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new, sweet potatoes & beans. A little patch of
quarry cells, some must sufferings &
beaten. Two, many
afterwards the sent
breakfast, waffles, fruit
butter bread, boiled
chicken & butter. We
enjoyed the meals
very much. I don't
know if I had not
a cook as late, Mrs. P.
came over every evening
to see how I was.
Mrs. P. & Mr. P. came
also. Several of our
children went to the
out the times of the
night. I don't know
how far they were.
Children have returned
from her trip, she
was a delightful
to you for several days but have not felt
very well, had grinnings ringing in my
ears, but have not taken any today. I had
several little fevers & a troublesome cold, it
is better now, summer colds are trying,
it is not often I have one.
We have had some very hot weather but
today there is a nice breeze. Day before
yesterday, no, the day before that, we had a
fine rain, much needed for corn & cotton
as well as gardens, it dried off so quickly &
few the turnips were not much helped
by it. This has been a fine time for hay
making. Deane & Lewis who are cutting
one part of Frederick town have brought up
160 bales from their first cutting. Deane

them it
seems as if
up there.
I wish you
I think of
Foster's
several are
about, &
other from
Margaret
but night
said he
had not
been down
stairs yet.
I must stop
now, write
you to Maria
the children
& myself
have decided
Mother.

on the other part of the place has not
brought any yet, he is one of the slow ones.
Reuben did not come up Sunday, I was
disappointed, he said he could not leave the
place because he had given the negro leave
to be baptized on one of his fields near
the house & thought he should be there to
look after his things, he was here Tuesday I
think it was. He told me 10 more of his
goats have disappeared, he thinks two low
down white ones at Van Dorn St are the
cognos, they are taken in the day time, he
pens them up at night near the house.
You know that woods is thick enough for
any kind of our quality to be carried on & so
one knows it.

How are you all getting on? did Mrs
Robertson ever come for her visit?

Today week we spent with sister Sally, she
was looking better than I expected to see her

but Mrs Harris was in bed, said he was
not sick but just too weak to get up & dress,
sister Sally said she had a time getting him
up the day before & helping him dress. She
has not any strength to boast of. John Foster
brought home a puppy (he has a dog named
now) Margaret gave him, he is all over the
house, under our feet & chairs, & every where
he should not be.

I shipped 284 lbs of Paopala seed to Hastings
& Co for which I expect to receive \$51.12^{cts}.

\$12 35^{cts} was the cost of buying, packing & haul-
ing. I think I made quite a nice profit,
if they wish more seed I will get more and
change & go about buying. Robert has found
parties wishing Johnson's goose seed, that seems
strange to me. I wish they had every seed &
root from our gardens.

We will not have many peaches this year.
I think the garden trees will hold its nuts

until the children come, I expect it will
be an amusement to them to pick them
up if we are favored with good weather.
By the way, tell me how to arrange for the
children to sleep, they are accustomed to
separate beds are they not? Boyie could
have the little Walnut bed Lovie slept
in, & I could find another for her. This chamber
is so small I will give you & Annie the front
room up stairs, If two little beds for the children
would be too crowded Lovie might sleep in
the chamber with Ida & Henry could go up
stairs in the west room with any of the
other boys who might come. I want you to
tell me exactly what you & Annie would like
best.

Mrs. Powell was very kind to me those days I
was feeling badly. Sunday she sent a box of
delightful grumbo, a plate with roast beef,

1437 - C. 115th St. Cleveland. Ohio
September eleven. Sunday.

