



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
5th Floor, Hunt Library
Carnegie Mellon University
4909 Frew Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890
Telephone: 412-268-2434
Email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu
Web site: www.huntbotanical.org

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized item.

Usage guidelines

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

Statement on harmful and offensive content

The Hunt Institute Archives contains hundreds of thousands of pages of historical content, writing and images, created by thousands of individuals connected to the botanical sciences. Due to the wide range of time and social context in which these materials were created, some of the collections contain material that reflect outdated, biased, offensive and possibly violent views, opinions and actions. The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation does not endorse the views expressed in these materials, which are inconsistent with our dedication to creating an inclusive, accessible and anti-discriminatory research environment. Archival records are historical documents, and the Hunt Institute keeps such records unaltered to maintain their integrity and to foster accountability for the actions and views of the collections' creators.

Many of the historical collections in the Hunt Institute Archives contain personal correspondence, notes, recollections and opinions, which may contain language, ideas or stereotypes that are offensive or harmful to others. These collections are maintained as records of the individuals involved and do not reflect the views or values of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation or those of Carnegie Mellon University.

About the Institute

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

train before reaching Montgomery, told one of his
aunt to go, I think he was much pleased, what
a pity he disappointed you the first time you went
to meet him, & was not with you to enjoy the
turkey, after the first day I think I would have put
it in the refrigerator until he came, as I suppose
turkey is too high to be indulged in often. Do you
find them as high in St. Louis as in St. Paul?

Louise must have given a good deal, Fred said she
is full size for her age & that the children are very
pretty & lovable, well, we knew that. Did you
think Fred was improved in looks by his extra flesh?
Did he spend the night, or only the day with you?
Well, now I will tell you of our outings. First the
comes Sunday - Deuben came late, & left early, as we
saw him only a little while. Monday after much
work & vexation your Father was ready to leave for
aunt Melville's at half past ten, we reached there at
12, a time I never like to run in on a housekeeper
but she said it made no difference that her dinner
was nearly ready & she would not add a thing, her

work had left & Lucy & her self were doing all the
work, in addition to every thing else, had boiled a
hen & made a bowl of salad for the dinner the
Episcopal ladies were to have next day at Fannedale,
the money made to be devoted to fixing up the
Cemetery - They told us of the dinner & wished we
could be there, I had not an idea that your Father
would go so said nothing about it but that night
he said, "well, I believe I will go to Fannedale tomorrow,
do you want to go?" Of course I was only too glad to
go, such a week as I had to get breakfast over & every
thing attended to in time to reach Gallien for the
train, he was slow & but for the train being 20 minutes
late we would have been left. We went right to the
building (a small store) where they were to have the
dinner. Sister Sally & Lucy & most of the Fannedale
ladies were hard at work getting ready. I offered my
services to help, was given an apron & 3 turkeys to
carve, also some lamb, & some pork the others were
at work all around & there was much pleasant
chat over what we were doing, another turkey came

and later & was turned over to me, also a quantity of bread to be sliced. The dinner consisted of Turkey, Lamb, pork, chicken salad, ~~plum~~ ^{bread & butter} pickles & jelly. A plate with some of all was only 35^{cts}, every thing was real nice. There were oysters raw, steamed, & fried, they were extra, as was coffee. Before we left they had taken in about \$50.00 & I think had about sold out. We took the 3.30 train for home & hurried on from Gallatin that your Father might put in his vote. I enjoyed the day very much, met your uncle Ben, & of course Lucy was low commanding, gave orders right & left. Henry says he is very well, he certainly looks much better than he has done for several years, not that he is as stout, but he walks much better & his expression is as much better, he often stays 3 weeks on these inspection trips, gets \$100.00 a month I don't know whether the Co pay his expenses or not. I had time to run around to see Milesides Point who was not out & Maria Mason who was frying the oysters & cooking the meats & corn meal muffins. On the train we met cousin Dotie & Mrs Winn had a pleasant little chat with them. Misses Wilkins came over to Hannesdale to vote, & do you know the old crank voted for Roosevelt! He ought to have been

Nov. 7th

P.M. Ithaca, N.Y.
Nov 7, 1912

My very dear Marie-

Your letter came just in time to save me from putting in my memory note-book - "yes she has entirely forgotten me & does not care if she ~~does~~" Then, too, I was really somewhat anxious lest some accident had befallen you, in all the excitement of changing abiding places. With a husband who gets as many calls as yours one old never feels settled - you will be back here soon, I warrant you.

