

May 4. - 05

Dear M.

You are waiting and waiting & hear from me I know, and wondering why I do not write - & attend to my business affairs, at least.

If I commenced to offer apologies which swarm in my mind they would be tedious and profitless - so I will none of them, only say it seems to grow more difficult for me to get about any kind of correspondence than formerly; I am getting to dread putting pen & paper; - am getting into my dotage, I guess, & ere long fear I shall write no more to anybody. The past month has

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Dear Mr.

For one meeting and
meeting & hear from me I think
and about having my 1000
vote - & attend to my business
affairs, at least.

It is commenced to offer
apologies which seem to
be coming in - & I will
and perhaps - so I will
more often, only say it seems
to grow more difficult for me
to get about any kind of
responsibilities than formerly.
I am getting to dread putting
my paper, I guess, & am having
fear I shall write no more
to anybody. The best would be

(2)
Kept me confined so closely to
house affairs while Mrs. T. was
away, that now she is back again
I can hardly re-adjust myself
to the relief of more leisure, and
about as soon as I have done
so, off she will go again - & this
time for a long - if not perma-
nent stay - as she is going to
Montana & Illinois to visit with
her own family & with her parents
for - perhaps a yr. - (maybe some-
less.) Then, I shall be "in for it," sure,
I never expect to find another
servant so suited to us, and our
ways & needs. Never saw anyone
like her before, & never expect to
again. She is worth to me, her
"weight in gold"! Perhaps you
feel the same way abt. Esther?

But all this is little to the point
in hand, - which is, ^{abt.} the money
you have so kindly loaned me
& the promissory note I had to
sign and re-~~turn~~ to you soon.

sign and be true to your word.
+ the necessary note of how to
you have so kindly to send me
in hand, - which is, the money
But all this is little to the point
feel the same way at. Sister?
"Bright in gold?" Perhaps you
again. She is worth some, her
like her before, & never expect to
more & more. I've sent and one
amount 80 units to us, and our
I never expect to find another
too. Then I shall be the for "me."
for - perhaps a yr. - (maybe some
the over family & with the present
Mountains & William & I will with
rent stay; as she is going to
time for a long - if not forever
so, off she will go again - & the
about as soon as I have done
of the relief of more learning, and
of her hand, & adjust myself
away, that now she is back again
have affairs with Mrs. T. & Mrs.
Left me convinced as closely to

I do the ^{latter} ~~same~~ in this, and (3)
ought to have done so earlier,
thanking you and G. most
sincerely for the effort you
have made to help me out. —
I will keep the money at the low
rate of interest you have
generously placed upon it
and use it now, hoping to re-
turn it in 3 mos. time so you
can all have your own again.

~~Thank you.~~ During July & Aug. I
presume I shall not need to buy
much — & so can better spare the
money then. But the Sept. & Oct.
allowance must be kept for
my broad-cloth suit (remodelled),
and other needs. I must be a
little more careful in the future
so as not to get into debt, which
I have a horror of — even though
I have the kindest & most lenient
of creditors.

I deeply appreciate your efforts
to help me, & only wish "The shoe was
on the other foot" — i.e., that I could
help you & G. by giving — not lending.
even.

Keep you & V. by giving that feeling.
on the other foot, ie, that I could
to help me & only want the same
I deeply appreciate your efforts
of creation.

I have the kindest & most sincere
I have a horror of - even though
so as not to get into debt, which
little more careful in the future
about other needs. I must be a
my good - (not just necessities)

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money then. But the Sept. & Oct.
month - I can better spare the
pennance I shall not need to buy
things. Buying Sep & Oct. is

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turn it in 3 mos. time so you
and use it now, hoping to a
generously placed upon it
vote of interest to be have

I will keep the money at the bank
have available to help me out.
Sincerely for the effort you
Thanking you and G. Wood
ought to have done so earlier.
I do the same in this and (3)

Don't construe this to mean (D4)
that I want this money given me;
for I certainly don't. But I w'd like
to be in a position ^{to} give you, or
anybody - when I felt like it.
That reminds me, that I have
lately had a present from my
nearest neighbors - (in the new house,
built since you left,) who have ^{large} Gold-
mine interests, & tried to sell us some
stock at the low rate of 5 ^{cts} per share!
Even at that - we did not buy - or
venture anything - not feeling that
we could afford to lose any money,
- and since then the shares have gone
up to 16 ^{cts}, & are expected to be 30
during the next 3 mos, at least, & then
climb on, as the mine is developed &
begins to ship ore. The specimens have
been carefully assayed here by diff.
parties - whose verdicts unknown
each to the other place the estimate
at ^{abt.} 104,000 to the ton! The mines
are in "Gold-field," Nevada, and
next to the famous ones that are
proving immensely rich, only these
are ^{but} only developed a little way, as yet,
for want of sufficient means.

for want of sufficient means, -
are not developed at all the way, as yet,
though immenely rich; and these
next to the famous ones that are
one in Gold-field, Nevada, and
at ^{last} 10,000 to the ton! The mines
lead to the other places the estimate
figures - whose verdict unknown
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even at that - we did not buy - or
stock at the low rate of 5 ^{cts} per share!
mine interests, & tried to sell no more
but since you left (who have sold)
nearest neighbors - in the ^{large} house
lately had a present from my
that remains one, that I have
anybody - when I felt like it.
to be in a position to give you, or
for I certainly don't, but I will like
that I want this money given me;
about fourteen the ^{same} amount

