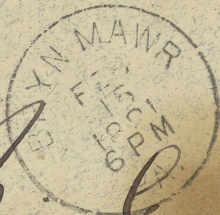


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Mrs Garrett
The Mountain Park Hotel
Hot Springs
North Carolina



Have you any way
of making tea?
Answer -

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Sunday Feb 15 1791

The Deanery, Bryn Mawr,
Pa.

Dearest Mary - how delighted
I was to get your letter last
evening and to hear how you
are and about your sitting room
and lounge and your walk and
even about those small blue
Devils you cherish so closely -
Please walk a little every day,
even if it tires you, and promise
to read a tiny bit of Homer and
have you Jebb's Homer and
Langs travel, because if not
I want to send them to you, and

② Have you read what Symonds
says about him? Be sure to
answer these questions. It seems to
me it wd be great fun to go
regularly thro. Greek lit., reading
all about, and all of each, author,
and why set the not do it together,
if indeed if you can wait for me,
for I have been so busy lately that
I am holding poor Mammae tied by
the leg in the very midst of
Paris & Menelaus' combat in the
3rd Bk. How I hope you like my
Medlar Tree - I finished it ~~late~~
all in a ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~most~~ altho. I
read the last few pages in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
of the three secretaries just
before wrapping it up, to send

you - Unless you want to keep ^{back} it ^{at} we will present
it to the Students Library - Have
you read Henry James' guide philosopher
& friend Constance &
see if not there are some of
her books I ed like you to read,
and do you know Geo Meredith?
Read the Fabian Essays, they alone
& unawared made Uncle Robert
a socialist, & see if Sidney well
is not beguiling. No, we did not
get to New York. I was so busy
and I ed not go to New York
twice and the divine Sara
provokingly played La Tosca.
& Cleopatra does not come

④ See this week and next. Having
seen her three times in La Tosca,
& squandered \$20 on it, I th't I
must wait till Cleofatra come
so a week from next Sat. Feb 28th.
I expect to persuade Mame to
go to hear her if not I shall
go myself to a matinee; for what
is the use of having an innocent
passion if it cannot be annually
indulged! Then too there are
also the Metropolitan pictures to
see. How often I have th't of those
Thayes. Sargent I never think of
out of sight - do you? Now let me
begin to tell you systematically
what has happened since Sunday

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Monday all day long I saw profs.
and students of 5 new students
have entered at the ^{The Decemry. Bryn Mawr} half year ^{first}
and Mrs Morris about the Japanese
scholarship. Tuesday I saw Dr
McInloch, a prom. presby. divine,
ab. going on the Ex. Com. of the
Univ. Exlens. here in Phila. I also
concluded Mary McMurline ab. It
I felt it was her strong desire and
also the wish of our other graduates
who wish to work in it, so I concluded
to consent. They say I need give
no time, only advice. Mary Mc
M. is very nice. You do not do
her justice I think. She is head &
shoulder above Bessie McCall

⑥ wholly the way she says has been
very seriously out of health all
this winter. Then I saw prof. &
Dr Rhoads all the rest of day. Wed.
lecture & meeting at Miss Coles,
150 women, & they called on me
to speak & I had to speak. Evening
too much to read Greek. Miss Child
did not "turn up" till 4 P.M. Monday
and on Tues. she came 2 hrs late
after I had left for ~~two~~ town. I
told her on Wed. she must be
rigidly punctual. Thursday
was my two lecture & aft. day &
I had not a moment. Friday
& ended Thursday I was very anxious

at little Philip who lay at the ^(P)
ft of death all Friday & part of
Thursday, only kept alive by stimulants
& Oxygen - Father wrote me three
letters in one day & in the last told
that he died at twilight on
Friday, Poor little fellow he has
had no chance at all from his
birth & I believe it was all because
a foolish squabble prevented Harry
from having Dr Kelly - However
it is none the less, or rather all
the more, a grief to Zoe & Harry.
He is just now being put into
his little grave at ~~London~~
for the funeral was to be a three

⑧ and it is now half past four. I
could not get back tonight and
tomorrow was so full of lectures
& appointments that Harry said
he would rather have me the last of
this week. Hill & Frank went &
John & Bond were there by accident
I think I am glad it happened
so, for I shrank from going to
London under such circumstances
& the whole thing seems pitiful
to be born only to cause the
grief of dying to one's parents
I believe I am rather pagan in
my sentiments toward death
I can do no good - why
dwell on it either way it

is inconceivable — a sleep or
an awaking either, is for
me unimaginable. ^{The Decency, Brim Mawr,} It
cannot be one, nor can it be
the other, and yet one it must
be. Further than this I have yet
to see the sound philosophy that
advances. I feel like catching
speculation on this subject by the
throat.

Friday evening. bef. Stenew Philip
was dead I went to an unutterable
party here, my neighbor's Club,
wh^{ch} I attend simply for the
sake of the college ~~at the~~

~~at the~~ I feel it worse than I
remembered it — for I had not

⑩ been less this year. Sab. I was
not well & spent all day correcting
27. papers. ~~reading Shirley~~

Miss Ch. is still sending out
Open letters & there are still
Circulars left. I read a little
Shirley & decided that Ch. Bronie's
pen of fire had become more
flaming since I last read her
why is it that young people are
so slow to feel such things or
rather to find words for them! I
have had an uneasy week
but I hope for better things after
that impending Com. meeting
is over. You need not fear

a firm. com. name & I will not
have one. Then too I have been a
little, and more than a little
troubled ab. you. I do so want
you to profit from the baths &
I can't feel sure you will give
them a fair chance. So even your
double supply of violets did not
swollen yr. journey. You are
spoiled. I wish it were ^{easy} nearer
for me to visit you & you must
consider it a promise & I shall
consider it one - that if ^{you} are
really sick you will let me
know at once - Of course you

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will not be, but I want to be
sure that you will let me know.
Mamma sends ^{her} love - She is not
walking altho her ankle is not
yet well. She is here on acct of her
week at home; & has finished her
essays so that she can take a
long debauch of reading.

Mrs Hewes lecture has been
put off till next some time.

It is a charming day & the
sun makes yr little oranges
beede me like ^{ok} like the apples
of the Hesperides as it shines on
them but for me - and for
you too, are they not? those
unattainable apples are many
more than the six little golden
globes beede me - And yet
fancy six golden fulfilled

The Decency, Bryn Mawr,
wishes what ed they — what ^{for.}
ed they not be? —

Now good-bye — write to
me — tell me some time that
you like to hear from me —
and think of me some times as I
shall think of you daily — I
love in heaps of more respectable
letters than these — for somehow
it strikes me as unusually
dull today

Yours lovingly

Bessie C. H.