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Dearest Annie,

I will begin by telling you how
electrified I was yesterday afternoon by
your telegram, & get it out of the way.
It came just as I was abt to start to
drive & the first word was hopeless
mixed up, so that I thought it must be
Gilman, so I drove over to Woodland
Park & got it correct & sent you my
reply. I cannot believe it possible that
there is such the slightest ground
in it & that it is anything but pre-
posterous, as that letter was drawn up
with such care that it seems incredible
there should be such a slip in it. As I
remember it, it is made absolutely
distinct that nothing is to be paid
until Jan. 1st / 94, when the first pay
and of principal & of interest alike

② as to be made, the int. being reckoned fr.
Jan. 1st / 93 - After that, as I remember,
the instalments of principal are to
be paid annually & of interest semi-
annually, i.e., Jan. 1st & Jul 1st - The last
pay't being on Jan. 1st, 1899 - I am
sending the tel. to Mr. Gervin. This copy
of wh. I enclose copy - It isn't pleas-
ant to be accused of not paying yr.
debts when you have an absolutely
clear conscience! - Of course read
this part of my letter to Maria.

I am so sorry that this annoying
contriteuse should prevent yr. having
a decent letter - Yesterday evening I felt
wretched after a poor night & a
half hour's walk on the piazza that
I got tonight make me feel better
after I left. finished my back relief,
so that I spent the whole evening in
the lounge, reading & sleeping part of
the time - The mail bit your letter
which it was so good to get. That

been wishing to see a letter - and while
 it gave a depressing picture of you
 overwhelmed with such a mass of
 uncommensal work, the good news
 that Miss Walker was very cheering
 and there is one advantage about your present
 program - you get a reasonable amount
 of exercise & fresh air - You are
 not beginning to get tired out again
 are you, my darling? I don't think you
 will be "totally exhausted" by 5.30 or 6,
 but do you get rested by your night's sleep
 or do you start tired in the morn? That
 seems to me the essential point & the one
 that shows whether you are really better
 or whether you are drawing on your
 reserve steadily as you have been -
 doing for so long - How I hope you are really
 as much better as you felt when you
 just got back, & that the Admin-docks
 will do a great deal more for you -
 I am very glad you do not want Miss
 Gregory there, or rather that you do
 not let her - ought to have her - I hardly

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supposed you wd want her - You have indeed as much as you can possibly do in these next 18 days, but I believe you will get through it & that we shall have our 3 weeks - at least you have the great help of being free from outside interruptions and from people - It is a comfort to know that you are well unriched - Oriblany at me, for indeed it matters much -

My dear physician in chief, I did tell Agnes that very night to come regularly at 10 & wake me if I was asleep and I got to bed, but I do not as invariably sleep well as I did before here and I am sorry to confess to being so foolish but I am afraid the fact that the winter is nearer has something to do with that & with the increased headache - I think I must write to your friend before we start for the woods & ask whether I am still to continue those pills -

I had quite a large mail yest. but nothing
 of interest except in chronicle, except
 what you are responsible for &
 a good acct of Henry



I wish & ought to get the ans. to-day
 to know whether I'd have the drawing
 in yr. hand being Devered Sat. Evg next,
 so the die is cast & to-day at least I
 must either write a let. to Chicago or
 come, as otherwise I may have difficulty
 I don't quite understand yr. marks
 on the Windermere plan but at any rate
 they are a great help - I found a second
 box of grapes yest. aft. at W. P. and
 am very glad to have them, as fruit
 has been a very exceptional luxury
 here ever since I came back & none
 can be bought. I hope some have reached
 you and that they are good so that
 you & Mamma could enjoy them -
 I was ^{just at} wishing abt having some sent
 Mrs. G. (as soon as there were some
 really fine ones, I told Mrs. H. & D. &
 not before) when yr. suggestion came abt
 writing on flowers. It seemed to

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one that it wd be a little - what shall
I say? unexpected at least - In
me to write her - so I only send her
a message through Mamma -

Was any thing ever heard of yr.
proofs fr. Chicago -

Evidently fr. the date of yr. ltr. yr. got
to Philadelphia yest. & I wonder whether
yr. list included a visit to the Ledger
office, & if so, how it went -

Thank yr. so much for sending
me the postman's bag with its contents.
It seems too bad that yr. should
have added that in every thing else
even in having a key made - I hope
this one will have better fortune -
There seems to be a fault attached
to the key of that postman's bag: it
unavoidably gets lost - I hope it will
arrive to-day -

I am glad B. did not go to see yr.
at Combs' place - fr. acct of poor Annie

is melancholy-

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To-day is so beautiful; it was absolutely cloudless when I first looked out at 6, but some light clouds are beginning to gather & before the rain is over they will be many, I suppose - Yesterday was - without cloudless, but very beautiful & the starlight last night was superb & how I wished to wish that what you wish at the end of your letter could be realized - You do seem very far away and I miss you constantly - With a Sunday kiss,

Love of yours,
Mary L.