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It is late & I am sleepy, you would think so would not you? Much love from Mom & myself to you all & best wishes for a happy New Year.

Your devoted Mother.

J. S. Tell Louis

Received her card

& thank her for it,

it is so nicely written

Jan 3rd 1916

I can't remember to save my life whether I have written to thank you for the fruit cake you sent me, so I write tonight to send many thanks for it. You were so kind & thoughtful to send it. I think you must have heard me say I never make a fruit cake. We enjoyed it as much, still have ^{some} hands for dinner tomorrow when Reuben will be up. I had it last Sunday when Sister Sally, Lucy & Reuben were with us, he could not come 7 days as I asked them to come Sunday & had our 7 mess turkey. It was real nice, better than the one Susan cooked when you were with us. I attended closely to it & it was tender as a bird. We want to thank Ben for his

book it is as nicely gotten up & I think very interesting, have read a good deal in it. I saw Louise Porter at Mrs Powell's she seems as interested in book worm growing. I told her of the book being out. I went over to call on Mrs Whelan & found her & Mrs Garber there.

The package for Reuben came safely & I hope he has found time to write you. I know he appreciated your sending it, he said his sheets were in strings & his pillow cases were much richer.

Well, I expect you all had a merry Xmas, did the children have a tree? Henry wrote they had a "tiny" one for Lloyd. I do make a calendar for me & the picture on it was Lloyd, he is a fine looking child & as much like his Father. Henry sent us some delicious Saturnia oranges

& some grape fruit, the small kind. I don't know whether the oranges came from his grove or not. He wrote a short letter did not say a word about having moved to Toulminville. He still keeps his office, 7 N Blairborn St if Ben should want to write to him.

Fred wanted us to spend Xmas with them but we did not feel as if we should venture out such changeable weather & I just ran a bad cold & cough, their house you know is a cold one. Frederic was with them a day or so then Fred & Ellwell returned with him to the farm to help him straighten fences, prune fruit trees so, but if the weather was as bad as we had they could not do much. Fred is as interested in Frederic's work.

We have had some of the heaviest rains I ever saw & a few nights ago I thought we would be

blown away. I was awakened by the wind, jumped
up & dressed in a hurry, went into the chamber where
Dr D- was awaiting a bull in the wind before
going to bed. I sat up until there was a bull &
laid down with my clothes on for fear it might
spring up again but it did not. The only damage
done was to the roof of the cook's room 3 patches
of the roofing ~~was~~ blown off, that was patched
yesterday. I thought my beauty was going to leave
& was surprised when her husband asked last
night if we wanted her for this year, as there was
no one else in sight, I said we would keep her, she
wanted her wages raised as we did that too, she
is a poor dependance but we might do worse. I
know Mrs Powell is up set, Stephen, the man of
all work, Ida the cook, & her daughter the house
maid have all left. She will not find another
Stephen. I hope soon to hear how you all spent yemas

sent from you both. George is a "big package" now enough but I think I will send all your babies home from good. I don't think they, you have the kind of training them right. Our neighbor has not been married or gotten into his new house yet, but it is nearly finished. Dr. Duggan works from the morning chair - graft in them to unite with the in much less to you all & this is to the children. I saw very good chairs to looking better, as looking better, as looking better, as looking better. You devoted Mother.

I have written I will answer tonight the there is not much to say, but weather & no visitors, not even Mrs Powell over but she has Mrs Whelan now to keep her company & new servants to look after, do you know she had Susan for a week to start them the right way, she was raised in the house there & her Mother was cook as she was a good trainee for both.

This has been a real "misty moisty" day, ending in a good rain & I am glad I planted some mustard yesterday, ^{as it was Saturday,} was thinking of putting in

some jeans as soon as I can get the reel. I don't think I called your attention to my little garden the weather was not favorable for being out of doors. Please excuse the blot. This morning I spent mending some of my under clothes, indeed the best part of the day. I thought I would have a general mending up. You remember I promised to make you a crocheted bookmark I have it half finished but have to wait for more thread so don't think I have forgotten it. Do you think I had better stiffen it? Did Dorice's reach her in good shape? If so I can stiffen yours. That reminds me I can't let you think the coat cover was my work. I got that from the bazaar at Hamme-dale. I wanted to make one when I saw the pattern but knew I would not have time. I have had another little trip to Hamme-dale. We found Bennie had been

