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she was much better, but Lucy less so little strength & is nervous. Sister Sally wrote. Now they were among all the Trustees they can save for the birds, they hardly allow them to leave before they get them. It is the first time I saw heard of birds sitting to nest as in such quantities. Lucy saw 400 Phalaropes, before the season with 700 came to full, if the birds will let her. It is dinner time & I shall have to come. I am sorry for them to miss a family at home. We are a good deal of work to do with - cows & other things & sometimes say we can't get off. Her

from west letter but as it has not come I think I will risk one addressed simply to Woods Hole. Your card written a week ago today reached me promptly & I was glad to know you were so near your journey's end, & had a "help" along with you. I expect you are enjoying the new breeze today, with us there is no breeze at present, & it is close & hot, we usually have a nice breeze. I am so thankful that I will not be in the kitchen today - A girl began work yesterday, if she continues to do as well as

a new one, they say he makes lots of money.
I think I wrote you of having a card from
Temple Jackson's baby girl. Your father wrote
him, in reply he had a nice letter, he said he
was married last April a year ago, was living
in Mexico then, his wife's parents are English
people, she was born & raised in Mexico & felt quite
foreign when he brought her to the U States, they
resided N O, Meridian & Gainesville, are now
living in Tonopah. Nebraska.

We saw by the paper last night that Dr
Abercrombie president of the University was
put out, no successor chosen yet. The board
was to make public their reasons for putting
him out yesterday as I am anxious to see
tomorrow's paper. Lucy returned from Tuscaloosa
Wednesday, her mother thinks her not much
improved by Dr Ross's treatment, he said

Auburn, Ala.,
July 9, 1911

Dear Mother,

I returned last night
from a long trip. I had left
home Monday night and spoke
Tuesday to a fourth of July
picnic crowd in the north-
western part of the State
near the Miss. line. After
speaking and inspecting
some experiments that I
have under way nearby, I
started for Point Clear south
of Mobile, by way of West
Point Miss. At West Point I
was near Slackville and stopped

at the latter place
overnight, seeing a number
of friends for a few moments.
I reached Mobile after the
boat had left so I had Thurs-
day night there, spending
the evening with Lewis and
Ida. The next day I went
to Point Clear to the meeting of
the Ala. Cotton seed oil men.
I had a pleasant boat trip
back to Mobile, where I had
to wait until 2 pm. I spent
the evening at Aunt Alice's.
Found all well in both fami-
lies. Met Mr. Milloughby and
his little son Lennie and saw

Fannie Milloughby. I had
a hard time keeping
awake until train time.
At 3 o'clock am. stop-
ped at Bay Minette, to
inspect experiments, as I
did after sleeping late
next morning.
On reaching home I
found all well and garden
and fields in need of rain.
I did not get a chance to
stop at the farms.
I expect to go to South
Carolina "Rural Life Week" at
Rockhill early after a day or
two at home.

The Mississippians wanted
me ~~to~~ to give a course of lec-
tures for a week ~~down~~ at their
round up institute the
last week in August but
I think I shall decline,
tho not yet certain of my
course.

Miss Mayfin Sykes is still
with us and the children are
greatly enjoying her visit. Our
man left us for a week but
has set in again. My black
mare, bought for driving in April,
has not yet recovered from a wire
cut. We are enjoying now a full flow of milk
after drying them for several months.
I received a letter from Gallatin.
With love to all from aff. son Fred.

your family.

had the large plate full that is on the table now, waiting to be used.

I don't think I have written you since your 4th of July letter came, we enjoyed that, & the one to your Father very much, were sorry to hear of your trouble, you did not mention it in your last letter as I hope the Dr's prescription has benefitted you, let us know - I am glad you could go to a specialist. I suppose on the sea shore you can get a plenty of nice fish & crab, so cutting off the meat will not be a great privation, what a fight the Drs make against meats these days! in many cases it seems all right. Uncle Ben has used no meats (until this summer chicken) & writes he is feeling better than he has done

I don't drive any more since winter, thought they might amuse him some times if she had to stay in those new doors, I think with a little help she might just turn together.

McIntire says, she saw him Sunday at church. He is very busy building a large barn & attending to the place, said they had so much rain that he had not been able to plow in 3 weeks, others have been suffering for rain. Ben saw Sunday his corn was burning up but I think he had good rains yesterday & day before. He feels pretty sure now that Orr Riggs, & Lewis Scott, (one of his renters) are the goat thieves, they took only one for their 4th this year.

