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day and of course enjoyed himself immensely.
 Mrs. Stocum went with
 me to the cen-
 my cart, and he took
 a little walk
 with Ann
 this afternoon.
 Mrs. Allen
 called yesterday
 after receiving
 your card.
 and I gave
 her some sub-
 stantial mes-
 sages.
 May 1, 1910.
 How we could
 wish that on this fine May-
 day all were happy and
 free. I have just come back
 from a long walk with the
 children, and we missed you
 all the way. We went down
 through the corner of the
 woods, up past the athletic
 field to the poultry plant,
 then to the barn and
 home. They were both like wild
 things, and I thought Bysie

would run his little legs off.
He made so many wise and
funny remarks that I shall
not attempt to recite all. After
seeing the ducks take a bath
he ran back to the chicken
house and insisted on seeing
the "bath room in there". He
could not understand for a time
why there was none like the
ducks had, but was content
when he saw the drinking
troughs where "anyway they can
wash they face". The cows
interested all immensely and
what Boycie said about milk-
ing I shall have to tell you
some other time.

It was very sweet of you, Marie dear, to write me a long letter after leaving Buffalo. I was so glad that Will and Elizabeth could meet you too. I can only hope that the absence of later news can only mean better news, but the Sunday morning mail is so uncertain that I scarcely expected a letter today. It was too bad that you could neither join Douglas nor Alice.

I feel as you do, Marie, that one cannot realize, ^{or admit} the critical nature of a sickness which may take away one we love; but I still have hope that there may be a change for the better, and I know you will let me hear from you promptly of any decided change.

It is too bad that Chuck could not well go at this time.

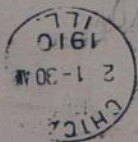
We went to the oratorio last night, and heard the good music under the usual straight-jacket difficulties. When I go again in that chapel, I shall want to have it preceded or followed by some university holidays, for I think it is as uncomfortable as "expert testimony", and easily worth \$100 per concert. Louise dined with Frank yesterday.



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POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



Mr. B. M. Duggan
5 East Ave.

Ithaca - N.Y.

Dear Ben

^{nothing to say}

Mamma still

remains better I am
so happy to say. She
is quite rational all
things, but when she
is in her room
and doesn't know high.
One had rather a bad
night the nurse said so
she was anxious to see her
this morning. She is still
so much better & happy
to know us all here. I
am still building - she is
still with her friends.

May 21/11



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Chicago, Monday
May 22nd.

My own Roy.
Mamma still con-
tinues better. I am so happy to say
her mind wanders a little less
she is so weak but most of the
time she is rational.
Yesterday was Daddy's birthday
and last night he, Jack and
Agnes took dinner with us. We
had cocktails and a bottle of
Rhine wine and tried to
jolly him up, then we came

up & our little sitting room and
talked until ten.

So day it has rained hard all
day and is so depressing. But I am
so thankful it hasn't rained
& have any effect upon dear
Mamma. The ~~chance~~ more about
in the bed better than she could
when I was here & yes, but seems to suffer
a good deal when urinating.

Your dear letter reached me
this morning & I was so glad to
hear from you once more, and
get your dear sweet sympathetic
letter. Thursday night the nurse
Jack & Agnes were practically without
hope for Mamma was so low, but
as Jack sat there in the night Agnes
said "There must be something, can't
you inject salt-water or something
as a last resource". Jack said he
might try a hypodermic of strychnine

May 2, 1910



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Chicago.

and since then every 2 hours the nurse has given her a suppository of it and the next morning she was a little better. Saturday after I arrived and she knew Douglas and knew me she seemed to rouse up some that somewhat condition and we have kept her roused & rational most of the time. Agnes is a darling sweet woman.

We have changed our room in the Warner and Douglas is now on the floor above us. We had to give up our little "flat" as the painter & decorator had been engaged

for weeks ahead.

Alice says "cut it out" as Doug
wants to take this down to mail
You must love to Anne for me
and tell her it is such a comfort
to me to know that she is with you
all. Alice says she will write
to her tomorrow

With love to the dear children
for me and for you in dear-
est heart full of love from
your own devoted
Mother.

P.M. May 3, 1911
Chicago Ill.