much more unwell & sister Sally decided she would go to see him, so she telephoned me to meet her at Hamme-dale last Tuesday morning & took me down in her carriage; it was a cold, east wind day but we made the trip all right, a 9 mile drive for me, 15 for herself & Lucy. Bennie & Lucy were delighted to see us, they did not expect me & were so surprised to see me. We spent the day & night; sat by big log fires & Lucy tried herself with meals, gave us all sorts of nice things. We found Bennie much better than we expected, had not had one of his attacks of pain for a good many days. We returned to Hamme-dale Wednesday in time for the noon train; sister Sally & Lucy went right on home (it looked as if it would rain every minute) & I waited at Dorice Lawrence's until train time, the Dr. actually was on time with the buggy at Gallion & there

was no ruin after all. Sister Sally is so thoughtful
of me, in fact of every one, there is no end to her
deeds of kindness.

Reuben did not come up yesterday, was in town
today & called me to the phone, said he wanted
to let me know he was not sick but was working
nearly all day to get one of his steers out of a ditch
but he did, is it the most unfortunate
person you ever heard of! It has it been long
since the train nearly killed the finest heifer he
had.

I wish you could see my white hyacinths they
are so pretty. I sent a box to Tasha soon to be put
on Mr. Harris' grave.

Tell Ben I have been reading his book & admire
it very much. Is he as busy as ever? We think so
much about Anna & wish we could kiss her some
enough, we would not take any thing for that little

Jan. 10. 1916.

Dearest-Marie -

Our post came
this morning & your dear
letter several days ago.
We are all well but I have
been too busy day & night
to write. I will send you
a little soon. The enclosed
news paper will tell you about
the White-House reception
& some of the Pan American
doings. I was more so busy
socially in my life before &
then I had a summer here
seeing of Princeton for ten days
that - a heart-full of love for all

3414 Kewick St -
Cleveland Park.
Jan 20. 1916.

Dearest - Little Nancy:-

In two days
you will have a
birthday and I know
you will have some
presents - and a birthday
cake with three candles
on it - and wish I could
be with you to have a
piece. I was going down
to the store to buy you

a present but it is raining & I can not go out - by does so I am sending you a little money and you can tell your dear Mamma what you want - & she will get it for you.

Please kiss your Mamma & George and Louise & Benjamin & Papa for me and keep three big kisses for your dear little self. Know what you

they are the same every day with Jim's kisses & love for his little boy Mamma -

With much love to you
Your Aunt Alice

East Amherst N.Y. Jan. 27-16

My Dear Alice:-

Your telegram received
Also your letter & enclosure & I hasten to
reply, I would go south to night
but for the fact that all of the
electricians in Buffalo are on strike
since the first of the year & I have
to be on the job all day with green
men & do my office work at night
it has been pretty hard work but you
can bet we will win our point &
lick them.

W. G. is somewhere between New York &
Pawtucket R.I. & won't be home before
Friday, so you can see the position
& presume I am under.

If you can get away & think you
ought to go I will pay for the trip
gladly, I only wish I could go.

I want to thank you dear sister for
the lovely cake, we are enjoying it
~~immensely~~ immensely, would have thanked

JAN. 27, 1916

You before but have not had a minute since & now. I have to look after all the details of our new bldg. which must be ready by March 20th & then to have a strike come along, I just work till bed time then get up at 6 a.m. & do the same thing day after day I hope it won't last much more than a month longer.

When you write Agnes please tell her my fix & tell her I will write just as soon as I get a minute.

Please accept my thanks for all the letters you so kindly sent me last fall, you were very good & sweet.

Please don't forget to let me know what you hear at this time.

With lots of love to your sweet self & your dear family, I remain as ever,

Your affectionate brother
Dany.

P.S.

We are all quite well.
D.

Jan 29, 1916

Dear Ellen Parsons. If you ~~excuse~~ ^{apologize}
for not writing your Xmas letter to
me earlier what night I to say
Wyon? I have been too busy for
words & now I am trying to
run three distinct households or
at least I have three on my mind
which is nearly the same thing -
My sister has been in New York
for over two weeks and is
going to be operated on tomorrow
for appendicitis - It has been a
very blind case but I hope now
she may get relief from the

terrible pains she has had at times for several years now. As we have never had to have operations in the family I am awfully broken up about it. But of course it's down with so plain & safe, I say let not feel as about it & I suppose.