The young couple apparently ~~45~~
wished to make some returns for
certain little favors shown them
by us, - such as having the
little wife occupy a room in
our house at night while her
husband was absent at the
mines for two weeks, - (she was
going to stay alone, but it wouldn't
permit it when I learned of it, not
thinking it a safe thing for her to do,
and just then they had no servant)
- but she was entirely welcome
and I wished nothing, of course
for the little favor. She is a most
modest & unobtrusive person -
very lady-like, & bright withal, &
we enjoyed her pleasant society
evenings. She looks something like
Aunt Ann^{ie}, also. (By the way
the latter & Uncle T. are coming in abt.
a week, but will stay at hotel, as
this is their choice.)
Well! - I make a long story short, - (or
shorter) - I was given 100 shares in the
gold mine, - worth now, abt. 15,000 (the shares)

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 by us, - such as having the
 little wife occupy a room in
 our house at night - while her
 husband was absent at the
 mines for two weeks, - (she was
 going to stay alone, but I wouldn't
 permit it when I learned of it, not
 thinking it a safe thing for her to do,
 and that then they had no money)
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 modest & unobtrusive person -
 very lady-like, & bright-witted, &
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 evening. She looks something like
 Aunt Annie, also. (By the way,
 the latter & Charles V. are coming in Oct.
 week, but will stay at hotel, as
 this is their choice.)
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 1861 - 1862 - 1863 - 1864 - 1865 - 1866 - 1867 - 1868 - 1869 - 1870 - 1871 - 1872 - 1873 - 1874 - 1875 - 1876 - 1877 - 1878 - 1879 - 1880 - 1881 - 1882 - 1883 - 1884 - 1885 - 1886 - 1887 - 1888 - 1889 - 1890 - 1891 - 1892 - 1893 - 1894 - 1895 - 1896 - 1897 - 1898 - 1899 - 1900 - 1901 - 1902 - 1903 - 1904 - 1905 - 1906 - 1907 - 1908 - 1909 - 1910 - 1911 - 1912 - 1913 - 1914 - 1915 - 1916 - 1917 - 1918 - 1919 - 1920 - 1921 - 1922 - 1923 - 1924 - 1925 - 1926 - 1927 - 1928 - 1929 - 1930 - 1931 - 1932 - 1933 - 1934 - 1935 - 1936 - 1937 - 1938 - 1939 - 1940 - 1941 - 1942 - 1943 - 1944 - 1945 - 1946 - 1947 - 1948 - 1949 - 1950 - 1951 - 1952 - 1953 - 1954 - 1955 - 1956 - 1957 - 1958 - 1959 - 1960 - 1961 - 1962 - 1963 - 1964 - 1965 - 1966 - 1967 - 1968 - 1969 - 1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1973 - 1974 - 1975 - 1976 - 1977 - 1978 - 1979 - 1980 - 1981 - 1982 - 1983 - 1984 - 1985 - 1986 - 1987 - 1988 - 1989 - 1990 - 1991 - 1992 - 1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996 - 1997 - 1998 - 1999 - 2000 - 2001 - 2002 - 2003 - 2004 - 2005 - 2006 - 2007 - 2008 - 2009 - 2010 - 2011 - 2012 - 2013 - 2014 - 2015 - 2016 - 2017 - 2018 - 2019 - 2020 - 2021 - 2022 - 2023 - 2024 - 2025 - 2026 - 2027 - 2028 - 2029 - 2030 - 2031 - 2032 - 2033 - 2034 - 2035 - 2036 - 2037 - 2038 - 2039 - 2040 - 2041 - 2042 - 2043 - 2044 - 2045 - 2046 - 2047 - 2048 - 2049 - 2050 - 2051 - 2052 - 2053 - 2054 - 2055 - 2056 - 2057 - 2058 - 2059 - 2060 - 2061 - 2062 - 2063 - 2064 - 2065 - 2066 - 2067 - 2068 - 2069 - 2070 - 2071 - 2072 - 2073 - 2074 - 2075 - 2076 - 2077 - 2078 - 2079 - 2080 - 2081 - 2082 - 2083 - 2084 - 2085 - 2086 - 2087 - 2088 - 2089 - 2090 - 2091 - 2092 - 2093 - 2094 - 2095 - 2096 - 2097 - 2098 - 2099 - 2100 - 2101 - 2102 - 2103 - 2104 - 2105 - 2106 - 2107 - 2108 - 2109 - 2110 - 2111 - 2112 - 2113 - 2114 - 2115 - 2116 - 2117 - 2118 - 2119 - 2120 - 2121 - 2122 - 2123 - 2124 - 2125 - 2126 - 2127 - 2128 - 2129 - 2130 - 2131 - 2132 - 2133 - 2134 - 2135 - 2136 - 2137 - 2138 - 2139 - 2140 - 2141 - 2142 - 2143 - 2144 - 2145 - 2146 - 2147 - 2148 - 2149 - 2150 - 2151 - 2152 - 2153 - 2154 - 2155 - 2156 - 2157 - 2158 - 2159 - 2160 - 2161 - 2162 - 2163 - 2164 - 2165 - 2166 - 2167 - 2168 - 2169 - 2170 - 2171 - 2172 - 2173 - 2174 - 2175 - 2176 - 2177 - 2178 - 2179 - 2180 - 2181 - 2182 - 2183 - 2184 - 2185 - 2186 - 2187 - 2188 - 2189 - 2190 - 2191 - 2192 - 2193 - 2194 - 2195 - 2196 - 2197 - 2198 - 2199 - 2200 - 2201 - 2202 - 2203 - 2204 - 2205 - 2206 - 2207 - 2208 - 2209 - 2210 - 2211 - 2212 - 2213 - 2214 - 2215 - 2216 - 2217 - 2218 - 2219 - 2220 - 2221 - 2222 - 2223 - 2224 - 2225 - 2226 - 2227 - 2228 - 2229 - 2230 - 2231 - 2232 - 2233 - 2234 - 2235 - 2236 - 2237 - 2238 - 2239 - 2240 - 2241 - 2242 - 2243 - 2244 - 2245 - 2246 - 2247 - 2248 - 2249 - 2250 - 2251 - 2252 - 2253 - 2254 - 2255 - 2256 - 2257 - 2258 - 2259 - 2260 - 2261 - 2262 - 2263 - 2264 - 2265 - 2266 - 2267 - 2268 - 2269 - 2270 - 2271 - 2272 - 2273 - 2274 - 2275 - 2276 - 2277 - 2278 - 2279 - 2280 - 2281 - 2282 - 2283 - 2284 - 2285 - 2286 - 2287 - 2288 - 2289 - 2290 - 2291 - 2292 - 2293 - 2294 - 2295 - 2296 - 2297 - 2298 - 2299 - 2300 - 2301 - 2302 - 2303 - 2304 - 2305 - 2306 - 2307 - 2308 - 2309 - 2310 - 2311 - 2312 - 2313 - 2314 - 2315 - 2316 - 2317 - 2318 - 2319 - 2320 - 2321 - 2322 - 2323 - 2324 - 2325 - 2326 - 2327 - 2328 - 2329 - 2330 - 2331 - 2332 - 2333 - 2334 - 2335 - 2336 - 2337 - 2338 - 2339 - 2340 - 2341 - 2342 - 2343 - 2344 - 2345 - 2346 - 2347 - 2348 - 2349 - 2350 - 2351 - 2352 - 2353 - 2354 - 2355 - 2356 - 2357 - 2358 - 2359 - 2360 - 2361 - 2362 - 2363 - 2364 - 2365 - 2366 - 2367 - 2368 - 2369 - 2370 - 2371 - 2372 - 2373 - 2374 - 2375 - 2376 - 2377 - 2378 - 2379 - 2380 - 2381 - 2382 - 2383 - 2384 - 2385 - 2386 - 2387 - 2388 - 2389 - 2390 - 2391 - 2392 - 2393 - 2394 - 2395 - 2396 - 2397 - 2398 - 2399 - 2400 - 2401 - 2402 - 2403 - 2404 - 2405 - 2406 - 2407 - 2408 - 2409 - 2410 - 2411 - 2412 - 2413 - 2414 - 2415 - 2416 - 2417 - 2418 - 2419 - 2420 - 2421 - 2422 - 2423 - 2424 - 2425 - 2426 - 2427 - 2428 - 2429 - 2430 - 2431 - 2432 - 2433 - 2434 - 2435 - 2436 - 2437 - 2438 - 2439 - 2440 - 2441 - 2442 - 2443 - 2444 - 2445 - 2446 - 2447 - 2448 - 2449 - 2450 - 2451 - 2452 - 2453 - 2454 - 2455 - 2456 - 2457 - 2458 - 2459 - 2460 - 2461 - 2462 - 2463 - 2464 - 2465 - 2466 - 2467 - 2468 - 2469 - 2470 - 2471 - 2472 - 2473 - 2474 - 2475 - 2476 - 2477 - 2478 - 2479 - 2480 - 2481 - 2482 - 2483 - 2484 - 2485 - 2486 - 2487 - 2488 - 2489 - 2490 - 2491 - 24