I sympathize with every feeling you
have had on returning to the West-
for so I felt on coming to this dear
place & see how I love it now!

You, I am sure, will be just as
happy when you can take part
in the life there. Is not it always
discouraging to go among new
people? I think so. There seem
to be so many moments when there's
no one around to whom you can
grumble a little, no body to pat
you on the shoulder & tell you it's
all right. The only thing to do seems
to be, a good cry. With your usual
grief I am sure you will soon reach

the happy turning point. - I think it
it lovely, even if I am selfish in
thinking so, that you pine at times
for some of your friends here &
for one of those, do the same for
you - We miss you, your fine
husband & those dear children
every day. --

I feel so flattered that you want
my picture that I shall write my
sister this morning to send message.
It may be "out of print" however,
as it was taken before Douglass
gallery was sold. If so, I will
send you a brand new one, with all
my middle-aged imperfections, when

I have ~~them~~^{it} taken. Of course this
means you are to return in kind also.

I am so interested in your
apartment, the new curtains & those fine
rugs - How I should love to "run in"
& take a peep at you in these new
surroundings - Do tell what the names
of your rugs are. I am especially
interested in rugs - have been over
three or four times to look at some
Mrs. Drew had sent up from the
Arental man who is here. Of course
I had to be blue & a particular shade
of blue & she sat in different
places to see if she paled or
yellowed in each place, & I'd
not help laughing at her, ^{was to her} face.

No. 2192

But she took it nicely when tried to
prove to me that she 'd wear nothing
but just that blue & you know it is
quite so or perhaps I labored under
the same hypnotic spell of "the blue"
that she does. - Now I want a royal
Brearck (is that the spelling of it?) for
my parlor but I know of no system
of graft- that will draw it out of
an empty pocket- You are smart-
get all you can while you can you
may never have such a good chance
again (until you come back here).
When our colleague finishes
paying in small payments per-
haps I'll get the rug in honor
of his honor.

Was not the election splendid -
that is the presidential one! We were
sorry that Strauss was not elected
governor so as to make sure Murphy
would not be king. But one can not
have everything perhaps Wilson
will carry on the separation between
the bosses for graft & the people.

Charles F. is trying to scramble
on the Wilson wagon but I hope
some body will give him a little shove
off.

Is it not a surprise about Mrs.
Cleveland, almost too much of
one. I do not like to think any
thing but unfair or wrong toward

such an altogether charming, lovable person, but it almost seems un-
patriotic, if one can express it so.
Mr. Preston was a student of F. T.'s.
in Princeton & we saw him some
times exchanged dinner parties &c.
We like him very much - but he
is not the man I shld have
chosen for her - this is between
one & thee. He is good looking,
attractive with scholarly instincts
with a private income. The match
is undoubtedly a love one - may
they live long & be always happy!

Our widow down the street will
go the same way as soon as an

opportunity can be made it will
be made some day - she's too blue-
some to stay single long. It seems
that, living for one's children gets
stale, & these flighty women want
some return appreciation for their
pains & trouble. King is in Europe
this year & any way I think our
widow wd prefer a professor -
say a dean of Arts & Sciences
some where. The first whiff of
anything that gets in the air, I'll
waft it on to you. But this is
coming - I feel it in my prophetic
bones.

Today is Mr. Andrew J. White's birthday

his eightieth. But you will read
more about it than I can tell you
in the wonderful Ithaca Journal.
Many of the plans for it are being
kept secret so as to surprise him -
but I doubt if anything surprises
a man of eighty who has had
such a full life. - He is a dear
attractive old man warms in me
a spirit of pride in country -
There are altogether too few of his
kind around us. I am sure Mr.
Craw is happy today that he is
acting president little row faced
daughters will be hopping around
some where. Some have the Craws
never excited my admiration very
deeply.

Nov 7/1817

He works out plans just to suit
the Board & Robert & Charles & others
& does it so nicely that they all like
him - & that's a bad sign. I wonder
if he wd be able to get money -
for that seems to be the one thing
needful. Do you think really, if
any rich alumnus wanted to give
a handsome sum to his alma
mater that he wd first ask
who is president? Who can imagine
such love or lack of it, when his
college starves for food - (when?)
We humans are too wrapped up in
personalities ever to get very big -
I can speak for one person - myself.