I seem to have flown off in quite another direction when I meant to start in by thanking you for your dear Xmas present. It was so nice to find me a pink rose quilt as if I were still young & beautiful. In I adore wearing pink roses & such things - I don't think I shall ever like "oldy" things. I have a new & really fabulous light blue satin & velvet stripe evening dress that cries out for a pink rose — all the world like around us, is busy, busy with these awful coming examinations. I have not had even a glimpse of your little girl & I don't suppose I shall until after this trying & critical time is over. All social functions cease with the approach of "Block week" — If we studied half as hard through the term there would be no need for this

agony. But still how dull life would be
if we always did what we should - &
were conscientious & studious - ! My
Mother keeps about the same. She is very
helpless & to keep her happy and properly
cared for, is a constant effort for as the
years go on she gets heavier & more helpless
and it is harder to keep her comfortable -
Her mind is now very serene & that is
a great relief. Her mental sufferings at first
her unrecollections to her terrible fate
were agonizing for us all as we were

So helpless to help her. That cruel time
is over & she has reached a haven of
comfort & rest & peace of spirit -
Wilder tells me we are going to see you
& husband before long. That is always
a joy to the ^{dear} old Bancrofts.
With love & greetings to you, dear friend
Believe me always your friend
Mortimer Bancroft.

Jan 29th 1906.

Jan 29 1911

JAN. 1916 (?)

Sunday night.

I could not get my letter to Gallien today. Reuben came up, asked me to send many thanks to you for the chest & pillow cases, said he would have written last week but did not have your address. It has been very cloudy today & began to rain soon after Reuben left, it has stopped for awhile. I think we will have snow because it is so warm, we need only a little fire. The predictions for this month are as bad.

How is our little Anna getting on?

I expect she enjoyed you to the utmost. I hope your city will not be visited by the "grip", I see it is very bad in some of the Northern cities. Milwaukee has warned its citizens not to kiss. Candace N. J. has done like wise. Good night.

Truly Mother.

Bluffton S.C.

Feb. 2nd 1916

Dearest Maie:-

It is real cool
this morning so I am sitting
in the parlor by a good fire.
Agnes is up stairs & Dorothy is
making a cake. Agnes is
feeling better I am glad to say
for at first I thought she
would be real ill. As she
feels equal to it - we are doing
the best hard things that
have to be done. Yesterday
we looked over Mamma's
clothes & decided what to give
her. Our dear one had

very little for she had not
needed much since Daddy
died. There was nothing that
we or you could use so we
will give a few things to Aunt
Elyse & to Aunt Minnie. Her
trunkets she gave to our
girls at different times
while she was well. To
Agnes she left this house
& lot as - her will she
said she thought she
other children were provided
for and I know that we
are all glad that she
died & that at last dear
Aggie can have a home &

the over. So we she left a few
which I have kept as it is & you
she left her watch and chain and
after you are strong I will - if she
wishes I. I go to little Henry, Agnes
says that you have the watch & think
that Aunt Kate left it to her and
you are making you can keep them
& she will use them as watch
& chain as long as she lives & have
them to Henry. If you would rather
not - just send them on to her
& she will keep them - I know I
in a day I hope she found it - says Aunt

Kates thinks he is to go to
Cincinnati after Agnes is through
with it. Mamma wanted
Chas. to have her wedding
ring but we could not get
it off of her finger and I
think it is better so for it
belonged to her & Dad.

I had a telegram from Charlie
this morning & he is coming
tomorrow on the boat and
after a day or two we will
go to Harpersville for a few
days & then home. I am
glad he is coming but will
be very sorry to leave Aggie.

The enclosed envelope is a letter
Mamma wrote to Jack Matheson.

Feb 3, 1918
~~last~~ week ago asking me
give her something to take
for her cystitis. She wrote to
you the same day the same
kind of letter but - we can not
find it. Lost - it - for sure?

We had five letters from
Douglas last night. - He could
not come because there was
a big strike on among the
electricians and Philie
was somewhere between
New York & Pawluctet R.I.
& Douglas just - could not -
have the work. I will send
you his letter to read
very soon. Agnes had

a note from Charles wife
last night & she sent love &
sympathy & said Mr.
Robinson was much depressed
because he had resigned
his position with the gas Co.
the first of January & had
not been successful in
finding a position yet - but
was going to New York this
week to see about one.

I know you will be glad
to hear that a new box spring
& new mattress is on the
bed you & occupied. An
old Mr. from New Jersey who
slept on it one night - has

come in since the first morning &
he measured the bed & sent the
gift. Edith took a part with her mother
& Henry the other. I borrowed a dog
on the 11th & turned it over to the
new one & see "the Right a nation"
I suppose he is well & expect to see him
my uncle and Dorothy also. I had
Mr. Thompson's dog for a few
days. He said I was
Dorothy is the next one for Mrs.
Washington. I suppose he will be
sent also but will be no longer. That
is not unlike what she has said since

through with - some like
this."

