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*un- + better
no death.
Mr. Childen
9
one death -
Belmont Park, Chicago Ill
March 3rd 1910
Recd Mail*

I sent yesterday.
expressed by mail a Doll, for
you to give Louise at a birthday
present. from me. Aggie & I went
out on College Street to do a little
shopping & I took it from the
store as you must refuse everything
I thought the little clothing would
be a new Doll to play with during
the "dark gloomy days" which so great-
ly abound with it. "Chuck" has
been sick with the "Cup" but is very
much better under the "good treatment"

of his Apurt heart he says,
Mummi has not killed it me
& I could not afford to send
a large amount of help for
Martin to have kept quiet.
Alice sent me recently a letter
from Mummi in which she
says Benny although very feeble
I can scarcely use his right hand,
is trying to help the cause by
enjoining members of these fam-
ily. He had a good offer & was
a fine to take little strength. I
think the call went in the offer
on outside & here a competent servant.
You are a sweet generous Darling

I send all you could to God will.
Hest you as he did the woman
who gave her milk. At the same
time I think it would have been
killed that my children were kept
in ignorance of Martin's money.
even if she wrote to me & begged
me to keep it quiet. She had 3
sons in business & a malling.
Brother in Atlanta, Agnes is
glad that Jack does not know
about it. So am I, such things
ought to be hushed up & I advise
my dear friend Mrs. Doughty.
In not telling me of her son Albert's
disgrace, which killed Dr. Doughty.
I heard of this from a relative
of the family who thought I had

been told, Albert spent money
to the amount of many thousands
that belonged to the Insurance
to for whom he worked. I think
Madison must have forged a friend's
name to obtain money from what
Mumma wrote Alice. I will send
enclosed the letter, if you will
not tell Alice, who writes that
she is better but misses Leonard
dearfully. "Papa" sends you
love & kisses & we both enjoyed
very much your sweet letter. "Papa"
is looking out for the Gastropod
We enjoy our large bed room &
view of the lake, & the day is
better Aggie is coming over this afternoon
to take me out for a walk & spend
so there but not till yet. Love to

Durham, N.H.

March. 9. 1910.

Dearest-little Louise:-

I am so sorry
I did not put off this little
birthday gift - & you
wonder so that you could
have had it - Sunday
but - dearie your Aunt
Alice has been washed
with things she just-
had to do. You see your
cousin Lillian came home
Saturday & had to go to

the Hospital in some early
Tuesday morning & I had
to get him ready & go
with him & do all the
cooking at home besides
as I have been very busy.
Your uncle Charles has
gone over to see Lathrop
this morning.

I hope you had a very
pleasant birthday little
party & I do hope you will
live to have many more.
Just think of you
being seven years old. I can
scarcely believe it. Before you

or I know it - you will be seventeen
and having what a fine time.

I want you to ask your mamma
to let you spend this evening just
as you want to be if - so you
can have little else.

Did you like the trip to New London?
I am so glad you have known
what you & see here.

I hope you & Frank & George have fine
times playing together - just as usual.
Just would see you let to have little
trips. to the old shore and down the
bay.

Louise, Al. being come into
the kitchen these days.

Emil & Priscilla go to dancing
school every week & after
afternoon their teacher gives
them a party - as they have
invited several of their
school friends from down
to come home with them,
so to the party & spend the night.

Mumst. go to make a
cake for supper for girls too
cake Emil - they?

Kiss Grandma, Papa & Boyie
for me & keep a peck by my
sight - kisses for you after getting
up. Lovingly Aunt-Alice.

MAR. 9 1910

Garret - brain :-

This is just a little note to let you know that Lathrop is getting on nicely. He had to have a varicose vein removed from his testis - Dr. Morgan told me yesterday that it is one of the worst ones he ever saw. It has been coming on ever since Lathrop was in Eppler's school. He got hurt in the gymnasium exercising on

those wooden horses. & the
Fol. teacher did not know
enough to tell the boys
how careful they ought
to be. The Dr. says it is
a very common trouble.