Dearest Ben,

Mamma didn't have
as good a night last night
and consequently is very weak
and drowsy to-day. I hope
she will have a good night
to-night and be much better
tomorrow. I think perhaps the
experiment has been a good
deal for her, of seeing so many of
us. Your sweet letter has come
& I am so glad & thankful

& Mr. Storrens knows if you want
He to get a girl.

I love your dear & your letters are a
great comfort to me. I am in Mama's
room relieving the nurse & as this pen
is so unruly I can't write more
now but will write again from
the hotel. Ever your son
Masie.

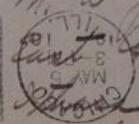
To hear that you are all well
and getting on so nicely. I'm
Awww much love for me & tell her
not to get homesome. Have you asked
Mrs Jack'son or Dixie Mason?

I hope you have heard of a cook.
Don't wait on me but do go ahead
and get the best you can. If you
can hear of no one & Louie leaves
on Sunday you had better engage
ahead Bridget Draville for
two or three days. She can cook
things ahead, fire, wash the
and days when she couldn't come
get ~~her~~ to make wash & iron the dishes
they can be left so he can do them
over a day & after Louie leaves
get Edna to make Mrs Pennings

POSTAL CARD

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Dr. B. M. Dwyer
ARMOUR STATION
N. Y.



Thursday May 5th

Dearest Sam,

Mamma seems
worse to-day. I telegraphed
Uncle this morning. Eggs
seems to have less nerve
than any of us. We have
dashed over to Uncle with
us. I may need a check,
but don't yet. Received
your & Annie's letters
and am so glad that
you're home. I will let you
know all developments.
With love to all
Muriel

coat. Also send me from
Words Practice of Medicine
all the pages from the beginning
of kidney diseases to Insanity
just cut them out for me.
We haven't the first volume
anyway and it would be a
complaint to read it up to see
if there is not something
suggested therein. Never mind
mutilating the books.

Also, Eleanor, will you
see that neither of the children
get constipated while I am
away.

Oh my dear I am beginning

to be so afraid and yet it can't be
I pray the Lord that He will give me
strength enough of will to make
her better, better, better.

I am alone for just a moment
while Doug & Agnes take Daddy
back home. He has been with
us this evening & we have been
trying to make the time pass for
him & keep him from worrying
Mamma. cried this morning
and said she didn't want to
die. Oh Ben it is so hard.

But she must get better.
Send the coat by mail, special
delivery. And send the book in another
package, also right away special delivery.
Douglass has been up good. He is so
sympathetic & yet keeps everybody checked
up though I know it is hard for him.
Agnes said to-day she was glad that
he was here neither. Thank Will.

Will have to write. I hope he
is not sick. If Mamma tomorrow
is still worse I am going to telegraph
church, Good-might, my darling.
Oh good-might. Oh my Benjamin.
you young strikers & yet I will not

make some arrangement this afternoon, but if
 not I will again try Sage, as I cannot forget
 tactfully the cook
 ing my own sweetest
 at this time
 I close
 you.
 my sweetest
 so take good
 care of your-
 self, and don't
 worry about me
 We will make
 changes & do
 have just
 and the
 children
 are perfect
 9th other
 perfect
 with and
 after the
 are in
 a great
 help. Yours
 Wm. Brewster.

time for a page, since I
 am on the road to the
 employment agency, - still
 seeking a cook. After all
 we may have to try to
 import one from Buffalo
 or elsewhere.

I did not get a letter at
 the laboratory, but was de-
 lighted on reaching home at
 noon to find one from you,
 Deanie. I am sorry that Nance

was not quite so well when
you wrote, and I do hope
that she was better after the
next night.

I have been in a terrible
rush about nothing during the
past few days. Yesterday we
worked at laboratory outlines,
and I also labeled up and
~~was~~ sending today the first
batch of MacMillan illustra-
tions. I came home feeling
that I would have a quiet
evening. Mrs. Thilly called,
also two of your girls to
see Anne, and then Dr.
Lyon called up to know if
I were not going to hear Dr.

Schreiner's (the Washington chemist's) lecture, and if I would not come to his house afterwards. I am glad I did both, for Dr. Schreiner had some interesting new work and at Dr. Lyon's I had an opportunity to get better acquainted with several of the chemical men including Broome and Charnot, and to arrange some cooperative work with Cavanaugh in a line where I could not tackle the chemical aspect. Dr. Lyon had nice things to eat and something to drink, and there about a dozen present.