Well dearie I must
close this long chat with
you for it is near dinner
time. I wish you were
here & miss you all the time.

Agnes has a cute puppy
but it is covered with fleas
& she spends lots of time
trying to get them off. Every
thing has something to bother
it & the dog has fleas.

With devoted love from us
both and with love for
dear Ben & the children
Your own devoted Alice

Garfield Utah

Feb 7, 1916

My dear Mrs Parsons:-

Because I wanted
to write a letter instead
of a note, I have been
so very slow in thanking
you for the very lovely
handkerchief which came
at Christmas time - It
was a much needed article
and is a beauty - Many
thanks and sincere ones

even though they are so late -

This has been an unusually busy winter but we have had such good times that we don't mind being rushed to death! I have been president of the Women's Club this year and that has taken a lot of time of course - then I have been doing some work for the State Federation making plans for the

Bakey week campaign in March
and that has meant a lot of
trips to Salt Lake etc - My
son was quite overcome this
noon when I told him I was
going to stay at home this
afternoon and would be here
when he returned from school -

We are busy now getting up a
big "Country Fair" to be given
two nights next week to raise
money for the Childrens Playground.
We are going to have everything
from a minstrel show and a
menagerie to a course dinner
and a dance and it means
some work even though there
are 100 women to do it -

The children are both well and
happy in their school work - We
has quite a scar on his cheek

from his accident ^{Feb 7, 1941} but
I guess boys are bound
to look like German
dualists any way -

Elizabeth celebrated her
7th birthday last week
by taking 26 of her
little friends for a sleigh
ride - It was the first
experience for most of
them for there has been
no unprecedented snow

fall this winter - so
it was great fun -
I was so sorry to hear
of your mother being
so ill again - It must
have been a very anxious
time for you all - What a
wonderful constitution she
must have to stand so
many serious times!

Ed and I both appreciated
the Passos' efforts in our
behalf very much indeed.

Dr Cameron has not yet been
able to see Ed but has written
him a couple of times - we
got a bonus and a raise here
the first of the year so we
felt more contented -

My head is about to go over the
pan so I must run -
With much love to you all but
must to you dear self and
again my thanks -
Alice -

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

February 9, 1916

My dear and good friends:

I have
just returned home from ^{my} Western
trip, tired in body, weak in mind,
but happy in many joyful re-
collections and grateful to many
friends who have been particularly
kind to me, among whom you loom
up large. It was a delight to
be with you again, and I deeply
appreciate your generous hospitality

To me. I am afraid I gave dear old Ben a deal of trouble, and my conscience troubled me about it at the time. Perhaps he will find solace in the fact that it was a great comfort to me & he taken from and to the station and to have him come to the hotel on the night of my arrival. You have both always been good to all of us Thillys, and we shall always remain grateful in our hearts for it.

This is Junior week here at Cornell and for the next few days the dance will be on and joy will

be unconfined. It looks as though I must be down somewhat in the MacGibbon & pleasure under my strictest relations at the opportune moment. During my sojourn at this time John Thilly is a partner of some of the parties which may mean that the people's down will have to put on what have once white shoes and do some heavy standing-around. The only way I avoid breaking on such occasions is to dance practically, and unfortunately that is what I can no longer do. Distance does not reach me, the being carefully stored away in some

fraternity house from which she will
emerge next Sunday, reduced in
weight, caused by her studies!
Going to bed at five A.M. increases
one's weight, I am told, unless
the subject has been given to
mental labor during some months
preceding. - Margaret is looking
hopelessly forward to the day when
she too can get pleasure in large
hunks. And poor old father is growing
thinner daily and will some day
fade away.

Just the same we all send our
love to all of you. Frank was so
disappointed that I did not see
him and give her the love he
forwarded through me.

Affectionately your friend
Frank Thilly

P.M. ITHACA, N.Y.
Feb. 11, 1916
9 East Ave.,
Feb. 11th

Dear Fannie,

Thank you so much for ^(excuse me) the sweet note you wrote to let me know that F.F. had passed by. He is at home, busy with seeing & registering the happy "studs" who has been lucky enough or really good enough to "get by." We, more frivolous we, are busy in quite another way. Gertrude & Winifred Irvine are guests of the

Alka Selt House I suppose are
having a fine time; unless they are
too tired by this time to know
whether they are or not. It's the
same old ~~who~~ old wheel & the
same old girl in many cases.

