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Durham, N. H.

April 3rd 1911

Dearest Marie:-

I have been
thinking of you & the dear
kiddies constantly &
have wished every day I
could know just how
you & they were getting on.
I'm sure I have my
sympathy. I have been
strongly grief-struck &
sick. Only I had Anna &

bring him more spontaneously
at Cornell. The climate of
Ithaca is such that you
can live there the year
round if you have to & that
is more than can be
said of Columbia. But -
I should think living
expenses would be much
higher in Ithaca than in
Columbia. What you &
I both need is smaller houses
to take care of. These big
ones & houses are terrible
to keep in order & to keep

Latching with with-it-one
much to Leonora, with-o.
baly Priscilla all down with
it-the next. The great-
humble with-measles -
that you have to keep the
room so very dark & it
is so hard for children.
I wish could help you
take care of them for
suppose by this time Bazine
is having his turn. When
they get with you had better
bring them here & see what-

a change I am much so for them with-
especially for the dear little fellow.
Mind-bite to thank I am having
understand & most kinder. The next
of the with-it dying. nails at the
eye.
I am delighted to hear that
Agnes Penn has had such a
fine offer & although she does not
take it. it is nice to know she
is wanted back & it is quite-
a treat - his say & night. &

up. This needs repair, ^{April 3, 1911}
every room & the rooms are
so large etc. that we can only
do a very little at a time.
At present I am trying to have
the kitchen put in shape
I am having a cheap pine
floor put down & then it
is to be covered with an
expensive Linoleum. The
walls are to be painted
& a white sink put in &
the job will cost eighty
five dollars if not more.
The Carpenter came last-

his case. Dr. Standish
said that Dr. Flanders
was doing just-right & of
him to continue & he
charged me ten dollars.
I asked Dr. Standish if he
knew Dr. Gould & he said
Oh: yes. I have known him
for years & we are old
friends. Pincus's eyes
have troubled her a great
deal for over a year for
inflammation of the iris. Both
say that there is something
the matter with her
circulation which causes it.

Thursday fore up half of
the old floor & put a few
new boards down & then
not seen him since. He
has been up at city school
every morning so as to
get breakfast-out-of-the-
way by the time he got-
home & every day we are
disappointed. Every thing
is at ruins & ruins & it
is discouraging. Carl-
ette down to any thing.
I want to take Emily.

Priscilla & Arthur Medwelder
as they are having but made a
vestition now & tomorrow night.
I met in there as that I can
tell her mind - her showing
that things are as myself - don't
know if I can go or not.
Carl. Friday last Priscilla &
Dr. Taylor & Hansard & Taylor - I
have him examine her eyes
as my wife and girls - satisfied
with Dr. & Hansard's examination.

as her eyes are perfect ^{April 2, 1911}
otherwise. She has given
herendmoly during the
year or menshales of the
first time last fall &
has not been very regular
since so we hope when
she gets straightened out -
she will get on the eye
better.

Our Mamma will
very highly & cheerfully
& I do hope their visit
will do them lots of good.
They are both enjoying very

this dear y old place - etc.
old free both black & white.

I have written this post-
script to get it off in the
ten o'clock mail & now
my time is up.

I had a grand time in
New Eng & wish I had
time to tell you all about
it. The only trouble was
that we were rushed
for time & had to get-
home by a certain day
I could only spend one

day with Thompson.

With a heart-ful of love &
sympathy I wish the Negro that
the precious child - and you
to well. Your devoted mother -

Ever much love to Sam & the
children for me.

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April 6, 1911.

Mrs. B. M. Dugger,
5 East Avenue,
Ithica, New York.

My dear Mrs. Dugger:

Your letter of March 30th has reached me. I have already made arrangements to go to the sea shore again this Summer, but we are likely to go to the mountains the following Summer and I hope you will let me know if your cottage will be for rent Summer after next.

Indeed I do remember your husband and his father and brother, and hope we may see you both sometime in Washington.

Thanking you for your letter and with good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

RPH-M.