I think this is the end of all news up to date - except the price of C. U. eggs - they are now 56¢.

The Cooperative House-keepers plan for buying out of town, is in full operation. I was not at the first Compu meeting so do not know much about it. But one sees at the Wednesday Teas women with clips of paper taking orders for all sorts of things - from canned goods to turkeys. I tell you the women are getting busy in this place - there soon will be no room for men.

They had better look to their laurels & manners - the women are to be reckoned with now & evermore - men.

Well, my dear, I see the end of this sheet & my sermon must not last longer - it has been a long time since we have talked & I have enjoyed it. Will you give me another chance some day when you can? Tell me all about yourself, family, surroundings, impressions, depressions & when the great day may be - if the last is not a secret. - My best love to you. one & all especially you.

Affectionately yo friend
Jessie M. Gully

Tell Louise Frank is waiting for another letter - its Boyse that a cat came to Mrs. Davis that looks like Muff & she calls it "Boyse". J.M.G.

came. Went my evening & yesterday (Tuesday) I hurried to pack my trunk, at night fixed a lunch, & expected to take the train this morning for Mobile but before the alarm clock rang I heard thunder. I got up & found it very cloudy, however I dressed & by that time it was raining so we had to give up the trip. Dr was going to the Junction with Sam & Arthur on the 3.30 P. M., now we are watching for a chance to send a telegram to some one in Pensacola to send to Alway for me, we have no telegraph office at Gallion & the telephone wires are out of fix, I wrote John I would be there tonight & to be sure to meet me now I want to let him know I will not bother, Oh! the difficult times we do have when we want to do any thing! It has been cloudy since the rain stopped so I think we will have some snow tonight & I may not get off in the morning. I suppose you feel pretty well settled in your new quarters, you have not such a large house to take care of now, what do you do? Is winter sewing occupying a good deal of

your time? You are hardly busy returning calls yet I reckon.

I have done little sewing altho I have some to do, when doing all the work intervals of leisure are so short that the time is taken up writing or crocheting a little but I can't do that continuously my eyes are so weak. I made a docket now this morning will make 3 & put them together for a jabot. I saw so many pretty little crocheted jabots, want to make one like each one I see but of course can't do it. I never saw anything like the cage for that work. Bessie G. makes all sorts of pretty little things. I am working at night on a cap of white gephyrs, the border to be red, it is coarse work that I can do a little while at a time by lamp light. I don't think crocheting is in your line of work is it? I stopped for dinner. Dr D. had to hitch up the buggy & take that letter down, no chance to send it. The sun is shining at intervals now & it is much cooler so maybe we will have good weather. Last night was warm, no need of fire even

know his horse
me when I write
hardly be there
more than a week
I wish to go all
& kiss to the children
Sincerely
Mother.

for a cold water bath, our changes are so sudden. I am still feeding ducks with the hope of eggs some of these days, now yet, it is provoking when we hear of other people laying regularly every day. I can't imagine what is the matter with ours.

Mrs Powell was here yesterday evening she often inquires about you all. The other neighbors I seldom see. Mrs Stewart & Mrs Hatch called this day we were at aunt Vreelands, Mrs L with her usual kind thoughtfulness brought a basket of potatoes, turnips, & turnips "garners", left them inside the door.

Reuben came Tuesday just in time to get some dinner. I wish you could have had some of the delicious persimmons he brought, sweet & juicy as could be, he brought also some persimmons freezing, did you ever hear of such a thing? but it was nice, made by his cook. Can you go out into the woods & get walnuts & bealy bark? or are there no

Did you ever hear of such a thing! Wish we could
 have you all to spend
 Thanksgiving with us, as it is
 a great day with home and company
 & no other business. The French
 is in. After that you are wanted
 in Memphis. P. D. said we
 must go now & spend the
 night - but I think it was
 one of his joking thoughts,
 for he is not real. I am sure
 he is not real. I am sure of this
 to state now of this
 place. I would enjoy the
 room I think. What time
 & I have been on a visit
 to Jackson. I was so glad
 they were for both sides.
 I hope you are. I enjoyed
 the. I hope you are very
 much, see a quantity of
 beautiful embroidery &
 excellent work, every thing seems