The matter is rather gray & cold
& not suitable in color for the gay
days. But nature is indifferent
to the opinions & feelings of man
she falls upon all whatever
she pleases. Is nature feminine?
if so that accounts for her
capriciousness or it may be the
other way round.

I was grieved at the sad news
of your mother's death. We never get
over missing them. And I, who never
knew the tender care & firm admonitions
of a father, miss him. You must
feel it a great thing to have had
them both with you so many precious
years. Yes, Marie dear, your little
philosopher, "memory is the only thing
that grief can call its own" but I
think it the saddest of all things
is that it is so dependant
upon one's physical healthness.

It is too easily upset by ^{accidents}
time

to be a safe friend. As I have
never strained mine in any way
I'm hoping it will last as long as
I do & isn't rather too wise to give out
very soon.

It was a hope of ours that you
would bring your family here this
summer & now you tell me you
are going way out to Colorado. What
a jump! The Hilleys can't quite
make it, I fear.

With dearest love

Geo.

with 1916
Durban - N.H.
Feb 12.

Dear Alice -
Your letter of
10. 2nd. came to me
last - week. and you
have been in my
thoughts - so much.
How I wish I might -
have a good talk with
you - There are so
many things I would
like to find - but this

P.S. Mr. Pitty told me to call for repair of
photos - but I think I had as have the
photos done at the
State.

With you when Agnes continues to
live in Blandford? I think you
mother had written long there
are they still living? Give my
loving sympathies to Agnes when
you write - You - Mother & John
to Haslemere. I am waiting
at this moment for you there or
at least - you talk of the
flower and the brook & woods
my morning. But we have had
at my mother's winter before.

Mother I do I am that -
you - will always be
thankful that - you had
the privilege of doing
so much for the
dear mother in her
last days. It is such
a satisfaction to feel
that - you can do the
things that - you had
the love and would
rather go - would do
things by one else.

Most-to war - to be healthy
Lute a mule - has - had
cold & gripe - Two Potters had
cold & several times at it
at - it - again - He is doing
two mens work at it every
1 Sat. The Fairchild came out
this full and went south the
middle of Dec. where they
write that - he is improving
slowly - He shall be very thankful
if he can - come out all right.

I have had a little boy ^{February 11 1866}
eight-year old with
me for the first
three weeks. His father
came here to work
in the wood lot that
Judge Frost cut off
two years ago. They
had lived in a shack
in the wood lot and
as the mother was
expecting a new baby
was concluded that

were of them will be here
this summer - did I think it
to be least with Charles
graduating - under - where
ever - I am sending you
our warm love you too
We have some small work
left to make in club a
success - I am also sending some
pictures of the two homes that
have been built - the first
you - I had them taken to

me to ^{Harper} visit
under - did I took
the day we could
keep on the school -
He proved to be
a bright - interesting boy -
His mother is a doctor here
with a fine baby
and we went - home
yesterday. I hear often
from the Smiths and
they all seem to be
getting on well - fear

And to name 7 people
who used to know and love
Durbin --- and he --- we'll see
it --- as it is said --- I went to name
to Sarah and Mr. I said even
though I had told her --- I
call the name --- she could not
recognize it --- till Mr. I said the
Indians --- I wrote it off --- then
was left --- 7 --- But I have you
and all for dear ones
Mellie & Peter

[illegible]

answered she there & at-
first she did not know
who it was for he kept on
forcing. He said he was here
~~soon~~, Gen. Wood about summer
can't work & that he was
going to New York as the hono-
rable of the Harvard Club
with all his expenses said.
That Dorothy had written
him that she was crazy
to go back to him & Chicago. That
he had not heard of the
various illnesses & death of Anne.
It is needless to say Anne
believed his insanity & that
& did not involve him at all
although he said he was crazy
& her her & death. He certainly
has nerve. I was so glad to get
your dear letter & will answer
it - hope next week you ^{will} send me
Anna & the pig ^{some} and ^{with mine} looking & feeling

198 Crane Ave.

Upper Hunt-Clair

Feb. 6. 1916

My dear Aunt Annie:-

Your last dear
letter reached me this
morning being forwarded
from Washington. - I wanted
to answer your first one
about the pictures at once
but hope I could get it.
I was called here by Cousin
richness & now this is my
first chance to write - except
hurried notes home.