R. P. Hobson

It is so hot, that even the
hundred yards to office wa-
surdant, as it provided my-
self with this in one hour
was my immediate and
required. The little case
yesterday, and was highly
appreciated. Do come for
the little baggins your
journals. I have been
anxious about my adult
on account of "Pump" &
have been imagining him
in a highly painful state
of affliction all by his love
in Escalante. But I had
account he was escorting
a "Ship" to Union. But in
my, here now all for-bow.
But say anything about the
case I have - showing pe-
rison knowledge. The "Pump"
a youth is the most excellent
of creatures as to "gentleness" and
it will take him a lot, &
it is used in his novel description
only, and I am, I, soon.
with much C. K. A.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

J. B. W. Dugger.
S. East Ave.
Albany
N. Y.

THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear George W. H.
Saturday - April 8.
I shall be able to write
to acknowledge your com-
munication by return mail
this time - so that the
chance of such answers
I do it in a postcard.

Buffalo N. Y. April 15th 1911

My Darling Mamma

Your lovely Easter-gift
reached me safely & it is beauty. And
will be worn with much pleasure
when I take my evening walk with
Papa. Lucia begs me to thank you
for your generous gift & her & your
kind letter says my children receive
as kind to her. She is not improving
but looking older every day. Sarah Ed-
wards sends you the enclosed Compe-
nati's hair. The only one I have seen
since with - ~~knows~~ me it. It is a
curiosity; & she sends it as a present
to you. Papa thanks you for her.
Charles & Arthur & Helen & Cord

Dearest I send you an
old letter of my Brother Jacob.
It talks of it alludes to the
early days of the war & to those
troubles of him. With you now here
well as the air is so soft & sweet
from the sea. Some day we will
have the house repaired & kept
for our children that want to
spend a couple of months here
for a rest & change of air & I
will be sure when Lucia passes
away. I must close at dinner
it's ready love & kisses to Ben &
the dear children. I trust Boyce
is almost well once more. He is
so smart & active & kind as I heard
for him with devoted love to you
from Papa & myself. Your own dear
Mother

P.M. Apr 19, 1911

My Dear Louise.

I certainly appreciate
very much your Easter card
and the fact that you
remembered me. I think the
card must have been your
own work and it was so
well done.

We must have a real good
visit and ride this summer.
We expect to drive to Ithaca
about the middle of June and
stay until the second week
in July.

when we will probably go on
to Woods Hole, possibly with my
neighbors who will spend six
weeks with us by the ocean.

When will you be leaving
all of ~~that~~ time and will
we not be able to have
a fine ride with brother and
your parents.

I wish you would write
me about this.

Remember Mrs. Thuma and
myself to your parents and
brother.

Very cordially
Mrs. Thuma

Feather tucked with April 19th, 1911 letter



How are you this
 beautiful day? We are all very well
 & are sitting on the piazza enjoying
 the sweet air & the beautiful view.
 Will numerous sail boats skim
 along its surface. & the song of
 the Mocking Bird, & the
 air. One minute Mr. Hay is on a
 path case; so we have no service
 in our Church. Mrs. Heyward
 & I have been eating Sweet Potatoes
 & Peanuts; & gossiping. Miss
 & her sisters are coming
 down in May or June. & we
 have the house opposite ours. & it
 will be very pleasant; we walk
 out every evening & I now say
 our little path. morning & the
 beautiful road dust & received
 many compliments. I thought the

these in Baltimore for \$5.00
- it fits me beautifully. The
expense I take kept me very
warm. but - but the night air
is cool & I have a little Rheu-
matism most of the time. The
flowers here (more in numbers) are
very good. but no chrys. in
my garden: I send Ben with
my love a clipping from a Charleston
paper, which Mr. Hay takes regularly.
"Papa" sends you many kisses. &
is so happy that his letter pleased
you. He is very well & says the
change does him good. He has
just returned from a walk &
visit to the President. Your little
nephew Frank Linn. is a handsome
man. & married. Bring an Arsenal
by wife & family & my love but
dinner is ready & Alice is calling me.
While we are about what you are doing
my darling & all. Love & Joy to all

Saturday.
P.M. Ithaca N.Y.
Apr. 23, 1911

Dear Mrs. Duggan,

Thank

you so much for the
lovely flowers you so
kindly sent me. It
was more than good
of you to think of me
and I wish you
could know how I
am enjoying them.
With kind regards,
and again to say
Thanks, Sincerely yours,
Lillian Lawrence Schurman

some thing. We
 have been cleaning
 out the boxes & now
 they is putting in a
 piece of foundation
 on each one. With
 all the trouble they
 take they should be
 more than 10 to a pound.
 He is going for some
 tractors on a large
 scale this evening. I
 helped him at 10
 more plates Saturday
 evening. A few plates
 are in bloom. I have
 been taking my spinach
 & down here very much,
 then I at top of grass is
 over. My pen just at top
 just writing, this article.
 Much love to you all
 Mrs. David Foster.