Of course we did not
know any thing about it
until six month-ago when
the child suffered so he
had to go to the doctor.
Now he will soon be O.K.
but he will have to be in
the Hospital for a week or
ten days. It will seem
like a month to him.

Charles has gone on to see the
the morning & will be home
afternoon. About with him
bringing a great quantity of
with him.
There are many like the enclosed pages
I wrote to him in January. Let it
be like him a little from there &
with a little touch of what it is well
to feel & to express to him. If you
want it. Just say to me if you will
and we will do it. What is O.K. It
is that you are in a position
with him now. We will make the

news for her.

I was so glad to get your
dear welcome letter & I
will answer it - soon.

Mrs. Merrill is here today
and we will have the home
ful of school girls for supper
so I must get to work.

With a heart-felt love
for your dear little family
& for your precious self.
Devotedly Alice.

P.S. Annie is just leaving for
her visit to you. She will
have been about the middle
of April for she can not leave

1226 7th St. New Orleans La.

March eleven nineteen two

Dear Dr. Duggar,

I am glad to hear
even Whaca has some assurance
that Spring will arrive one day.
Thanks for the check. I am counting
such a prompt remittance as my
chief blessing at present. But
will you at any request register
the "Stub" on your check book
wherein the February remittance
is registered? Tell Mrs. Duggar I am
going to inquire her good post Christian
letter soon, and where as she had to
find she is not certain that she
wrote - She has been so long -
I am very cordially yours
Elizabeth W. Whiston.

203 Hicks Avenue
Westmount
Columbia, Mo.

March 13. 1910.

Dear Mrs. Duggan,

You sent me a card at Christmas & I thought and later a dear letter to Columbia and since I suppose you have been wondering whether I am alive or dead, I thought I would tell you why I have been so dilatory but you must forgive me please. Your ask here is little Teddy - well he is the wisest - fattest baby one could wish for and already bigger than Lucin. Everybody thinks they are twins and I dress them alike & both go out together in the one carriage - But Lucin is beginning to pick up & talks a very little now but of course she is not very far on for her age. I was much worried about her but the doctor says her development will be slow on account of the reverses she had as an infant. Teddy has not been christened yet - but we hope to have it done soon and I would like to have you for his godfather so much if you will be good enough to do him that honor. A relative in the family is to be one godfather and is yet

we have not elected the second. Perhaps you do not know his name yet - it is Edward Pinder after my mother's father. I wish you could be here for his christening party, that is the only chance we ever get to drink champagne, but as one of our friends remarked we had not done so bodily with an exception - I know you are not to take your duties so seriously, though if ever the child is left orphaned, penniless & homeless & friendless, then perhaps it would be up to you & the grandfathers, to help him.

Roman & Russell are fine - growing so much, which Grace never stops but she is a big girl altogether, now will be as large as her mother. The three eldest go to school, the boys in the morning only and it is a great relief to hear know they are in safe hands for a few hours every day.

I did not return to Columbia till the middle of November & that I had been away for nearly a year & a half & now I am going north this summer again with all the children. I do not want to go as I am tired of the long journey and the packing etc but the grandfather is crazy about the children & has been so unceasing all winter, that for his sake I cannot refuse - besides he is very generous & we are all to go to the seaside again, but that will be fine for Liddy & Lucia.

Columbia summers are very uncomfortable.

We live away out in Westmoreland & I find the distance pretty far but I have had a fine time this year - I have been out a great deal, bridge parties & similar parties etc & in consequence of being so much on the go, I am so thin as a rake. I have only one girl, a young one, whom I brought back with me and we get on very well, though we have a great deal to do.

Just as I wrote that last sentence I looked up, out of the window & there were Dr. Hedrich & his wife & all six children - Dr. H. had the youngest baby in the carriage & Mrs. H. the second youngest in the second - the rest were walking, just me boy & but five girls - Well they have got about of us, but I am not envious - The Hedrichs like the Duffans, have no immediate hopes, thank the Lord, we think five is a good-sized family.