Gertrude was home with-
me for ten days the last-
day of February & while
there she thought she was
pregnant - but - was not -
was & was feeling & looking
well. Two days after
her return to Mount Clear
she was taken with severe
nausea & has been -
bed with - it - for one a week.
The only thing she has been
able to retain so far is
a little champagne on cracked
ice. The Dr. is trying the fresh
air treatment on her now &

than just-made ^{MAY 6, 1916} ~~her~~ as
comfortable as possible
on the porch. She just-her
out there for the first-
time yesterday & she said
she liked it-although it-is
very cold & the snow is
falling today. Spent an
all over coat of Proctor's-
every time go out to her
& care can bring her things
this time she certainly
will have it & we hope to
pay the period of nausea
won't be very long this time
so as to take all her strength.
She has been disappointed

so many times that she is
afraid of it. This time so
does not want any thing
said about her condition.
John & I know you appreciate
her feelings & will be of
good counsel. Chas. was
off on a trip to Pittsburg
when Brook called me here
so he did not know of my
having come until his
return Saturday. He & the
girls & Martha will get on
nicely though as long as
they keep well. Edith has
a girl friend from Indiana
coming to visit her
this day & I had hoped to

help make her visit - MAR 6 1916
Pleasant - but that is a
very small matter.

Oh dearie you don't
know how ^{very} sorry I am
that dear little Aggie has
scarlet - fever & you have
so much worry and
anxiety - I just wish I
could ease you from it -
all & hope & pray the
other children will escape.
I remember Priscilla had
it - while we were in Kentucky
with years ago & not one of
the other children had it -
& we were not so lucky

careful either only need
lots of formaldehyde. I only
hope the dear little boy
won't be kept with any
after troubles. Wish I had
Barney here with me.
We had letter send her
& me by express.

Now about the paintings
I've known where from you
in November told you
about taking the photographs
of Krocollus & showing them
to him & his telling me
he was not interested -
then at all as he did not
deal in old paintings & he

sent me to Enrich's MAR 6, 1916
Palmer & Enrich telling me
that one of the photographs
looked interesting & that if
I thought them down to
him he would tell me
if they were of any value
or not. I do not think

Knott will do any thing
about them. I had hoped
to have time to investigate
the Cochran photographs
but something unexpected
has come up every time
to prevent. I still have hopes
though & will go & look

working something right -
to be accomplished.
I have not heard from
Agnes for some time but I
had a short note from
Annelly - she kept home -
- it is she told me of the
death of Mrs. Katie Purshney
+ her seven months baby.
The baby lived to be four days
old. I remember meeting
Mrs. Purshney + her little
girl playing with Nancy?
my bird on our Grandfather's
plantation. It is a terrible
sad case + so hard for her
the poor woman did not stand
a chance with the minister

data who is - Bluffton MAR 6 1911
now. Oh! dear! I will wait
longer now for while Emma
is sleeping than several
things I want to do. She
has a good faultless
Finn girl who does not
speak much English. She
is kind hearted & a good
cook & we are very thankful
for her.

Please send me a card
when you can spare the time
for I am anxious about our
dear little Benjamin.
Please take the envelope

bill - buy him either some
fruit - or flowers. If I could
only go into - here but I cannot
I could get him some things
to amuse him.

With devoted love for each
one in the dear home & a
big share for your sweet self
I. Your ever loving Alice.

P.S. And when the Marys
went to Jesus' tomb wondering
who would roll away the
stone, behold the stone was
not - there. This little thought
has helped me a lot. For
so often after worrying a lot -
& dreading the stone I found
it was not - there.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. B. M. Duggan,
no. 5470 Clemens Ave.,
St. Louis.

Miss M.

James are in best regards to both of you. He shall stay here
now until part of the month. I am and I. J. A. Henry.

New York -
April 12/16

Forwarded the photos
bygone today by mail &
when they will reach
you safely. If there
is anything I can do
to help you dispose of
the pictures I shall be
glad to do so but I do
not believe New York a
good market at present.
There is such a flood
of paintings here at
present the market is
over done. Old master
and oriental things are
a drag on the market.
The war has driven many
European dealers here. New York

I have George's will now sitting here
Mantelton does some & looks well up.

on his second trip to Boston, and had been away
 two weeks, leaving the children with a trained nurse. Now the
 have no-senior again. Dr. D.
 hopes to send them out of the heat, but
 the heat, but Mrs. S. de-
 Mrs. S. de-
 The little
 low-Philip.
 was on the
 floor in the
 sitting room.
 He goes very
 with him, but
 very long
 they are
 simply copy
 about going
 to a "wild"
 place.