Dear Mrs. Dwyer,

Will you thank your husband for his note enclosing check - indeed to fear to fail to acknowledge the preceding one - or must apologize for such unbusiness like behaviour. To do so, I hope you and the boys are feeling fresh, and fit for winter which will come in spite of us. This is owing to tell you I have taken a liberty with your name and am asking a favor hereinto. I am interested for one of the numerous sons of anxious mothers - (and she a widow) who enters Cornell this Fall. He comes from Baltimore, and a letter from "Mrs. Talchert" - his mother - has been forwarded from there to me. She begs me, in closing term to help her "fol" find proper

lodgings. She does not know that
I am no longer able to help
anybody - May I pass this to you?
I thought you might have one
of the small third floor rooms
vacant, and I am sure it would
be a pleasant home, animated,
as he is a smart tempered - well
brought up boy - very lovable I
think. He could take meals at
Dag's or if as I expect - he is
speedily fraternized that would
be simple too - I think his father
was 'Digma Phi' - As there was a little
time - before leaving the 18th I told
his mother I would write you,
and if he reaches Phoenix at
night he could go to Phoenix
Hotel, and phone you from there.
If he arrives in day light he could
go to you, and you or Dr. Dinger
might - unless you had room for

him - advise him of some place to
apply. Seven to eight dollars a week
should be his limit. Mr. Charles
Lornell used to take a boy or so
but I believe does not now -
Will you know how mother feel
about their own little Freshman
in a new college world -
about their little manner - moral
murders - ladies - souls - and I am
sure you want avoid this
commission - though every body
has their own protégé and that
is a little hard to "take on"
other people - Nevertheless this is
one for you. "Joe Tolbert" and he
will probably appear the winter.
I wish to tell all your two babies
Louise is quite a school girl by
now, and "Bessie" a member of
society - We are expecting to have
two weeks from yesterday - the treaty

fourth, and really, beautiful yet
decidedly whitish. Flora has been
smiling a cup of amusement
and disgust for her - causing
him to pose for her at all
angles, but she has done
some good likenesses. I must
bury this to the Box for this
collection - With love to you
all, I am

affectionately,
Elizabeth Lee Apthorp

1457 - E. 115th St. Cleveland Ohio

September fifteenth, 1900

Dear Dr. Suggs,

Mrs. George (perhaps
she would not wish it men-
tioned further) has just written me
about the house - to know if
I would rent it to them -
unfurnished - for next year.
I have acknowledged her letter
- without answering, until I give
ground. Therefore I am, as you know,
most anxious to sell the house.
Failing that, to rent it furnished
is best - but not at all is a
worst, and I must not refuse
this application - as I should like
to do - without asking if you
have any defined plan for next
year. Now that Mr. Bailey is es-
tablished in even greater strength
and affluence than formerly,
I have been listening to hear
that you had determined to
plant your family on a firmer
basis somewhere - if the
Campus or on - anything you

can tell me of your own plans,
or other people I shall be most
grateful for, since I have a
very serious problem to confront.
I introduced Mr. Duggan into a
Fryshman & "Bull" lot to him. I
hope some one can give him
a lot of help - He is a nice
Dutchman - very Southern - boy.
We shall be here till next
Wednesday (twenty first) and
shall send you next address,
when we leave out. Her address
Phoca the twenty fourth.
I am expecting a deduction
for repair next month.

I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth Kerr Thomson.

return, Fred had been with him. Perhaps some one told with you, ours were over
a month ago. Now
are, dropping badly, we
should gather & put
them by to ripen but
the sunny seems to be
looking with you
father to leave any
thing else. I have
the wall but can't go
ahead slow, it is
the hardest thing
to say but, all
the same, I
will go to the other
field. Now says he
will be ready to
start you here
this evening. I am
so sorry, wanted to
have all the boys

post reached the 15th was a great relief
to me. I feared some members of the
family was sick & that you had not
time to write, was about to send Louis a
card asking her to write me a few lines to
let me know how all were. I hope by this
time Boycie is himself again, well &
healthy. It was a little singular the same
thing happened with Fred, he wrote a
letter & failed to mail it as I was anxious
about both families at the same time.
Did you know that Frederic's bronchitis
turned out to be scarlet fever? Fred
suspected it at first, wrote me to that
effect but asked me not to mention
their fears. Frederic was up when he

