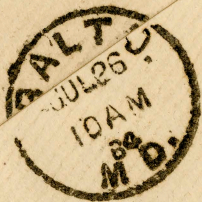




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Deer Park, Jul 25th /84
~~77 West Monument Street.~~

Dearest Minnie,

If you knew
what pleasure yr. letters
gave me I think you wd
like more, in spite of
feeling "pen - tired" — After
you have been here for
a little while, I think
you will understand better
how it is that you do not
get more letters from me,
or I might almost say
any — a budget goes to the

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Mail always nice & they
come a day, but rarely
carries me - like wh.
has given me any pleas-
ure or whik - I will
not take time now to tell
you all about the many
domestic complications
wh. have arisen since we
have been here, but
some of them have worried
and are worrying me
very much & have help-
ed to make me feel
well - Confidentially
me is that Richard is

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about Wleare & I am making
up every effort to fill
his place (as far as maybe)
as soon as possible, and
do not yet know whether
Alice will go or stay -
Please say nothing about
this even to Bessie, ^{but} you
can easily see that it
would involve very
serious complications
in us, and that the
possibility of losing her
might make me very
blue — But I leave

Here we'd be dipping subjects
The "special reason" I had
In asking you to come in
Aug. 15^m was that I NT
if Maunie ed come in
The first few days of Sept.
(was soon as she got back to
Newport), you wd stay
through her visit & go
back with her - Ours is
such a very quiet & sad
house now and when
there is only one other person
besides Julia with me
we are so much with
Papa, that it would be

expensive ² dull in manner (4)
to come alone, but if you



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here here & there were
four of us, I thought she
might perhaps think it
well her while

I have of course absolutely
no engagements & expect
no other visitors this even-
ing, so you see the time
was named simply as the
one I thought most convenient
and pleasant for you

I had hoped to have written
to Mamma soon after getting
here asking her about her
coming, but have always
had to put it off & did not

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know she knew of it, but
I will write her very soon,
although I am afraid
now it will be rather per-
junctory as you tell me
she is going to Bessie's on
coming back from Newport.
Do you mean that she will
be with you in Philadelphia
for the meeting just after
or back with Bessie's?
Now, dear Minnie, when
are you coming? Bessie
you said wd be with you
this week & the Peabody
closes on Aug. 1st; therefore

Why not come when her
visit is over? This sug-
gestion I venture in spite
of yr. telling me that 'in the
next few weeks you will
be very happy', owing to
various reasons enumerated
one very favorable & I
think ~~not~~ & so on & so forth -
Here you would have very
little outside of our party
walls as we see almost
none but my Mother
& Harry's family, who have
a cottage here -
Robert & his wife left last
week -

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In regard to health, I have
been far from well, but
am beginning to get better
again. - Test. we had rain
in the first time in 3 weeks
so that I hope the heat is
broken - This morn'g I had to
I played a few games of
Kumie in the first time in
almost 2 weeks, I think
the horse is a success, I think
but I have my first ride in
him still in prospect, as his
back is now rubbed, but he will be
all right in a day or two -

I am so sorry to hear what you
say about Bessie and very
anxious to help it over with
you - I wish I could succeed

in convincing you that Dr.
Cushier would be the best



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person for her to consult.
Her diagnosis is said to be
remarkable - Won't you at
least make inquiries about
her & find out all you can
before deciding definitely on
the Phila. one.

I hope you will believe that
it is not for lack of interest of
will that I do not answer
your letters fully & discuss
as far as I'd / Bryan Hunt
matters, &c., but simply lack
of time.

Lulu sends kindest messages -
Hoping to both hear from you & see
you very soon. Lovingly yours,
M. S. Garrett