M. B. G. June 14, 1916.

Dearest Madie, This has been
 a morning "at the bank and ticket
 office and around." I have my tick-
 et to Boston and return, and
 shall leave at 5 P. M. today.
 This is a fast train, reaching Spring-
 field at 8 P. M. the next day, and
 with good connections to Amherst.
 Professor Marshall writes that I
 have rooms (mind you, with an s)
 at the Prospect House, which he is
 sure I will find comfortable.

It was hotter than blazes

here yesterday, although only 94°. Oh it is different from Colo., I can assure you, Honey. However, my half fever has practically subsided, and I get along very nicely.

Your dearest and best of letters reached me yesterday, and cheered me up greatly. I am so glad that things are going so nicely with you. That check was a God-send, indeed. I did not expect it at this time, or certainly not more than half of it. I understood, of course, that it was for the outlines covering minor work in physiology, but only one of the men has taken the course as arranged for two.

I have a thousand things to write you, dear, but I can't do it in this haste. You see I must leave
 the baby by three o'clock to get my gump at home, and to back (not at the Sta. 5 P.M. bus, but
 the 6 P.M. bus) to all the children and here for their gown, and I must go on for you are enjoying
 the lecture, then for me.

Yes, let's hold it for the insurance. Of course
 it will have to be deposited before that time,
 but that can be arranged on a separate account.

Sweetheart, you can't imagine how sit-
 tery become the house is to go back to
 about 10 P.M. with no lights, and not even
 a sound among the neighbors. Things about
 the house are just as we left them, though
 the grass is parching, and I must have Henry
 give it more attention. I would have tried to
 rent it but that would have meant an-
 answering phone calls and perhaps staying out
 there much of a day or two, and under
 the circumstances I could not do it.

What do you think of my trying this
 when I get back?
 Last night it was too hot to work, and I
 ran in a minute to see the Moores.
 Mrs. M., Mrs. Hall, and the children were
 there, and they were all looking well. Mrs.
 M. was particularly nice, insisting that
 I should have come straight to them and
 not ^{have} gone to the house, &c. &c. She sent you
 and the children lots of love, but said with-
 out going to Colo. Mrs. Hall said she re-
 ceived a perfectly lovely letter from you (which I
 knew, of course) and that she would write very
 soon. Then on the way home I dropped
 in at the Shaffers. They reported all well
 except Harry, who was a little done up by the
 heat. Mrs. Shaffer had accompanied Dr. J.

June 16th 1916

My dear Son

I don't know whether you have left St. Louis or not, but if you have, suppose this will be forwarded. I expect you have all been too busy to write, busy, that reminds me, I thought you were going to take a good, summer enough rest this summer & lo & behold you are going to lecture part of the time in Mass. I feel like giving you a good scolding, what does Maria say to that? I think she would join me in wishing you to rest all summer. Did you rent out the St. Louis house?

I wish you could have been with us right before last, Fred came on the noon train & stayed until next morning. Reuben had been on a visit to aunt Melville, stopped by to hand in a note & I asked him to stay to meet Fred, he did so & we all enjoyed being together this

the most of the afternoon was taken up with a
 meeting to get the boys run together. Fred brought
 a helper, Mr Gilbert from Montgomery. I had very
 short notice of their coming but managed to
 get 2 chickens picked, & corn & potatoes for dinner.
 Mr Gilbert went that night to York, Mr Bright
 took him in his auto to New Down. Mrs B-
 came in the auto with Mr B- & sat with me
 part of the time the meeting was going on, she
 is learning to run it. Fred says Frances runs
 his a good deal, he has not had time to learn.
 They all enjoyed commencement, Fred is proud
 of his boys. Ambrose graduated with honor &
 Elmer took distinction in his class (Freshman).
 Fred talks of sending Ambrose to the summer school
 at the Univ A & M. Ambrose wants to go down
 on the farm after that. Fred is writing to
 Ambrose (he sent us the letter) said he was homesick
 as homesick as in the country, that he was in

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more than "a pin in a haystack." Just expected to reach home at 9 this morning, & at 4 P M leave for Starbuckville to attend the 3rd meeting of the hay makers. I think it will take place tomorrow, he looks very well. I showed him the pretty picture of George, he admired it as every one does.

This is a very cloudy, thundery evening, but only sprinkles of rain, we had rain the night 'the boys' were with us. I am afraid it did not reach Ben's potato patch that needed it very much.

This is your Father's 80th birth day. I gave him baked custard (his favorite dessert) & cake, he never wants company to celebrate it. He is getting a little fatter, & stoops so much, & he is deaf; it is tedious to talk to him.