Mr. Belden has four boys now, Mr. Jackson four girls, Mr. May I believe & an extraordinary number.

Mrs. Alveston³ in August. the
latter was very disappointed as she had
planned to go to England with her
two little girls.

Did you know Mrs. Hill plays bridge -
it seems she learned in Sweden and
she plays very well but not very
much. I have had a couple of games
with her. Do you play?

My poor husband has to stay & teach
in summer school here & the season is
long as it lasts till August-12, but he
was not fortunate enough to get summer
work elsewhere - However he will join us
at the seaside & have a few weeks'
holidays.

Dr. Lefevre is going abroad next summer
& W. Lock may go with him - Dr.
Mayer is in St. Louis now, is "beautifully
blunder" Mrs. Mayer says, & he sports
an auction well he might.

The Spaldings & Merriams go abroad
next year if there are heaps of new
people here but I do not know many of
them. The Stethoringtons are leaving
Bellevue, he is going to Wisconsin
though I am not sure just what it is.
They say a millionaire has offered him
\$5000 a year to promote the teaching
of physical culture!!

I will send you a picture of
the children - myself come day
soon. Ledy is very fair with blue

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eyes and way cheeks. I wonder what
your Benjie looks like, I remember him
as being fair and he & Louise under
them the a contrast.

Are you fortunate to be so near
Mrs. Shilly - please remember me
to her & to Dr. Shilly.

You do not know how much I miss
you, even though it is 10 years since
you went, so nearly three - Of that
circle of the first year there are
only the Mayo, Curtis & ourselves
left. For I wish my husband
would get a call to Cornell but
also I see no chance & not you
understand that we do not like
Columbia, but for the sake of our
families we would like to be nearer
Montreal.

Well I must say Good-night now
and I did enjoy your letter so
much, it was good of you to write.
If you came back to Columbia for
2 years we would give you a good
time in Columbia style. This year I
am going to say just Commencement,
the first one I have attended since I
lived here except the "drumst out" one, the
summer after from was born - you remember.

With much love Ever your affectionately
Ethel H. Sanderson

PM Dec 23, 1910
Wednesday Columbia, Mo.
to Mrs. D.

My very dear friend -

The lovely little
spoon you sent the
boy came a few days
ago. It was lovely of
you to send it and
from present indication

he will be making it very soon
He is certainly a buster
Now fair lady, I have had
something on my mind or
rather heart for some time
Please don't think I'm too
preposterous but ever since
the Pagus resigned I have
wondered if you and Dr. Duggan
would consider returning to
the little western town where
we are all moss backs and
back Monday and all that but
where everybody loves you and
the - lalal - thing is always
hanging from the - door.

You needn't be keeping
it such a dead secret
for I know that Dr. Will
has tried more than once
to get Dr. Duggan to come
back from the town you
were so pleased to lose
a few years ago.

This may sound unreason-
able but just promise

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and that you would
persuade Dr. D. not to
return C. as should
be he is inclined
Just think how cold
it was in ~~the~~ last
winter and I don't want
my little ~~pot~~ C.
grow up among Yankees
even if you do.

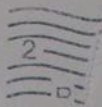
I know all this is uncalled
for on my part but it is a
most vital matter with me
and honey I am holding
my breath - Wt. I hear from
you. If I don't have pretty
soon I'm going to ring up
the great Dr. Will and ask
if he failed on the most
important mission he had
in the East. I am in just
haste this morning and have
been holding Henry Martin
on my knee while I write
but you can make out
enough of this to know I

we in earnest about
this and please to come
back.

Thanking you
ever so much for
remembering our boy

Ever so truly
E. P.

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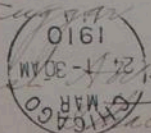
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Mrs. B. M. Duggan

54 East 4th St.



New York.

637 Greenland Park
March 23rd 562

Dearest:

Mama is about the
same, has been quite up-
set over dear Aunt Estie's
death in Bluffton, she
was only ill from ~~Monday~~
until Sunday when she
died. I was so sorry Mama
had to know about it, but
could it be helped, she is
quite worn about it poor
dear. I will write you a
long letter to-morrow. I will
let you know at once if
it were so do not mind the
above all that can be done.

