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I suppose you
 don't hear to which
 had an operation
 for Appendicitis
 I thought she is getting
 on all right. She
 made me a room
 as I got here
 about it.
 a 1/2
 Call the
 family and
 you devoted
 Son.
 October 5th 1911

My my sweet Marie:-

Every day I have
 intended writing to you, but
 the matter is so intensely
 hot - ever since we came that
 I have no ambition to do anything.
 I have not been out of the
 yard since I came and we

have been here three weeks. I ^{am}
am soaking wet- all the time.
I can stand dry heat- much
better. You know Emma never
told me it- was so warm
for she said she knew I would
not- come. The trip down here
was interesting but- so hot-
and so many delays. We were
delayed in Macon twelve hours.
Well anyway I am so glad
we could come and Bluffton
is a pretty place but- just- a
'dot'- so small. We have one
mail a day and once mail goes

out. Mamma is looking well, but walks
a little lame. Daddy does not look
well to me, but he eats well. I think
the hot Summer has been hard on
him. And Marie between you and
I, I think Mamma, since her illness
likes to have her own way more than
ever, she acts like a spoiled child.
I wish you could see her order Aunt-
Lucia and the whole bunch around.
Papa says he can hardly stand it
sometimes. This is a regular "Old
Folk's Home" There is very little difference
between old people and children. Aunt-
Lucia does nothing but eat and sleep
and she can eat I want to tell you,
she thinks I don't eat at all. Miss
Edwanda is almost as feeble looking as
Aunt Lucia, but she is so good to
Aunt Lucia, takes care of her room
and does everything. I have had to
help Mamma grill a little for her
cook "Leah" left and we have a young
girl who is very nice but cannot cook
much. Mamma is so cross to her servants
that she is not liked by them. I
said so. This letter is not written soon and

money this morn. Dont think I
have my nerve? There are so
many lovely birds and squirrels
about here. The mocking birds sing
beautifully. Miss Sarah says to
tell you that Maria sings so
much, that now Aunt Lucia
wake up singing also the girl
sings and the birds. Everything
so far is lovely and the goose
change high. Several ladies have
called to see me, but nothing
exciting ever happens. we go to
bed at eight o'clock, nothing else
to do. The night is dark and the
mosquitos too bad to sit in the
house. Hope the weather will

OCT 5 1911
I. I do not like to see ~~you~~ ^{her} with so little patience as she that way with you? Daddy wants me to tell you to send your deed for your Lot right away, and to give him an order to act as your Agent as he sees fit. Don't put in the order that he is your Father but just Mr Robertson, your Agent for several years. You see a man is building his house on your Lot and it might result in a lawsuit. The people down here don't seem to have much regard for right and wrong. The children

I am all alone up stairs and would
like company. Write Dear, would
you do some thing for me. Get me
a little sterling silver brooch dis-
cuss if or some thing pretty in the way of
silver for that price. You I want to give
it to Miss Martin. They want me to
come to the wedding and as no one
in this house is going to give her
any thing, I don't like to go without
sending her some thing. Please get
it and send it right away for her
wedding is the 17th of October. I will send
you the money in a few days and expect
both to go to school and Dorothy is
having the time of her life
so many nice boys and girls
to play with. "Babie" does not
like it so well for the heat
and mosquitos are so trying
he isn't very strong and was
sick the first week or more
here. I had the Doctor twice.
The winter is the best time to
come from November on. When
are you coming, Mama expect
you. Wish you could be here
when I am here. You can have
the front room next to mine

soon be cooler, I never felt ^{so much} heat in all my life. no wonder
the people seem cross down here
Well I write I must close now
am going to make a pie and
biscuits for dinner. We have dinner
at two o'clock. With devoted love
and kisses to you all and
hoping you are all well and
that you have a maid by now.

Ever your loving

Agnie

So Alice is going to Washington.
Don't change your mind about
Madison. It is a beautiful city - and
so near me. I am crazy over the
idea. I love you old "Sunshine".

Durham N.H.

Oct. 7th 1911.

Dearest Annie:

I have been in bed
most of the time for the last
two weeks & when I have been up
have felt too weak & miserable
to write so that is the reason
you have not heard from me
before. I am trying to feel better
but am still in a wretched state & that
does not give an old lady like me
much strength. Please come & be
my only & dear nurse. Dr. Brown says
I must stop worrying about leaving
Durham & leave it until it will

a course dinner (cooked by me)
until seven thirty o'clock & not a
sign of them or we would wait the
next Tuesday after Charlie had
written to Dr. B. telling him how
much disappointed we were etc. & that
he must be back - said he had
rented us a portable from Mrs. Brown
the Wednesday before saying they
could not come etc. Well that portable
never did show up. All fell it has
been one D. thing after another -
I got very tired. Anna had a friend
visiting her for the month of
September & she only left us this
last Thursday to visit friends
in Canada before sailing for

father. He says, many things are
indigestion together than what any
thing else & that is what has kept
the mother with - me. Well enough
about this old subject.

