

Dear Lady and all.

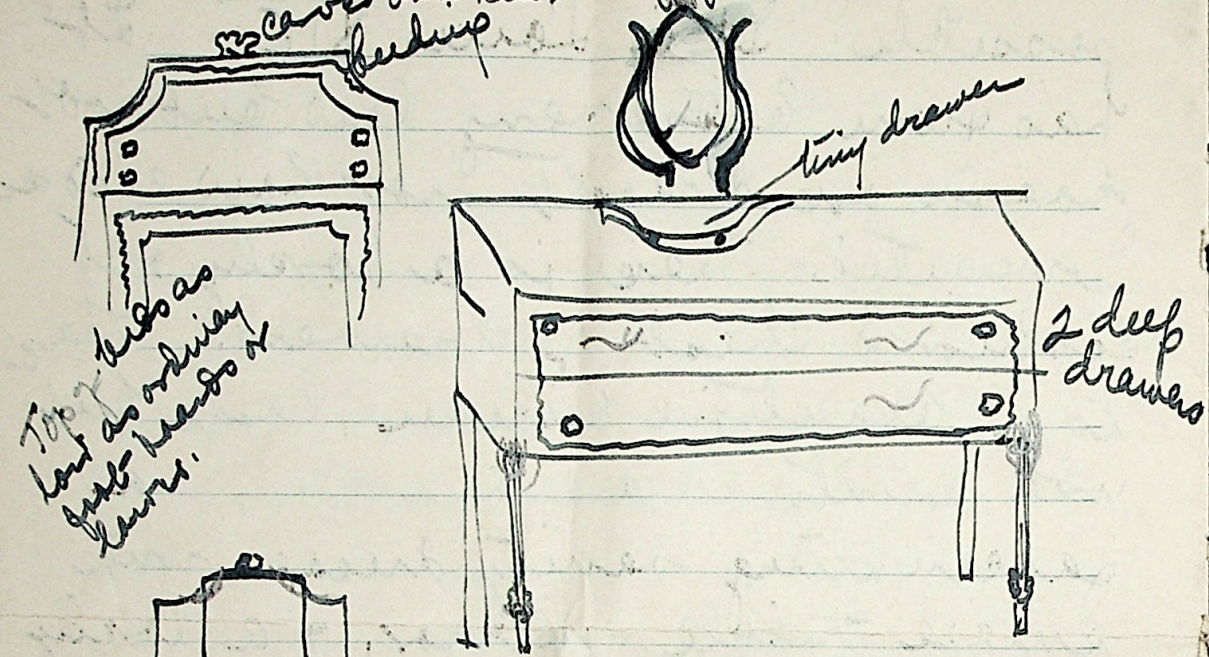
Lady Darling, that was such a sweet letter you wrote Freddie. We "preciate". I have no remiss this year about acknowledging my presents. We were so busy when Mary was here. I didn't mean to be but you know how it is at Christmas time. We weren't ready for Christmas & had to shop etc & then the tree & every thing. We left taking Mary to Drills office till this week & then he sent her to an orthopedist & as he didn't charge her I'm sorry we didn't have time to see him again.

Then we spent lots of time looking for furniture, even the day she went and after she went I decided on the set, today in fact & now I have it in the house. We went to

every good place in town we
thought this the loveliest set
we saw & also the best for my
room with one exception and
so you see we didn't regard
cost much. The other set was
sturdier and the therefor may
be better & it was somewhat cheaper.
I took Mrs. Haseltine down to see
them today. She couldn't see
any comparison, this so superior
I can change this if I want. I
think it is very beautiful. It
cost (with reduction but includ-
ing box springs & hair mattress
my own mattress & 12 lbs more
hair & new ticks) it cost all told
\$66²⁰. But I wanted to get it
satisfactorily & wait til I could
I would told me to get whatever
I wanted & have it sent up & set

after I had told him the price of this
last night. I will describe it if
possible. It is Louis XIV. It
has two beds, very low but foot
boards are straight, not bow ends
I wanted. There is a lovely old
fashioned chest of drawers. There
is a beautiful bureau, large but
with dainty small mirror, a
jazzin' altho vanity dresser with
small triple mirror, & a lovely
cane-seated bench as long as it
is. The wood is burl'd walnut &
the pieces are hand carved. It is
rather ornate but very dainty. &
even so many pieces & large as they
are do not over power the room
except that two beds do take an
awful space. The ordinary modern
furniture in good pieces would
over power the room with few pieces.

If I were upstairs I might draw better but I will suggest.



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chest also but
want better to draw

It is very distinctive.
after seeing it all
else in the ~~other~~ looks
commonplace

were afraid of the spindle legs but ~~they~~
saw behind them etc etc. It is very well
made, centre rib on extra to drawers, dust
proof, wood between drawers etc. The bedup

& other ornaments are slightly bowed
but don't think of gilt furniture.
The price about the set — it is
dearly enough to go into my small
rooms in so many pieces and
good enough for any house I
could hope to have. Don't when
I describe it I wonder if I did
choose wisely. The modern
big bureau with big glass I
think would fill the room so
& the vanity dressers are ^{so}
chummy & inartistic & unless ^{the bureau is} very
large look too cheap. The other
set was Jacobean, also very costly
but commoner. The beds had no
foot board or rather I mean it
didn't come quite as high as the
mattress. The bureau & vanity had
had no mirrors attached but had
octagonal mirrors hung above them
on the wall. Of course if I had
got the ordinary modern set I

just would have got beds bureau
& chest of drawers but this vanity
was so tempting & so sweet in
the room.

And are the other rooms are
improved. The cherry set I think
is really prettier than the walnut
in Will's room and P. D.'s room is
a dream. She has Will's set
& also the walnut chest of
drawers from home is in there
& just sweet & plenty of room
She has a rocker & chair &
Will's good walnut chair I
brought down stairs. I can see
my whole house cleared up
forward now. I can't wait
for you to come.

Maybe I made a mistake
about getting bag springs. I just took
them & didn't even discuss the

I don't know how many beds cost the price of two full size beds
I think we need the upholstered set for the beds would

matter though some months
ago I had decided against them
& found springs that were said
to be as good & cheaper where had
to be made i.e. they do a wash
set of twin beds as they run a
little different. They will be
up tomorrow. I can change this
set if I want not only to any
thing in their store but they will
duplicate at same price any
set I like in Springfield. May
liked this better than the other but
was a tiny bit afraid of the swivel
legs but they say they will stand
behind them & guarantee them.

I have cut tomorrow night
to be working, plenty yet to do, but
only taken down last evening & all
beds in house changed today besides
lots else. I got Helen's white bed

Spent while table in there for the winter.
The cherry table I have in the
hall as I have the machine in
Lerie's room. If he doesn't want
to give up his room I can put it in
the hall - I have decided.

Sady when you come you can have
drawers to yourself.

Bennie, hurry & come while Mary
Grelia can sleep in the tiny bed for I
have put the other one down allan.
Do you want it? (I can get it up
for her to sleep in any time.)

Goodnight, Oh yes, I started
this about Christmas presents & forgot
being so excited about furniture -
I shall love the water color. Minnie
loves her Kenzie & had her basket which
is a great big an - knit - fine weaving.
Grelia intended to make a baby
cunting but - couldn't even get it started
but I can get it. Has she one?

Lots of love, Ellen