Bunnies and Easter Eggs!
5 Easter Ave.

Mar. 27, 1910.

My dearest Wanderer,

Here it is just half past three, and I have done nothing that you told me to do, and everything I was to eschew, my Honey-Low.

Lauisken got off to the childrens service, for she was heartbroken when she learned that she was not to go. We tried every hat in the house and finally put upon her the new species, Craminata grandivibora Roths.

sisted that we should save you some icecream at dinner, and so we did.

They had a great time this morning. Louise (deutsche), as usual, bungled her part, and I had to use some Webberian scheming to get the Bunnies' duties performed for her while they were searching for nests. It all came out happily, however, for I found 'excellent' built nests in the parlor 'laid' the eggs, placed the chickens and the Easter Bunny is credited dubiously with the ability to open the front door. Louisechen declares that "she must be a mighty fat rabbit to bring two nests, four eggs and three chickens all on her back; but perhaps

Stockings, however, proved the second stumbling block; but by putting one and one together we found at last a pair not monopolized by your darling cotton, sweet Love.

Well, now you are in Chicago, and I sincerely hope that you had a good trip and were met at the station, and now find Mamee and Daddy far better than you could have anticipated, and Agnes cheery and well.

When Boyse crawled into my bed this morning he inquired "Where's mama?" When I told him still on the choo choo, he replied "Mama won't have any cream-cake-wheat for Breck"? (!) But he in-

she has a wagon life. ^{George's.} If
got to say that Louise had good to church first thinking she could
get back in time. Everything is going smoothly.

Pete called this morning, tutted
up his nose at black chickens in
his royal precincts, took a nap on
the parlor radiator, and left again
by the first suburban car.

I will send you some money
tomorrow, Sweetheart, meanwhile hop-
ing that you will neither go broke
nor pinched.

We all love you going and coming
just the same, and before Boylce
lays down to take his nap he sent you
many kisses - some of them candied,
and some just wet. Louise was too
excited when she left, but I'll make
up for her, although I am only
Your old devoted Husband.

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30 Inches wide, Weighing About 30 lbs.
36 Inches wide, Weighing About 35 lbs.
42 Inches wide, Weighing About 40 lbs.
48 Inches wide, Weighing About 45 lbs.
This Paper is Watermarked Along the
Edge.

Carnegie Institution, Geophysical Laboratory

5 East Ave., Mar. 28/10

My dearest Percia,

I have just come back from downtown where I got this money order for you. It is nearly dinner time and both children have come upstairs to "see if mother has come back." Dear little souls they miss you as much as I do.

Agnes's special delivery letter arrived today, and I was glad to hear from it that Nance was still resting more comfortably. Nevertheless, from what she writes it seems to me you ought to find out frankly

from Jack the chances of a quick recovery, the necessity for a nurse, etc. I do hope, however, that there will be still more decided improvement right away, rendering that unnecessary.

German Louise is doing her best, but Gee! She is thick about some things.

The children have had lots of fun with the chickens, and after a chastisement Pete seems to be concluding to respect them. I asked the children what messages they had for Mama. Louise said "Come home very soon to me". Boycie remarked "Come on next car and we show you

blue candy tell me eat it."

Mail from Chicago certainly takes no end of time to come, so if you want anything, or are going to let me know your plans in advance, Dearies, take time by the forelock.

All sorts of unforeseen things for Graduate School, Spring announcement of courses, etc., are coming up "dile Apr. 1" until I am weary of looking over my mail.

With all my love Sweetheart, and again to remind you to take good care of yourself and come back sooner than soon.

All the children send a thousand kisses, and I would multiply them n times. Your old Benj.

Affectionate love to Agnes, Daddy and Nance and all.



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Dr. B. M. Duggan.
5 East Ave.
Ithaca
N. Y.

