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My dear Mamma,

I was so glad to hear from you yesterday but I was awfully sorry that you sent me money because I am not permitted and I should let you know if I was. I have still a dollar left and I know that in the concert of the 22nd I should get $5.00. Now I am going either to spend some of this cash or it if you think best or lay it aside for commemoration for your people. You let me know which you think is best. It makes me feel sad to think of you from dear mamma going without things and sending...
me all that and you mustn't do it. You are more unselfish than anybody else knows. I tell you I shall be proud when I hear you all out here. I want Mr. Martin to come again, if she possibly can.

Really my mending hasn't been any better yet. I haven't reached more than three times and I didn't reach at all for the first three weeks. So sue! And also you know that I have fun all the time. The opportunities are so great and the days so full that it is essential bewildering.

Our sleigh ride was grand. We started at 4.30 and with the sun's glow unfaded, the new...
moon and the stars appeared. We are well covered up and Irene made me take her furs so that I was very warm. (She was sick with grippe). We sang and told stories till we arrived at the country church in an hour and a half. The good ladies had a most delicious supper awaiting us in the basement of the old colonial church. There was salad and lovely rolls and jellies and coffee and cake and pies beside the richest and best oysters ever that we have ever had on a sligher side.
There were seventy of us there, and we made the placing with laughter after the tables were cleared. Each house did something funny. The most original thing was perhaps the representation of the visit of Dr. Bisclelf to a student's room, where she friends a girl sick. She examines her throat, ties up her head sticks two huge crackers (representing pills) into her mouth, ends for the nurse, takes the girl to the infirmary, and then fumigates the room.

All the funny peculiarities of Dr. Bisclelf were exaggerated.
and we had a lot of fun out fit.
As I said in the preface I think
he went to Northampton on 2d
A.M. and finding Mr. Sheldon
Dick, had a young man take
our picture. The basket ball
picture came out very well
considering and mine I think
are also good. I couldn’t decide
which was best. You see, they
informed me when I came back
that I must have this large
size for the Flamarcada.
I was “placed” at first because
I hate fig fruits - but I think
that Mr. Bollas may like them better than the inventor's fuels. I shall have only the one, if possible. Wednesday evening brought an interesting joint lecture by Mr. String and Mr. Solomon on Social Service. Mr. String was at my breakfast table the following A.M. and enjoyed him.

We had class meeting Friday and then I went to that "Silver Sea" which I mentioned inyat. I ain't like smell don't.

Today Mr. Harry Besse Hills
(who was at Gilm Bay) has made a deep impression on the college by his addresses. This is the day of Prayer for College. He was grand.

Ellen called yesterday and Clara had to entertain him 2½ hrs. instead of me. $$$$. She was cross!

I am very glad that John is doing so much better. You tell him that he shall get to college yet if only he tries.

Love to Papa. I'm so glad he is home now.
Marum has written two truly letters and a postal, but I can't write any more now. She'll see this and know that I want to write.

Tell Mr. B. that I have written Elizabeth and will write him soon. I will return these clippings for him. I appreciated his letter very much, and his thought and registration. I think that I shall call at some again in Spring vacation. Mar. 26 - April 12 and join them. I don't think that I ought to do it for me either.

Etta says that there may be a vacancy in Providence next year. What could be next best to Danbury. Thanks to both. Love to her.

My lovingly,

Arthur
Dear Mamma and all—

Has Kattie’s engagement been announced in the papers yet? Ought it not to be?

I have just made an informal application (let this be entirely private—don’t mention it to a soul) for a position in R.H.S. for next year. I don’t expect anything, but thought that it would do no harm to apply.

I was glad to get your note last Thursday A.M. You spoke of black crepe. I think that you had better have that made up for yourself. Do you like the brown? If you don’t someone...
Ela can have it and you can have different.

I had short letters from Elizabeth Thursday saying she had not decided to lend. Now Mr. Bolles has sent me check for 3.00 to join Yick's lynching and I don't want them to do it. I don't think he needs all his money for Hattie. What shall I do?

If both Miss Moody & Miss Marshall are busy, I suppose it will be impossible for me to get any work done and I really have quite a lot to do. Let me know if Hattie finds anybody and also definite plans especially date.
I went to walk this morning with Miss 
Kray (whom Marvin knows). Then I went 
to 
Miss Molly's Bible Class where I had been 
on Tisha - I didn't go to church, but went 
to Bible class. This afternoon I have read 
and voted and written very little. I had a 
little speech to make in Y.W.C.A. this evening. 
Last Friday night I had supper with the 
Sewins in Porter and had a lovely time 
I guess that I must have mentioned 
it. Hope that you are all well.
I am feeling just and looking forward to home coming in about two weeks. How are Ann & Marion & George & John etc. etc.?

