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First, my darling, here is your letter  
carefully wrapped up lest you should  
happen to open this in advertising  
and it should be seen. What may one  
not expect of a young man who  
sends an envelope with "Dearest  
May" on the outside of it in all  
the world to read if it liked?

I am so delighted that you have seen  
Dr. Clewds, in fact that you have  
made him understand the situa-  
tion (you did do so thoroughly, did  
you not?) even if he is ill, he will  
surely fight for you & he will certainly  
try to get up, having his vote counted  
whether he can be at the meeting or  
not. I am afraid there is small  
chance of his having got off today.

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if this storm is at all general -  
A very high wind with sun sleet &  
hail & finally rain have character-  
ized the Spring day here & I had  
to go back to a fire - Your letter will  
be very short one, as the evening  
was so warm & uncomfortable  
that I put it off - Night was very  
late to begin with, then it was im-  
possible to let the fire try and altho  
letter it was after 12 before I got  
back to bed very tired & at 1 the  
manicure came - After lunch  
I was again tired & had just got  
out my portfolio & put up these  
things for you when Dr. W. came  
more than a half hour for Sam &  
has now just gone -

Your suggestion of the air pillows  
was a good one, after all, and I am

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Very grateful for it - It is extremely  
queer & uncomfortable, but it does  
keep some pressure off that very  
 sore place - Then perhaps the  
hellebore that Dr. C. used yest.  
In the first time, may have helped  
me, at any rate it is certainly less  
painful. W-day than for many days  
past - Temp. was of very slight below normal  
<sup>thing with</sup>  
I am glad there seemed such a  
good chance that yr. program  
will go through W-day for the High  
School - It is at least a comfort  
in view of the frightful exhausting  
program of yr. days, & weary  
yr. getting to bed & sleeping as yr.  
promised - To night I am afraid  
yr. will be too tired to sleep after  
the reception - I do hope the weather  
is better at B.M. than here, for I am  
still nervous abt your Nov at - Tell

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me what you will, whether you will  
unpardonable enough to put me an  
open dress - Mrs. Cleveland I  
suppose is not with you, as you  
didn't mention it -

I hope Mrs. Hemson isn't thinking me  
very rude - I enclosed you all the  
price they have paid for the space of the  
Gallery & do you know it a small matter  
we feel uncomfortable, decidedly,  
but I suppose it is foolish -

I find La Terre Promise extremely inter-  
esting as well as well written,  
but the hero is such a contemptible  
creature - that it weakens its  
interest as a story - He has hardly  
secured a rare success in making  
a perfectly innocent scene - filled  
so attractive that she wins one's  
sympathies instead of being one  
and - makes one feel as one would  
in an actual case, but pity of it  
and the criminal will of shielding  
him from knowledge of the evil in

the world - This & Henry James's <sup>(S)</sup>  
 last vol. of stories 'The Real Thing'  
 are all I have read in these last  
 days - Inv of New I had read, 'The  
 Chaparral' wh. is an original story, but  
 not an altogether successful one,  
 and 'Greville Fane' the sketch of the  
 poor old novelist, wh. is very clever, but  
 the Ners were new to me - 'Anna Vincent'  
 'Sir Dominick Ferrand' and 'The Real Thing'  
 itself, wh. last seems to me hammered  
 out much too thin - 'Anna Vincent'  
 New is another of his charming romances  
 but she is not a very vivid portrait,  
 altogether the vol. seems to me much  
 poorer than any thing he has done for  
 a long time.

Have you read 'Calverie' oh you  
 reader of many novels, & did you  
 like it. -

Have you heard any thing more about  
 Beaumont & Fletcher?

Promise me something please, that  
 the very moment you hear the result

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of next Friday's meeting, you will  
telegraph me - A week seems so  
long to wait, even hopefull -  
May I send you a kiss? You can  
send it back when you write me  
my long letter to-morrow - I hope  
you will stay in bed all day & that  
you will go Wed the moment  
you get back to meeting on  
Sunday & stay there until Monday  
morning - God bless and - you may  
depend upon my obeying your  
final injunctions -

Sincerely yours,  
Mary S.