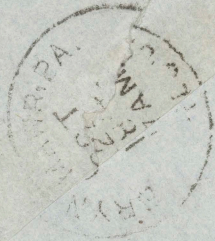




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To-day has been a busy one, my dearest,  
but in a way wh. kept me in the open  
air. for more than 4 hours, wh. I am sure  
you will approve of, & it began late, as  
I did not get up until after 8, wh. I am  
sure you will approve of still more —  
Yest. was cold raw & disagreeable so  
that I was chill even with my seal skin  
and with 2 heavy rugs over my knees  
during my afternoon horse hunting ex-  
pedition. — It had the effect, however, of  
making me over poweringly sleepy all the  
day so that I was very glad to take to  
my bed by 11 o'cl. — To-day is bright, beautiful  
and warm again, so that the Mrs &  
daughters of Manhattan can rejoice prof-  
-ly. — They are rejoicing, I am sure to-day,  
by the most fearful die, the very thing  
wh. whips & shrieks at intervals by way of  
stimulating enthusiasm, & then added to


(2) In the explosion & detonation of the new work  
(wholly the way really) lost very beautiful paper  
window where I am sitting with you; many's  
bom as it is a very warm night / make  
a very disturbing pandemic - May  
unavoidable -

First I interrupted myself this afternoon  
to put my head back against my cushion &  
take a little nap, as I was so sleepy after  
being in the open air so long. New Duke  
wanted something & then one little thing fol-  
lowed after another so that I did not go  
until now - I ate this afternoon just as I had  
some in order dinner & lunch was by myself  
yr. letter of ~~the~~ because in wh. you reproach  
me abt telling Lou - In the first place,  
before I tell yr about it, you certainly told  
me that Maurice guessed abt it on Friday  
of last week & that you then told her you  
knew of K.'s illness - I did not suppose  
you told her anything beyond the fact that  
he was very ill & that we were very  
anxious at that time, but my letters  
since must have shown that I supposed  
you had told her that, and I have asked  
you I think more than once whether

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just what you had told her, and told you what  
I thought it wd be best to say — To tell  
you the whole truth, I have not been  
able to understand why she sent me  
no message when she knew it, and I  
supposed, knew that I knew that  
she knew it, & further that I should  
have liked to tell her when I told  
you (although of course not what I told  
you, my darling, if it had not been that  
we

And now, my dear one, about my  
might to have told you just about <sup>at the moment</sup> what  
never occurred to me that you wd not  
realize how it had all come about —  
As I told you I had gone as usual to the  
art Gallery, & I had gone w. Lou & Louis &  
May & Mary B. was with us — when we  
went in Lou in a few moments went up  
the Gallery to look at some things while I  
went to show Louis some of the French  
Sculpture wh. he had not seen — I had  
just come back & he had started up to  
Mr. Doves' room without having said good  
as I was coming back to the Hotel if  
I did not see them again there ~~with~~

④ 11.30 when they were to take their lunch, to  
say goodbye - When Agnes came for me I was  
sitting in the North Sculpture court as I  
would go for some things to M. B. & Lou  
in the Gallery above saw her come & we got  
away w. her instantly - She of course saw  
that something was wrong & asked M. B.  
where I had gone - I having sent Agnes back  
just as we left the building to tell M. B.  
to say nothing to anyone about my having been  
sent for leaving lest she should very naturally  
say something to the Italian Coes or the other  
people who put ask where I was / she said  
that I had gone back to the Hotel for some  
thing I had forgotten - I told Agnes that  
when Mrs. Tiffany came in, I would see for a  
moment if possible to say goodbye -  
And my darling when she came I told  
I told her that not only Robert was very ill,  
but that it seemed very uncertain  
that he could live thro' the day & to tell Julia  
but no one else - She was very much  
distressed & offered to stay with me if  
there was anything in the world she could  
do, and the offer (that when there could have  
been no greater sacrifice) was a true  
sacrifice - I went down again to