This is a nearly letter as Mr. Bolles says— but somehow there seems very little to say but God grant with a heart full of love to all you know folks.

Lotti.

Sunday Mar. 12, 1905
Emma Willard School
Gray N.Y.
Mar. 13, 1905

Dear Mamma,

Here's to a happy birthday!

Is the 15th isn't it? I have both the 15th & 21st marked but I always get mixed when I try to think which is yours and which is Papa's.

Your good letter came to day and I was so glad to hear. The Round Robin came also and since Teacher's meeting I have done nothing but write for it. So I'll not try to repeat as I must begin work.

Try to encourage George as much as you can, won't you. I want him to try very hard and do his best that will be the chief benefit to him I think. I'm glad he likes the library. Give much love...
to Marion from me. I want to see her very much. The little one must be lovely. So his name really Emitt. Don't Papa pleased? So tell Marion to be careful if she does come home.

Yes, I had a nice letter from doing acknowledging Parent and asking me to come and see them.

I am going to send this little bit of money because I don't know what you want especially. But I want you to use it in some pleasure for yourself.

Now mind please

To have a happy birthday and the best year yet.

With heaps of love to you and Papa.

Lottie.
March 26, 1906

Dear Mamma [Lally],

It's nearly 8:00 P.M. and I haven't hardly a word to-day— but it has been a lovely Sunday. You see—I'll tell you how much have I told you about it? My team played wonderfully in the first two games. I have never seen their goal-keeping or passing equalled since I've been in college, but by Friday (two of the girls not having slept hardly any— and playing at 5:00 P.M. after a full day's work for many) they seemed to be tired to death. We kept the juniors tied in 1st half & in fact were one goal ahead if it had not been for the bungling of the junior referee. But in the second half— whereas they played with new strength, my girls seemed to make only 2-1. We had been able to defeat the sophomores, when we had beaten 20-6. This from us 26-5.

The class was perfectly grand about it and some girls say it has excited them more than any other thing that has ever happened— Of course it is probably for the best— but it was rather hard to lean for the first day.
because the senior one is jubilant. It is their first big victory. I felt bad to see my girls feel sad too, but we didn't have much time to think. For initiation came that evening.

The next morning Faith Milton sent me a bunch of roses and I had two nice little notes and the girls almost fell over themselves trying to make us feel happy. On Saturday we started at 5:00 for a banquet in Hyde Park. We had a grand time there. I slept on this morning & came home. I had lovely breakfast in my room which Alice & Rebecca sidered cooks had sent me to us. It was a beautiful day and I have been out walking for a little while. The birds are here and the grass is beginning to grow. I expect to be home Tuesday. Can't tell time yet probably between 6-8. I shall try to get some much leisure for dresses in Boston.

未成’s good letter came last night. You might let them see this & then send along to
come to me if not too much troubles. (I've written sible)

How Kathie’s stockings come?

Don't work too hard.

I'll try to bring Pellins& wish you.

See you soon - so I miss you.

Love,
Dear Sottie -

It's longing I am to see you, bad luck to the fate that ever tuck ye away from me. Here's your mother and I and only three children at home in the big Cabin.

Phwat was I ever thinking up to part wid the rest of me childer. and go lonesome the rest wi me loife. Divil take the man or woman that says one or two children is miff.

Begorra, a good Bake's dozen
is none too much for me
as long as I can get pratties
and a bit of pork & a pot
of mush.
There's Hattie & Ruth down in
the far country where the wooden
mistletoe grow - and water
wo thin has ever sent home
as much as a sample of thin.
but wouldn't a bit as it grated
over me egg-nog taste fine?
And here I am my mouth
wathering fur the luxuries
that the Lords & Ladies
have, bad luck to them.
There's my Della, & her three girl
out in Bridgewater
and it's once in a long stretch
that I kin see them
and Marion k her two eyes-
oh, but they're all raight, ivery
blissed one of them, and I nearly
forgot the Husband's w them all
fine lads, all three of them.
And yourself, me Lottie,
when I begin to think phwat
to say to yeg the tears come
to my eyes, to think there's
no words good enough to
and we'll have to coin some
thing phwat'll be suitable
to show the love & praise
yer old Fatter will be giving ye.
List, now, will just wait
and one of these four days
you'll be President of some
fo'ce college, this'll come
and see ye and smoke
my pipe & take a bit of comfort
and divil a thing to think on
except me. Byes & girls
and their good mother.
Oh, but it'll be fo'ce.

