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PM. July 11/11
1506 E. Genesee St.
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Suggs:-

I was so glad
to receive your letter, but
was very sorry to hear
you have all been sick,
and hope you are all
well once more.

I want to thank you
for your kind invitation.
We would dearly love
to come but our time
now is getting so short
that it would be almost

it very hard for Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Knowlton didn't attend the meetings this year after Thurs. He thought we were going so soon that he better wait.

Catharine is going to miss Louise a great deal. I wish we could take her with us.

We expect now to go to Cambridge for the summer, and then in the fall go to Germany and perhaps a few of the other countries. We are not quite sure yet just where we will be after we leave Cambridge. I wish you would write

impossible for us to get away, but if you still want us when we return we would be only too pleased to come.

I had a nice newy letter from Miss Fitch today. Said Mrs. Vedeler had been ill, but was better and said that Mrs. Storry had gone West but was coming back soon.

I was sorry to hear about Tommy Monk. I think the children were quite sick down there the year before last. It must make

me and tell all about your good
time at Woods Hole this Summer.
Do you know yet where you will
be there?

We expect you to sail in two
or three weeks, and I have a
great number of things to do be-
fore that time.

Do you ever hear from Mrs.
Lewis? I heard just before Imas,
and they were well only she was
having quite a time with servants.

Please remember us to Mr. Suggs,
and much love for yourself and
the children. Sincerely, Clara R. Hamilton

Auburn, Ala.,

Feb. 5, 1911.

Dear Mother; -

I have made so many little trips lately that I am not sure whether I wrote last Sunday. I fear I may not have done so, as I was in Montgomery that day. Fannie and I went down Saturday to have adenoids taken from Llew's nose. Dr. Thigpen wished to give ether and to remove tonsils as well as adenoids. We decided to have only the adenoids removed, and this by Dr. Persons, as he does this without the administration of ether. Llew

stood it very bravely although the instrument had to be inserted three times. Elvie breathes almost entirely thro his mouth and is inclined to stoop, said to be partly due to not getting enough oxygen into his lungs. He is very active, well developed, and vigorous.

Fannie went down again yesterday with Frederic, to have the latter's eyes examined. Dr. Persons reported a case of a medium degree of astigmatism, and recommended glasses, which Frederic will not wear unless in time compelled to do so. He has just

I understand that Elvie is to say they offered him an insurance of salary at Cornell & wrote him to that effect; that is, I understand he means by that corresponding effort at Cornell.

been elected one of two to represent his literary society in a competitive speaking here on Feb. 22, the speeches to be original. He has completed the first draft of his and will have but little more time to give it, as mid-term examinations will occupy the coming week.

I was glad to hear of the evidence of appreciation of Ben in Missouri and of the corresponding effect at Cornell. It seems to me, without knowing the details, that his decision not to accept a readership was a wise one. I do not think much of readerships for men who expect to accomplish much in science.

I understand from your letter what you wish to know it is well explained to him in my reply.

Having a man, I have been able to start a garden earlier and with more promise than usual. Strawberries have been ^{transplanted} set for several months, cabbages are doing nicely, and lettuce, radishes, turnips, peas, and beets are up. I rather expect to lose the latter.

A few days ago my man hurt his foot and the probability is that he will lose a few days of this fine farming weather. Tell father I shall be very glad to accept the pecans of the 1899 crop. Ask him to express them to me at Auburn promptly. I should be glad to pay for labor and for nuts, if he can hire anybody to gather another peck of the 1918 crop, - to come on when ready. Love to you, father, and Runt. We are all well. Frances hopes you will not forget to answer her letter of about week ago. Yours aff. son, Fred.

saw, paraplum 3 or 4 inches high, & how the
cow enjoys it! has improved in which to serve it
put up, furnishes us all we want, & a plenty of
butter.

