

My dear Mary Maunua,

I feel as if I ought to be  
cooking but after I tell you how I've spent my  
day, you, baby, will say it's only my Puritan  
conscience at work. This morning after getting  
breakfast etc I "waited" time in the cellar attached  
up to the man who was fixing the washer. After  
he went I started my wash tho' it was going  
on to noon. The washer worked two or three minutes  
so after telephoning the concern that had fixed it I  
got the car out & drove home there with  
the cord but the cord was all right. Later - after  
lunch the man came back & got the washer  
working, then I did the wash. After that I changed  
the wall paper in my room. After school Pat  
came in & I showed her how she helped  
me some. We got it marly done when it was  
time to get dinner. Then tonight Miss Decker  
came over & I read her my mother's poem.  
And I have done various cleanings up, dishes, beds  
etc. But this letter is to say how much much  
I thank you two for making the ship get home  
& answering so soon. Mary, I only meant you  
to write a note to send by special delivery &  
first to send Maunua the playlet to that I  
wasn't going to bother anybody but of course I  
wanted to. I never thought of you sending to the

play special delivery other sending special  
delivery & I tho I said you would  
submit the play, but as Miss Bucher  
came over for it tonight to read to her com-  
mittee and my copy has the songs repeated  
etc I was very glad for it. Though I wish  
it I don't think it's pleasing either. That  
that was really just notes I've written it  
by so much now that I will give it had  
to change. And now in spite of not having  
any notes I'm just starting to clean by myself.  
It's getting so late I just have to. But why  
does it play so cold? Thank you so much  
both of you & Mary, I feel absolutely bad  
if you had to go to town. That's why I sent  
the stamp & I forgot to send a big envelope.

The co copy.

I wish I could keep you — in your  
drive or foot or any thing. Time was  
when I might have helped on your  
papers — you remember I did your  
first semester at Elmira — where I was  
just married.  
Mary, I certainly appreciate the small  
see your letter to thank me about my lines

being bright. I don't make any pretence to  
being brilliant - I always think you just  
are & have a chance to ~~practice~~ <sup>use</sup> the gift -  
so that remark helped more than any thing  
else. Oh yes, Lady, we have some  
just thin spiritus in College club. And  
I think people like Cordia would be all  
right - too. The reason I think people  
might be hurt - is that they might say the  
point was "for people are for because they  
don't get forth about" whereas the point  
is one can become (perhaps!) what one  
feels with the report to become - the other  
side of the question. There are 3 girls on  
the committee. One is that Mrs. Bennett,  
grandma, that you were so taken with at  
College club and she has written music  
for plays. They put on a play at South  
High one year that had been gone at  
Mt. Holyoke and that she had written the  
music for. I think clippings are the thing.  
~~This was~~ The idea for this was a clipping of  
also for the Water Goose. I really don't know  
as I know how to work this up if they take  
it but if I just take time to sit down &  
think maybe I can. This am. I was so  
sorry, sort of notified that I'd showed it

to Miss Beecher but now I'm not. And  
I'm glad I wrote it for I think I ~~do~~  
possessed some thing more about what I  
can do. Perhaps I am finding the thing  
I can do. It's too bad the dramatic  
style suits me so much better but  
that my tho/b ideas are so mild  
& undramatic. If I start to write  
in dramatic form I find it easy to  
see dramatically. But I can't see any  
thing dramatically. Enough — are you  
sick of my war always talking about  
my writing?

Pa & I are excited over a mother & daughter  
bargain there is going to be at the church,  
she because — well she's twelve years  
old one because I think I have the  
loveliest little 12 yr. old girl in the church  
in spite of the fact that she thinks  
I don't see any virtue in her.

I took her ~~down~~ down to a  
picture play. Behold the man sponsored  
I taken charge of even at the door by  
the Federation. Pa & every body called  
it The Passion Play. Pa & cried quarts &  
Grimie said "That certainly was not

an unusual fashion play." Annie's  
seemed to know most of the stories.  
I tho't the picture good myself,  
Joseph was so pompous & all of them  
but it had the desired effect on the  
children. They have talked a good  
deal about Christ's dying for us, are they?

Mamma, but Aunt Mary sent  
two cakes (smaller ones) and so he  
is giving us a smell of yours once in a  
while, not much more than that,  
but still it is going now. He appreciates  
it, I say. I don't see him much, he's so  
busy. There's an Oberlin dinner  
Thursday but I don't see how we can  
go, no one to leave with the children.  
\$1.70 a plate, Pres. Ship & Mr. Doherty  
Spoken + dancing. Wish they'd have some  
different speakers.

Did I tell you they asked Grace to be  
President of the Federation, but she refused?  
Mrs. Quinlan met me. She had suggested  
her + tho't + she'd be wonderful.

Princess Margaret Sunday School, I left  
her also during church here last Sunday  
she went into the church with the  
children. Mr. Beaulieu from Africa  
spoke. I have messiah hearing his wife  
who they say is lovely but I'm thankful  
to say I've heard her at Sunday school.  
They are visiting the Redoubt.

Well, this isn't getting my work  
done. Any how it's best time. Goodnight  
both of you. I'm loving you both "100"  
much even "right much".

Ellen.

Monday evening:  
Tues. afternoon Today some one called me up  
telling me of a girl. I told Mary I'd wait  
a while for her - for the time she came after  
her money. Well I think Mary is in good  
This girl - not yet 17 - is coming around to  
see her  
maamma, I hope your unbleached sheet  
will be long enough after it is washed. Mine  
shrank just & just. I guess Mary will

Will doesn't approve of my giving the Com.  
my play - I don't know really whether  
because he doesn't like the fat lady  
play or because as he said this and  
I am head of the program Com. & so  
pulling myself in. Well, they love the  
play now anyway. If I hadn't got  
your letter I don't know whether I  
should have given them to them.  
I am changing house by myself out  
not - the troublesome parting - I do  
that when I get some one, & when there  
is some one to wash out closets & windows  
seats - It's rather do you & they think  
paper is more of charm. I wrote  
asking Miss Hard to come in way -  
sent the letter to Mrs. Andrews in Tor.  
I wonder how you are, Lady Darling.  
Your loving Ellen

I'm going to make Missie a wonder -  
the play house for her birthday out  
of a heavy wood box I got at the  
battery station - will write you about

is another fine - Am going to  
have paper in Wil's room now.

I think what Auntie  
says about Maurice  
is so nice - mean  
how reading the letter



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