The papers are made out to (6:
Ellen K. Hallin - (Somehow they found
out my maiden name,) & these shares
are transferred legally to me by the
mining Co. They may never amt.
to anything! & again - they may,
- sometime! - Heaven grant they
may. For if I could ever draw
10.00 a month even from some-
thing of my own ^{as an} independent right,
I should be almost happy.
Of 25.00 - I know I would be!

Your father of course baunters
me abt. my "riches", and says I
won't speak to him ^{long} he fears, now
that I have gold-mine interests!
I told him if I became really
rich, I w'd take care of him, well!
He of course hopes I may - if I
keep to my promise.

We recently had Ethel Hayden's
wedding announcements sent
us, (by letter) and today I wrote her
& inclosed a V. (given by yr father)
for a little gift of some sort to represent
us. She is to be married next week to a Mr.
Gents. They will live with her father.

the papers are made out to (6)
Ellen K. Hallin - (2000) the four
out my maiden name (V. Hallin)
one thousand dollars - 1000 of the
morning Co. They may have sent
to anything - 1000 - they may
- something - the even great
way. For if I could find out
10.00 a month ever from some
thing of my own independent right
I should be almost happy.
off 20.00 - I know I would be!
your father of course wanted
me off, my "riches" and says I
must speak to him ^{long} first. Now
that I have gold mine interest
I tell him if I become really
rich, I will take care of him, well.
The former hopes I may - if I
keep to my promise.
He recently told that Hoffman
had been announced sent
me (by letter) and today I wrote to
a member of V. (Governor of V. father)
for a little gift of some sort. I represent
her. She is a German next week to a
man. She will live with her father.