For three days we expected each day to go to Louisville
but the mornings were cloudy until too late to go,
now there is no telling when the visit will be
made. Your aunt Beville has such frequent, & for the
time severe attacks, that I am more anxious than
ever to see all I can of her. Dr. Groves tells her the
pain in her heart (as she says) is from cold & that
she must take more care of herself & not ride over
rough roads, & she can't come often to see me, then
too she has only one carriage horse & a little boy about
the lot so she would have to put in Rick's riding
horse & get a driver, say! how we all have come
down!! Don't you remember when we kept 4 horses,
6 cows, & three servants, now it is one & one, sometimes more.
Do you remember a large yellow beaver in our lot, she

is the mother
of the children
for me
much too
to go all
you about
Mother.

belonged to Reuben, she died last week. I was so
sorry but it was set through neglect. Her Reuben
has a look, she must be much more efficient, at
least in some things, than Dorcas was. She milks
7 cows & without extra feed of any kind he sold 5
lbs of butter last week after using what he needed.
He is here are laying a little but Lewis Scott's children
steal all they can find, even off the front porch.
Reuben you know has been off a good deal in the
day time grading land & they have full play, have to
come in the yard to get water.
I can understand how hard it was for you to decide
about that offer, but it appears to me you had very
good reasons for declining. I hope they will give you
as much at Cornell as Dr. Hall offered.
So Boyce thinks he must go to school, well I think
he would soon get tired of it. Kindergarten might
interest him for awhile. I wish for the children
such that a spring had come & they could play out.

I am not hearing from Henry these days, he is getting
worse & worse about writing. I enclose Paul's last letter
as it contains more home news than I can repeat.
Those poor children, there is always some thing the
matter with them. Fanny can always find something
serious the matter with them.

I had a letter from Warr some days ago, he works
on the engines as machinist, from 7 in the morning
until 6 next morning, then without breakfast gets
bed at once, & sleeps until about 3 or 4 in the
evening. Small pox is raging at El Paso, all R.R.
^{employees} ~~officers~~ have been vaccinated. From the way he
writes Corizzo must be near El Paso, there have
been 2 cases in Corizzo. Warr says he never grows
tired of looking at the mountains, "snow or no snow".
I am afraid he loves that country too well ever to live
in Aha again. It is growing colder & more cloudy,
bad times ahead I fear. Oh! I forgot to tell you

When Lucia is in morning for
Dear Katie. I am waiting for the
darkness & will then sit down & write
I will do some shopping. I enjoyed
a visit from Mr. Carter a few after-
noon since. She is a sister of the
late Mr. Hamilton Smith & delightful
company. She is here visiting Mrs.
Glenn her daughter who lost her hus-
band & is living in a fine apartment
house. She has two children. We
are invited to dine with them on
Sunday. She has loaned me the
Pamphlet written by a member of
Boston (Mr. Ling) opposing Mrs. Estlin's
"Delusions". I have been reading "How
Thomas' House of the Seven Gables".
Miss Lamb says I enjoyed Mr. Miller.
Lucia has dictated a letter to
her - being having very thing that left
her to me. In that event I think

also his visit of three days. Says
his room is beautiful & full
of expressions & deep feeling. He
stays for them. After tea accom-
panied by Mrs. Hay on their
return. Willie says he would
love to return to the old home
every year or two to rest & get
fresh. Willie saw many of
of relatives in Savannah &
says Lucy Hunter is a fine man
& full of sense. He told Willie
that Kent's estate will be settled
the last of March. & "Will" thinks
he ought to visit Lucia the latter
part also of March. and she is
employed to see me again. also
Dear Papa of whom she is very

fond. He has not been feeling
quite well for several days but
is better. This afternoon I was taking
a nap after tea. He does not see
very much of Charlie as he is so
very busy & "Liz" wants him with
her all much of the afternoon as
he can spare. Darling! I thought I
wrote you that Lee has several little
quaint. Why don't you give the baby
some little present. As I am so fond
for instance. As soon as Lee is
well enough. Charlie wants to go
to the ^{his} feather & cluster the Charles Jr.
& when we go over I think I will
take a gift. & the youngest grandson
before I go South. I will have to
get some white mauls & a black
skirt. as I can't wear colored

a little, or do you me me me? I hope you are all well & the weather is pleasant; It has been raining here almost daily, & last night we had quite a fall of snow; but this afternoon the sun is shining I have not heard from Willie since the first letter by that time he must be at "Lick Springs" where he got his Convention meeting. I think, Willie, you hear only what you want to hear & only what you like to hear.