639 Greenland Pack.
Chicago.

Dear Ben,

Mamma seems

better to day, and Daddy
is getting on nicely. I
started to write you a letter,
will finish it later.
Cousin Mary took Agnes &
me out for an auto.

ride yesterday and to the
South Shore Country Club.

All yours in love to you
and the children
Mamie.



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1102 Hudson Ave.

Earlier Monday -

Dear Mrs. Duffar -

You are smart to keep on remembering me, when I have been so shamefully silent - But I think you know it is not that I have been either forgetful or lacking in affection -

The truth is the past year I have been mentally and physically below par and I will not bore my friends with letters when I am in that condition - I'm just back from a seven weeks' visit to New York, Boston + Canada, with side trips to Kansas etc. and just made over and now I am pen-talking with my friends once more. It was so good to see my blessed boys in their new environment and since I came back I feel so differently about having them away from me - I think you perhaps know, is in Harvard, - and Charles at Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ontario - one of the best prep. schools I ever visited - And both boys are doing well - But oh! dear the hole in our family life - We are now trying to

decide whether it would be better for Charles to stay
at Bridle for his home year or to enter here next
fall and I want him so that it is hard to come
to an unbiased conclusion. He still says he
wants to be a farmer but as he is only 16 there
is still time to change - and Guthrie has almost
concluded that he will be but satisfied in a
business life - preferably still - and we are
letting them work it out for themselves with
a few suggestions from us. You will not
have to meet this problem for a long time
but before you know it - the years will have
passed and it seems to me each generation
has a harder time, as competition is so keen.

We are realizing the discomfort of making
a home in a place where there is no possible
opening for our children and regretting that
we put so much money in Columbia. So it
is going to come out all right, financially -

Edith Belden told me the other day that she heard
"you all" might come back to the University and
it would be good to see you again - and
dear Mr. Ogden and those blessed babies.

If they get the mill tax next Legislature
it will make the University independent
and then the men will not have the constant

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Now this do now - and it would
perhaps, be worth while for Mr. Duffan to return,
and in that case, I should love to see him come.
for your places here have never been filled -

The Gersoulds too are sorely missed but
they seem so happy and contented in their
new life that I can not wish them back -

You know that they are expecting a visit
from the State in April, do you not, and of
course they are too happy for words - I can
hardly wait to hear that it is safely over for
I confess I am a bit anxious - In here
seem to be going on in the same old way,
the new babies and the Mill Tint Campaigns
being the only diversions - if we except small
pox which has given us all a scare as there
are some 30 or 40 cases according to the best
local authorities - The students have all been
vaccinated, so I hope we shall have no
trouble in the University - Tomorrow I go
out on one of my visits to the State Institutions
and shall end up with a short visit at Kansas

City. I have enjoyed the work greatly and while I was in New York and in Mass. had very good opportunities of visiting various types of Reformatories, open air schools, insane hospitals etc and I got a lot out of it - Tho' my family nearly teased the life out of me about missing luncheon at Colony Club, seeing Maud Allen dance grand opera etc. with the other - However, you can readily understand how keen I was for every thing I had not had out here and all was just what came to my net. What are you going to do this summer? Come up and camp out with us in our cottage on Torch Lake. We have a launch and the place is ideal for leading the simple life and the boys adore it - What are you doing these days and are you finding time for any of your charming art work? Do send me a message one of these days, telling me all about the dear Osgood family, your father and mother and brothers and sisters for I am interested in all. With love from us both.

Ever yours,

Helena Guthrie Miller.

Please pardon this paper - I seem to be out of everything but "shop" stationery - N.H.M.

5 East Ave., Ithaca
Mar. 20, '10.

My own sweet Madrie,

Your sweet letter came yesterday afternoon, and we were all delighted to have news of you. I am indeed sorry that you found Nance so changed, but I was so glad to know something definite. It is evident that letters mailed in Chicago in the morning arrive in the shortest time, reaching here the next afternoon. The postal came at the same time.

