow. Our trunk did not turn up until late last night, and that inconvenienced us no little.

The Phillips called a night or two ago, but the bell was off duty and I did not hear them, so I dropped in for an hour last night. They are as nice as usual, and still playing golf every day. Mrs. F. sends your her love.

Now tell me about the bride and groom and the flower girl and who of the family were there, and the rest may keep, if you don't forget to put it in liquid glass. Tell me also that you love me, Sweetheart old and weathered though I be.

To D, H. H. H.
from Durham, Sept 8, 1909 Tuesday.

My own Francisco Berg-

We went
to the station to telegraph you
yesterday that we would leave
here Wednesday. We had such
a time finding about tickets,
berths, etc. that I thought I would
wait until to-day and now
I think we will have to come
Friday. I have telegraphed for

and we had a pleasant little
chat.

Thank you darling for the check
you are always so prompt and I
love you lots. I long to be with you
and my precious little Boycie.

Take good care of yourselves
until we get there. I wish at more times
that I could see you, with all my
love, my own Beef. Love
Your
Madrie.

Durham, N. H.

Sept. 14, 1909
To Marie, Ithaca

My dear Marie - I feel just in the mood to write you having a little chat with you. I find I am entirely out of my note paper so I know you will excuse this business paper of Roberts.

I have been ^{very} busy since I got home, that lots of little but important things have been neglected. I find to my sorrow quite often as to neglect.

We came back 2 weeks ago, plums, peaches, grapes, ripe to walnuts & all such things came in so fast I have just been hustling to keep up with them. I have had my good success this year with my canning so I feel quite satisfied, if it has been work.

I am getting to be such an old married woman that my curtains are wearing out, & it has to be mended day to day & put them in repair.

Your dear letter was forwarded to me while we were in Florida. I was so glad to get it and from you - why can't we write often? Let's try real hard this year - & not keep putting it off. It certainly is nothing but that you know we think of each my often don't we?

A letter from Mamma this morning - she spoke of your having called, & she was so pleased to hear of it.

she also said you were so bright & pleasant & happy. it made her feel so good. I wish I could see your small daughter. Name says she is such a dear.

Certainly would like to visit you, & will try to spend a few hours at least with you when I go East next year. What books we could talk about couldn't we?

How do write me all about your visit in Durham - hasn't it changed this in lots of ways. & yet it is the same old winter.

Write me all the particulars about Allie & her likes, also Blanche & her home - Name is afraid of grasping I guess but she doesn't write me any particulars of any of them.

Does Allie make a good mother - are the children pretty & well behaved - is Blanche's home pretty & good looking - & most appealing - is Blanche still pretty - & dozens of other questions you know better, without my asking.

It was my wish of you to speak of me so nicely to the Mrs. Pritchard you speak of. you don't know what I am now Name - you had better watch out, don't disgrace your husband - by complimenting me "it" you don't know about.

I haven't had time to make a call since we came back but I will try to call on you.

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Portland real soon - & will be glad to do anything
dear to make her stay here pleasant - I will write
you again after I call.

Prof Harper has had such a hard life - His wife has
just died this summer - Three weeks after they were married
she was taken with fatal rheumatism - & in the last
20 years, & since that time - hasn't been able to move a
single part of her body - entirely stiff she was. & all
ways in nothing posture - perfectly helpless - & has been
a devoted nurse - Every one admires him so much for
his faithfulness. He is a large man, but he has the sweet
patient expression in his face - as one so often sees
with reformed people -

Wouldn't be ideal if we could only be in the same
University some time? Details of it as often, & wish me
might. Perhaps we will some time -

Please write to me soon - real soon - & tell me
all about your trip & about your self.

With love to yourself & Miss the two
children -

Ever your true friend

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TO D. H. HARRIS
Sept 15th 1909

My dear Son

This day after my letter went to you, your interesting & most acceptable one came to me. I liked so much to hear of your stay in the mountains & then of the journey home. Goss & Boyies had a tiresome time of it with so many changes & such a crowd. It was pretty hard on the little fellow to be at home without Mother or sister, but probably worse on you as you had to interest & care for him, tell Maime I think she has a mighty good husband to take care of the baby while she was off "pleasuring." "Inlet" is rather an inaccessible place is it not? By this time of course Maime is at home & probably

very entertaining his sister. When I read
 of its being so cool with you I could not help
 wishing for such a change here, tho' it has
 been a little cooler for the last two days, but
 not cool. This afternoon it is cloudy in fact
 we had a sprinkle, at Gallion there was a
 heavy rain that stopped the day frocking
 we are interested in. Pestered by morning Ben
 Blackerby began, we could not get a wagon
 to haul ours, later in the day your Father
 went to Ishaan's to see what he could do,
 there was no chance to get him there,
 Reuben heard of it, hitched up his horse
 & Henry's mule & he & Henry hauled 2
 loads in the evening, 25 bales a load.
 This morning Ishaan sent 2 wagons to
 make one load each, Reuben came with a
 load, we had gotten a message to Shuman,