I certainly was disappointed
that you did not make more
of an effort & come to us when
it was such an easy short trip
& we did want you so much.
Allie felt ~~it~~ very much also for
she said this would be the last
time we could all be in Durham
together. The result of this last week
with-out telling me good by for she
said she could not - have it. Before
she left she went down to Framingham
to see Blanche & her baby girl.

The baby is about - but mother did want a mother
thine by this time. My dear daughter if -
Lester Howard. Now is that for a girl name?
Blanche always was a great dear.
Anna Miller & her baby boy James Charles, were
then on the 4th of July & they have just returned
to Lincoln Mass. where there was a family
part meeting. We certainly is a fine lot & the
only for your convenience. All the children are
well and happy.

The Hancock's - surely you are a big
disappointment. I wished myself away to
look & to see every thing just right. I - the
last of July - the women ready.
I feel a bit on the side. Then we wanted

England & South-Africa ^{OCT. 7, 1911}
Remember. We enjoyed having
her with us very much & of
she was quite an attractive
English girl but Anne got very
tired of her had to wait on
her by inches, taking her breakfast
to her in bed every morning, getting
her bath ready for her & then
having something going on every
evening. Every thing came to
an end tho, good, bad & indifferent.

The bathing suit & vase came
dear & I thank you very
much for sending them both.
The vase is quite attractive &
reminds me of the yellow stone

until Doctor told her.

Ten days ago we received a
telegram from Miss Parsons
saying that Mother had had
a slight-stroke of paralysis
and of course we were terribly
worried. But telegrams & letters
since say that she is gaining
rapidly & can now walk etc.
It was in her left arm & leg. I
do hope she will soon be perfectly
well for I can't bear to think of such
an active brain & body being half
deaf & an invalid. She certainly
has been a good friend to me
& a devoted mother & Grandmother
Chas. left us for New York last

Canyon. The enclosed dollar is
to pay for the vase express del-
ivered. There is no charge for it
to the dealer. Checks & candy.

Leonora is now in Buffalo
at "The MacQueen" Main St.
They are having a fine time
& their boarding place is
very nice. I am enclosing extracts
from two of her letters. Charlie
was in Buffalo the Sunday &
Monday before Leonora got there
Monday & he had the same
experience with Elizabeth & Nellie.
He called them up & Elizabeth
answered the phone & then
called Nellie & mentioned to them

asked him to take home a note to the
lady to see him or both any night -
the whole lot. Of course they did not
but they kept & Leonora told me
just long to her. Also her splendid
husband but just the same it is
the same. & Nellie is also
happy. Leonora had to see if she
had the money for her. Leonora -
the one she met. That was just. He saw
her. He is to her heart as the same
man. Leonora has written twice
that Leonora was going to take Leonora with
her. He did not. Leonora was in the

right. & he must be home ^{Oct 2, 1914} sometime next week. The end
of this month he will have
to be away for two weeks or
more & so it goes. He came
home from his Canadian trip
just before I was taken sick
& I am thankful that he was
here then. He must go at - it will
be this way some a lot of several
years I am afraid. He must come
from here until we positively know
to but that will be in the spring
I fear & then we go to Washington
to him at least that is the
prospect at present. & really I
would much rather go there
than to Pittsburgh. I do hope

ely. I do hope you have a very
cold & that things are running
smoothly in your household.

Ever ever devotedly

Alfred.

P.S. I shall write - when you can
tell me all about your relations &
what you know about our family.

Cascadilla Blg.
Ithaca, N. Y.,
10-8-'11

Dear Dr. Dugger:-

Your letter and check came
Friday morning and I am writing
to acknowledge the receipt of
the seventy five dollars (\$75.00).

I am sorry I was unable to
call Friday afternoon but
will do so as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your note,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Atkinson

PM 17th St., N.Y.
OCT 10, 1911

My Dearest,

We are getting on splendidly without you!! But we do wish, with an editorial we, that we could be with you. I hope you are having the wonderful weather that we are having. It is glorious & is alive in.

If you can stop in Buffalo

living affection & true Comrad-
ship. How's that?