Your last letter to yr father (6.7.
arrived today. Very interesting.
G's came yesterday, I think. Also
interesting. We are glad you both
liked the abalone presents, and
found them useful.

I feel very sorry abt. poor
Alfred's catarrhal condition.
I noticed his partial deafness
when he was here, but hoped it
would prove temporary merely.
I have such a hard time with
yr father's infirmity, that I dread
to have another member of the family
afflicted with it. It is such a
handicap to the afflicted one, too, all
through life.

Little Eleanor must be very
cunning & amusing. I am
sorry I cannot see her while she
is thus. Maybe you'll come out with
her next winter. Hope so. Sincerely,
I have 7 or 8 letters I ought to ans.
right away - Alfred's among the no.
Hope I can get abt it soon.
Must stop now, & to bed. With best love
(yr mother.

Your last letter to my father (27)
arrived today. Very interesting.
It's come yesterday, I think. Also
interesting. He suggested you don't
take the absolute present, but
forming them useful.

I feel very sorry that you
should be interested in
of which his father's business
when he was here, but hoped it
would prove temporary and
I have such a hard time with
my father's infirmity, that I don't
have another member of the family
afflicted with it. It is such a
handicap to the afflicted one, to
through life.

Little else must be very
cumbersome & annoying. I am
sorry I cannot see her while she
is thus, though you'll come out with
her next winter. Hope so. I
of have for 8 letters I ought to
right away - Alfred's among the
Hope I can get it soon. With best
must stop now. To bed. (Mr. mother)

of Bot, a new hat however
and it is quite 'becom-
ing' - some deep, rich red
roses in the back, soft
velvet front. Looks nice
with my ~~new~~ ^{old} moire dress
& grey, chickadee collar.
But I must end this
letter. Do you know
whether Mr. & Mrs. Hayden
are both living? I
heard through
some one that one was
gone. - Do you ever see
Maude Willard?
If you do, of course
she will tell you how
it is.
Answer
this
Good bye,
with love
to
mother, 6
Ph. dis-
you give
letter a
social
boy, me, & all
nary
ill
from
it's

Romeo,
Los Angeles,
The thought that I will
be nearly three weeks from Christmas
before this letter reaches you makes
me almost frantic. - Considering
how long I have made you wait for
thanks regarding your very generous
gifts to me. One which gave me con-
tinues to give me solid satisfaction
every day. I refer to the Chinese China
of course. Your father has had many
thanks for his part of the enterprise, &
sees that I appreciate his efforts
& please me, I am sure. But more
of this later on. I feel almost the
worst over my long delay toward Alfred
- my dear little boy who took such
pains to get his Papa & Ma some-
thing nice for Xmas, and then they didn't
seem to notice his efforts at all! or at
least have said nothing since as though they
(were pleased.)

But I want him to know that we both
were very much pleased; with the pretty
etching & and Grandpa with his lady
match-scratcher. That, hangs on the wall
of his room by his Chiffonier, and he
uses it every time he lights his little
gas stove. The red waist of the young
lady looks ever so pretty on the deep-
cream colored wall and is just the
thing for a bright 'spot of color'.

(The verse you wrote under it was
extremely fetching - & made us smile.)
I have the Etching in my room where
it seems in just the right place
and pleases me every time I look at it.
I think, "Alfred bought that for me,
and how good and nice of him it was!"
I shall always take good care of it and
sometime will have it framed. I thank
him very, very much. And I think G. pa
will write his thanks before very long.
Mrs. Thorndber's absence from us since
the night before Xmas, (Dec. 24,) save
for one day in each week - when she washes
and irons for me, - has made of course
a good deal of difference in my
leisure time, - and this, added to some
other matters, and the attempt to get a
letter ^{of thanks} written to Mrs. Corlies for a small gift,

has conspired to make me way (2.
behind in preparing ^{this} for you.
Every time I have wished to begin, there
was something in the way, causing a
delay. But now that I have started, I
hope I can finish.

I have read all of the letters you have
written from time to time, and enjoyed
them. G's & your father also came.
I feel very badly - we both do, over his
Catarrhal troubles. I fear he can
never get rid of them in the miserable
climate he lives in, especially while
he is so much in that thick, unwholesome
'down town' office air. I am
sure that aggravates his trouble. If he
could only spend more of his time in the
open air, near ^{his} ~~your~~ abode, even, it would
help him a good deal, I think. Plenty
of pure air will cure consumption, it
is now being understood, - and why not
Caterh? Have you read Samuel Hopkins
Adams' article on "Tuberculosis," in Jan'y.
McClure? Quite wonderful, do, if you have
I presume long before this reaches you ^(not)
that George will be measurably recovered
of his Catarrhal attack. But I don't want
him to feel any burden on his mind regarding

a letter to me - whether sick or well,
I can hear through you - whether he
liked the small things I sent him, and
they are hardly worth a letter, when his time
is so valuable. In reality he may not
care for them at all, though I think
he will like the sponge, I made a blk. cloth
penwiper for you, father, & one for Uncle
Ned. Do you think G. would like one also?
You know the kind I make, I guess, four
or five graduated circles of blk. wool cloth
pinned on edges.

