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3737 Ellis Ave Chicago Ill

February 1st 1910

My Precious Mamma, at Ithaca

I have not heard
from you for so long. I am begin-
ning to feel anxious about you.
Aggie telephoned me just a moment
ago to know if I had heard from
you. saying she sent you a Box
last Friday a week ago. I do not
know if you received it. "Papa"
is well & out house-hunting. Par-
son here is on 1st floor of Mack
& close for spring weather. Our
Land Lady too has had her ankle
sprained & for five weeks has been

Confined to her room & had
her Dr say she needs a change
& so we think it best not to remain
longer here but make a change also,
& get nearer to dear Aggie for
when either of us are sick, we
don't see much of each other.
The birds & hawks are flapping & the
weather so cold. I am now
suffering from an attack of Rheu-
matism in my thighs just as
I was while in New Hampshire
so I find it hard to go up &
down stairs. I hope Dearest
you & your dear well. I hope
& yourself are enjoying the gay
season. Aggie also has constant
migrations & dances & receptant

I wish I could tell you &
Aggie's lot so that you could
afford some news & pretty dresses.
I have not heard again from
Mr. Barnum but I have written
to another party. I will not
write a long letter this morning
but will write again at noon
as we get located. I suppose
Alice has written you how sick
she has been, at the Dorset
Hospital Dr. Charles certainly
made her a devoted general
husband. Papa sent you some
stock recently. I hope you have
received it. Also written with me
in much love to you Ben & the
Darling children. Ever devotedly
your most loving, Mary

PH Feb 2, 1910

Luskville So Ca -

My dear little Maude.

This letter is from Aunt
Minnie. who has not seen you since
a little girl. But has heard a lot of
you & your mother through your dear mother.
This is not a pleasant letter for me to
write my dear child. I am in great
distress, & write to you for any help you can
give me at the most trying time of
my life. I was called here by telegram
to Martin, & to the illness of his wife.
To find when I got there, Martin in custody
by arrest of his creditors, & his wife with a
fine 12th day only a few days old. He has not
even seen it. & he not knowing where
Martin was. & they were considered. But

The most devoted Couple in this town.
Her Mother is with her, viz trying to
poison the strings of love, by telling
her Martin has forsaken her. I hope
he will be kept where he is until
she is well enough for her to take
her off with her. Martin is almost
brokenhearted. nothing can be done
for him until this money is paid.
His indebtedness amounts to \$250⁰⁰
which includes the cost of the Court-
room, two or three are too poor
to do much, I feel I must seek those
who are near to us to help me in
this my great trouble. I have written
to Alice too. Your Uncle Ben does not
send this yet, on account of his feebleness.

He has Paralysis, & this may cause
a stroke that will put him in
bed for good. We are not taking
any precautions now, on account of
your Uncle's feebleness of health.
The Boys taking care of us, with
the support of their families can't
help us much in this distress.
all I ask is to help me in matter
how little, get my poor afflicted boy
out of trouble. I will return to
Ashville tomorrow, & my address then
is at 600 Connecticut St. if you will
do any thing, which must be done at once
you may send it there to Martins
Attorney Mr. W. W. Lewis, Ashville
N.C. or to me in Ashville. You can

Imagine my Distraction for Anne Martin
Elizabeth were recently married over
a year ago. Why they should have
sent out these lost Cords of their Marriages
I can't conceive. It is thoughtless.

Do my dear, do what you can
for us. With love to your husband
self from your dear Aunt
(Miss M)

ans



Mrs. B. M. Duggar
Ithaca

5 East Avenue New York



a thin, pensive naturalist whose exploit of
bringing a live rattlesnake in from the woods
is still marvelled at about the University.
He choked the critter's neck and hung on,
but later he nearly lost his arm which
was black & blue from the coils of the snake
squeezing it. Success is writ all over
the ample figner, and clipping coupons
and golf divide his energies. Penury is
far more interesting than Opulence, in
some cases. I have limbered up this pen
a bit - now exit the donor with my blessings.

