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Dearest Mamma,

At 3.15 this afternoon  
your letter came like a burst of  
sunshine on a dark day. In I was  
tired & nervous & cross after a  
tiring evening, and none of  
all three because I had been disap-  
pointed by not getting your letter in  
the ring - I was not surprised  
however & felt sure I should get it before  
the day was over - It was worth wait-  
ing for my dear one and made me  
very happy - The ring mail brought  
Mamma's note, which I do not



② And as you of course saw it I do  
know just what she said on the letter  
question -

What a dreadful day your record  
shows in the 2<sup>d</sup> one of your being unwell.  
You did get through a great deal  
in yr. 3 hrs. in town and a great  
deal at home, but I am so sorry  
that the part at home included  
an unpleasant scene with Dr.  
Collis - Alas, it looks as if the  
library were going to prove a disap-  
pointment in every way - I shall  
not with much interest in the letter  
thru Miss Gregory about it -

I have just reached the conclusion  
not to mail this to-night, and so as  
I am excessively tired, will say  
goodnight now, and go on with it in the  
morn'g - I wonder how your first attempt



and evening have you - I hope you  
are not too tired to get all the pleasure  
that is possible out of the visit - With  
so much love, goodnight -

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - 8.50 P.M. - alas, not a word


from you to-day, faithless one - I  
stopped last night because I was  
so tired my head was in such a  
daze that I simply didn't write a line  
that you'd care to read & to-night it  
will be no better, I fear - I did the  
very remarkable thing of sleeping until  
8 o'cl. this morn'g but woke up then  
with a headache which steadily  
grew worse - partly because of the  
wretchedly warm, damp, unwholesome  
some atmosphere, I suppose - but I  
suppose the real reason for my being  
had so much headache in these  
last few days is that I do not



④ find it easy to live in the house  
with so many people, when I have  
the responsibility of them at least,  
even when I take just as little  
as is possible - It is wearing & trying  
and oh, my darling, the contrast  
to - ah, here at last is your letter,  
and if you only knew my beloved -  
what a difference it has made  
to have it - I really do not see this  
time how you could have helped  
it, for Edith's case certainly deserv-  
ed sympathy and you will of  
course have to accept fate & help  
her, but I am afraid the task will  
sometimes prove a difficult &  
rather unemancipal one.

You know what I was about to  
say when your letter stopped  
me and you can expand it as you



as you choose, without running any  
risk of exaggerating my feelings.  
I could not  tell you that I  
was going to have a visit of a week  
or even of a part of a week from  
John May when their Glee Club ex-  
cursion was over, as they told me  
when I asked whether they could  
stop in Bath on their way back they  
saw if the College wd excuse them  
(them began yr term on Wednesday  
the day they arrived here) wh. they  
were not absolutely sure of, they  
tho their mother wd want them to  
go direct to her at Lakenhead, but  
that they wd let me know if there  
was any possibility of it. I was  
quite positive that he would see  
Mr J. Lakenhead as he wd be  
at rest better there. I heard



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was a word of a from New, until  
I got home when I got the letter I send  
you from Ray - John's coming I knew  
nothing of until they both appeared  
together on Wed. ev'g <sup>they</sup> as I wrote you  
they found me in bed - K. V.  
said he th't they w'd mean to  
stop, but he didn't know either -  
So, my dear sweet-finder, am I excused.  
~~John is cert~~ Ray left this ev'g before  
dinner, as he had promised to spend  
the night with Lisa Shoemaker &  
they are both going back to Providence  
to-morrow ev'g. John having decided  
that Nat will be ~~passer~~ in his  
New watch until Monday ev'g.  
He is certainly not in love with  
the girl he was reported engaged  
to, or at least he makes no effort  
to see her, as he has not called on



her & did not go to a tea she gave  
 this aft. — Ray did call me by & did  
 go to the tea after we got back to Upland  
 this aft. but whether there is any-  
 thing in it I am sure I don't know.  
 He is not melancholy & he is not  
 absent minded and he is ex-  
 ceedingly particular about his  
 toilet as he always is & although  
 years none of the ordinary accepted  
 signs of a lover —

If it had not been that I as you know  
 did not dine at Upland on New Year's  
 Day & spend the night & that on  
 Wednesday I had again had to  
 telephone that I did not go out to  
 lunch as K. had written to say  
 we had to I should have stayed at  
 home to-day & let the boys go without



⑧ me, because of my headache, but  
it did not make it worse and  
I was very glad I went — R. seemed  
to me real better —

The note to Henry of John. Duclap  
yr copy came this morn — My note is  
still unwritten — but I shall try  
to get it done to-morrow — alas,  
alas, that it must be written —

I have real felt quite miserable  
this time and do not understand  
it as I was certain careful the  
last month — I have had a most  
constant headache, a good deal of  
pretty bad backache & while last  
night I had enough pain to recon-  
cile me to the company of a hot-  
water bottle — Whights — July  
Why I have not seen Mr. Garrison is  
I had not been outside of the house  
while to-day — I had while



My headache medicine twice a day  
I have no doubt the pain without my  
medicine which is a nerve brist  
is part of the cause of headache &c.  
and the weather is certainly a factor.

If we could have some good weather  
I am distressed all yr. sore throat  
Be sure to tell me how it is &  
also be sure to use your gargle  
begin yr. tonic again the very moment  
yr. get back to B. M. —

I return yr. clipping about the  
Howard Annex — It seems to me  
any thing but a clear statement about  
the degree — I don't after all whether  
it is much more than the certifi-  
cate they had before — Tell me  
what Miss M.'s position is when  
time serves —

I hope Carver is nice to night &  
that the dinner will be one of the right.



⑩ kind & narrow, and I am wondering  
how you will like Miss Minnison.  
Don't forget to tell me — I was glad  
to hear of you seeing the Vanderbill  
pictures — Is John's Ball in place  
and are there many new things <sup>also</sup> <sub>in</sub> <sup>the</sup> <sub>place</sub>?

Alas, in the staining of the  
woodwork in New York — but it  
can not make it any thing but a  
charming hall — Yes certainly  
I was serious about the drawing  
rooms, &c., although as I told you  
I did not expect to be taken serious.  
I should be delighted to do it  
if you & Mamma wd really like  
me to & if it wd relieve you  
both of any trouble — So do not  
hesitate to accept the offer —  
I do not think it wd really be



very difficult with the plan of  
yr. ideas & knowing the author  
respects to the time to do it,  
and I should love to do it or  
it goes without saying wd. convey  
just as much if not more  
than yr. liked

I also <sup>do</sup> care very much abt it  
in the reasons yr. mention

And ever your daughter, my  
dear. It is not far from 10 &  
I must talk to you in a few  
moments before going up

With love to mamma & hoping  
so much that these days are  
just to rest not to write yr.,  
but not hoping that yr. will not  
want to make many such visits,  
Love & yours, Mary E. S.