Now in regard to the last little box of
things I sent, including G's, the Bye-bye doll
for Eleanor, the Vans remembrances, etc,
it was too bad, indeed, that it never reached
you until all the doings were over. I sup-
posed it was started in plenty of time
to reach you on Sat. but - I did not
mail it myself, and so it did not get
it had got some of the things at the Boston
store and fixed the box in the ladies' resting
room, had it wrapped and weighed at the
parcel desk, also stamped, etc, and sent
it delivered to the boy who was just going
to P.O. with other pkgs. This was on
Monday, I think, because I remember
giving it an extra day in my mind to
get there on acct. of crowded mails, etc.
I thought it wd be delivered on Sat. Sure.

if I specially wanted you to have the (3.
articles for your tree;— and knew the
Vanomere to be there, so thought a little
something to each of them would help out,
and make it pleasant all round,
I wonder whether the contents of Lois' letter
reached them all safely— since you mailed
it,— and the sh. waist buttons & stick pins
inside, (of abalone shell) might have pushed
through the envelope & been lost, or stolen.
I did not fix them for mailing— but thought
they wd go safely in the box. If they recd. them
all right wonder how they liked them? Have
not heard yet. I thought them all very pretty.
Your father wanted to send you a set of
buttons, etc— but I did not know whether
you wd care for them; would you? Thought
maybe you'd rather have something else.
But I can't help feeling sorry the box
was so behindhand; not a bit as I meant
it to be, & tried hard to have it.

I'm glad baby E. takes to the doll. I felt
as though she would, when I first saw it.
It looked so baby-ish in its long white dress.
I knew it was of no use to get her a more
fancy or expensive one at present.
She's certainly a motherly little creature
by nature, (I mean) if ever there was one.
Looks it fully. Should much like to see her with her doll.

See. I can imagine the

I am delighted to hear that there is nothing
really the matter with her little feet. I was
wondering whether you would try to get
some of those "Corset Shoes" for weak
ankles - like the picture I sent. You
did not say anything abt. this in your
recent letters. They might be a help to her
muscles for a time. If they can't be found
there - they doubtless could be here since
they were advertised in the town paper.
And while I think fit I have often
wondered whether you make much use
of the white Vaseline for the children's ail-
ments. It seems to be ^{so} good & healing for
most everything, - ear ache included. It
so states in its Accompanying Circular. Read it
over carefully again. Also pure Eucalyptus
oil is excellent for all soreness & stiffness
of the muscles - rheumatism etc. But be
careful to get the genuine article at some
reliable drug store. We use Dr. Heron's here,
as it is warranted absolutely pure.

Well, now I will tell you of our Xmas day.
We celebrated it Sat. so Mrs. J. could get
our dinner before she left. (which she did that
p.m.) Friday night I told her - and yr
father also, that they must hang up
their stockings at bed-time. So they did,
& they dangled on their doors knobs quite
furnily. On Mrs. J.'s I put a V. in a
little box, (1.00 of it was from yr father and
he does not know that I gave any - so you
needn't mention it. But I felt she deserved it ^{at all}
for her faithfulness, & ought to have it, & no less than

- also knew that nothing else would please her so much as money - which she is so bent on getting; and saw afterwards that it was right. It took my ^{bottom} (xmas) dollar to do it, but I felt I must. Besides this, I had made her a small sacket I put among her ~~hats~~ (like one she had seen & admired,) and a small box of home-made nut candy, also, which she liked. I thought of sending some to you, but concluded it wd weigh too heavily, so did not. But here is the rule. Make it for yourself. It may.

2 cups light brown sugar, 1 cup white, (do,) $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweet milk; - Boil this a few minutes until sugar is waxy when dropped in cold water; (under 5 minutes - I think; watch and try it constantly.) Then stir in a piece of butter, size of walnut, a large teaspoon vanilla, and a cup of walnut meats broken small, and freed from all skins & shells.

Pour into some small square pan or dish abt. 2 inches deep, if you have such, or if not cut in better shape when cold. We like this very much, but it is most too rich for yr. father, or anyone who has not a good digestion.

^{Mrs. T.} She seemed greatly pleased with her presents.

I had a pen-wiper for you, father's stocking, & something else, I think. Though I can't now remember what, but there was a

large pkg. in his room for his eyes
to fall on as soon as they were open,
besides the pretty match scratches from
Alfred. He came down to breakfast
looking much pleased over everything.
He had opened the large pkg. and found
a Lambs-wool Comforter, long & wide
and light & soft, yet warm, and it was
what he had been wishing to have for
some time. so all the blankets he had
been using over him at night seemed
very heavy & he likened them to a "Saw-
log" which was covering him. Used to
say the same thing regularly; "I wish I
had something lighter over me than a
saw-log; I can hardly sleep for it's weight."
(I had had the comforter in the house for
at least two weeks, and could hardly
keep from giving it to him before Xmas, I
wanted so much to relieve him, - but
made myself wait till the proper time.)
I essayed some poetry over it "a la"
you; and pinned it on to the comfort.
It read thus; -

A man never known to be silly,
was yet so exceedingly chilly,
That Santa Claus tried for him to provide
so he would be warm willy-nilly.