I am, as usual, your affectionate father

Wm. L. Garrison

I beg you Darling to send this by
"Edmund" express to me at home
as you have time to put it up
& I will thank you ever so much.
I am going out soon to get a nice
black skirt & some white china
dick naps & a pair of corsets &
then I will be ready to go to
nash & Bluffton when the time
comes. "Papa" has not been well recently
but is better & enjoyed himself
immensely yesterday. The ladies say
he is the image of General Lee &
is such a delightful Southern gentleman;
it is too funny. Did Alice
tell you what a pleasant visit
Charles had at the South & how he
had a banquet given him in Atlanta,
& the compliments he had paid him?

& that you look her at a present
\$5.00 while she appeared to have
2 days my children are so sweet
& their old aunt; she needs
sympathy & love for the missed
Hale & Benjy so much. I am
afraid the Portrait is rather de-
picted. As it has been for years
over the mantelpiece we discuss
him & you know they have only
open fire places down there. Mr.
Hamilton Smiles. Sister called on
me recently & invited us to dinner
yesterday. She is now with her daughter
in Mrs. Glace. who is a widow & has
two children. They have handsomely
furnished rooms in the "Washington
apartment building" (the most expensive

& fashionable in Baltimore) there
were two gentlemen guests & bachelor
& we had a jolly time, & delicious
dinner. Several persons called on
the afternoon. Mrs. Carter is "very in-
tellectually" woman & has been for
four years in South Africa. I see
her in Europe. Mr. Proctor has been
with her much of the time. Mr. Pro-
ctor is farming in South Amer-
ica but she supports him. Did Mrs.
Hamilton Smith have her sister
much money? They keep their son
Paul & Mrs. Carter must be handsome.
I wore my blue velvet dress & pink
Garnet in my hair & corsage.
& I looked gay. They said they didn't
"Papa" thought so too. I write now
for my black letter. I left with you,

Bluffton Feb 21st
1911

My dear Niece.

I am feeling badly
to day so I am getting Miss Canah to
write to you for me as I do not wish
to keep you in suspense received the
Post Office for \$1.00 I sent the Picture
hope you received it safely the
whole expense was only \$1.50 the
other \$3.50 I send you by Post Office
Order, many thanks for the \$5. you
sent me. it was a very handsome
Valentine, the best I got. Write me
if you if you received the Picture
Love to Mr Dugan & the children
Hoping to hear from you soon.
affectionately your Aunt.
Lucia Cuthbert.

Still devoted
 my love and con-
 sider-
 pires for your
 dear self and de-
 "Daddy" and many
 thanks for the love
 medal in the
 shirt and the other
 good thing.
 Love you me
 Feb. 20th
 I hope you are
 getting some
 pants and
 and being in
 much better
 of stock, hard to make
 any thing of
 any more at home.

Well this is the
 dear "George's" birthday as I will
 celebrate by writing to you. Also
 thank you for your sweet letter
 of yesterday and the box of lovely
 things which came this morning.
 The under garments are just
 fine for me, for I need the new
 things you sent, and the shirt.

This afternoon she is not well.
She is another one that sticks
the world over her some thing.
Dattie has gone to spend the
day with one of her friends and
I will call for her at five o'clock.
To-morrow I am going to the Southern
Woman's Club ^{or Breakfast} Luncheon, with Mrs
Carlin. She has the South Carolina
table. I will send you the picture
of the President of this Club also
the clipping about the Breakfast.
I was unanimously voted in
to the Southern Woman's Club
without bring at the meeting.
^{but} had so many Southern friends
that are crazy about me. But