Ben. you write of wishing us to make you a visit on your return to Illinois - I assure nothing would give me more pleasure, I think constantly how delightful it would be but even if we could get some one to stay on the

Please I don't think your Father could
make up his mind to take the long trip.
He likes to take little short runs, & then is
impatient to return home unless he is with
Bollinger's family, he is devoted to them, has
some old friends too in Tachadose. I wish
we had moved there some years ago. The
only thing that keeps me from moving on a
move is that we are near Reuben.
I am sitting in the dining room, the birds
are sending forth joyous notes over their fruit
of figs, there is a little fruit for them this
summer that they are destroying the tomatoes,
particularly sister Sally's & cutting short the
supply for canning. Canning is becoming
quite an industry now, ladies are putting up
all kinds of vegetables, altho' they have been
scarce since dry weather ruined the

Bluffton S.C. July 19th

My Precious Daughter
I was so glad to hear
from you that you were
all well & happy. The weather
has been & is still so
warm. I have little energy
left for writing after my
house keeping & the babies
tell me. The air is soft
& cooler this morning &
I have a competent
cook in the kitchen
who also does not nothing
during the afternoon

in her own home.
(An old time servant -
"Papa" enjoys the salt
baths & the life full
of interest, but the hot
sun in the garden
was too much for him
& he had to be very
careful. I think I
wrote you that Rhie
they had deserted since
suddenly & with her
narrative with his father.
She is an old maid & I
don't think she could
say a word in her own home,
so we are all happy &

I glad she has gone
 She has had an ova-
 rian operation, years
 ago & that ~~that~~ has
 helped to make her
 easier unrefined & over-
 bearing, looking exactly
 this I fear but I am
 too tired to stir up
 after meeting her, I went
 for supper, & feeling
 delighted with the
 fun of it. We had nice
 fresh, homey, Colabber
 & toast for breakfast
 & a watermelon every

day at eleven o'clock.

How I wish you all were
here with us, if we never
saw the trust to change.

I have a nice place
coloured to suit me
every afternoon. The

also suits "Hunt-Luna"

I only feel tired & sore
about my ankles, because

I don't sit much after

Alice left & had a

great deal to see after,

We have dear "Hunt"

Graphophone & I enjoy

using it. The book is large

& full of beautiful notes

I see Rose head, &
 chickens, fenced in
 part of it & we are
 near the Bluff, Bring
 Ben down also, in the
 Gene. & take a rest.

I have written to Aggie
 & beg her to come down
 with the children right
 away. I will pay their
 expenses, bottles, food
 Drapary, Aggie wishes
 & the Salt air & bath
 may do her good. I
 do hope they can come.
 Willie under happily

says he has been busy
for three months with
the "Chamber of Commerce"
business, Charles has
not been well on account
of the heat but Lee &
the Baby are well,
Douglas & Alice are
going to Canada,
Papa's Lucia just on
an invalid line, Thos
& then the children
& do write soon to you
Love "Mama"

wish on the way to Danville that I had you all in a nice way to take
the drive with us.
Mama has never seen
this country when it
was green & pretty. Oh!
I almost try to tell you
Sally Williams (Dick's
daughter) & her son
Method of House
with a poor pen to the
church Sunday
afternoon & look on
Mama's way
them - a sheep
way of getting
meant is it?
My tooth is aching
badly & so much
down with much
love to you all & bid
to the children. You have not
a bad pen, & the tooth ache, I fear my
letter will be a poor one but it is time for
you to have a letter & you must excuse all
defects. My glasses need repairing & I am
using an old pair. I should have gone to the
dentist this morning, it is hardly possible
that I can go to town even Monday. It is
cloudy & cool today & would have been a good
time for the drive, but we are afraid to
venture out such a looking day, might
be caught in a rain, we have had such
hard rains, real downpours.
It was unfortunate that you could not enjoy
the visit of the Parson family, that was a

long trip for one day! We hear of so many accidents with automobiles that I wonder people are willing to risk their lives that way. I am sorry you keep so busy, was in hopes you would get home, & enjoy the sea coast, I would decline giving so many lectures in the summer. Now don't make arrangements for a busy time next summer. I suppose the trip on the launch is somewhat of a recreation. Your Father took a pretty good buggy trip day before yesterday, he went to the annual barbecue at the Munford place, I think it must be 10 or 11 miles from here. They are making some experiments out there. There were some pretty good speakers, but dinner was rather scarce unless the managers held it back for special friends. I went with him as far as sister Sally's

was glad to have a chance to spend the day with her. Part of the roads was rough & Annie suffered from the heat (it was a hot day) but came out all right. Reuben went the day before, (Wednesday) to sister Sally's to shorten the drive for his horse, was taken sick that evening & could not get up the barbeque day. I was so sorry, for he so seldom leaves home. He came down yesterday, rested & took dinner with us & went on home, said he was obliged to take his butter to town today. He has another terrible poor fellow, his fingers are getting stiff & sore & have that chalky formation on the joints & his ear troubles him, says he can't hear out of it & it sounds as if it is raining all the time. It is on the same side as the eye that he can't see out of & your Father says may have some

connections with it. I have written to ask
Henry if he can do any thing for him.
Thank Maria for her letter, tell her I will
answer it soon. We will have the blankets
made as she desires.

Tuesday there will be a grand barbecue at
Mrs Derby's place near Whitfield, it is on a
little mill road not far from Epiper, trains
will come from Meridian & Selma to take
the visitors, a good many gentlemen from here
will go, your Father among the number, &
perhaps Reuben. Mrs Derby has cattle experiments
for the state. He said he would not be
surprised if they had 3 or 4 thousand people
but that he would be prepared for them -
I should think it would take a small forest
to furnish wood for the barbecue.
The country is so green & fresh looking now, I