The previous night I was in a meeting of the biological graduate committee until after eleven o'clock. I can tell you that I had to hustle in order to get for lecture for 9 A.M. today.

The Craigs have cut down our beautiful tree, but it has made the house ten times warmer already, and I shall be glad - provided we are here next fall, which now seems absolutely certain.

I am so glad that Doug' and Alice are with you throughout your stay in Chicago, for with no opportunity of being at the house. I know it would be most forlorn. Tell me all about yourself and what Jack now thinks, Persica,

Ithaca, NY May 6, 1910.

My own dearest Madrie,

Your letter written Wednesday night only reached me at seven thirty this evening, else the coat and book would now be on the road to you. I was at the laboratory until nearly four, but the postman had not come when I had to leave. This was Louise's afternoon off, and Anne had an engagement for that hour.

I ran over to the building after supper and found your letter and postal. I am truly sorry that Nanee has not been so well these last days, and I only hope that she has again improved and that you are less anxious, my own sweetheart.

Both packages are waiting to be taken to the office before breakfast tomorrow morning. I could not find the lace which seemed to be correct; but I put in the two pieces which were found, hoping that one or the other would do, if needed. At any rate they take up little room.

I wish that I could help Douglas in cheering you up, Patricia. Don't give up your hope and confidence, Dearie, for those go a long, long way, and added to your own you must have the consciousness of mine strengthening and bearing whatever you will let it strengthen or bear.

Anne has gone this evening to a little informal dance at the Gamma alpha house. She consented to go conditionally, and of course I insisted that she should go. She also went to the tea at Sage

yesterday afternoon.

Before I left the laboratory this afternoon I started Miss Keichline on half a dozen drawings. She promises to have all of those ready next week.

I keep an eye to the children, Deane and shall do my best to keep them well. They are dear little souls, and Boysie is a thousand percent better when Louise is at home. However, I think I will let ^{her} start to school Monday to see how it goes. Yesterday Boysie was a "baby wolf" all day, and when I asked him if he wanted to see Mama, he said "Yes, me eat her up like cake."

Madrie, please write me just what you need. I can neither tell what your expenses are or may be, so please give me time to get it to you. I will need to go to the Savings Bank, so let me know immediately.

I have a lecture at mine which I have not yet prepared, and it is eleven o'clock. In consequence, Sweetheart, I must say goodnight, but I would like to sit and talk to you, and to give you all the comfort that can be given by a heart that above all loves you. I can only think of you every moment, and help you with my will and heart. Your own Perry

you but the next minute would
be here.

Telegraphed Chuck to come on Sat.
day. But he telegraphed last night
that he had missed his train
and to-day tried to call up long
distance but didn't get us so I
suppose he is still in Baltimore.
I think he will regret it if he
doesn't come.

Will will arrive tomorrow
morning and I am glad the dear
fellow can come.

I am sure that our business Darling
is so much that my hope is gone now
I feel it can only be a question of a
little time, and I hope that both you
the brothers can get here in time and
that Mamma will know them & give
her over.

One thing I ask of you - That you will
come to Buffalo. You will do that, won't
you my dear one?

I feel as if my heart were frozen.

12267th Trat. New Orleans, La.

May seventh. nineteen ten

Dear Dr. Guyger,

Your letter enclosing
check for May has just arrived -
Thanks - I should have answered
sooner about the house, but rested
felt that it was about settled, and
could wait for this acknowledge-
ment. Of course you must know
positively so I hasten to say that
I shall gladly continue the ar-
rangement since there is no purchase
visible. The house needs painting badly
I know - yet some one else might
prefer another color, and I had
hoped to simply deduct the cost
of painting from price when it was
sold. About the tank - of course
it should have lasted longer -
but must be replaced if necessary.

but not so uncomfortable, as I expected
by this time, and the irregular engine
operations entirely to the dark house
when the universal "Bar" makes one
acure. I wonder if you are so warm
in Ghazipur through the summer. It is
difficult to find a pleasant place.
I had a letter from Mrs. Bailey - they
seem to be having a delightful trip. I
was surprised to know they, almost in
July. I suppose the college will go out
soon. With love to Mrs. Duggar and the
children - I am very cordially yours -
Elizabeth Kerr Atkinson.

you cannot afford to be extinguished
even occasionally by a punctured
tank. So - when you can have
its state investigated, the decision
is with you - You ought to have
a "Rebate" as "Lessei", for acting the
part of Agent as well. I am
grieved to hear that Mrs. Duggar
is in the midst of such trial
and bereavement, and I am sure
your share is large also. I hope
the children will keep entirely
well, and that your domestic
arrangements are comfortable.
We shall be here until June
and our summer arrangement de-
pend on what Mrs. finds to do
and where. It is pretty warm

PM
May 7, 1910



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Chicago, May 7th.

