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Read
Stock tone
Lifer & Miner
Canon - it is
inimitable
& then remark
it for students
library

Sat evening Dec 12 -

Ah my dear, how strange it is
that yr telegram that ^{was} came two
hrs ago (4 P.M.), found me
again in bed just as I was the
day I wrote you the failed
letter - this time with a
hemorrhoids cough I caught
by dining out last night -
I have been in bed all
day discharging letters seeing
businesses of halls & all such
bed chamber political name

② Surged around me. I have read
Stodd Smalley's (the Tribune correspondent
you know) letters to wh have
appeared in a volume & very
clear they are, many Acad's
& Athenaeums, several German
papers Fred. Harrison's ridiculous
nonsense about women on the
6th Thoroughly, disembowelled
7 books on Engl style for
my Eng lectures & on the model
~~WAA~~ like a little thunder
clap comes yr ~~come~~ cable
calling me back from it all

to this time 2 weeks ago. I feel ⁽³⁾
like a convict whose noose
has unexpectedly slipped, as if
a reprieve had been granted,
and yet on the other hand
I can scarcely look forward
calmly to writing out parts
of the letter again. Yet I am
very grateful to you for not
reading the letter. I am sure
I can say what must be
resaid much more quietly.
I wonder how it happened
ed my volume have had too
little postage. I fear this
has often been the case for
till last week I misunderstood

④ as did my secretaries, the cabalistic
signs on my letter weights. All
thru. the Summer yr letters
often came with 15 or 20
cents due but lately you have
been most exact. Whatever
was the reason I am thank-
ful, because I am so afraid
I said what was unwise
& you know I ought not to
have written at that time
what ever I wrote later. I wish
Mary dear we had been able
to talk things over as freely as
we have written them.
When I am with you I am
often unaccountably embarrassed
and find it hard to say

Personal things & take refuge
 in common places or meet. or
 school matters & so things go on -
 said & say things that have much
 to do with my happiness & unhappiness
 such as yr relations to France
 For I cannot let you think
 that what I wrote about was
 worse than it was for a month
 or more - until, that is, I can
 send you "elegant & back"
 from my letter - I asked you to
 return the letter because I had
 sent a great many things
 at the school & the mid
 set that you must know I
 did not remember - wh. they were

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Sunday aft Dec 13

I will finish before sitting down
to my Barlowe for I felt I was so
tired yesterday I did not continue
Just after yr cable came the
enclosed telegram wh^{ch} puts the
finishing touch to a frightful
week Tues. my Ex. Board to
dinner, Wed. the dinner, Thursd.
aft the formal opening of the
Drexel Inst. Thursd. evening
a reception to Mrs Kirk, Friday
the Neighbors Club meet in
Denbigh Hall at the request
of Mr Conner who gave us
5000 gm know - Mr William
P Heneery was the last
subscriber whose name I omitted.

from my last letter. Then ^(E)
I have been having many interviews
with the students association,
getting them to bind themselves
to take charge of all matters
of conduct & behavior. They
are more charming to me
than could be imagined but
now while they love & trust me
I want to outline the paths for
the future, because later they
may be too many for me to know
so well personally. It has been
a great trouble and in the
middle of it all comes the
fancy some of our ^{students} younger ₁

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have for staying late in each of ^{these} rooms and getting out of the windows of one hall & into the windows of another, all here of the night - My pretty Miss Linnan is one of these. It is scandalous to the Ex. Com., or I, must stop it. Then my new profs. - to get them into the sure paths of good teaching is difficult - And the laboratory plans - I have drawn them inside & out in detail - Oh the nuisance of it - Really Mary everything there is so much trouble, it is ~~not~~ questionable if it is worth it - Then my teaching takes

so much time it is only 7 hrs a
week & I shall never increase
this number — but 4 are my
class of 81 wh^o will increase
every year — & it is this course that
gives me my hold over the students
& I can therefore never give it
up — I get lecturing to such a
huge class is a great task. My
drama 2 hrs a week is a most
diff. course to manage because
the grad. students who com-
pose it are specializing in
English and the art of teaching