Thank you for the pretty green blattens,
and Christmas goodwishes accompanying 'em.
I sent a message to this effect by Mary, but
waited, thinking to explain more fully my waving
you a goodbye from a car window, instead of
calling. I went to Prof. Benjamin's office, and
left my goodbye with Professor Knudsen, I think it
was. With it how to do it in I started to call
on you, Mrs. Drew & Hoppy. I found him, first,
among his students in the Lab, and he
was awfully sorry he hadn't seen me before.
He followed me to the door, & had a thousand questions

to ask. Then I found Mrs. Drew in
her limo, and ^{her} delay cost me the
time I'd allotted to you. I caught
a car and made the ~~early~~^{xx} luncheon
ordered for my convenience at the C.
house. Hence, - my airy farewell.

I am going to St. Louis & Elgin for
a week each of lectures in late May
& early June. Late June, Nat. convocation
at Swarthmore, July 2 sail for Liverpool.
A month in Eng., Scotland ^{North} & Wales, then two
mos. on the Continent, returning in October.

He a full summer & spring before me.
Five of us, including Florence Slater, M. & me,
dine at an Italian place in N.Y. Friday ^{and}
hear & see Marlowe & others in Rome & Juliet
Cornell Ruckson at the Waldorf this month, 19th

P.M. Feb 11, 1910

Conrad, Mass.

Dear Marie,

Your letter was good to
the eyes. It was just like
seeing you almost.

Marie, dear, don't be
alarmed not I am going
to be married next Sunday
in Orleans in the church
before service with only Gertrude
and Andrew to see it done.
Martin had a chance to
go west on business with
an opportunity to take me and
he refused to go unless I went.
So on a week's notice I am
getting ready to start next
Monday. We are going

first to El Paso and then
to Long Beach California
and then up the state and
after six or seven weeks back
to Framingham. Hpy!

With much love to dear
old home - L.

Samuel.

P. S. I am glad you
decided to come out that
winter L. H.

Rockville Feb 11th 1910

St. Geo. Committee

My dear Alice.

Your letter with Chas.
for \$20. reached me all right.
You do not know how thankful
we are to you, & Chas. for your
help, in this our great need.
Our appreciation can never
be expressed. For Benji & I are doing
all we can to help our poor
afflicted boy out of his trouble.
We hoped to ask help from
others. For our married sons, can't
do much, & takes all they make
to take care of their families.
Rockville is an expensive place
to live in. For

Uncle Ben, is getting more feeble every day. He represents a fine gentleman. ^{Co-} & has a fine comfortable Office. The Co. let him have, & with his knowledge of Insurance he could do very well, if he could get around; But he has to go very slowly. He can't make much progress. He is looking as care worn since this trouble of Martins. He is now trying to get Insurance on the lives of his & my family to help Martin out of his trouble. He has to get at least \$300. To get Martin released. Oh! my dear Child, you must know my wishes, & I feel for my poor Bro. & his children, he is not a bad man, but I know he is not a good man, with a young wife, & respected Bro. with

publicity case of Cozart & Co, on recent
 marriage, upset him completely.
 you can imagine his mind.
 He must have been. His
 brother unable to help him
 any. for they even did not know
 of the marriage. He knew they
 would be down on him for
 doing it. for he was too poor
 to marry. I do not know what the
 outcome of it all will be. but trust
 God will help us. This trouble may
 be the making of Martin. I hope
 you have entirely recovered from
 your illness. I hope Martin will
 be soon relieved. I hope a trial come
 up. My sons are taking care of us
 as we had to give up taking boarders
 for the health was too feeble to require

all of my time. I sleep no sound
and every thing, your Uncle
Ben requires a great deal of my
time. He gets more feeble every day.
I have very little use of his right
hand. He has always been an actor
that his condition is very hard for
him to bear. Some persons is almost
blind, he is one of the best fellows
in the world. His eyes need glasses to
be changed constantly so the doctor says
to scatter some film on the back of
the ball. we can't have it done for
the want of money. I wish comes this time
on as when he might have helped
Ben. Don't you think I have my share
of trouble. But I must cover it, I try not
to think of it. Well my dear I must
close this. But say you with my trouble.
Give my love your Uncle Ben & Jim dear
family, & accept it from Jim & his dear
Minnie

Ashville Feb 11th 1910

My dear Marrie,

Your letter containing the
\$2.00 came alright, we are so
much obliged my dear child, for
every little helps, I hated to write
and ask you to help us, in this
our trouble. but we were married
to do it all ourselves, your married
sons, are situated as you are living
up to their salaries. for it takes
all they make to support their
families, and Ashville an expensive
place to live in too. Albert has two
dear little boys. They with their
mother are visiting in New Orleans.