Dearest Ben, Mamma had a pretty
bad night, with a good deal of
headache, but seems a little brighter
this morning.

Will arrived at eight o'clock and
Chuck at nine. Chuck came with the
idea that Mamma is going to get well
and is very optimistic. He has bought
a beautiful \$25,000 country place outside
of Baltimore and was to have been
married to-day. He had to leave
again at half past two and

had a business appointment at
one or already it seems like a dream
that he was here and is gone again.
He is to be married Monday he says.
Will will stay.

Of course Maria's vitality is so wonderful
that no one can tell. Jack says her heart
is still strong and that the end won't
come until her heart action is weaker.

I was so glad to get your sweet letter.
I am so sorry that Louise will have to
go to-morrow and that you have no
one. How can you go to Sage? The
children can't go there can they?
Why don't you get Bridget Grayville
as I suggested. She is in the phone
under the name of Ella Grayville
They are sisters.

I can't help worrying about you all
my darling and yet I know you
want me to be here at this time.

Do you let Anne help you about
your books? She would love to help

Telephone Douglas, 573

PM
May 7, 1910



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Chicago,

you I know, in the day time when
she has nothing to do, but sew.

Here one day is like another with
a little bit more hope one day
and a little less the next!

Douglas is our stand-by.

I dreamt of little Louise last night
before last. Do look after her well for
me and don't let anything happen
to my precious children. Dear love
to Anne, and love to my babies
and a heart full of love to my
own dear sweetheart from his
Marie.

[illegible]

Dearest Ben, Mamma seems a little
tetter to-day physically but mentally
very wandering. She doesn't really
know any of us more Agnes, but
Jack she knew perfectly. Isn't it
strange that she has known him
every time even when she hasn't
known any one else. Douglas has
just gone back to Buffalo and
will feel as if our comfort and
support had left us. Will is

still here and will stay until
to-morrow night. If Mamma's condition
grows worse Douglas is coming right
back. Jack says he can't tell but all
-what the outcome will be only that
at present he is holding her very
wonderfully. Mamma thinks I am
Bunt Belle all the time now.

Uncle and I can't leave Mamma
until she is better and will stay
through Thursday and Friday
any way as Gerodically Mamma
has been worse on Thursday.

It is perfectly wonderful how
Mamma's ~~strength~~ has held out and
Jack says it may be that she
will hang along for a month
or perhaps ultimately get well
although her age is against it.
She is still very low, you know.

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Chicago.

Not just the fact that she
has laid on a make since Dr.
Kettler said she might die during
that night is in itself encouragement.

I received the two packages this
morning and thank you very much
also your dear sweet letter. I appreciate
more than I can tell you how
your love and sympathy and
wish we could be together. I am

so thankful to have such a
darling husband and such a
dear mother as Douglas. He
has proved himself pure gold.

In regard to my precious
darling I have had to spend since
leaving twenty-five dollars
and have on hand thirty dollars.
It will take \$15.00 to get home on
and I ought to have in my pocket
a little in case of accident so
that it doesn't leave me much
for this weeks expenses & more.
Now I think if you will send me
a check for \$25 I will feel that
I have something in case of an
emergency and I must cash it I
assure you unless it is absolutely
essential. You are too smart and good
to offer it to me, dearie.

Tell my baby-wolf that it would be
very flattering to be eaten as cake
I am afraid I am only sausage-meat.
I should of you all today & wish I could
see you. As Louise happens I wonder and
what will you all do! I know you need me
and yet I can't afford to come here again and
I know you wouldn't have me leave right now.

for those who might have a-
ped for reser-
tions. The chil-
dren are very
well and they
both write in
sending many
kisses and
bushels of
love to
our little
mother.
Sweetest to
all the
other
Bing.

Ithaca.
May 8, 1910.