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he sent his wagon, & I told him, as I begged
Reuben to stop hauling, his horse is so poor
& looks so badly, & I hated for Reuben to be
out in the sun. Now Father told him to go
by the hay field & take a load to carry
home. I put into a basket all the butter
bread, ^{four} muffins, & fried meat that was left
from breakfast for him to take home as
he said he was out of meal & meat,
hailed, instead of going to town for rations
I also gave him a little bag of meal. Poor
fellow he has a rough time, pity he did sit
among some industrious girl that would have
helped him. There must be now about 350
bales of hay put away here, & a good deal
more to be pushed by Mr B-. Mr Groves,
one of our new neighbors was so unfortunate
as to have 100 bales of hay burned yesterday,

it was near the R R, a spark from the
 noon train must have set fire to some
 truck hay & it burned on to the bales. The
 hands were at dinner, (Mr G - had gone to
 his) saw the smoke & would not go to see
 about it, said it was nothing but truck
 hay, they are too lazy for any thing.

Yesterday evening I was surprised by a call
 from Sarcie, Mr Collins & Sarcie's two little
 girls came with her. I had not called on
 Sarcie, was glad she was unceremonious, Fanny
 & Mabel did not notice my visits as I said
 I would not go to see Sarcie she might do
 the same way. She is thinner than I was
 saw her, says it is from playing on that
 large organ, it is hard work, she practices
 2 hours every day. Fanny gave the organ
 to the Baptist church, & made Sarcie

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organist, it was a Memorial to her husband.

I wish you had one of the nice cashaws your Father has just sent up from the store. Yesterday he collected a big ear of green corn & today I had nice corn fritters, he also got some quince eggs for me to put in salt for winter use, too early I think. Vegetables are so scarce, sometimes we get ones from the servants & that with the other vegetables mentioned is all we have. Your little garden did finely I think. Every one is complaining of their turnips not coming up, even where there have been showers. Fred says it is a new pest that kills the tiny plants. He mentioned having written to you, addressed the letter to Ithaca. Students are pouring in.

Frederic & Hannah entered the Sophomores.

All were well, only Harry had hay fever, he has it every fall.

Henry & Ida are well, Elvira says they go often to see her & that she likes Ida very much.

Bessie G. came to Falmesdale to help Harry Jackson nurse her little boy who is ill with fever. We hear our minister has been very sick in Birmingham, he is spending his vacation with his children, is due at our church next Sunday but may not be able to come. Sister inquired particularly about you & desired to be remembered to each of the boys.

Your Father unites with me in much love to you all; kisses the children for me

Yours devoted

Mother.

Sept 22nd 1909.

My dear Son

Many thanks for the pictures
 & your letter of this morning, with a magni-
 -fying glass I recognized the Duggars, my!
 how close you were to the water, I would
 have been afraid of the children getting in
 unless some grown person was with them
 all the time. I wonder if your taught-brain
 & brain to swim, or was that part of
 your education neglected? Always is just
 learning - A letter came from him too this
 morning, he seems in good spirits, both
 well. I do was making some shirts for
 him as I suppose they are economizing,
 it certainly is economy to make them, the

nicest shirt Reuben has I made at a cost
 of 45^{cts} But to return to the pictures, the
 forest certainly seems dense, I imagine there
 was sit much ummahine around. The other
 picture was a pretty little scene - but as
 you know I find no pleasure in being near
 & looking constantly on water - I was afraid
 of it, that shows I was raised on high land
 does not it. I hope your pepper plants were
 not killed. I don't remember if it was the
 18th but we had one right cool night, I
 think the it was the night of the 20th
 when we had so much wind, the last
 end of the storm on the coast I reckon.
 The yard was covered next morning with
 leaves, small twigs from the cedar & china
 trees, but no trees blown down, there was no
 rain until after light next morning & that

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wasn't near enough, dried up ~~not~~ in little
or no time. It was enough to keep Lucy
Harris & her friend Miss Battle from making
us a visit as they intended. I was very
sorry for that for I saw so little of the
Harris family, their horses they say are
always so busy they can't get the use of
them. Rich uses them in cutting & haul-
-ing hay, hauling lumber &c, he has lately
built a bridge across the creek back of
their house.