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they do is enormous - I find that
to discuss these plays I must
read them over - each week
& so my reading is also enormous
Do you not see - Then a few places
I must go - but really this is
not necessary, I think. Then my
three hall mistresses I must
see twice a week or they get
into conflict with the students
& Dr Rhoads says I really to
live with, altho we have
now no trouble of any kind
I think I have entirely won his
confidence & I have learned
how to seem to throw him forward
& thus practically manage

every thing without any friction
 But, oh the trouble of it - It
would be no trouble, not the least,
 if I were sure it was the best
 use of time - With the effort
 I am putting on this college
 we might have the most
 splendid college, or Univ, in the
 world if only we had more
 money & of course ideally I
don't wish Trustees (not like the
 Hopkins 1000 times no, nor like
 ours) ^{but} such as we ourselves can
 choose - I am perishing to
 tell all these young girls
 just what I have felt out

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little as it is & start them fair, but
in this miserable benighted America
where could it be said on a Univ.
rostrum. Because you see if
one gives up to a great extent personal
ambition it ought to be for some
thing. Do you mind my writing
you my troubles & perplexities
~~becau~~ I feel well enough this
year to face things & I want to
decide where to throw my energies
And if only you were well, &
the Hopkins open Med. Sch. opened,
and if only, if only, you could
get Mamma — & this was of course
the subject of my letter — to thank
you as nice as you are then
I cd begin to work, really work
with a fair chance, but my life

are thundering big upon my
soul which is the most
impossible of fulfilment I
cannot tell — How I hope
you are better — I know I wish
I had you here — just as you
were in my dream — My study
looks very sweet the fire is
glowing & the lamps are lit
& every thing is just as you know
it, nothing added — I do my
thinking you only missing to
make it very pleasant — I
tonight if you were here —
— you see my dream must be
fulfilled — all your rings set
be off and — you'd have

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forgotten in your long life on the
city of dreams one little word
of your recollections -

And so goodnight &
goodbye - Pleasant dreams
to you yourself this moonlight
night in Venice - Tell me do you
sometimes wish I were there
"in such a night as this" "in such a night
Troilus", "in such a night did this be",
"in such a night stood Deio", "in such
a night Medea" & Jessica & Lorenzo
& all the rest of them - And
then as now, to Jessica & Portia
& to you in December & to me
next June - Moonlight in Venice
goes on - & so do other things &
the monotony is wonderful
& yet the the least monotonous thing
in the world - Yrs Anne C

are the dearest things I have my
 but which is the one I
 impossible of fulfillment I
 cannot tell — How I hope
 you are better — I have feared
 that you here — such as you
 are in my dream — I wish
 to see you — the fire is
 shining & the lamp is lit
 everything is just as you know
 it — nothing is changed — I to my
 thinking you are missing the
 water is very pleasant — I
 thought if you were here
 you in my dream would be
 fulfilled — all your love and
 affection — and — your affection

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forgotten in your long life on the
city of dreams one little word
of your vocabulary -

As at so goodnight I
goodbye - pleasant dreams
to you on self this moonlight
night in Venice - Tell me do you
some time such scene there
"in such a night as this" "in such a night
before" "in such a night did she be"
"in such a night stood Desdemona" "in such a
a night Medea" & Jessica & Lorraine
& all the rest of them - Tell
them as now, to Desdemona & Portia
& to you in December of some
night time - Moonlight in Venice
give me - I shall tell the things I
the memory is an old friend
I yet do believe some times things
in the world - Yrs Anne C.

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Saturday Dec 12 -

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Oh my dear, how strange it is
that you began that same time
the day I began if you had not
been so with me with
again in with you with
day starts in with you with
later - the night
memories out with all
by doing better by this week
by your looking well at all have
day because of fishes have
overlooked of fishes have
with down her fishes have