I would have snuck to write you respecting the sick ones and ourselves, but I will have to post.

pone it until next time for I
have my hands full for today.
Yesterday I was up at 6.30 to make
some crosses of those lilies, and
scarcely was I back at my
work at home - about nine -
when I was telephoned for to hold
a conference with Stocking about
the work of that man from
Maine. By that time I received
an urgent telegram from
the So. Publ. Soc. about the re-
vised statistics for those articles.
Of course I have regretted a
thousand times that I ever
wrote them, or consented to
write them. They might have
revised the statistics themselves,

as I wrote them, for they merely wished to include doubtful southern states, but they pretended that they could not, so I devoted the afternoon to going through those old censuses and patent reports again.

In the evening Mr. Wilson telephoned that a man would come at 7 A. M. today to ~~plow~~ the garden, so after supper I took Hampton and got the wire removed and other things in shape. As I came in at eight Mr. Bonns and Mr. Butler were at the door. At nine-thirty Dr. Thilly came over. He was here until eleven-thirty, and I turned in, feeling that the day had been full, and that there was nothing to do but nothing.

Dr. Thilly goes to Cincinnati for the remainder of the week. Now there are three families widowed and widowed. Mrs. Bancroft has been in Albany, but is expected back to-morrow.

I have had no news whatever from Richards, so he is not coming, I am happy to say. Rain is promised today, but the children are enjoying themselves while they may. They are doing as well as could be expected.

All of us your hearts full of love, my sweet, and we hope that both Daddy and Nancee are stronger and better. I will try to write you to-night my suggestions as to what to do. With kisses from each and all, Yours old Hubbard.

departure!

Everything seems to be
running smoothly at 1
East Ave, judging from
outward appearances.

At this present moment,
as in every past one, Frank
is in your garden watching
a man upturn the earth
for planting. He is a

Ithaca.
Monday.

Th. Mar 30

My dear Marie:-

It was indeed a treat
of you to give me the pretty
piece of crystal, this double
reminder of the anniversary that
had passed & the joyous Easter
of tomorrow. Bless your
dear heart for thinking of
me in the eve of your

self appointed body guard
for Louise. - The weather is
as fine & the children are having
a lovely time out of doors. -
though there is a promise
of rain in the air today.

I hope you had a comfort-
able trip to Chicago & found
your dear mother improving.
Tell her I am counting on

the pleasure of seeing her
in Ithaca this summer.

Remembre me to your father
also, what good looking, saucy
sister - does she still flirt?

With love & renewed thanks
for your sweet thought of
me at Easter-tide
Affectionately yours
James M. Philly.

Mr. Philly ~~care me the most~~ (old home
tears)

PM Mar 30, 1910
Chicago, Ill.

639 Cronland Park.
Tuesday morning.

My own Heart's Dear. One,
Your dear

letter has just come and I was
so glad to hear that you were all
so well and happy, in spite of my
absence. Mauna seemed worse yesterday
as a result of her fall, but is brighter
this morning. I read her your letter
and she seemed to understand
it. Said you were so affectionate
and a dear fellow.
Agnes is here and Daddy is here

so well, so don't worry about me.

Your dear letter has just come with the money order enclosed. Thank you so much dear. I bought a new hat yesterday in a store near here so the new style has come just in time. My winter hat was so hot & I thought I had better get it here than to buy it at home style.

If Mother continues to gain I think I will leave Sunday and get to you & the dear little darlings Monday. I think it would be nice to go back by the Lake Shore or Michigan Southern so that I could see the boys in Buffalo & tell them just how Maama is. There is a hotel in the Park where Daddy will get me some tickets and I will write you to-morrow just what train I will take.

As you didn't mention Mr.

so I will write later.

Wednesday morning 9 A.M.

I started this yesterday, but sent a postal instead, and will now try to finish it. Maama has just gone back to sleep after I have given her her breakfast and a hot water bottle. She will feel a whole letter to-day for she had a much better night last night.

The lake is blue this morning after a little shower last night. The birds are singing and the grass and trees are very green. It is like the last of June and I was so fortunate in putting in my winter here at the last minute some summer things.

I slept like a top last night and every one says I am looking

Richard in your letter & suppose
you hadn't heard from him is that
he isn't coming.