Marian's wife has gone ~~to her~~ old
home to have her "Trappery." They
are expecting it every day. Of course
all are anxious about every thing
is over. For she is not a very strong
girl, they are the most devoted couple in
Aikenille. Marian is with us. While she
is away, we do enjoy having him. He
is such a dear sweet fellow, & helps us in so
many ways. I don't feel like giving
him up again. Your Uncle Ben
is getting more feeble every day. I
am so worried about him. He can't
do very much business, although he
has a fine Co. - but he gets around
very slowly, tries to do what he can.
The Co. has given him a very nice
comfortable Office. He is very hopeful
of success. Which I hope & pray he will.

With his great knowledge of Busi-
ness, if he could get around, he could
do a great deal of business. But he
can't leave home in his feeble condi-
tion. You did not write me any
thing about your little family.
How many little branches have
you now? Your dear Mother
when she writes us, generally
gives us news of you all.
I wrote to Alice too, & she sent
me twenty dollars to help Martin.
She is such a dear sweet good
woman. She wrote me about
the family where they all were, &
what they were doing. Her married
daughter was with her. She herself
had been quite sick with

Unanimous, but was better than
the note. I would like to see
you & your interesting family. I
hear Mr. Dingler is a fine
man. Your Uncle Ben & Sarah
to much for, would send a no
friction of your family. Tell
my dear accept our thanks for
your help? ^{which} We appreciate so much
Uncle Ben, & the two boys that
are at home join me in love to
you & yours.

Ever your own dear
Aunt Minnie

699 Groveland Park Chicago Ill
 February 10th 1910
 Marie
 It seems an
 age since I wrote to you but
 I have been duffing with a
 severe cold for several weeks &
 I have had very little energy
 for letter writing. The winter has
 been so cold & the skies so dreary
 I have been confined to the house
 almost the whole time. Last winter
 we were near the arcade & I could
 enjoy going out under cover to the
 Park & had no slippery foreman's
 to remember. We have moved to
 quarters near the Lake & have

President of the
 Chapter
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 I am
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 Mary
 & Mary

a large comfortable room, than much love & says he has not
healed on second floor, & therefore received the "Comopolitan Magazine"
is better than it was at Mt. Auburn & thinks you had better write to the
Aggeman with it yesterday after 10 - & tell them to send it to me
soon & it looking a little better present address, as they are careless
but "Jack" is always poor & last - about the magazines at the Post office -
collected from his patients. He says, "Papa" enjoyed your dear letter & to
He is a poor business man. I must tell S. my Precious sweet daughter
say, that Aggeman & himself have & I wanted to send you a Valentine
pleasure in going out to dance but could not go out to get one, as
& supper with their friends the payments are so very slippery,
which keeps up her nervous system. I hope from the weather will be better
in a measure, I do all I can for & the sun will shine, In the early
her but the doctors are slow in summer it will be beautiful had
their payments. "Papa" is picking me the Park, as the birds will be singing
may be very hopeful of success among the trees, & the lake &
in his business. He sends you in full view, "Papa" is much pleased
with the change of residence.

& we have an intelligent & talented
boy of 18. who does the bed room
& house work, also attends to the
furnace, & mails on Table.
Aggie thought me your letter & said
I am so glad you & Ben have
had a pleasant social time &
that you all keep well. Love & kisses
to each of the dear ones from
Papa & I. We will gladly meet you
shortly. This summer, if circumstan-
ces will permit. I long to see you
again. Have you heard from Mum
Mie. She is writing again for help
for Mother's. Alice is happy to have
Leonora again with her. The girls
also but treat fast in bed & wait
mouth of the looking. I think I will
give that Miller has been made

Chicago
 June 28, 1911
 Dear E. H.
 I have had the most
 wonderful morning
 was offered the day &
 all the afternoon long
 as he would not
 go with Blanche
 she had to be
 in a hurry to
 expected to be
 a very nice
 mamma:-
 We are having
 a change of
 the cold, stormy weather
 last week & the house
 feels like an oven this
 morning. It is raining
 hard but Mrs. Merrill is
 here washing & Mrs.
 Merrill is up stairs moving
 of quilt & saw up & down
 between the two. Both days get
 on my nerves. I have just

finished making & taking
an angel & sunshine cake
for "The Tuesday Club" and
here tomorrow & I am going
to serve fruit-salad, cake
& coffee.