November 20th 1902
 Your letter was forwarded to
 me in Mobile & much enjoyed. I always love
 to get your letters. I did not tell Henry or Ida
 of your expectations, for fear you would not
 wish me to do it. On your account I can't say
 I am glad to hear what is usually considered
 good news. I know it is troublesome to take
 care of a baby these days when servants are so
 unreliable but I hope you will not have much
 trouble that way, a certain amount must
 come to each one of us in this life. I hope the
 children will be pleased & after a little while
 will be able to help care for the stranger.
 I went to Mobile with many doubts in my
 mind as to whether I would be thrice as
 I do or not & find my absence from home at a
 week. She gives me a very hearty welcome (not

like Harry's) & was very kind & attentive in
her way but I tell you Venus there is no
affection about her, she seems to want to keep
every one at a distance, as Alice Spurgeon said
when I remarked to her that I wanted to know
Ida, "well, if you do you will do more than any
one else". She is a nice housekeeper & they are
very well fixed. Henry seems to be doing well in
his profession as well as in the brickmaking &
brick business, fine clay for bricks is found on
his place near Calcut & he is in partnership
with another man making brick, after awhile they
will make tiling. I enjoyed so much seeing the
relatives on both sides. Harry Willaby called very
promptly & invited me to spend the day with her
which I did. Louise called there to see me, till
Bess she has stoutened up some & is not quite
so pretty as in her young days, has the old maid
look. She is a stenographer & makes 76 dollars a
month. Alice Johnson is typist writes & does not
get so much, she was the only member of the

family I did not see except Fred, he is in
Kansas City.

Tell Ben Kittie Kewer & I nearly begged
each other to death, he will tell you who she
is, but may not remember that we went to
school together & that during the war, or rather
the latter part of the war herself, Mother & a
sister suffered at our house & were like members
of the family. Ben may be interested to know
that I went to see cousin Mary Briggs, she is
now invalid but as sweet as ever, you would
say she is a "dear old soul".
On my return I found Dr D. just getting
over one of his little attacks of bowel trouble
and he was sick nearly all the time I was gone
but did not keep his bed but part of one
day. He is very well now & very hearty I laugh
& tell him he is always thinking of some thing
good to eat. The girl who cooked in my absence
leaves this evening, says she will come back after
awhile, she is a poor dependance but better than

is disappointed with it now & there are boys, goats & all sorts of things under it. It is at the
 of the corner head,
 east by my side with
 other place. I agree
 that department
 instructing particularly
 the school boys
 otherwise I am told
 the same arrangement
 looked with you &
 under with perfect
 just as thick as water
 for. What can be the
 back would have the
 weight of all the fruit
 of fruit & pumpkins
 now as high as the table
 The school boys take to
 change & two boys who
 to show the people how to
 work potatoes. I shall
 however I had to work
 to my work from them
 another short time
 at the same time
 have been so late to go
 all & back to the children
 from being better.

not every one but would like to have such a
 woman.

I know what you wrote of your apartment I
 think it must be very nicely fixed up. I wish
 I could take a peep at you all.

Yesterday was quite cold, there was thin ice in
 the duck trough. I had a 12 o'clock dinner & we
 drove up to Benben's he was having his hauled
 up & packed away. I was sorry to see them haul
 off one of his gentling calves, he has lost 4 or 5,
 loss some very smart. While he & the I took
 measurements for a short time in I measured
 his coat, carried my work bag, afterwards I went
 out to look at his chickens & 3 nice fattening
 hogs, if the rogues don't take them they will make
 him smart enough for next year. The rogues are
 terrible around there, they actually stole his cows
 tails, cut them off 2 or 3 joints up, they use them as

P.M. Ithaca N.Y.
Dec. 4, 1912

Tuesday -

Dear Marie -

This is a lovely afternoon -
but following the custom of our
street, I must stay in doors for
the caller who will most likely
not come. - How if you were
down on the corner, I am sure
you w'd be destifid virtues
as I am. Your little successor
does not stay in any better than
I usually do of course I.
rather like her for having one

of my faults at least.

Enclosed is a note from little
J. J. who has had a quite expec-
tious cough - but he ~~has~~ is at school
today with 20 in arithmetic - I
fear the cold has affected his
brain. - He ~~so~~ said he was
going to write Louisa a very
stern letter but I see he has
drawn it very mildly.