I had a Quaker engaged to
come Monday morning & saw for
me. I am going to write to Mrs. Shelly
to day to ask her to write to her not
to come until Wednesday. Mrs. Shelly
engaged her for me & you might write
it to Mrs. Shelly if you don't forget.

I think of you and the dear
little children all the time. Tell
Lillian Louie & is very good to them.

Tell her I am trusting her to do her
very best and keep you all happy
while I am away. Give a "million"
kisses to Louischuck and my baby
Boy and just three times as
many to my pig "Old Lallah".
Will you be glad to see me again?
Your unprovingly-adoring
mother.

PM Mar 31, 1910

639 Cleveland Park.
Chicago - Ill.
Siberia day.

Ben Searcet

I think I will leave
Sunday at 3.45 P.M. on The Grand
Trunk and go to Buffalo which
I would reach at 8. A.M. I am meeting
The boys & meet me there for I know
how much they will like to hear
how Mamma is and how everything
is going. I will have an open and
three quarters with them and leave
on The Black Diamond at 9.55 A.M.
and arrive in Ithaca at

Tom going down on the car
alone, beside being out so late
when I am here missing Mamma.
She & Jack are both mad at me
because I refused to go & she
is going with Jack instead.
I guess she will be all over
it by to-morrow.

Good-by old sweet. Just think
how soon after you get this letter
I will be in Athens!

Wish my dear little chicken
your dear letter has just come
but I haven't time to answer it
as mamma is ready & I must
hurry down & fix mamma's trunk.
With lots of love & kisses to all my
darlings, my own old Pappa & ^{Grandma} ~~Grandma~~.

1.05 P. M. I hope you will get
this in time and not meet
my train Monday morning!

Mamma continues to gain
and seems so happy & has
me with her. Daddy is out
every day & buys us ice-cream
from a near-by confectioner
and it is the one thing I can
get Mamma to really more than
taste.

Aggie is a darling, but very
spectable. She bought tickets while
down town this morning for Jack
& take me to the theatre. She was
going to stay home, and I would
have had to meet him down -

Give our love too, to
Agnes and the children,
as Aggie says,
"Ma and Jacky"
B.

5 East Ave., Ithaca, N.Y.
Mar. 31, 1910

My own sweet Madrie,

Your dear letter has just arrived, and I am very glad indeed to hear that everything is going so nicely with Nance and Daddy. Perhaps what I wanted to urge upon you will not be needed. From what you wrote, and from what Agnes has written it seemed to me that a trained nurse would be imperative. It seems to me that a person with a feeling of authority could be of great assistance. If only Nance could resign herself for even a single week, it might be of incalculable value for

her prompt recovery. All the love and care that you, ~~my~~ love, and dear Agnes put into your nursing would be unaffected by having the nurse; and if Nannie is still suffering when you leave, or in any immediate danger of any recurrence, I hope you can do something towards encouraging her to have the nurse. I feel sure it is what Will and Doug. will advise when you see them in Buffalo.

We are delighted to know that our Madrie may be with us some time Monday. Boysie is seated beside me now writing you a letter, "full of Kisses - big Kisses. Every morning when he comes into my room

he calls out "Mama not come yet?" "On choo
choo train?" I am afraid that a letter
sent you tomorrow would not reach you
on Saturday, and I am sure that you
have not enough money for the return trip
after buying a hat — especially if it is a
"Shantidare". I have absolutely no idea
what your expenses may have been, but
feel that I must put something into this
letter. Of course at this hour, 5 P.M., with
a \$2⁰⁰ in my pocket, I can only send a
~~check~~ ^{small one} ~~at~~ ^{off} your hands, but surely Jack or some one can take
it off your hands, so I send a twelve.

The chickens are doing finely — both
types, although Boyie does get pretty lonesome.
The children are very good to play with him
though, especially George.

I will speak to Mrs. Thilly this afternoon about
the dressmaker.

Write me, Sweetheart, when to meet you.
I feel like coming on to Buffalo myself, — you
have been away so long, and I shall be so happy
to see you.

Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Slocum will take
steak (and whatever else they can get) with
me this afternoon, so you see I am enter-
taining anyway.

Well, I forgot to say that the "Chickens" were
much elated at receiving a postal. With love to
all, and hoping that the sick ones will continue
to improve every day, I am just your
same all kissing B — — — — —



Mr. B. M. Suggs
5 East Avenue
Ithaca
New York.

Dear you
so dearly
and the boys
you don't know
what a relief
it is to have
and to be able
to do something
for my mother
mother. Don't
worry about me
I'll be home
any day.
PM Mar 2.?
Saturday morning
Lorland Park.

My own precious Nubbie,

Jack and little

Jack met me at the station
yesterday and brought me out here
in a Cab. Lorland Park is a
pretty little private park right
on the lake.

Of course I was greatly shocked
to see darling Nannie. I had
tried to prepare myself but the
reality is so different from

What she imagines. Her voice is
so husky and she only says a word
or two and you have to imagine what
she wants to say. That makes it so
hard to make her, too. She is very
feeble lying in a darkened room,
and you don't know, my darling
Ben, how glad I am to be here
and how much I appreciate your
letting me come.

Paul says she is in no immediate
danger of her life but that she has
to be well nursed, and Aggie has
been wonderful. She is worn out from
the long strain, & from being on her

but all day and no sleep at night. He has just telephoned me that she really slept last night from the relief of having me here to share the responsibility. Of course dear Daddy is no help at all. Mamma has always spoiled him and he can't even take his own medicine — when I give him a glass of water he holds it until I come and take it away. He is better and gets about but is very stiff in getting up or down from a chair. He is not sorry for himself and wants sympathy all the time.

Jack says he thinks Mamma has a large kidney stone, too large to pass and that when she fell it was loosened. The danger is now in her falling again or in again having cystitis to which she is subject and from which the inflammation would again go to the kidney. After his telling me this you can imagine my anxiety when Daddy awakened me last half past five this morning to tell me that Mamma had fallen and that he was to make a lift her. I ran in to find

Mamma also got up. She had ^{TH. Maria?} gotten up & sat on the chair (she can't use a bed pan as it hurts her back so) and had slipped and fallen. She only said "Go back to bed, go back to bed" so I had to go out of the room. I decided that there was nothing to do for she must just sleep - The morphine - and slept soundly until nine. At seven I telephoned Jack, but he said if she were not in greater pain & sleeping it was all right, and he would come later. He is now sleeping again. She will move around although every movement of her back pains

her. Jack wants her to lie perfectly still so that the stone will become again embedded. He says that is the only thing for so large a stone. I had a room right next to Marcella as one of the boarders left very abruptly.

Marcella's room is a tower of flowers. Agnes bought her a beautiful pot of about eight or ten pink tulips, Mrs. Mr. Matheson sent her a lovely Easter lily plant and Charles Mrs. Spear had ordered sent her from the florist in the Andromeda Annex a large box containing all sorts of exquisite cut flowers and a

my sweet note from her enclosed.
Yesterday was apparently hot - like July
weather. This morning, though bright and
clear is cooler and much more pleasant.

I long to hear from you how your
kind and darling little angels are getting
on. Did you have a happy Easter
and do they like their little chickens?

I was very not to have bought any
Easter things for Patsie & Dot.

Have you heard from Mr. Richards?
If he comes, remember to take the blankets
from our bed for his room. There are none
in there. Also have Hampton or Cassia
wash the windows in there. The curtains
for the smaller window are in the top
drawer of the bureau in that room but
they were a little torn. Perhaps Louie could
mend them. The guest towels are also
in that bureau.

Why don't you have a smucker for him instead
of a Skinner? You could do that alright in
the beer, tea & Columbia.

Good - by my own love. Write me all about
yourselves. I am impatient to hear from you.
Daddy says I must thank you again
for letting me come. I hope you are working
hard. I ^{suppose} work doubly hard when you are
away. With all my love my own darling, ^{your mother} _{Maria}