Jack, must think the world owes him
a living. For she does not seem to worry
over anything. This indifference to
so crying to a woman! This age of the
world & every body hustle for the almighty
dollar, and there this lag behind gets
left. Mrs W. is in bed with a bad cold
and of course I am taking care of her
but she never comes near me when I
am sick. Can just give her some
beef extract, and my hot water bag. Caroline
Harry called me back a few moments ago
and wants me to come over to see her. You
will help me out on a dandy
dress for next years parties.
I can't afford to have it made
now, and after the 28th all the
Dances will be over. Thank
you a thousand times my
darling for all you do and
have done for me. I certainly
would be left on one shore
without you. There is no
business for Jack and he
just sits around, & if he
thought he could just wait
for people to be sick when
he has a family to take care
of. I think some times that

cannot afford to join ^{Feb 20th 1881} just now.
The dues are only \$2.00 per year.
Our President of the "Daughters of
the Confederacy" calls me a
Beautiful flower, and "Ornament
to the Society" - etc. I will soon
have the small head, merit. I. I. With
a little money I could be right
in the "Swim" to me, along.
On the 28th of Feb. the Junior
Class of the P. & S. College are
giving a large ball in Honor
of the Faculty instead of to
Dr. Irvine. I am trying to fix
on a while - dare Alfie sent
me last year, Mrs. Lyons sent
her. But - it is so out of date
that I don't believe I care now.

it for three days now I have
been fussing with it. You see
I had nothing left over from
last year for I move those two
parlyt chests for two years every-
thing until they just hang
together by a thread. Lent will
soon be here then I am going
to Church every day and send for
the poor, "Dollie" included. Are
you glad you are going South?
What a sweet friend you have
found in Mrs Carter, I enjoyed
her telling so much, it was beautiful
but I do not think she could
say too much in praise
of the grandest Parents in the

[illegible]

service of sexual, covered delightfully
cooked & served, but no wine or
cocktails (at Charles' bar). There
were two gentleman guests, but
look besides myself. One is quite
attentive to Mr. Hall, who is not
handsome & as graceful as her
mother, but pleasant, & rather
fine looking. Do you remember
any of the family? They speak
in high praise of Alice & Charles.
Mr. Carter has gone to New Orleans
for a month. I am sorry to lose
her, for she is quite interesting &
sweet mannered. Charles was
here a short while this morning
& said he remembered meeting
"Lill's" "Lillie". The former is
married & living in Louisiana.
Did Mr. Hamilton & Miller loan
money to Mr. Carter? I think

she holds the purse strings &
 her daughter is not independent
 of her. They pay \$3000 for their
 8 cows & fatten them, and
 keep four servants. "Papa" enjoyed
 the change very much. He is much
 a deer, & does not get much that
 he likes in these trading houses.
 These Baltimore women don't look
 after their looking but love to get
 up over their neighbors & have very
 kind to their servants. I am getting
 so stout. I don't eat a meal at
 breakfast only an orange or Grape
 fruit & a boiled egg & a roll &
 cup of coffee. Which is all I ever
 eat for. Lunches here are from
 1 to half past one o'clock, but
 soon as well as of a fine
 day, & we are never sold, only if we

go into the mind is cold & there.
It must suck out in the city. I
went to Buffalo until the weather
is so warm as I will have to
be exposed in travelling and it is
I hope dearer you & Ben are
enjoying the garden of the season.
The Current Literature Magazine
has not come to us any more as it
was sent to me in lieu of two
magazines I subscribed for last
winter in Chicago, one of which
failed. I did not know this until
recently. I wondered who sent it
to me. We have not heard but once
from Freddie since he left Bath-
more, presume he is in Buffalo
by this time. Charles says Lee &
the baby are doing nicely & Lee has
up a part of every day. The little
fellow is to be circumcised in
a day or two when he gets a sight

it is said our Bishop
Wey has
that - but? We are in the
mate with our Bishops.
Your letter with just one
a note concerning your
position about
Wey, I am very
sorry he is not well, and
that very soon he
has to go. When I
found it was turning so
cold, I got all the
largest trees from my
local nursery & put them
in a room in here (the
church) & they have
opened to nearly 100
degrees & I did not send
them to you. With much
love to you all & always
I remain to your children's & your servant's
father.

very much, I saw in the paper that Kump
was very bad in Ithaca, that the Infirmary
would not hold the sick students & that
other places had been applied for to accommodate
them, that a good many were ill with it.
I was so much afraid your children had taken
it & were very sick. I hope they will escape,
for winter is a bad time to have it I think,
is it it, or them? I wonder if you had it when
a boy, I think so.