I had a servant engaged
to come to me last week but
at the last minute she
went and that she would
not wash & iron & could
not cook & wanted five dollars
a week. That would bring
the work up to eight dollars
a week & I would have to be
the cook. Went and back that
I was not looking for a companion.
The servant question is a

difficult one all over the country.

I am so very dread-ful that I
have been well with. After while
seem to be present all over the country
& then have been a most trying
time. I will, I wish, I had had
a whole lot more for they seem to take
more cold every time they go out.
I do hope that you are much better
by this time. I have to be so that
I do not want to be any more where
in the winter time. I wish I could
stay away from here & have a nice winter
in Europe & I know from California
my day has had more cold weather in

Redlands than they have
ever had before & the houses
are not built for cold.
Enclose Aunt Minnie's last
letter for you to read. Chas. had
a short note from Uncle Ben.
as full as song for them I
would like to know how grati-
fied you are of this escape. I think
the girl who married him in
his condition was very foolish &
I think they will both have a
very hard life of it.

Carina went back to Albany
last Saturday, a week ago or
so miss her terribly. she was
so helpful & thoughtful all the time.
she is very happy in her new home
& she certainly has a good, devoted

husband.

Feb 28, 1917

I was surprised when dear
Papa's letter came telling me
that you had moved fr!
thought you were well fixed
on Ellis Ave. Are you as near
Aggie as you were? Please
thank darling Daddy for the
book he sent - Charlie &
me. It was most kind
& generous of him & we
both appreciate it highly. Please
thank him also for the
Christian Herald & Bible
stories. I thought I had written
& told him how glad I was to
have both. His Cornopolitan
does not come to us any longer

U. came up to Xaver's & then
stopped as he had better write
to the Publishers & find out
about it.

The Sophomore Hop took place
the night of the eighteenth
and I had a house full
of young people for the evening
& for the next two days
for all the Societies had
house parties & the girls &
Luther & his chum staid
on until Monday morning.
I got very tired but am all
over it now & the young people
did have much a good time.
Monday night - the 21st - received

a letter by Mrs. L. - Bangs - in regard
principally to the Commencement & the College
and her letter, Mrs. L. said. Will Mrs. L.
Mrs. West, Charles & I were in the
Evening here. It was very pleasant
& we both got Charles again. About
six - not seven & the Bangs.

Have not heard from dear Charlie
yet. When she is in town in her
mail as she is now. My Brother &
my College say that Mrs. L. had a
splendid one & will be widely used &
and the others. That is right. I have
given it to my friend. I have before
for the week if I can write Charlie's name.

ful as cramped. I have not
seen the book yet - but Prof. Brooks
is going to lend me his copy.
Ben. did not mention it - when
I saw him in Boston - right after
Xmas.

Please tell Agie with my love
that I received her dear letter
& thank - little handkerchief
reply & that I will write to
her soon. I go with the little
Jack now here with me.

Charlie says I am to go to
California with him early
in July & to give a sunset.
Walt that he give? I would
rather go in the winter but as
equivalent that I will go when
I am invited. The Chemical

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socially - meet in San Francisco
& Charlie has to be there.
Write a crowd of us and
hope the trip together.

All darling must be
now & get the lunch ready
for it is nearly twelve o'clock.
Please give darling Daddy
much love & also love to dear
Aggie.

Please be - & keep well
dearest - for Mother & think
of you suffering.

I wish - a heart-filling love

Devotedly yours

P.S. Blanche Foy (who sent to Cottier with
hair) was married in this church just
yesterday morning & has gone on a long trip with
her husband. The bride went - Horace Pettit & his wife.