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My dear dear Liddy! -

I get awfully  
lonesome for you sometimes - espe-  
cially on Sunday. Do you miss me  
too?

Uncle George's glass plate is  
to be  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ . I hope you can  
do it soon, because I have been  
so long in asking you about it  
since I first knew he wanted  
it made, that I am quite ashamed  
and shall be more so if you are  
as slow as I have been. It is to  
be a photo. (you understand) of the  
old furnace at Deford of which a  
water color painting hangs in our parlor in a  
gilt-frame with glass over the painting.

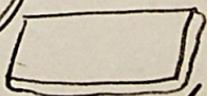
Which watch did you get for Millie?  
The gold hunting case that was your  
father's + marked with his name?  
I have no watch of Uncle Selden's.  
You must mean Uncle Williams  
open face gold watch. I am willing  
for you to take that if you can  
be careful of it + only wear it  
on proper occasions. Both those  
watches are good gold watches, +  
heirlooms as well, + not the kind  
to take camping or in any dangerous  
place. Your father carried a silver  
watch in Turkey because he prized  
the gold one too highly to run the  
risk of having it stolen, + it  
would be a pity now when it  
used carelessly. All I want to  
save those two watches for, is to  
have you boys have them when you

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Can appreciate and take care  
of them. I know the time will  
come when such things will  
have more value in your eyes  
than they now do, and, if you  
are careless now with things  
that can't be replaced even  
with money, you will regret it.  
Did you fasten the box up  
again that had my valuables  
in? And were you careful  
that no little things dropped  
out? I hate to have you go up  
again & bother Mrs. Newell.  
I presume Uncle William's watch  
would have to be put in order  
before it could be used. It  
seems very queer that you should

watch is worn out so soon as  
this. I am afraid the gold  
one would go the same way.  
There is no fob nor chain of  
any kind. I gave Billie his  
father's silver chain a good  
while ago - the only one he had  
as long as I knew him - and  
we don't own any other chain  
or fob. Billie had one I believe  
fob also. Perhaps he lost it.  
So don't look around in the  
box for a chain for there is  
none there. It would not be  
safe to carry a good watch  
without a proper chain. I am  
sorry you are so impatient for  
that gold watch, & I am afraid  
too that the Nevells will be annoyed  
at our sitting into their closet after  
it.

Did Evelina tell you that there are four barrels which I packed at Aunt Mary's and which were to have gone to your sister Mary for her housekeeping, but now are to go to Dublin for me to use? Aunt Mary wrote that she had sent them off by freight a day or two ago.

Evelina was to store them in our garret and you were to keep her attend to it. They may get to Dublin any day - may be there now, I don't know. If you go up with her to put the barrels in place, you can get as many of those hard divan cushions  from the garret as you want to use for a divan in your room.

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You remember there are a lot of them covered with cretonne or some goods, & they are on the beams of the parrot. You will have to beat the dust out, but don't do it until you get them out doors and away from  
287- We don't want to be any more of a nuisance to the Nevells than necessary. I am afraid they won't want to come back to the house if we bother them so much.

Grandma was so pleased that you liked the washcloth she made, that she hurried up and made you another which I hope you got. It had

some red knitting on it.

You need not bother to write any one about your Xmas box as it is so far past the time & I made it all right. The knife was from Aunt Mary & the best we could buy in Oxford.

When you write next, tell me about the girls & boys you are most intimate with now. Are you and Edward Clarke good friends?

Selden, I feel very anxious about your studies. You must put your first & best strength & thought on your studies. Perhaps your eyes need attention &

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if so, that may make you  
restless & a bad student. If  
you can not get on in your  
geometry by yourself, get some  
one to help you, and pay  
them for it if necessary. Don't  
be too proud or too sensitive  
back for help, nor say you  
understand when you don't.

You can get through this  
year's studies if you make up  
your mind to do it. When you  
really ardently wish to do a  
thing, you do it, I have observed.

Half the time you have just  
"daddled thro" High School  
& I suppose this year is not

different from the others. I have seen you put splendid energy on your camping expeditions, on Grape Nuts & I O U (worthy of a better cause) and then when you were all tired out with such things, take up your book. Lay heartedly, & say you could not learn your lesson.

Don't you use every endeavor of will power to correct this fault, right away, the moment you finish reading this letter?

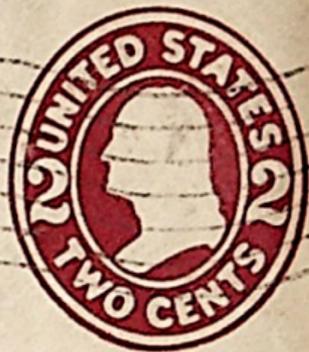
My dear dear boy, I love you, I want you to succeed

you must succeed. "God  
helps those who help them  
selves." Exercise your will  
& make yourself succeed.

(A call for supper.)

My darling Lillian

Your own Ever loving  
Mamma



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