After he had given the comfort a trial ⁽⁵⁾ and
if found he liked it, I added another stanza
or verse, viz. —

Now this man never known to be silly,
Did neither at all dally-dilly;
But was quick to confess
That his every night rest
Was promoted — and that not ~~so~~ silly.

So much for our quiet little fun. I don't
pretend to be the rhyming genius that my
daughter is; my doggerel efforts will
probably end there, but they served the occasion.

On my door I found a box tied, and in it
was a very pretty wh. muslin apron
with cream-colored satin ribbon bow on it
— and this was from Mrs. T. She said
she didn't know what to get me, but thought
this would do to go down to the door in!
(I never thought of her getting me anything.)
Of course I was much pleased with her
remembrance. —

I will go on & state right here before I speak
of what I recd. from yr father & you, — that
Aunt Annie sent me a small cut-glass
jelly plate which was indeed a welcome
surprise. (Her first & only gift to me, I think.)
Mrs. Daniels gave me a pr. of light blue ^{knitted} slippers

which she made herself. Very pretty and
pretty to look at, - & nice for my bedroom.
Her mother, Mrs. Norcross, gave me a box
of crystallized figs. (I gave her a pretty white
hdkf. & a dainty little sachet bag (of heliotrope
powder with it, (I made it of some lovely satin
ribbon I found sprigged with heliotrope; I nipped
the ends, & tied it in a little bag shape with narrow
heliotrope velvet ribbon - ^(Looped ends) & it was ever so pretty.)
I made one for Mrs. Daniels, also. We are all very
good friends, & visit each other quite often.)
I gave the latter ^{box} a box of my nut candy, & a
glass of "ginger jelly" - made from a
Record Herald recipe.

Mrs. J. K. Moore sent me a pale, pink
silk, perfumed pad for my bureau drawer
(whole length). It was such a sweet look,
& smelling gift. And so kind of her to do it
for me after her late illness. (I sent her
a bunch of handsome Chrysanthemums
on Thanksgiving day, as my thank
offering" over the recovery of my long
time friend; - and I suppose she thought
that called for some return - but it didn't.
From Mrs. Corliss I recd. a lovely little
green & wh. silk 'house-wife' - exquisitely made.
So you see I fared very well.

I gave Mrs. Hemmelt a table cloth & 6 napkins,
as I found she had none (of the former) & only
4 napkins to her name. (I hemmed the cloth.)

And the table gave me
also 3 to 4 more
I gave
balled
your

And now I come to my best gift (6)
and greatest surprise, — the Dinner China
from you & yr father.

For it was a surprise, when first your
father told me how you & he had been
convinced at the gift for so long — &
that he went down to buy it, and then
was disappointed in getting it all, at
once. Well, I was perfectly delighted to
get what could be obtained — even
though the rest must be waited for
a while; and am now grateful to you
both for such a valuable and delight-
ful present as it is. I have it nicely
arranged in the side-board so it shows
to good advantage even though incom-
plete; but no one would know that
without being told. It looks just as
pretty as I always thought it would,
and helps to properly furnish the dining
room. I put the Bouillon cups on the upper
shelf — & stood their saucers up behind them.
On the shelf below the after dinner saucers
are also standing against the back of side
board, & the pretty little cups hung in front
& above them, where they look very nice.

Two handsome Coffee cups, (Dresden pattern)
a fancy cake plate, & a pretty jug or two are
also on this shelf. On the one below this,

is the 12 inch platter standing at the back
in the Centre, (there is not space enough bet.
the shelves to admit of the larger one, - the
18 in. size - for which I am sorry - but
this ^{one} lies flat, at present,) - the two veg. dishes
(one covered and the dinner plates - one or
two of which are standing, - and in one
cor. of this shelf the choco. pot of my old
Set, with its sugar & creamer ^(these are not inharmonious.) are arranged
to good advantage. When all the other
plates come, viz - the dessert, bread & butter
& sauce dishes, I can fill the spaces
all up. Until they do, I have a few odd
pieces, - small pitchers, the pretty wh. & gold
cup you bot. etc. etc, distributed where
anything seems needed. So I feel
very rich indeed, and nothing could
have pleased me more than to have
this China. Then too, yr father most
graciously added some sterling silver
bouillon spoons to complete the
outfit of ^{the} cups, and I think he has
done pretty well by me this 'yr. I
presume I may thank you for sug-
gesting it all to him. You will fall
heir to it all in time, I am glad to know.
You & Eleanor, I will use it awhile
first, and greatly enjoy it. -

I had a handsome holly wreath (17
hung in our wide front window and it
looked very nice from the outside. Also
had holly branches on d. room walls, &
some bunches of the bright berries depending from
the chandeliers over d. table. Vases of them
also, ^{one} on that table, & ^{on sideboard,} in parlor, & up stairs in
sitting room. So the house looked quite gay,
it took these decorations all down on Jan'y 6,
yielding to the old ^{eng.} superstition that "all luck"
would follow their being left up later. - Since
Jan'y 6, was the olden time Xmas, I forgot
what reasons followed on acct. of that.)
But I was tired of having them up anyway,
& the berries were getting shrivelled & dropping off,
& they were "An old story".