We are so glad to have
Mr. King back with us this
winter (again) - he has brought
a sister along this time, who

will most likely be here some
time. - she spent several days
with "our widow" at first, just
for a starter. Now, now, you
mustn't think such thoughts!

It's just like a woman to
put "2 + 2" together & most
likely - Well, I'll let you know
in time to have a new frock
come on.

I see something that looks
like some one hunting for No. 9.
Put this down to my credit
as an extra glove one all the

better my dear.

Hoping you are all "fine & dandy"
as you always says you are & that
you occasionally think of your
erstwhile neighbors

Always affectionately,
J.M.T.

2 or 3 months. This board has changed entirely & think they need such a sum, & are willing to pay him \$200.00 for his services (a year) so we will ^{now & then} ~~afford~~ ^{offer} to have ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{one} ~~ought~~ ^{ought} to go as will begin as better, may not have time to finish before I must post on corner dinner. My cook was down yesterday but we had such heavy rains yesterday & this day before that I expect the creek is out & she can't get over. Today is very cloudy, we may have more rain yet. I received yesterday such a nice set of boilers for the kerosene stove shaped some what this way  the three fit close together over the eye of the stove & with one light I can cook three different things. I should have had them in the summer when I had no cook, but she wants so many holidays that they will come into use when she is off. I noticed I had the same shaped boilers for her gas stove, oh! it is fine to be able to

Your devoted Brother,

cook with gas, so quickly done & so clean!

We were very glad to have your letter day before yesterday. I wish we could have been with you Thanksgiving, we had no other dinner & no chance to go to church but Friday we had our Thanksgiving dinner with Aunt Melville. She would like to have had us Thursday but Rich had a gentleman (Dr Calloway) to hunt with him & she had to have very late dinner, wrote that we must go up Friday & eat the scraps, the "scraps" were as fine a dinner as ever I want to eat, stuffed ham, cold turkey with dressing & hot gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green peas (home canned) corn (home canned) made into a delightful pudding, rice, cranberries & prunes, oh! I forgot, fruit cake, three charlotte russe, plain & fruit cake, three coffs, was it that a menu!

Dr Calloway is the Dr who took out Lucy's adenoids & Rich's tonsils & adenoids, they think a great deal of him. He was in the

country to take part in the Laugh & Jellows wedding ^{Wednesday night} at the Misses Walker place, Cedar Grove, you remember the place, & know Alice Jellows' Mother was Mrs Walker. Mary Ann Walker married Mrs Reganolds, having no children of their own they adopted Alice. They are very sweet & have spent lots on Alice. Mr & Mrs Misses Walker are dead & Frank lives alone at Cedar Grove. Alice wished to be married there so they came down in full force bringing 3 cooks, men to decorate & every thing that could possibly be needed for a large entertainment. They brought \$1500 worth of cut flowers & pot plants, a car load of each. On the wedding night Mrs Reganolds gave Alice 30000 dollars in cash, the most valuable gift from some one I don't remember who, was a chest with 18 doz pieces of silver in it. Mr Beard is their minister in Montevideo, he came down to perform the ceremony & it was said the fee was 500 dollars, New Brazil (I don't know how to spell it) is a

P.S. I forgot to say
I had a letter from
Wave, in a thanks
-going burst with
-saying they killed a
-your deer, and he
-never at such
-fine season in
-his life.

Schnee mean. The Walker place will soon be
divided.

Dinner is over, I tried my utensils & they are
the very things.

Wednesday evening I was in the kitchen clean-
ing the stove, I heard a quick man's step
on the back porch went to the door & there was
some one I took for Wave at first sight but it
was Fred, how changed he is in appearance!
I was delighted to see him tho' only for the
night. He had been in Vermont all day but
it rained so hard he could not go to the
Station as he took the 3.35 train for Gallien,
had given us no warning, fortunately Mr
Powell was there & brought him up.