Aunt ~~Ann~~ Melville & Lucy spent the day week with us, but I believe I told Maria. I think we

will have a good many figs, would Marie like
me to preserve some for your use next winter?
I will do it if she will let me know in time,
when they begin to ripen they go very fast. I
think we will have a quantity unless they drop.
The other fruit much, hardly pieces enough to eat
a very few dried up looking pieces, it was so hot
& dry for some time.

Tell me how you like Boulder & how you are
fixed. I hope every one of you will come home strong
& cozy.

It is late, I must close the volume, much love
to each & all of you, tell Susan "how do". I saw
her aunt Willie yesterday evening

Yours devoted

Arthur

Some plant addressed to June 16th, 1916 letter



helps he will offer us as good
prices for them. I had
better send him offer if it
comes to you, & let you see
if he is offering enough for it.
Don't. We have no idea
what they are worth.

Your father was so tired
he is taking a nap as I
will not wake him to
ask. If he has any
money, know he
would give me as much
low as you all. Nice
the pretty lady &
Anne for us.

I forgot to say I offered to
put up pigs for Maria
if they did not all sleep.

We certainly enjoyed your letter,
heard of your safe arrival in Boulder through a
letter from Susan to her Mother. I am delighted
to know you all are at such a pleasant place
& hope the change to such a climate will be a
great benefit. It is a pity hay fever will follow
you. I had no idea the trip could be made in
so short a time. It must be a great help to have
the nurse, she must have been very anxious to
go right away, to go on those terms.

I think the children must be having a fine time.
I hope riding, & climbing, will improve their
appetites & they will get strong, & fat. I wish I was
with you, but I could not climb much, would
have to keep George company while you were on
excursions. No, I did not write much about
the scenery, the others did not write at all so you

What is just what
they are doing,
the ground is full
of gum figs,
nearly all dropped,
there will be some
left unless we
have rain. I am
so sorry not only for
disappointing but
but because there
will be none to
eat. It is this is
a further year.
It does seem to be
coming up now but
whether there will be
any more is another
thing. We seem from
the logs.
Your devoted
brother.

I am sorry you could not rent out your house. I
spoke of going back to St. Louis, where will that
be? I hope not for some time yet for I want
you to have a good rest & recreation. After
the lecture in Kansas will you return to Boulder?
or will Maria & the nurses get the children
home?

It is really hot today, it is the first day I have
heard of dry fly, you know it is hot where they
are about. While I wrote the first of this your father
was taking a later dinner, had been to see Davis
Collins & Johann Lawson about oats promised for
rent of land on the "North Side," a neighbor says
had pretty well destroyed the oats but both
promised to give him some they made clear above.
Both are good promisers. It has been so dry I am
afraid I shall not have the potatoes but had
for us last fall. Paul says they have had no

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seasons for putting out slips, one said he put out 1000, & saved only 25, has not been able to put out any since. The corn all over the country is suffering from the dry weather. We had some little showers that amounted to nothing.

Not as it is there are some fine weddings, Annie Collins (Mr Bob Wood's daughter) was married on Saturday morning at the Baptist Church, your Father went, I did not. He reported the groom as ugly, yellow, haired, & deaf. He Boston from near Nashua. He has not even money to wear much linen.

Mrs. Stedwick was married in Danvers a few days ago. Walter Duggar was one of the attendants.

I had a card from Lucy Briggs, Grace & herself are at Bolney, find it so pleasant. They wanted me to go & insisted on his mother going with her. Lucy said they had a terrible storm one night that frightened them very much, put out all the lights.

Marion Brown is just recovering from a 3 weeks spell

only able to sit up a little while at a time.
 Fanny Jackson's friends are regretting that she is
 going to Birmingham to live & her Mother to Graham
 to live with Eliza. Bessie has rented her house to Dr
 Cameron.

Yesterday I was surprised to have a call from
 Fanny Adams, Bessie G., Son Mr Corahly, Lottie
 Evans (jr) & Leartes Adams, they had been up to
 see Fanny Green, another of Lottie's daughters &
 stopped on their way back to Fannedale, had
 only time for a short visit but I was glad to
 have that, had not seen Fanny for so long.
 Carter is living in Texas, came over in his automobile
 for a visit to his Mother. Mr Green lives not
 far from Cedarville so they had to pass right
 by us.

Oh, I got up 23 old books & sent the list with a
 copy of the title page of each to the address you
 gave me, have not heard from the man yet. I