wrote^{last} but as the feeling process was going on he was strictly quarantined, only Fred, Fanny & the D^r ever went into his room, every thing used in his room was disinfected when brought out, every precaution taken to prevent the other childrens having it. Matting, & mattresses will be burned & other things disinfected. He was sick a day or two before he went home from Montreal & it is a wonder the girls did not have it. You have had quite a time with papers, moving things around, are cook, Minnie is cook & so on. This is not unlike some we know. I hired a woman to cook Sunday dinner Monday Morning I went into the kitchen to make fire, found she had chucked out the front part of the grate so that I could not make a fire. I had a long hunt for the "lifter" at last found it buried in the ashes, a long time frax I have not found yet & so it

goes, she made more dirt on the floor than I made in over six months. Maybe you will wonder what I did about breakfast, well I boiled the tea kettle on my own burner "Blue flame", then I toasted some bread on it, there was cold chicken left from Sunday dinner & that was our breakfast. Your Father promised all day from time to time to tie the grate in with wire but I only succeeded in getting it done too late to cook dinner Tuesday. He promises me a new one & when the weather gets a little cooler I don't intend to give him any rest until he gets one. You don't know how hot our days are, the nights are cool & I sometimes draw up a blanket. Begin now you will have a long time for cool weather.

I am looking forward with the greatest pleasure to your Thanks giving visit, hope I can make you all comfortable. There

Went to see
at most of the
any little things
was a very good
one, & having up
but we can't get
any more, but
it is so much
I think you better
is asleep or would
have some
message. Much
here to Maria,
the children &
young
You should
Mother.

woman here a few days
ago, she promised if I could not get a
cook that she would come herself &
cook while you are with us. I am hoping
to find a cook when cotton picking is
over. I expect there will be a rush to get
it out, there was quite a rush last
week to get out all they could & gin which
seed was selling at 60^{cts} a bushel. I don't
know whether that price keeps up.
Your Father is not well, has had a very
bad cold & cough, is weak & has little
appetite. I am not at my best, not quite
over my cold. I think even old folks need
cheering up.

Sunday we were surprised by Sister Sally
Mrs. H. & Lucy, she was too weak &
tired after the ride to go to church we
left her to rest on the bed until we

405. Park Avenue Baltimore Md.
September twenty six, 1862.

Dear Dr. Fonger, I know this is an
extra busy time, and I am not sur-
prised that I have no answer to
my last letter from Cleveland.
I can't be certain however that
it reached you - nor can I remem-
ber that I gave you this address
and so - as I am in a bit of
hurry about several things, you
will excuse my writing again.
I do not know how urgent Mrs.
Fonger's desire to hear about my
house was, but I feel that I
ought to answer her as soon as
may be - Equally of course I do
not wish to change your atten-
tion for a purchase. If you got
my letter this is enough - if
you didn't this indicates what
it was about. We came here

Friday last - have decided that
Clara is to stay here until Sum-
mer in Maryland art Institute, and
I am going down to North Carolina
just as soon as I can leave her
in good hands - and as soon
as our funds accrue so they will
bear division. Now this looks most
imprudent - but I want to pay a
lot of things in advance for Clara
before I go, and I want to go
Thursday night. Would it be ask-
ing too much - to say please -
could you send the October rent
so I would get it Thursday the
first - instead of sending on
the first - as you usually do.
I shall be so much obliged,
and much relieved financially.
The Freshman I recommended has
found a room mate, and quarters

and is preparing to be happy -
after much anguish over "math"
Examinations. Hoping you will
not consider these trifles a
"Lost Arrow" in the current of
opening time & am

cordially yours
Elizabeth Kerr Atkinson.

Sept. 27 replying to letter from Baltimore.
"If your occupation is permitted, and if there
is no influence for more potent than they
now upon ~~the~~ horizon to change entirely
yours or our plans: x x We have enjoyed the house
and shall hope to continue in it."

Eradication 85,

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Dr. B. M. Dugges.
4 - East ave.
Albaca.
N. Y.