I came here last Tuesday

expecting your Father would be home about
 Friday & come for me Saturday, but here it is
 Monday & I have not heard one word from
 him since I left him on Tuesday. Tuesday.
 Rich was in Hamedale & I came out in the
 buggy with him. I don't know what to think
 about it unless your Father went to Basel's
 & was induced to stay there several days, if he
 did I will be right provoked, because he said
 he did not expect to go there at all, if I had
 thought he would have stayed there so long
 I might have gone & have seen Slawey too. I

in time to take a quantity of flowers to this country & return
have had a quiet pleasant visit to aunt
Kielville. Yesterday we went to church, returned
to dinner thinking your Father might be here
waiting for me. Coming back we met an
automobile in the road, there was quite a scene,
one of the horses was dreadfully frightened, the coach
was narrow with a deep ditch on one side. The
horse began backing & we did not know where we
would be landed so we jumped out & tried to get
out of the way of the backing carriage. Fortunately
Dr. Crosby was in the auto, stopped the machine
until we got in, after walking a little way. Anne
was dreadfully frightened & it was bad for
her but she is flying around this morning attending
to everything. I never saw any one carry on such a
variety of work as she does, I don't see how she
can stand it. It was unfortunate that I should

have been from home this past week, Adelaide
De Bore died at Weymouth, where she lived with
with Mrs Poole, was buried Thursday at St.
Andrews. As one of her oldest friends I felt I
should have been there, but we did not know a
word about it until that night. Yesterday Ernest
Collins' little girl was buried, the ladies had planned
for a memorial celebration yesterday afternoon, & my
sister I know was needed. It is very cloudy today & if
your Father does not come for me today I may not get
home for several days yet.

I have felt so anxious to hear from you all, not expect-
ing to be here but a day or so I left word for
my letters to be forwarded only two days. I hope
there are some at home waiting for me. I hope
to hear Boykin is himself again, Louise I suppose
has entirely recovered. I had a letter from Wave about

a week before I left home, he will remain in
Carrizozo this summer. I had wrote he would go
to Jacksville on the 18th, the day I would have
gone to Auburn if he had not gone to Florida.
I will finish this later when I may have heard
some thing from home, help Lucy now to clean out the
"skeps" (is that spelled right?) to her hives the web
worms killed the bees in a good many of their hives.
Sister Sally says what can she do for wild dew on her
eyes, you can tell me & I will write her, can you the
trouble.

After dinner - The mail came, a card
from your Father written as he was leaving
Montgomery for Auburn (22nd) I suppose he
came home on the noon train today & if the
rain holds off I may get home some time tomorrow.
Bessie is crazy about the cotton claims writing to
any one she thinks can give any information on
the subject. I don't believe we will get anything
but she clings to it as a last hope to have

1) Ocala, Orange Co. Florida. Ms. A. 7. 11
April 1891.

Dear Mrs. Fingger - or may I say
"Maie"? - It is such a pretty name,
and I always think of you so.
Besides - I have a lovely photograph
of you on my wall - framed
by - (the original) - "Lobum" - I
hope you have one yourself -
The "Daughter" doesn't look like
"Louise", but face is perfect - &
your hair was done so. Some
"oleanders", and "weeping birds" are
painful subjects to "duelling" "win-
now + ice" - (which holds in
past reason), and I have no
other subjects under my notice
here - how shall I make a letter?
Besides - I have epistolated all
my stationery away, and am re-
duced to a "village store Pad" -
I have been "out" two evenings to
school "closing exercises", and
was vastly entertained. Love, Father

and local appreciation conforming!
Two "plays" - a "May Pole" in white
and yellow. - Twelve little maids
skipping - most ungracefully, and
hopelessly engaged by the third
round. Despairing looks towards
sympathizing relatives: - a sweet-
faced maiden teacher, undaring,
and sturdily handing "streamers"
out fresh - three times round -
then worse than ever! A "Flag
Dill" was very solemn but most
litter - the He-oashed 'little boys
with a "D-a-r-die" look and a
stem disregard of music or "stop"
got through. Then alternate boys
and girls of varied years, dashed
successively forward, and emitted
gaspingly a speechlet each. One
came, thereaft, and next again
upon the maternal shoulder -
next one, because he "got out",
and refused to believe that he
"Done Fine". A girl tremulously