Now, shweat the divil am I
finding so much fault about
when I ought to be counting
me blessings and not be
bothering the loc'ee of ye
wid me blarney.

And it's me as tones better.
When I'm got as far as a family
as iver was raised in th
Emerald Isle.

Oh, well. God forgive me—
And iver a good night it'll
be wishing ye.

From yer ould Father—

Everett O'Lane

Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland.

P.S. The nice present ye sent me
came all right—and I
tuk yer mother and we went
to Ipswich and saw yer
Uncle Howard and yer Aunt Grace,
and yer first Cousin Mabel,
and yer second Cousin Howard.
and ye sister Della;
and we had a fine time —
and such a dinner!
the locker of the roast beef
and gratier & squash and
very blessed thing ye could
think on, and sudden, beside!
Aye, but we had a great time.
and spirit every blessed curt
of that present for Car fairs!
Gosh bless ye.

Good night —
E O'Leary.
Dear Lottie,

I've just got your letter. I ought to have answered your last letter in hopes to have some money and send it to Mrs. Gaylord but I don't get any. I had mother send it myself for you are not to blame and you must pay all you can to Lucelia and don't make any more bills. If I was nothing to you I could explain better. You know I am poor and proud and I had much rather send the money to Mrs. G. myself. I am very glad that you are born to be at home. I had a nice letter from Bell yesterday Monday and Tom and the two boys were over to Bells Sunday. I wish you could get some one to hire or buy one of the
Cottages. I am going to answer a postal now in regard to the Cottages from Roughrider, N.Y. I hope I can see the folks at home and will be sending cold weather here to bring some warm clothes.

The Thermometer in my office is at 66 now. too cool for comfort.

61 years old.

With lots of love from your Father. E. C. Lane.
Rockport, Sept. 10, 1908,

Dear Lottie—I wonder if it is
dreadfully warm. With
you to-day. It certainly
doesn't seem warm here. It is
some frost three by the
clock—Ethel has gone.
Ruth in front chamber
studying. Gros. gone for
a walk and hopes to get
some wild grapes or cran
berries or at least took
a bag for that purpose.
Your good letters came
yesterday and one from
Mr. Toody. I will enclose
Busy day with Papa.
Ruth went out for a little
walk yesterday and thinks
she will ride.
Miss Abber resigned of go to day to Fall River at an increase of $200, making her salary $1000. I have canned a few jars of tomato and some of...
and we met Billie Lane by the P.O., he enquired for you—said he was writing at Long Island I believe, he said—she did not enquire for his wife.

Ruth says (I don't know why) The Marshall girl had her baby, left, for all of the talk—just think.

I graduated in June.

Didnt tell his mother until was married last March, so this story goes—I am glad your trunk came as quickly hope your money reached you before you needed it; bad—hope you heard from Lucy—so sorry. We couldn't have it made it pleasanter for them—but—
I will try to write in a kind of line. Geo. is almost home sick for B.H. or Ella. I hardly know which. Perhaps Geo. had better be getting ready to sleep in your brother's place. I don't believe her head will last any longer. Suppose it would be wise to go to work with his father. There are boys who would be glad to or glad of such a position at it might be a great blessing to the family. If Geo. should we can think about it a bit. Any way needn't mention it. Fine your letters.
that goes the rounds
just now.
by and by
Don’t work too hard.
We remarked only one lette to Elieen
Northampton etc.

Mother,

Go. B. wrote a short
note, but guess I’ll
on li, Jan., 1/2 real
They have gone, they
have gone.

you can send to G. B.
If you think best.

When you write sometime
Please leased one to go up
to Glen-afri you left feel

I sent to James — I was
tested think I shall like
Oct 22 – 1908

Dear Lottie,

I received two letters from you and will now try and answer.

I should be glad to have you at home and at the Bank but the pay is only $6.00 a week. I have never paid more than that so you see you would be losing money but it’s worth something to be at home. Eva Nicholson Horick had a girl baby born Oct 21st 1908 she is getting along nicely. Beth says you know Pern not sure of being elected another year but I shall know nearer enough after the 2nd Thursday of March 1909 they won’t have an old man for sure. I still think I may hold my position.
for some time yet.
You would be all right for the work but there's things to learn and it would not be all fun. Even up the distribution of profits for me and I paid her $25,00.

Simple but there's lots of work to it and my work has increased to that I don't do any of the book keeping. We have now got to work up the Bank Commissioners report for the year ending October 30th. It's a pile of work with thousands of figures. I have got to hire someone to do this. Someone couldn't do it. I don't think of my giving up the work, that won't occur until I am dead.

