

She had a perfectly
beautiful handkerchief-
shir^{ts} cast with one do.
handkerchiefs in it. The
name Mary Warner
was in black on each
about that size written

Clifton-Springs.
July 18, 1894

Mamma,-

You have just
seen Mrs. Pflieger's
wedding presents. Her wedding
dress was a wedding present
from an Aunt. It is awfully
pretty. It is white-silk crepe
trimmed with beautiful white
silk lace. She showed us her
other dresses too. They are all
very pretty. We did not see
what Mr. Pflieger gave her be-
cause she sent it down for the

Bodwells to see. It is a fine, round, I think, with forget-me-nots. I think each forget-me-not has a diamond in, any way she said there were nine little diamonds, not chips.

The Bodwells gave her a vase made of some kind of metal with a tiny wreath on it that is made of silver inlaid and it has also gold and copper inlaid.

She has a great deal of silver. A teaset of seven pieces. It has a beautiful tray. She said all her silver, not including this set, except one spoon is

marked sterling. There are one dozen plain teaspoons and a silver crumb tray and ~~brush~~ scraper, a porcelain dish and tongs. There was a large box full of every kind of things. A lovely patterned forks, knives, spoons, salt spoons, mustard spoon sugar tongs and most every thing else, and more things that were not in this box. A beautiful table cover. One of those great big lamps. Some lovely iron broided tray cloths and such things. There was one round one with small

There for-got-me-nots-some-
thing like the one Grandma
gave Aunt Chava. There were
some lovely painted plates.
Mr. and Mrs. Loveland gave
me a very pretty large pitcher
and there were cups and sau-
cers. There was a lovely
photograph frame made of
orange wood and orange
flowers painted on it. I can't
tell you about it you would
have to see it. She had some
cut glass but it was being
packed and so we did not see
it. She said she wished
you could have seen them.

Eric and I have just been
down to Mrs. Davis'. What a
place it is, isn't it? We had
quite a time of it. We saw
all the children. Ruby had
on Lenia's gingham dress
and the baby, Selden's white
one that there were seven of
alike; Mrs. Davis' baby I mean.
Mrs. Draper, the grandmother,
has been away a week and
just came home this after-
noon. Every one inquires
about you. Do miss you aw-
fully. It seems 'nearly a
year since you went away.
I must go and do my work.

Much love to all, lovingly,
"Bessie."

She said it was quite
fun to come home the bride
It created quite a sensation
though. I forgot to tell you
Miss Stone gave her the
sweetest gold pen. The handle
was pearl and gold. I forget
all the things. Mrs. Archu was there

Billie gave two of the ^{with us.} little
black kittens away to day.
To the Sherrants, the same
people we gave the others to
last summer.

Ernie is here and Marcia was
just in for a minute.

I must go now to Mrs. Davis.
I think Ernie will go with me.
Ellen



Rochester July 13/54

Dear Mrs. Belden

Do you remember just what bargain you made with Mr Deering when he took the grounds and fruit to care for after you sent of me. I remember your telling me he would do it for you.

Will you please tell me the bargain you made with him. did he pay you for the fruit and the use of the garden last year. Please write me by return of mail just how matters are between you and him and oblige very truly yours

Louise Barrett

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Mon. July 16, 1894,
Home, 9 p.m.

My own, I haven't your letter
yet that will come — I hope —
to-morrow to answer; but I have a little
time, & I want to say one thing, be-
sides acknowledging your postal rec'd
this morning — written Saturday. It is
delightful to read of you having such
a happy time, you dear weary nurse,
after so long a service; & I begudge
every thought of your having to
come back here & take up your mono-
tonous round of duties & cares again.

That brings me to the thing I want
to say to you tonight. It is this: I
hope you will prepare yourself, before
you set here, for the old feeling of weariness

in your lot here. I think of how
how you told me how pitiful my
voice sounded when you arrived, used up,
from your Bristol packing, when I said:

"You've come, have you?" so feebly;
+ ~~that~~ I am forewarned against speak-
ing in such a lugubrious voice again,
of course I may + doubtless shall seem
very different from the lively + well
folks whom you will have been
with so long that I shall seem
sicker, to you, than I can possibly an-
ticipate my seeing. So I am trusting
that if you remind yourself, before
you get here, what I am, I may not
seem such a wet blanket.

I think the spirits of the house-
hold are a little low, the nerves
run up to the hilt, or imagined
hilt, of your absence. I am re-
ferring chiefly to the girls' spirits. They
are almost at the point of tears
today. Willie has got over his attacks of

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homeickness; but tonight he has quite a fit of conscience, which suits me exceedingly. I can hardly refrain from thinking that your absence has been to some degree a good thing for Willie, somewhat perhaps in his relations with me. He sometimes shows so much want, so much boyish loneliness, that it relieves me of that most disagreeable self-confidence of his & narrows my heart to him; & then the wide attention, I show him — like a cup of cocoa tonight, & bring to him sometimes — shi him to a gratitude which, being so unusual, is inexpressibly delightful to me.

Now as our American orator on the

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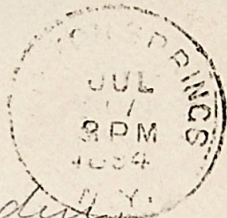
"City of Berlin" said, I don't know as there's
anything more that I want to say just
now; so I'll ~~wait~~ ^{pause} till tomorrow.

Tuesday morning, 7:12 o'clock. - We
have not been out yet this morning,
so we do not know at all what pleas-
ures the mail has for us from you.
I hope you are having a good time, &
will be able to let your visit at
Lily's before you come here. Who knows?
maybe you'll bring her with you. Are you
going to stop at ~~Stace~~ for Carrie? - I
hope you have money enough; I suppose
I could send you some if necessary, but
I judge that hardly is so. I have not rec'd
any more, except the return of the \$10.
that the travelers' declined.

- Willie has been reading one of Thow-
bridge's books: "The Young Surveyor" (Eddie's),
& I attribute it to that that he practised
15 minutes when he first came down stairs
today. Miss L - keeps close watch of him.
I enclose Mrs. B's letter.
Mrs. W. H. Belden, Oxford, N. J.

Sincerely,
William.

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Mrs. William H. Belding,
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