We had a good but rather plain Xmas
dinner, ending off with a boughed plum pudding,
not extra good. - I know you must
have had a gay & jolly time with so many
friends around you, enjoying the good cheer
and the Xmas tree. George spoke of it all
as being extra nice, - & I know it was. I shall
be glad to hear more abt. it when you can tell
me - but don't write till it's convenient, & that
may ~~not~~ be in a long time.

Alfred's dear little letters to us have been lately
recd. & I will reply to my part soon as I can.
I think yr father has Bob's, already.
I sent a dollar to Uncle Henry & buy himself
a hdkf. or tie, or whatever he wanted. I couldn't send
more. And wrote him a friendly letter. Did he have
anything to show from me? I wanted he should have,
but he never mentioned the money when he wrote me!

I don't at all like the way he speaks in regard to his wife. Think I will send you his letter to me, to read. He doesn't "know what to do with her when she returns". ! How would you like to have your husband speak of you that way - after you had helped make a home for him for over 30 yrs. - & done the largest part of it besides. How would you feel over it? Oh, I knew such a thing was said of me when I was away, I never never go back to the man who said it. And I don't believe she would, if she knew it.

Mrs. Thoribergs husband is visiting her now, from Montana; (she had not seen him for two yrs) and she doesn't want him to know that she has been working out. So only comes over here abt. once every week, when he is gone some where. She is good to come at all. Last week she came twice - washed & ironed on Wed. & swept the house all over on Friday. She thinks he won't stay much longer - as he has to go back to Montana to attend to business matters. But she says she won't go there to live ever, again. Thinks it too cold for her. Wants him to come here, & thinks he will.

I feel happy all the time to think your old lounge is covered, & that you & G. are pleased with its transformation. I thought I could wait yet awhile longer for some new clothes, & make as many people happy at Xmas as I could with what I had saved for ~~them~~ ^{my} ~~they~~ ^{my} apparel. I somehow felt irresistibly constrained to do what I did in every instance and of remembered 18 different people. ^(Keyes & family among the no.) Would have done more, if my money had not failed. Yes, yr. father knows I gave money towards a lounge cover for you, for I told him I did, - but not how much. He didn't ask me that. I expect to do as I please with what I have for my own use, & not account for it.

1906
Los Angeles

2407 Leyndale Ave. No.
Minneapolis. April 4th

My dear Mrs. Sikes,

I think of
you so often and wonder how
you are that I am going
to write this morning and
tell you a little about ourselves
in hopes you will find
time to answer and let us
know if you are all well
dear little Eleanor will soon
be three years old if I remember
right her birth day is in May
I suppose she is even more
interesting now than when I

1890
L. J. J.

My dear Mrs. Lilla,
I think of
you so often and wonder how
you are that - I am going
to write this morning and
tell you a little about ourselves
in hope you will find
time to answer and let us
know if you are all well
Dear little Lillian will soon
be three years old if I remember
right - the little boy is in the
I suppose she is now under
nursing and that when I

saw her. she is a very
bright body. - is Alfred's
health good now? and
Mr. Sikes is busy and
happy I suppose - and when
do you expect to see your
Mother? is she carrying Coat
this year? I hope they are
both well.

I haven't seen Mrs. Merriam
since late last fall, Lawrence
and I went one evening to call

they had moved into a
jitty, small five room flat,
and she was trying to do her
own work, thought she could -
it was so convenient ^{there} but she
was perfectly tired out, she took
me out into the dining room
and told me how great the
care of the body was and how

can for she is a very
bright - boy -
little good man? and
Mr. B. is very good
happy I suppose - and when
do you expect to see your
mother? is she coming soon
this year? I hope they are
both well.
I haven't seen Mrs. Munroe
since last fall, because
and I must be evening to call
they had moved into a
flat, small fine room flat,
and she was trying to do her
own work. Thought she could -
it was so convenient, but she
was perfectly tired out. She took
one out into the dining room
and told me how great the
care of the boy was and how

tired she was all the time.
She could not trust the baby
to any one but Mr. Murrian
and he took care of him nights
he is a poor sleeper. Her Mother
had gone to LaLafayette to stay
with a friend, a cousin I
believe. Mrs. Mother could
not stand being with the
baby it made her so nervous

I felt so sorry for Mrs. M-
and thought I would go soon
and see her but the time

passes so quickly. She said
she should not go out of the
flat this winter unless it
was so she could walk a little
ways with the baby. I did
not see him that evening but
I understood from what she
said that he is just the same

tried she was all the time
in could not trust the dog
to my own but Mr. Thompson
and he took care of him nights
in a few sleep. her brother
had gone to Washington to stay
with a friend a cousin I
believe. Mrs. Webster could
not stand being with the
dog it made her so nervous
I felt so sorry for Mrs. W.
and thought I would go some
and see her but the time
passed so quickly. she said
she should not go out of the
flat this winter unless it
was so she could walk a little
way with the dog. I did
not see him that evening but
I understood from what she
said that he is just the same

as he was, almost entirely
helpless. she said he was getting
so heavy it was very hard to
take care of him.