The local board of the Cave-Baker St have asked
Fred to take particular supervision of the Station,
(you know Judge Taylor had him turned out a
year or more ago) as he will be coming down every

Prairieville Dec 21st 1912

Dear Ben & Mavis

My fingers are stiff with cold but I must not let this afternoon pass without thanking you for your beautiful glass present. It is as they say "just lovely" & I will be wishing for some occasion to wear it, can assure you I appreciate ~~the~~ ^{the} loving thought that prompted the sending of such a gift. Your Father sends many thanks for "Careybody's" says he will take pleasure in receiving it. What you mentioned for Reuben has not come but perhaps you did not send it when you sent my letter & packages.

I will send by mail a little remembrance for you & the children. Tell Louise the little present is for her necktie & dimes, (as your present) I am afraid Boykin will have lots of A B C books but it is so hard to know what to send.

I hope you received the box we sent by express a week ago tod ay. Western fig preserves or pickles as near as I would like to have sent but as the darkeys say my "hand is out" making such things. I would have sent more figs but when Maria said she would like to have some the figs were all gone, next time she must let me know in time.

I think we would have enjoyed those ovens from the "built country" very much. In Mobile I saw for the first time a Poinsettia, a curious flower is it!

I am afraid Fred will soon work off his western gained flesh, & Harry's face will hardly be such as the sanitarian furnished. At home he eats anything he can get & goes in a hurry to work. I can't think that good for any one.

I sincerely hope the diphtheria & croup will not reach your part of the city, if you should have croup don't forget to incorporate turpentine in the cream, we used it with success when you

Bern & the others, were little boys, just as soon as a croupy cough was heard the can of hot water with turpentine in it was put over the bump & soon there was no more coughing.

We have had some pleasant, bright, days but today is cloudy & much colder. I baked my 4 pies yesterday & this morning & feel relieved that the work is done. I would like to have sister Tallie family, & Berry & Lucy with us 4 or 5 days, but as they like to attend church I have invited them for the day after, do hope weather & roads will not be bad enough to prevent their coming. I so told our dear Henry, he is very busy now valuing land, Lucy wrote she was not certain that he would be home for 4 or 5 days. Old Mrs Phil Nelson has a little daughter, her middle name is Keelville, for aunt Keelville, he thinks as much of her. For a number he took a girl to ride for aunt Keelville's, they drove to Uniontown & were married.

We enjoyed your letter as much Bern - It is

getting dark so I must say good night to you
both. We wish you all a merry Xmas, (I think
you will have it with the children) how I wish
we could all be together, but we will be in
thought. It is raining now, a cold rain —

Love loving
Mother.

THE SAGE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, N. Y.

December 21, 1912

Dear old Ben:

This is just a
little note to wish you a
merry Christmas and a happy
New Year and to tell you
how we all miss you and
you, how we wish you were
with us, and how we shall
drink a silent Christmas

toast to our friends who
have left us and keep
their memories green in our
hearts.

I am at present in that
unhappy frame of mind which
the preparation of a Presidential
address to the American Philo-
sophical Association naturally
produces. On Christmas day
I leave with Brighten for

New York where our meeting is held
and my obligations will all come
back with me. I get that addition
out of my system. If one could only
get those honors without being put
into the position of pursuing those one
did not really deserve them!
A Hotel bourgeoisie gets his reward
for past performances; why can
it not be the same for America?

Presidents?

I hope you are happy in
your environment and in your
work, but I still hope that
your sojourn in St. Louis is but
temporary, and that before
long you will be persuaded
to return to Cornell. You see
I am optimistic enough to believe
that conditions can be made as
favorable in Agriculture as
they are in the Sage School.
With heartiest greetings
to you all, Very cordially
Yours,
Tully

Dec 29th 1912

Dearest Maie

Yours was the last letter from St Louis as this is addressed to you, but of course intended for both Ben & yourself. I hope you will excuse my writing a present, there is not a decent pen to be found, & then too I want to sit close by the fire & write, I have a little attack of grip & whenever I get away from the fire I shiver so chilly. Don't be uneasy about me I am up & about, better today than yesterday, had a little fever 2 days but not feeling badly enough to stay in bed.

I have been hoping to hear some good news from you, you seem to be behind times - It was unfortunate the expected did not arrive in time for Ben to go to the Botanical meeting but of course he could not leave you, I know he did not want to do it.