My own Sweet Passica,

I wish that
I were with you, my Dear,
today; and we all think of
you and the others even
more than usual. It is a long
ten days, but we would give
many more if with it we
could give you also all the
comfort and sympathy that
you could possibly feel; - which,
however, it is so difficult to
express in letters.
I am truly sorry that the time
has come when you feel that

you better. This morning says nothing further regard
ing the financial matter, so I send a check for twenty
dollars having come in yesterday. Presig.
there is no chance for Nanase
to recover her lost strength. If it
is a choice between helplessness
and pain, on the one hand, and
absolute relief from it, on the
other, try to accept it, Dearie,
remembering all the brightness
and joy that has been in her
life. It is to me a very satisfying
thought that you are with
Agnes and Alice and Douglas and
Hill, ~~and~~ I am sure that it
will make all family ties even
closer. I hope Chuck can ar-
rive in time, Dearie; but
I hope, my own sweetheart that
you do not insist upon his com-
ing, or regret it, or hold it against

him if he does not. We cannot know his feelings, or the material obstacles in his way. Unless Nance needs him, it may be that the memory of the worst last fall is the easier parting than the present circumstances.

At dinner today Boyce gave me "a hundred" kisses for you, and Louise in her undemonstrative way recounted what she would do when "Mother" returned. German Louise gave this afternoon. Louise then gave her a box of chocolates and I gave her a little extra money, but that was all that I could think of on the spur of the moment.

We have had no applications for the cookship, and all suggestions made either by "Mrs. Payne" or others have proved chimeras. Those unemployed are awaiting the fancy prices paid for extra service during Naval Week and Commencement. I shall go out tomorrow morning hoping to make an arrangement with a woman on Green St. to come every other day. However, we shall get along alright.

Yes, Dearie, I shall come to Buffalo, if it must be so that Nance cannot remain but be sure to send me a telegram as promptly as you can. I shall telephone Mrs. Tremain if I hear

"Coudale"

May 9, 1910.

Dear Cousin Ben:-

You have
always been so kind in
advising me, I want to ask your
help in saving our young
apple trees from a disease
that is killing them. They are
in our garden, and are from
four to eight years old, but it
is the older ones that are affect-

ed. About this time every spring,
the leaves curl up, and die, not
all, but some of them, like pear
trees with blight, and in the
fall, or early the next year the
tree dies. We have cut out the
affected parts, and dead trees,
and burned them, but still the
disease goes on. Would Bordeaux
mixture help them, and if so,
what strength should be used?
We shall be very grateful if you

will advise me in the matter. Can you
tell me also, if there is anything we can
do to make our old pear orchard bear
again? You know some of the trees are
very old, over fifty years, but they seem
to be very vigorous, and bloom profusely,
yet they have very little, if any fruit on
them every year. The orchard is in
bar clover, and the hogs run on it all
the summer.

Rich is farming this year
on a small scale, and is very much inter-
ested in his crop, and the farm generally.
He works hard, and already we see a
great improvement over the whole place.
The crops and gardens are suffering for
want of rain now, tho.

We were so sorry to hear of the illness of
Concinn Marie's mother, but hope she is
much better by this time. All the family
join me in warmest love to each of you,
and trusting that I have not intruded on
your time too much. I am, my dear friends,
Yours truly,
John H. Harris.

PM. May 1, 1910
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dearest Madrie,

We are all
well and getting along
as nicely as could be
wished. Your sweet letter
of Sunday reached me yes-
terday afternoon, and I
was so glad to have it.
I am going to write you

a long letter this afternoon for a birthday - which I wish I could spend with you; but I must now hurry to a cook appointment, then to a conference with (Pres.) Rammelkamp (Rammel) who is here today. Yesterday two of the Washington men were

here, and, in short, I never had so many interruptions in my life. Children both well and happy, and Anne seems to put up with us and keeps us lively. With all my love sweetest, and hoping yet for some improvement in Bear Nance,
You own Benj.

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Chicago, May 10th.