Any way I can hardly
wait until your return—
we are so lonesome and
"I beg to remain

Yours Respectfully"
M. R. Duggan

on your return bring Lenora
& Proctor home with you—
Lenora any way. I long to see
The child.

Mr. Norton was disappointed that
you should run away just
as he was coming.

And talks of Curiosity. 'Our
neighbor has it! I told him you
were on a Business trip!

The children send you
many kisses & I send my
and that love wrapped in dark
wappings of the tissue of

Dear Mr. [unclear] of [unclear] [unclear]
Thursday Morning
PM Madison, Wisc.
OCT 2 1911
(15)

Dearest Marie -

I was so surprised and
delighted to get your letter -

I just walked in air all in
the thoughts that we might
be together once more and
enjoy each other & our chil-
dren.

Your hubby came in to see
us Tues. morn. We were so
glad to see him, and please
tell him that our reputa-
tion is good enough I think
for him to safely let his
wife call us her friend
even if we do make such

An unfortunate appearance. It
seems like we are always
upset in some way when we
especially want to make a good
impression.

Edo says the position "looked good"
to Mr. D. so you will come - to say
I would be delighted unless putting
in mildly.

You ask my opinion of your "old man".
I certainly do not blame you for all
you see you give him. He is such an
attractive, and quite looking young
man. & has such a good reputation
in his work throughout the country. I
have been hearing. You are a fine
note girl.

Write to me as soon as your decision
is made visit you please for I am anxious.
Last summer we couldn't last long Mr. D.
for dinner & had a good lovely visit.

Mr. Martin
 11 Melrose St.
 Bluffton S.C.
 My Darling -
 Many thanks for
 the pretty little box you gave
 for better than a hand knitting.
 Lady Martin is not married
 yet - meaning I received lots of
 handsome silver presents. The
 house was beautifully decorated
 with roses & palms & the bride
 was dressed in white satin & carried
 pearls & a beautiful lace veil
 & a bouquet of lilies of the valley.
 The groom Mr. Leavitt of New
 York who is quite well off - bought



ten of his rich northern funds
with these most handsome
patents for his Buick; they all
came & left last night for
New York & Charleston. These
most beautiful. We were taken to
from the wedding in a fine
automobile at the expense of
our host. Mr. Martin, from
Baby don't hear "Don't" Agnes
it charmed with I don't she
funny for he is married.
He is now the Captain of the
Steamer "Louis" running between
Savannah & Bluffton. The
other boats are now running

& Bluffton & the Southport and
have a little more of the funds
left. Did you know from Lee
that Charles had had an opera
box for a number of, only once.
I have not heard from her, about
him although Aggie & I have
written twice to make inquiries.
Aggie received also her
present for "Baby" & no doubt
has written. I thank you
she never tells of whom she
is writing. Charles has not
sent a commitment for two
months & Miller & Douglas
outfit myself 1000 & more,

because I had \$300.00 -
The bank now I am doing
some of that but thank
God, I am able to meet my
needs & am doing my best
don't say anything of this
to anyone, he has said the
same. We are all happy in
being together & long to have
you too. Aggie had both of
her complements last night & she
is confident beautiful by each
& say one. But I think you
take the bag of the pickle, are
your beautiful eyes & hair &
intelligence & mental qualifi-
cations. No history!

604. W. 141st St. New York.

October nineteenth

Dear Dr. Duggie,

Kerr writes
that there is trouble with
the tin roof, and a new
needed. Will you tell me
how much it will cost
- it must be done anyway
so will you give the order
at once, making the best
arrangement you can?

Do you suppose the pay
could wait for the Decem-
ber rent? It is going
to be hard for me to man-
age earlier, as there are

other extras this, and next
month. I suppose there is
no "Dean of Agriculture" yet,
and I wonder what your
plans are. We were very
pleased to read a very
complimentary notice in the
Times of your book - I
hope returns financially may
be as flattering also.

Will you send a line about
this last misadventure, and
tell me if there is any
hopeful notion for me about
the disposal of the house.
Do you think it would
be wise for me to put
it in Mr. Yarbells hands?

I don't admire him, but
he seems to get business
through with neatness and
despatch. - With love to
Mrs. Dwyer, and the children
I am

Cordially yours

Elizabeth Kerr Almain.

605. N. 141st St, New York.

October twenty nine.

Dear Dr. Dugger,

Will you kindly
send Kerr at Cascadilla -
twenty-four dollars of Emma's
rent, and remainder to
me here. That is December
pay which he will pay.
I hope the roof trouble is
to be settled soon.

I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth Lee Atkins