I wonder if either of you will have time to write of your news. Ours was quiet, 4 weeks ago we had only Reuben, next day Aunt Melville's family & Reuben came, Uncle Ben

did not get back in time for his inspection trip. We invited Johnny
Ore Donnell, Mrs Stewart & Miss Mary Ore Donnell (his two sisters) but owing
to Miss Mary being sick & having company in the house they could not come.
I was real sorry for I had gotten up a night mess dinner, shall I give you
the menu? A turkey, not like the one cooked when you were here but tender
as a bird, so fat - Rainbow brought 4 new day a very nice quantity of kielb
which we cooked right away & had it cold, there was macaroni, baked
tomatoes, sliced sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes fried in cakes, cold claw, cran
berries, sweet & sour pickles & bread, home made. For dessert Quince pies, walnut
cakes, Charlotte russe & Ambrosia, there would have been coffee but none
of the company drink it. We enjoyed the day together so much, made the
best of it for there is no telling when bad roads will cut us off entirely from
each other. I will say for Ben's benefit that Johnny Ore D. - was a little boy
living with his Mother at Ingle side when I came here to live, when his Mother
died his uncle in W. took him & this is his first visit to his sisters in
all these years.

I am glad the preserves reached you safely & hope you will find them
"eatable" as old John says.

I had some (just before Rainbow came, now he is gone & I will begin again)
very nice & new presents, first, the beautiful watch, a set of comb, brush &
mirror, from the Dr., a beautiful colored center piece from sister Sally, collar
& jabot from Lucy, box of paper from Mulville B. & numerous pretty cards.
Rainbow told me he had 2 hens for me. He asked me to thank Ben &
yourself for your generous present to him, says he will write as soon as he
can, expects to kill 2 hogs in the morning. Putting them up will take another
day & then he must hurry to find some one to build a cow shelter before
real bad weather, may have to help build it himself.

Fanny holds a stiff neck & has not even wished us a happy & new, the
girls remembered us, even Dorothy wrote a & new card to us. Well, I hope she
enjoys her ill humor. I forgot to say Lucy & Lola sent us a pretty silver
combed stick. Dr. D. has been munching away on "Hocum candy" &

present from Lucy. Sister Sally has no cook & I dread the hard
work for her, her kitchen is off from the house & she is so exposed
going back & forth, she says if she does not get a servant soon she
will buy an oil stove & cook in the house. Lucy is a sweet girl, devoted
to her Mother, & helps her all she can. It is so dark I can scarcely
see so good night. I unite with you in much love to all & wishing
all a Happy New Year.

Your loving
Mother.

before that time. There are excellent quarters
 for the admission of new tables, but few chemical fac-
 tories.
 My telegram
 reached you
 promptly, and I
 responded as
 instructed. I am
 sending you a
 list of these
 of need. I
 am so glad
 you will soon
 be here, but
 don't come
 if you think
 I am in the
 way. I am
 at the first
 day and I
 am well.
 With love
 my love,
 Yours own
 B. J.

THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
 ST. LOUIS

This morning Moore and I got our own
 breakfast and then took a ramble through the
 Garden. We visited almost every part of the great
 tract, and the whole situation is now clear to
 me for the first time. There are undoubtedly
 great opportunities, and at the same time, in many
 directions patience and persistence will be required.
 There are some wonderful plants, and the new ^{green}houses
 will mark a new era, but they will not be finish-
 ed in time for use this fall.
 As we rounded up at the greenhouses there
 were Mr. Whittaker, multimillionaire and chairman
 of the Board, and Dr. Smith, Chairman of the
 Garden Committee. They finally came up to the
 office, and talked until 12 ³⁰, or almost three
 for dinner. Well, if they continue as liberal

LIST DATE
 FILED BY
 CONTENT

spirited and as frank as this morning, there should be no trouble on that score. Moore says he was here nearly two years before he met either of these men!

I have not found you a permanent cook yet, but I think I shall succeed tomorrow. The people at the house (apartment) have been packing up very slowly, and I am sorry to report less progress there than I had hoped. Our furniture is, however, already stored in one room, and I shall go out tomorrow morning to see that the papers start on the upper rooms. In the afternoon Dr. Smith is to be here with visitors whom he wishes us to meet, and I have two conferences with fellows, also the beginning of the readjustment of the laboratories. I have had to knock the old system of laboratory arrangement into a cocked hat, and I shall be unable to get the chemical tables needed until January, although I may get them made

Photo of Prof. Duggar's friends from Germany, c. 1912



From J. Enger and
junior