Yet remember that passage in the Bible, "Children obey your parents." If you are going to teach Chinese men do it here and then send them to...
China and let them teach.

I think with all the hard work that
there had for my family that I
deserve to have the children with
me in my last years. Next March
21st I shall be 64 years old, if live.
We shall be very glad to have you
at home with us and we can
arrange it all right. I am writing
at the desk where Fred Bradford made
lots of his money. We moved in to
the rooms of the Glouster Deposit Trust
building of Main and Duncan
Street, got in here Oct 1st
we have a splendid big vault
big as a bedroom. Its a nice Office
we sold the Office fixtures and safes
At auction I bought a safe and sold it and made $8.90 on it. The folks at home are all well. At most ten P.M., and I must pull for the shore. I think I have answered all questions. With lots of love and kindest wishes,

from C. W. D. 

[Signature]
Rockport Mass  
Thurs Nov 19th  
1908

Dear Lottie

I received your kind letter and should have answered before but I have been very busy. I am now in the setting room at No. 18 High St. Present, Mother reading the Bar Harbor record, Leland, John & George each reading a book. Ruth is in the back kitchen studying. I have been down to the Women's office and paid my water bills $25.50.
and still $6.00 more & kay. and collected $20.00 from the town. for rent. Vertina Allen is dead and buried to to that not get any more rent from the town. I am going to show store in Rockport the Blatchford store. Mrs. Thayer is going to keep half of the rent and exhaust he will put in his goods and I my goods. I am going to trip and get rid of the jardiniere and china have a few clocks jewelry and pictures $25. I am going to hire a girl for $300 per week to tend store. Meat is cleaning of the goods at the Gloucester store.
I can't make any money there and I think January first will end that story.

Eva Nickerson is working in the Bank office for the Bank Commissioners. Mr. Titts is working at the Bank at half pay. I like our new Office, Electric lights and gas and every thing handy and clean. Next month I shall lay off the 21st Series we you have assets of over $416,000, so we have paid 6 per cent interest for nearly twenty two years. This first will commence the 23rd year. But I suppose I have written all of this stuff before.

I will be nice to have you at home with us and I shall be very glad to have you.
at home again. I wish you were going to be at home with us at Thanksgiving. But Christmas will come be here and then you will be at home and I expect Marion will be here. Mother has had a barrel of apples brought in and sugar for Thomas & Hall Bridge water and I have been down to the Express office and paid the charges to no you are not to be an old maid. Lottie don't think of that the year or so will soon slip by. I hope you are enjoying your work and are healthy all the time with lots of love. S. N. Lane
Dear Lottie

Your letter received about the Tea Spoons, the Sterling Silver ones are $4.50 and $5.60 cost 1/2 dozen.

The Silver plated ones good $1.25.

For 1/2 dozen, Roy & Porterage would be about 16 cts. I think on 1/2 dozen.

Silver ware costs more than it did a few years ago but the price are for good weight.

Mine Tea Spoons Sterling Silver.

Yesterday Feb 26th I signed the bill of sale of my Stock of Pictures and got 4 notes of $500. Ea = $2000, and with the accord interest the amount was $3073.

Now I owe Albert Walker nine two notes of $500, each and 2 2.03.14 have
not figured up the interest but it will be enough.

we are all well. Mother has been up to the Bank this afternoon.
I have not taken the safe up yet.
out of the Wolpale Store yet but I think I shall look them to Rockport.
George Wolpertie could have paid me if he had tried. I worked up the balances in the Wolpale Store from 660, the first year 1879 $1500. In 1884 when I let George have it. I gave him a fifteen hundred dollar balance and he has given me nothing more. I have got my check from the Boston Post $1.00 for nonsense.

lots of love from, Brother

Everett Lane

You can sell the shoes at any price you wish. I have given you the coat this
Dear P,

These birthdays come around so fast that I can hardly keep track. I am so glad that Marion is at home, and Ruth will be there so soon that it will be almost the same. I looked all over Warenmaker's to find something you would like, but I couldn't seem to find anything even in that huge store - that employs from 6000 to 7000 people - and so I am going to send a check - and hope that you'll buy something that you want.

May the birthday be the happiest for many years, and may there be many many more still happier. The wind is blowing a gale, but it is
warm and mild. The postman came from mother to-day and I was glad to hear Ruth sent a letter to Bob too, and so I heard from her.

Here is a picture of the girls’ basketball team and one of the boys’ teams. When the family has seen it, please send it to Britt, and then back to me.

Much love to the dearest father in the world. Lottie.
A Happy Birthday

Many of them Bob