I had quite a pleasant surprise the
other evening, it was right strange, at
dinner I said to your Father, "I am
really hungry to see some of my kin,
have not seen any of them this summer."
When some one knocked I went to the
door & there stood Bessie, little Bessie & her
sister & Louise. I was so glad to see them

Louise is a pretty girl I think, but your Father says not, she leaves for school today. Muchaville. They could not stay very long but it was a pleasure to have them that little time. As I grow older I long more than ever for the companionship of those I love & have less of it. I used to be able to go & spend several days at a time with relatives but now I am tied down at home, but as your Father says, must be thankful that I have a home.

I am glad Louise went through with her part at the wedding ^{I thought she would} as well ^{as} can imagine how delighted little Ben was to having her & his Mother home again. I reckon another Ben was much pleased too. I will be glad to have Marie's letter when she finds time to write.

Mrs Ed McLearty was taken to Selma

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yesterday to be operated on for appendicitis, died on the operating table, is buried this evening at 4 o'clock in Demopolis, don't the Drs make short work of them!!

A recent letter from Waver said for 2 weeks he had had a time of it with rheumatism, he was expecting foot as gathered 3 waterbuckets of beans & strung them, to dry in the shade for winter use. I do wish he would leave that cold climate, come nearer home.

Reuben was with us Sunday. Fred says students are pouring into Auburn, as large number than they have ever had. Frederic & Frances entered the sophomore class. There are very short crops of cotton & corn, cotton seed selling for 40^{cts} a bushel I don't know exactly what cotton is but over 12^{cts} I think. Provisions are very high, plate

about 13th, the poor slunkies don't get
much - It is getting very dark & sprinkling
a little. I do hope we will have enough to
bring up some material and sow
yesterday evening. Much love to you all

Yours devoted

Mother.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Dr. A. M. Duggle.
5- Cedar Avenue
Ithaca.
N. Y.

Waterville N. E.

September 28th

Dear Dr. Snyger -

Please hold not
remittance until you
hear from me again
as my address is
at present in a
fluctuating condition in
New York City
The "lease" -

Hope you & all
had a good summer,

Very sincerely
E. K. A.

any of them very
 much, our wife
 do for 3 evenings
 as they will save
 working. There is a
 unusually better
 hope I can do better
 next time, I must
 say good night, with
 new expectations
 this morning to get any
 thing straight before
 leaving. ^{Handwritten}
 to Maria, the children
 & yourself
 Your devoted
 Mother.

It has been a week since I
 wrote you & very little of interest has occurred.
 I would wait until after tonight's mail to
 write to see if a letter would come from you
 but about that time I got very sleepy so I
 write now altho' there is nothing much to
 say.

Sunday Ruben did not come & I felt
 uneasy about him thought he was sick, but
 it was a yearling that was sick, & he was
 working with her all day, made 2 trips to
 Demopolis for medicines & then could sit
 care her. Monday his kids troubled him a
 great deal (he is afraid of appendicitis when
 that comes) so after helping wash each one

of his herd of cattle he drove up here, we
had gone to Lawrenceville but used the usual
remedies when we reached home & by best time
he was somewhat relieved, next morning he
was better, tho' very weak from the action of
medicines & almost no food for 2 days, felt he
must go home for fear some more of the stock
might be sick. I begged him to return if he
felt badly. If R- could return habitually
his appetite I don't think he would have
these spells but he works hard & a hungry
man is hardly conscious of how much he is
eating.

We spent a very pleasant day at aunt
Annie's, all seemed to be feeling well & in
good spirits. Mr H- is stronger & I think his
mind is better. Rich is working hard with
hay, built a bridge over the creek (with help
of course) & was then building a large hay

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house with a shed on 3 sides. He is a hard
worker, such a pity he would not steady hand.
We have had a spell of delightful weather,
two evenings we had fire. It is warmer today,
I am sorry for the change as we expect to
drive into Demopolis tomorrow & that is a
hot place, if at all warm elsewhere. I wish I
did not have to go, but can't put off getting
shoes for myself & suppose I must get a winter
but tho' I may not wear it three times. That
makes me think of Fred's invitation to us all
for next year, have you any idea that you
will come down & bring your family? Wade
has not said positively that he will come,
I am afraid he will not. I do wish he would
leave that cold country before rheumatism
gets too strong a hold on him.
If you have such nice weather as we have

today I am sure the children are enjoying out door play. I hope the garden continues to furnish you some vegetables. The mustard we planted after the rain is coming up but I am afraid these dry warm days will kill it, the several days of wind we had took up all the moisture.

I have not heard from Arthur for 10 days or more, all busy at work I reckon. Nor have I heard from Henry, I do never write. I suppose they are well.

I write this far & decided to wait for the mail, no letters from any one. I was over at Mrs Powell's late this evening, he had tooth ache & "D. Will" was in bed with his foot, gout, I reckon. Mrs Bob Wood was there told me she was going to send me some sewing & she did, by Mrs P's boy, who went over for some, ^{for Mrs P.} we will