Dear Ben - Your letter of Sunday has just coming saying that Emma Louie had really gone. She promised me when I left that she would stay until my return but I suppose it is too much to expect of any servant that she would keep her word. I am worrying about what you will do. I can't leave Chicago until Friday of this week for Thursday is always mamma's worst day and I would be so unhappy if I didn't know how she was standing it. She

seems so much better to-day it is
perfectly wonderful when she was so
near death to see her now. Of course
she is still wandering, but seemed
much brighter to-day and knew Alice
and I pretty nearly all morning.
The nurse let her sit up for about
ten minutes so that she realized how
weak she is. In the afternoon she took
a good nap for half an hour and
I think it has done her good.
If she keeps an improving rate this
Alice & I will leave Friday, and in
any case I will come for as soon
as possible. Alice will stay a day
or so in Buffalo & then a day or so in
Albany perhaps. But of course our plans
are all unsettled. I hate to have mamma
left with Daddy even a moment, this morning
he stayed with her while the nurse had her
breakfast & went out of the room. When he
came back mamma had taken off her nightgown
& was half way out of bed. So you see even I she
gets into better how hard it will be to leave her
in this state. Good by dear one, I must go now &
relinquish the nurse as agreed is coming on late this
afternoon. Alice & I are both alone now. No more

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My own sweet Madrie,

This has been rather a rushing day, as you may judge from my hurried scribble of this morning. I have just put the children to bed giving Anne time to rest a minute, for she had had also a strenuous day of it. Louise sends you ten kisses and Bessie three - six - nine.

This morning after my lecture I met Samuel Kemp, gave the stenographer some work, wrote my note to you,

and hurried home to see
a prospective cook.

You remember that when
I wrote Rammel some time ago
I invited him to "come to us"
while in Ithaca. Well, I con-
fess that when I saw him
this morning I felt like cook-
ing; but concluded to take chan-
ces, and so he ^{was} invited and
accepted to come to lunch.
I remembered that steak and
strawberries had been ordered
for dinner, and that they
could be ~~used~~ for lunch. I
also had the hope that the "cook"
might be pressed into service.
Not to enter into side events

I left the lab. early, ran down to the C.R. for lettuce and returned to the house at 11:15 to find Rammel already there. Dinner was proceeding finely. When everything was ready I felt rather guilty in finding that my part in preparing the dinner consisted merely of making the salad dressing, coffee, and broiling the steak. Any way, we had a good dinner, and Rammel seemed thoroughly to enjoy himself in spite of his dignity. He sent you many regards, and regrets for missing you each time.

Well, Dearie, I know you are anxious to hear what success in the matter of "cook". It was \$5⁰⁰ or go on another tack. She would not work for less, and so I made a temporary arrangement with her, and she promises to come tomorrow morning. Ella three days a week would have cost more (she returns Thursday), and Bridget Granville was not available. This woman cooked for Mr. Cornell (Frank) a year and a half, and six months for Mrs. Law. More than this and that "Mrs. Payne" says she is a cook "that is as good as they is, and jist as good as a caterer", I don't know anything about her except that she is

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from Pennsylvania.

This afternoon there were several callers, I believe, but only Mrs. Pablow came in. When I came home at 5³⁰ I found Anne in the kitchen in the midst of all the "snidgings" from the dinner; and from these she turned out a most respectable supper.

Your letter was indeed cheering my Love, and I was so glad to get it. I must ^{be} much encouraged to have Jack say that Nance has a fighting chance to get well. I do hope that she continues to hold her strength, and certainly she has held up wonderfully.

with such odds against her.
I am so glad that you could
know Douglass under such cir-
cumstances, since the circum-
stances could not be changed.

You are so good, Madrie, to
give me news every day, and
you don't know how much I
appreciate and delight in ^{to them} every
letter. I look forward just
as I did about nine years
ago, Sweetheart.

When this reaches you it
will have been nine years
since that anniversary of yours
at 88 Wait which was the
first we had together. I was
'almost' happy then, and I
have been quite happy ever

since. I wish, Persia, that I could personally give you all the kisses and the pinches and the "sparks" which are your rightful due! I love you, my Darling, and I do hope that on your birthday - Thursday this week - Nance will have the reverse effect of that which has so often happened on Thursday, and that she will be decidedly better. I inclose a bottle of Rhine wine which I hope you can drink with Daddy and Alice at least. I have a little birthday present for you, but will not send it to you now, my Love.

Yes, my dear, we do miss you every minute, and we need you; yet we want you to remain so long as conditions are so serious, not only because it is a part of your duty, but also because it would, as you say, be almost impossible for us to arrange another trip without pawning our face books.

Take good care of yourself, my Madrie, and don't forget your little family. Give love to Alice and Agnes, as well as to Daddy and Nance, and keep a countless quantity for your own dear self. Again wishing you much joy on your birthday, I am,
Yours homely Hubbaus.