1405- Park Ave. Baltimore

Sept. 20 - 1911

Your letter just rec'd
via Cleveland - Washing-
ton - I began a letter
but am not able to fin-
ish for the first mail
which I wish to catch
hoping you will not
have to write your letter
over. Thank you,
and I shall enclose
this afternoon

G. K. A.

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Dr B. M. Duggles.
1 East Avenue.
Whacker.
New York.

Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Robertson
Ruxton Maryland
Hearty
Congratulations. & glad
delighted welcome



E. Robertson junior
Bent Mare

PM. Sept. - 9/11/910
Baltimore Md.

Dearest,

all well & fine
Lots of love. We had no
rice throwing. Lots of love.
Will write later.

Hope you had happy
birthday. Adorably
Marie

1405 - Park Avenue Baltimore Md -

September twenty nine - nineteen ten

Dear Dr. Duggar, It is such a nuisance
to repeat details already carefully dealt
with, and I hoped my card might
forestall the letter received this morning.
This is what Mrs. Irvine wrote and
"Will you rent your house to us, unper-
mished, when the Duggars move into
their new one?" Of course I am suffi-
ciently familiar with "Madam Rumor" -
her vagaries - to discount ninety nine
hundredths - I am certainly sufficiently
familiar with you - by your courtesy -
to discount most of the remaining hun-
dreds, and to know that I should
hear in ample time of any change
in your plans. I feared it would
amuse you that I should hear from
any one else concerning them. So I
was as vague as possible - only - I had to
answer Mrs. Irvine, and felt that it
was not quite safe to do so in the
negative, without consulting you.

Now I think this is all to be said
 just now I should like to talk
 to you a bit - and a small talk
 is worth protracted correspondence.
 Thank you so much for the check.
 I shall try to be more provident in
 future. Your unfailing consideration
 in all matters is such a help to
 me. I think Clara is going to like
 this working place thoroughly and
 she hopes to settle down for the full
 course now. She is to stay here just
 Mrs. Lytle has given another large
 "numerationist" guest and has a number
 of North Carolinian college friends
 to know and approve. I am going to
 Bolivar Rock N. C. for the rest of
 October. - November - Asheville, N. C. 145
 Mountford, Aug. I hope Mr. Kellogg is
 coming back - Kellogg seemed to think there
 was some doubt about it. I was de-
 lighted to hear of the size of the Lake
 side Smith legacy and particularly
 that it is "unconditional" - I hope
 there will be some salary results
 by and by. I shall be glad to hear
 from Mrs. Dugger when she has time.
 I know that is a curious quantity of

I am - both last night for all of you
 I hope entirely yours. I like to hear from you
 present and future.

As to selling the house is chronic of course. To you I would sell the house including all fixtures - cushions - shades - gas stove, refrigerator (all these details I can think of now) for ten thousand - one thousand cash is all I should want. The furniture could stay just as - for anything, or nothing - for an indefinite time, as far as I can see. Probably we might want enough to piece out the things Kers legs on gas - radiator into a "flat". You know the University holds four thousand mortgages at five per cent - which I believe they are a little more than willing to continue as long as one continues. There is no harm in giving you these figures - about repairs - I understand exactly the progress of events here - film - paper - paint - As to the first the estimate is about what I expected - except the roof. You see the composition - (I can't remember its official name) which covers the roof and larger side was put on recently, and I expected

when it became necessary to cover the west side. I think I paid something over fifteen dollars for that. Kers may be able to remember the man who did it, and who would probably finish for less than some other. I shall ask him to see you about it - Kers Fennan - The foundations should be put in order and to have all those things absolutely in your hands, only feeling it barely fair that you should have all the trouble. I am a dreadfully inefficient landlady, but I cannot very well help that. The very best way to rid yourself of such an incubus is to buy the house. When painting time comes suppose you and Mrs. Digger decide what you want as to color - I suspect the coats will be necessary anyway, for I know it was 'nt fatal a "good job" in the first place - the paint bubbled and peeled off and was generally exasperating.