

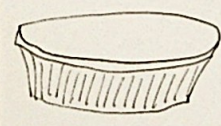
Manor Road

Dear Beelmites,
Your decorated gown
is greatly appreciated by the
entire household, how very
artistic, & how cute the words.
What you lack in "means" you
make up in skill.

Northon once said to me "You
certainly never will be rich, you
are too ingenious, to have money
spoil you". I think you all are
a great deal more so, so I'll pass
along the prophecy. Though I must
add that Mrs Peterson - at Oxford -
says that one of the truis is going
to be very rich. - at any rate
whatever you have or how not - Still
& ingenuity are among your
chief possessions. & Temperamentally you.

By mistake I see only five of
the Sovereign bookmarks sent
& the household of six in Obedience
so I will use the other one. I made
fifty three for all the invited
guests, (not any one was expected
to come from town, as like you,
they were too remote.) as dear little
generous Sister wanted any one
of her choice friends to be invited.
The party was a great success.
The children sat at dining table
& the adults was - what they call
in Sweden "a Lap supper".
The party was pink, green, & white.
M had three decorated birthday
cakes - one for Sister - all white -
& two candles - but not on cake
I now put them on the cake -
one for Gertrude chocolate cov-
ered - & sometimes candles - and

one for Aunt Catherine - pink,
& two candles - too many & they
for my purse. Sister decorated
a lot of little cakes herself, each
having some pink candles - in
recognition of her ten years.
M had pink ice cream - in clear
little white paper tapers - You
know what kind I mean - fluted.



M also has pink confectures
but I am ahead of
my menu for we just had
billings. ^{I don't know how to spell "billings".} & chicken Sauerbraten
& milk. The decorations on
the table were pink & white. &
Sister in white - as usual. - The
children had all sorts of games that
M could think of. Evangelina, Gertrude
& Elizabeth were splendid help. &
they all looked perfectly small. Elizabeth
Scarlet silk waist, & white lace, Evangelina

green silk waist, & Frudee in
orange & blue. There were only
eight grown folks, but you know
our Drancy room is very tiny.
So it seemed well filled, and
to Sister's perfect delight Papa
came home early enough to
have refreshments with the party.
Ethel was as usual perfect. &
our cooking on Sunday was
just as nice as mine could be.
We both said a number of times we
wished that Mary & Ellen were here
too, especially as there was one
double bed not in use & all made
up. For had you live so far away
for E. & G. are invited for a visit
next June. & if you only were ^{with} us
any amount with M. & E. could be here
too! how we should love to have them, and
there are such really delightful things to do

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about this part of the world.

Charles & Sister are both taking music lessons, began at the same time, but C. is a great deal further along than Sister, though perhaps because his brain is further advanced in proportion to his age.

Sister does not go to school. I teach her by fits & starts. She is soon to be gone, but there there is time, I think she will go to school in Sept. I don't know how soon I shall see her. I miss her so when she is gone for half a day, I can hardly stand it.

Ellie when you come to Clepton Springs you must make your plans to come here too. This salt air would be a perfect tonic to you, & prepare you for your winter, in a way that even C. S. couldn't in that part

Surplus air.

I suppose I shall go to Rhoda some time this summer though it is all very undecided as yet. Evangeline is determined to have us come out to see her graduate & me. I think we shall, as it is so near.

Of course you know Martha is at home. I am so glad for her to have this little change. Since I went out to April for a day & night just before she went away, I did have such a nice little visit. We had the pleasure of seeing uncle Joe's Christmas tree decoration. He is just as clean as can be with his hands & his decorations, & will with its waxy smell & all more not only pretty, but very perfect.

The children are so much as can be - & the greatest big eyes you ever saw.

You know the Ellis family - "Ma" - "Cherley", "Madge" have been and are visiting here. They were all here when I was, & very pleasant. I visited them all here, but really don't know if they are coming or not. They did not say much of anything when I asked them. I am quite in the dark. I know the girls have been down in N.Y. for two days and a night.

I would be so much with me again at one of the C.E. meetings, on some special occasion thinking you might be interested. These are home made, & the paper is brought in sheets at a small sum. I think the A.T. Society furnishes the reading.

I also would be an excellent sum that we each had at one of our various houses meeting! Geo.

May have sent one to Evelina,
he intended doing so, as he
thought she'd be interested in
it in connection with her
massing scrap book work. These
also are home made, but as
you see the front costs a cent.
I did not make them - wish I
had - but I suppose the books are
brought in a box, & the paper in
sheets & cut up - are they not
an interesting & clever idea.

I wonder if Evelina will be
birthday present from us. I am
quite sure it reaches Oberlin, that
if Geo. told the truth. I hope the
dear child has a happy birthday.
This is a very long letter & my intention
not any way take care as I am
along with a good deal of love & joy
all from us all. Love Fond Sister & Aunt
March 15/1899. Caroline A. S. Humphrey.

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I forget to write me to say the hair
 brush for brows - please. including
 hair pomade - one with gold pins
 some brooch - the hair sponge -
 a pair of open ear. Scamp hat
 other hats - washable - hair
 padding soap and candy game
 brush - gloves. etc etc etc

Dear Mary
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