Aug 27, 1911

2) Song - "Silver Threads Amongst
Gold". Of course you won't believe
me - but I put it down for you
to take or not. She had an
exquisite voice too - little trained,
awkward thing. Allegretto -
andante, and fall - it was a
"long time ago" - rather sweet and
touching. These people, one, and
all, work so hard - have so
little but "compensation" appears
largely to my mind. A man is
as interested in raising and
shipping "Cakes" (cucumbers) - when he
is - as another man in writing
"monographs" and things - whether
is, and the arrival of "Inventions
on "Cakes" at the "Maid" is a
moment of Monte Carloque. - Well
must expect. I shall assure you.
I do hope the last "Messie", and
"Mung" are away by now - such
a trial. Those old fashioned things
which refuse to go out!

My children did their full duty -
Narcissus in several languages and
Clara had "Whipping Cough" - I was
pronounced "Uncle" - Ben has
"putting away childish things" and
his ~~present~~ one year ring gone.
His yesterday letter says the "Charlotte"
goes to Buffalo. Saturday - so I
doubt if he makes connection
with his "present" in the proper
day. Such a time I had getting
Narcissus "gold" but the
right connection was made first,
and it was extracted from
the Charlotte "mint" by an old
friend of my father. Clara and
I are chuckling over Mrs. Chapman's
and your admiration expressed
for Ben's "hands" - We are so
accustomed to beholding them
through "Engine Press" - "Doubly" -
we never thought what they
might be, and he would
promptly expire if he knew

3) They were artistic numbers. As for
me I'm proud as possible of
both my children, and no use
putting my son out. Her son
new "Doge" is to go on the
"Hight". It can imagine that
to do its placing has caused.
The "Racial" survey is all over -
don't know how many different
papers that found it in "Many
Lies the Head" - of Doge College!
- no matter what she does or
doesn't! - Now the question about
China? - Give me time to think
about it and see later.
Of course all things of that kind
I have kept, or caught for her.
It is a puzzling, and painful
question - in its beginning and
continuance - whether to dissi-
minate, quite so soon. Of course
every body knows more or less -
how things are - but I wish

now - my friends to know that I
used to sell the Lampas House
to the "William" who wished it
very much - and to put the ma-
ney in a house in the "Wild
Garden" - if J. A. would deed
one half an acre to put it on.
It was the last money I had
from my father, and I determined
to buy it for his grandchildren.
He would not - then - after
the opportunity to sell was buy-
shorted the building - and all
the plans - then made an
apartment for me to come to
bank, and sign papers borrowing
fourteen thousand dollars - and
he had not a cent of it. He
thought he had gone so far it
couldn't refuse, and it took
all the strength I had - or
could pray for, but it had
to be done. If I had not
- had as the situation is - it
would have been far worse.
There! - I do not talk about

4) private matters usually - but I ^{Apr 3, 1911} really think the time has come perhaps to say what is loss, and prove it is not worse. Mr. A has a will of iron and can not stand immoderation, where he considers absolute medicine is due. I have feared to come back any time - to live in the "Bungalow" - but it is absolute medicine - or nothing. Then for the children - besides it must be nothing - they for their sakes I would force anything to straighten things out of this painful and humiliating state for them. All this followed your question about dishes - I don't think I really have any hope of better days, but I am not quite ready to begin the

scattering process. I may try
taking Cochrane somewhere later
on - I have no idea what to do,
but wait - Mr. Bancroft knows
just how things are - Mr. Bailey
does - Mr. Hill, and Mrs. Turner
for others it is guess work, and
no telling what they give. Only
it is an old story by now.
I shall be here one more
week. My next address will
be Lebanon. D. C. Care Dr. Martin
Will Dr. Duggar kindly send
the May check to Lebanon?
(1405. Park Ave) The "painting"
can be paid for out of July
and August - if that suits
him? Hoping your summer will
be so pleasant that winter may
be forgotten -

I am
affectionately yours
Elizabeth Rice Atwood.