moment to speak to her (as I remember it was  
 to tell her to regard it as confidential) & she  
 had then not told Louis anything & the  
 fact that my brother  was not very well &  
 May did not know even that — of course  
 I suppose she did tell him & although I told her  
 to tell no one but Julia, I hardly supposed she  
 wd regard that as applying to Louis — but I  
 did suppose that she wd make him understand  
 if she told him that it was to be mentioned  
 to no one & it may be that she did not tell him  
 in any case, if told, he was told simply because  
 he was Louis's husband & not because I wished  
 him to know it, and my dear me I do not  
 think yr. way of putting it that "it was plain  
 that I had told Lou & Mr. Tiffany & had permitted  
 them to tell Julia & yet compelled you to keep  
 the secret of marriage" certainly knows and  
 much better than Mr. T. is sure as intimately  
 with you as as he is w. Lou "is your means  
 a fair statement of the case, or rather  
 that it is a very unfair one, as I am sure  
 you will admit and that you understand  
 the whole thing. And I am exonerating myself  
 me, that I did not give even what wd have  
 seemed to me an entirely unnecessary ex-  
 planation / unnecessary because as I said  
 before I supposed you realized how it came off.

⑥ I saw Tom in conf. abt Sam. The little that I  
knew her was in resp. to a direct question &  
I knew wd. be entirely safe with her & Julia  
Julia as you see by the enclosures I sent you  
yest. has told. If so & he I am sure was  
not surprised, as he had seen him here &  
so knew how very far from things he was.  
In acknowledging his note, I said that  
as he had seen how far from well my Father  
was, I supposed it had hardly been a  
surprise to him to hear of his illness,  
that he had not been strong all summer  
and that his heart was very weak &  
so this attack of very great prostration  
had made us very anxious. In some  
days but that he was now slowly gaining  
and had been sitting up a little the  
day of the day before.

It is perfectly unaccountable to me that  
all the world does not know by this time,  
because there have been a no. of people  
in this Hotel whom we know & who  
have heard of his illness & one wd.  
suppose that by this time it wd. have  
traveled back to Balt. but apparently they  
have been no much absorbed in it  
tho' it is to mention it —



The enclosed will come this aft. He has not  
dearly heard nothing - I know you  
think the precautions will be wise &  
unnecessary but you can not possibly  
realize all that sensational reports in  
the papers will involve - He has already  
begin (to-day) to look at the papers,  
and every paper will have to be examined  
with the greatest care to see that there  
was nothing to disturb him in it, &  
much more -

I caught a glimpse of your friend Mrs.  
Stevenson this eve as I was waiting on the  
landing for my key, but happily not to  
speak to - I never go in the elevator now  
It is so much cheaper to-day that it  
begins to look as if the journey might  
be possible & if that is liked Watson,  
perhaps we should make a double  
course, but stay here - The daily  
frightful accidents make me rather  
nervous about traveling at best & if  
this journey is undertaken it will  
be a terrible anxiety to me -

I have talked to the Ball this  
because I am so distressed - all yr.

(3) Belief.

I am also very much distressed by what you tell me of Mr. H. Brad's behaviour. How contemptible & outrageous - of course you must refuse the salary. You certainly might not be considered any thing but refusing such an absolutely dishonest failure. Whose an agreement for a second -


I suppose per your letter that it came up at the meeting of yesterday. But in any case I think I will telegraph you a night message tonight. I was a little afraid he had not been man enough to hold to his promise to you. <sup>from what</sup> ~~what~~ you told me a little while ago -

But it passes all bounds - alas, the bed is now more full of Nones than we feared - is it not?

What a pity about Miss P. <sup>what</sup> a foolish girl to do such a thing - It is no bad also about the Biologist -

Mr. St. John & Christchild is brought nameless in \$15.00 -  
Mamie's vase was nameless

It will all right & will be duly delivered <sup>3</sup> ④

I am going to write a little note to Mamma  
and enclose and  you can give it to  
her if you think best to destroy it  
if you don't think it best to give it to  
her — I don't do it several days ago  
then I don't each day I don't put out for you  
what you had told her perhaps have  
a message for her, & did not do it

I am so sorry all you not sleep well —  
Please promise me not to work over  
acc'd or any thing else so unwise at  
night — don't you promise this absolutely?

Alas, it is 10 & I must take this duty  
at once if there is any chance of its  
catching the mail — there is the usual  
If I were not very tired it will be better,  
but do as you think best about it —  
But my darling, do not, do not again be  
not quite kind — With so many  
kisses & wish you were Mamma's little  
you, goodnight, goodnight —