I have put in a long winter
I went up home in October
and put my house in order and
then we let a very dear friend
of mine and her husband and
two little girls - go into the house
for the winter all furnished
they board Mr. Bartlett and take
excellent care of his room and
of him too, so I have felt
quite contented about him, he
has been down to visit us
three times and we expect him
again next week. Beth stayed
with her Father all summer
and was a nice house keeper -
she came down here in September
kept house for the boys while

Left home for the day while
the car was down here in September
and on a nice horse before
with her father all summer.
again next week. Both stayed
three times and we expect him
to be down to visit us
quite certainly about this, he
of him too. So I have felt
excellent care of his horse and
they board Mr. Daulton and later
for the winter all furnished
the little girls - go into the house
of course and the kitchen and
that one let a very dear friend
and put my horse in order and
to the care of him.
So heavy at - was very hard to
help him. She said he was getting
on the way, almost entirely

I was gone up there. There
are were busy getting ready
for Christmas and she did
not get started in Business
College until Jan 2^d so she
will not finish the course
until June. she is looking
short-hand and type writing
she likes it very much and
I guess is going to make a
success of it. in the large
School which she attends (she
is taking the "Mason") she is
the only college graduate there
in fact there is only two
other (gentlemen) who have each
had two years in the University
the rest are High School
graduates. it seems to me
she ought to be able to get a
better position and better pay
than so many who are not

There are many of these. But
we are very getting ready
for business and the old
not get started in business
College until Jan 24 so she
will not finish the course
until June. She is taking
short-hand and life writing
She likes it very much and
June is going to make a
success of it. In the large
school which she attends (she
is taking the "Woman's") she is
the only college graduate there
in fact there is only two
other (gentlemen) who have not
had two years in the university
the next one High School
graduate. It seems to me
she ought to be able to get a
better position and better pay
than so many who are not

as good as she is in
grammar - spelling &c.

her ambition still is to
get a position as stenographer
in some newspaper office
or with a publishing concern
where she could do some
journalistic work too. but if
nothing like that turns up
right away she can go home
and work in her Father's office

that would be a good place
for her of course and I should
so love to have her at home

but she is very anxious to
earn some money for herself
and says she could not take
one cent from her Father.

Ray Jonesed through a very
trying time last summer -
waiting for business but in
the fall it came to him

the felt its course to ruin
existing for business but in
trying their last summer -
they favored through a very
one cent from the Father.
and say she would not like
some more money for the day
but - she is very anxious to
so have to have the of town
for the of course and 8 of
that - could be a good place
and work in the Father's office
right - and she can go home
nothing like that - I mean up
journalistic work too but if
where she could do some
with a following current
in some newspaper office
get a position as stenographer
in our district still as to
grammar - spelling &c.
as good as she is in

all right - slowly of course -
but now he is doing quite
well - and seems very happy
and is getting so fleshy and
looks nice. I think he will
have to get along with-out
one of the gums as I intended
to go back to Leconsellier there.
I have helped him through the
worst of it - now I guess
we have certainly had a
very delightful winter together
the three children and my
self - with a visit from
Mr. Bartlett once in a while.

Leconance is the dearest
boy, so steady, and sensible
about things, such an
even temperament, he had
just got a position in an
architects office where Mr. Sikor
was here. he is still with them

all right - I don't of course -
but when he is doing quite
well - and seems very happy
and is getting so fast and
looks over. I think he will
have to get along with out
one of the four as I intend
to go back to Barcelona there.
I have helped him through the
course of it - now I guess
we have certainly had a
very delightful winter together
at these children and my
self - with a visit from
Mr. Bostett once in a while.
Lawrence is the dearest
boy, so strong, and sensible
about things. Such an
even temperament. He has
just got a position in our
Architects office under Mr. Baker
now here. He is still with them

goes to School and works
of the morn and study
evenings. he gets five
dollars a week now he is
in School, but will have
more next summer. he is
very fond of the men in the
office and - judging from
their kindness to him, I think
that - they like him. they are
always doing some thing nice
for him.

I want to tell you that - I
had the pleasure of seeing
Miss Jane Adams and
hearing her speak before the
Womens Clubs here in the
city last fall. what - a
sweet woman she is.

I know she is a friend of
yours and I know you must
love her dearly. But want

I know this is a friend of
yours and I know you want
have her ready. But must
city last fall. What a
wonderful thing for in the
history the effect before the
this from Lebanon and
had the pleasure of seeing
I want to tell you that I
for him.
always being some thing more
that they like him. They are
their kindness to him, I think
office and - judging from
very fond of the man in the
more and more. He is
in school, but will have
a much more than
the gets from
positive reason and study
you to school and make

with-me and liked her
so much. we have been
to a good many nice
things this winter, I shall
miss the city life of course
but am sure I shall be
very glad to get-back to be-
and all my dear friends
there.

I wonder if I have tired
you, writing so much
about-our selves. I fear
it will be uninteresting

Lawrence has come from
School, he joins me
in sending love to you
with-kind regards to
Mr. Sikes.

Sincerely your friend
Lora Bartlett.

I am sure Belle and Key would
wish to send kindest-regards if they
were here.

with - and liked the
so much. we have been
is a good many more
things that is curious, I shall
and the city - life of course
cost to get - food to be
and all my dear friends
I remember if I have tried
your meeting so much
about our school. I fear
it will be uninteresting
because the same
school. The young men
are coming here to you
with - kind regards to
the school.
Sincerely your friend
John Barthol
I have seen both and they would
not be good material - regard of the
same

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Thank you very much for
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With sincere regards for both, I am

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With sincere regards for both, I am

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