Ithaca, N.Y. May 11/10.
My own Persia,

I have just finished the preparation of a lecture for tomorrow at 9 A. M. and before retiring to my lonely couch I will send you love and greetings.

I can tell you it has been a relief to have the cook at her job; but I am afraid that she will not get much training until you return. She can cook, that is certain, but not exactly after our method, so there will doubtless be

much to teach her if you
keep her.

Mrs. Harris came over yesterday to see what she could do. She did not know that you were away, but remembered that Louise was to leave. Anne turned down a "bid" from the Craigs the day after you left, and they have not been near the house since. Mrs. Thilly inquired about Nance and you and the household again today, and sent you her love.

I received a letter from Mather today which I send along in this. I hope that Llewellyn can get the University

appointment. He is just the man for it
and it will help him in the town.

Theses of the graduate students, and
other matters connected with their work
are taking some time now. I am plan-
ning to absent myself from the
laboratory entirely for three days next
week, and will work in a corner of the
library.

There was no letter, sweetheart,
from you today; but I hope it only
means that Nance is brighter, and
that you have been able to be with
her more. I hope that tomorrow
is bright and happier for you
than any day since Nance has been
sick, and I shall think of you
often and send you many "wire-
less" messages of love.

Miss Jack came over this evening
to see Anne, but otherwise she has
had a quiet day of it, — I forgot a
walk, a visit, this afternoon with
Miss Chellier (sp.).

and now again my heart's full
love to you Madue,
as ever Benj.

Sunday.

"Deanie" - You left a lonesome
"kid" behind yesterday. It was
hard to realize you had
gone when I woke up this
morning. And all day I
have been thinking of you
girls and wondering if
Dory met you. Mary had
a bad night, and Jack said
she was worse this morning.
I think she overdid sitting
up yesterday. She said this
afternoon she missed you
girls so much. Oh, I can't
tell you how much I miss
you both, it was so awfully hard.



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I hope dearie you ^{your} long.
think all right at home. and
do get well rested for it was
hard for you here. Tell Ben
he was a dear to let you come
and see that you rest to a
week. With fond love to you all.

I have to go to Boston this week to get a
suit.
Did Emma write - & ask you if she
& Proctor could come to you for the
decoration day Holiday? They want
to spend three days with you the
if you can have them & they can
get away. & you have enough room
Annie can sleep at Maudie's. Please
tell Annie that I will write to her
very soon. I started out to send you this
lovely postcard & here I have written
quite a long letter. I had
a lovely day with Douglas & Alice &
a very happy day & two nights with
my children in Albany. Chas. is afraid I
will slip & again as he so much wants to
leave and go to College. Such a loving mother
we feel very much. With a heart full of love to all
yours, Alice

Warner Hollett saying they had
made a mistake on our lunch
that day as the ship had not been
handed in. I feel better satisfied now
for you did not do me right on
the dinner question. Don't grow
sot as you grow older dearie.

Was surprised to learn on
my return home of the death
of Mrs. Marchland. She died
about ten days ago of consumption
of the blood. I just can not shed
any tears on the news. Mother
Parker left Friday morning & now
my heart is at the home. Cleared a way
city in order for our trip must begin

My friendly night.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

It is apparent now
that we shall be here longer
than we expected - so I write
to ask you if you can do me
this great favor - Namely - to
send me a
hundred dollars - For why we
cant get our mind made up
to travel on - not in time -
Secondly - When the truly sum
is due - Would you mind pay-
ing the Tax for me - It is
between forty five and fifty dol-
lars - and I am not sure just
as to the date but Ken will
be away. If you will I shall
be most obliged. We have been

most uncertain as to our next
step but Ken just writes that
the "Hens" notes" folks in Lebanon
Ohio have offered him a soult
body passport - all a temporary
worker and a novice can ask
I suppose - and so Leora and
I forthwith are arranging to
join him there. Lebanon Ohio
seems terribly foreign soil to me
but Ken is our "Reason Dicks"
and where he goes - will go.
I am anxious to know how
your family fare and since
you said Mrs. Duggie's health
could not recover it goes
but hope she may have
been released from suffering
and those who love her from

seeing her suffer.

With love to Mrs. Duggie and
the children I am

Cordially yours
Elizabeth L. Whiston.