It appears to have been pretty lively with you &
Marie. The Treenaw dinner you mentioned put
me to thinking if they are the Treenaws I met

in Columbia. I am glad Maria's card party
passed off as well, bridge which I suppose, that
seems to be the game now.

To think of your having so much snow! but I
expected it when we had such a cold change.
Sunday night we had a rain & wind storm,
Monday was cold, Tuesday colder & Wednesday
freezing, you can imagine ~~the~~ ^{the} harm done to
gardens, fruit & beautiful green lots. Some Father
thinks all the peaches are killed & most of the
pears, there is a late variety that had not bloom-
ed. The whole week has been windy & cold. There
was a slight moderation Thursday evening so
for fear of another rain we decided to go to
Lansville yesterday, the wind was cold but as
the sun was out & we well wrapped up, the
ride was not ^{very} unpleasant. We surprised them

very much, aunt Melville exclaimed "why how
in the world did you get here," she had heard
such accounts of the road, there were some holes
& deep cuts but we avoided them & trotted
most of the way. She looked out of spirits &
worried, what she has on her hands is enough
to worry her, Lucy & herself have to look after
everything about the lot & garden & pretches, Rich
only looks after the crops. There has moved across
the creek. I don't know what Beebe will do about
her place, There has only 4 hands there & no man
to look after the place. Sister Sally has a small
boy to feed, attend to cows, calves &c you may know
she has a time watching him & keeping him at
work. Lucy gave us nice letters of her own raising,
they put in a bag of turnip seeds for me to
bring home, thin the turnips by using it early, it is
so tender & nice. Last night I had a letter from

Heed, he says planning the new experimental work has cost him no little time & care & much mental strain, I felt sure it would & am afraid so much other work will wear him out. He says they have quite a nice turn out now, a large good looking black mare & a new surr, the latter Mrs Camp's treat. He is breaking a 3 year colt of his own raising & has another younger, they have also a new rubber tire buggy. I think they must have "opened a mine." By the way Tachalosa papers say the city will be supplied with natural gas in six months from Fayette. I sent you a paper telling of the gas. I don't know why but Reuben did not come up Sunday so I have not seen him for 2 weeks tomorrow. He may have gone to Ben Lechaprons to help him get off to the 1 o'clock train, he was very weak & needed assistance. I reckon he went to Atlanta for treatment. That reminds me

West. Orange Co. N. J.

February twenty five 1911.

Dear Dr. Duggan,

I awake to my
sin when time approaches for more
money. I did not acknowledge
your last check! This time if it
isn't too much trouble, will you
divide with Clara again —
fifty to her (1400. Park Ave) & fifty to
me here. All my Westcoast
friends say — "She didn't come and
she has told you" — "Of course you
have heard" — and casually refer
to things I haven't heard of.
Do your reference to a gift to

Silly, and more "dope", was and is
misplanned. Her little most generous
inquiries little from "astillero" and
"Loli", and such, though he is
a faithful correspondent. I hope
the last "Cold Wave" didn't "nose"
very long, and long. All these
poor people got their kumata, and
cucumbers killed; though oranges
were not hurt at all. The "Pines"
now are fairy land - with dark
green - light green - oranges still
hanging in abundance, and over
all "blossoms - blossoms and perfume."
Doubtless you've seen them. I think
I shall scrape enough out of my
crop of land to paint the house.

I do hope to hear that a hurricane will do
it all; the gods be done I know.
Hoping you are all coming safely to the
old world of us.

Sincerely yours
Elizabeth Van Arman.

who took Mr. Comelli's picture,
I hoped. I found of Mr. Comelli
that I had for mine, by Mr. Comelli's
request & at his expense, as it was
to be his. The artist told me he
had never but once used the same
white paint: he used in painting
my picture, & was very proud of
his work, never allowing any one
to see his work, until it was ac-
complished. My brother did not
think it was a flattering likeness,
it was too redundant & out of ex-
posed taste. When we left the pic-
ture & came North it was in good
condition & I am too sorry it is
so much damaged & broken. Miss Sa-
rah Edwards must have left the
packing to some careless negroes.
Dearest, your much more than
of sending me any affection, at I have