



15 W. 30th St.  
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I am sorry not to have mailed a  
letter this morn<sup>g</sup> as I had intended  
but the day has been one succession  
of failing to do the things I expected  
to do, owing to the visit of mine  
consumed by the dress maker &  
still I have not finished with her,  
but must go back to-morrow  
morning - What I sh<sup>d</sup> certainly  
have time to write before coming  
here this morn<sup>g</sup>, as I got back to the  
Hotel at 5.30, but attending to  
the things that had to be seen to  
with Mary B. during Miss L. at  
the party & the things I wanted,  
and dressing left me exactly

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time to reach me <sup>at</sup> by 1 minute  
of 7. by driving fast. After  
dinner I read my <sup>rip</sup> mail, wh.  
included the list John had <sup>pro</sup> me  
to put in his letter & put it  
up for Mary Bond; one for  
Mary who had gone in <sup>was</sup> la-  
specially to get hers in me & then  
found she had taken the wrong  
trunk of keys, & one from Bertha  
accepting my invitation to receive  
with me, &c. - Just as I had finish-  
ed this & was going to write you  
John & Miss arrived unexpected  
when they left it was too late  
now I am afraid to mail it  
until I get yr. letter in the morn-  
g telling me whether you are coming  
to-morrow or Thursday

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I do not understand all that Sat.  
letter - last night I put in the box  
myself, so I know that it left the  
dock, as they were just making up  
the package -

I was so very glad to get your hair  
letter finished at the Dravery.  
I still do not answer my questions  
about houses - <sup>full</sup> - Please go on  
with them just as regularly as you  
promised -

For Dr. M. - I am sorry for him &  
very glad when that you were right  
and that you kept your temper.  
Does the Sauppe letter still not  
come?

Miss L. is making herself  
useful by doing some of Henry's  
kwas shipping for me, quite  
well, she certainly has more head

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Mam Miss K., but she looks very delicate —

Mr. I think it is much wiser not to ask Bertha for the time being. I won't mind my aching my Aunt's, as they wd enjoy it in the very quiet way —

John's letter sounds as if he expected to be in Bath. p. Sat. unbed. — I told him in ans<sup>r</sup> his letter that I sh<sup>d</sup> not be at home on Sat. that Aunt Beebe & Aunt Fannie wd be glad to have him spend the night with them & — I shall not see very many of him, however, if he does spend the 3 days there, so do not be alarmed.


Mr. Adams yr see accepts. Certainly I need not breakfast with him if I do not feel like it —

The note about Laurelle that Mrs. with this has exhausted me, and besides I am housepressing

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at any rate —

One more  Enclosure —  
am afraid — from Miss Hoop  
land is not going to hold out —  
Her letter sounds frightful nervous;  
but then it is difficult to judge of  
people so entirely different from  
ourselves —

I wonder whether I shall catch  
even a glimpse of you while you  
are here. —

My answer to your question about  
what I think of the chances of our getting  
the Spanish & Japanese Kings —  
The latter I think there is no doubt about.  
They answer my letter by a printed  
notice explaining delay by their dif-  
ficulties in getting appraisers, &c. —  
The Spaniards I regret to say have  
not deigned to answer. I don't  
feel very great confidence in them.  
But let us hope still —

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I wonder whether the ship will bring  
 me a letter saying that you are  
 going to the Lyons and Concord  
 all to-morrow night or a telegram  
 saying that you will beat the Victoria  
 or near or yet so very far away -  
 Good night, my very dear one -

Love of yours  
 May 22

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*