

July 15, 1906.

My dear Mary,

Mamma says I shall tell you that one reason why we don't write you more is because our life is so uneventful that there is nothing to write. She says have you any more information about Laema?

Now, we have sent no money for we are waiting for an answer to my letter asking how we are to send it. This money problem, will drive me crazy. We have none & if we keep Fannie the rest of the summer I shall have to use the ten dollars that I am trying to save to get back to Glendale with. I'm going to manage some way to have money next summer, for there's no rest in this kind of worry. Do you know any place where we can borrow any except at the bank here?

O. Mary, aren't you coming home soon? I've asked me today if you were going to stop here on your way to Laema. Are you going to see Willie on your way?

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I suppose you must start about the first of September, even if you don't, won't you? And that is only a month & a half from now.

Mamma is hoping to have an invitation to the Lake. Mrs. Clark (Japan) has a cottage at Lake side & she asked Mamma for a week or so, but she hasn't yet any time & I don't know whether she has forgotten it or what. Mamma says Dr. Hawkins says she ought to have a vacation away, but she isn't able to ride very far in the cars or any other way. You know we don't know people around here to invite her very much either. If Mamma goes here - Sallie will go too.

Miss Hard has nearly promised to come, but hardly thinks she can come till very late, in September say. She will probably stay at the house when she does come. I really don't know what all we have to have done, but we certainly can't afford

much.

Mamma has invited a lady here who is head or some thing of the Friendly Inn in Cleveland, a sort of a rescue mission. And we have been debating today taking Fresh Air children or mother & baby. I was horrid about it, objected very strongly & said I'd rather teach all summer than have to take care of children here & thought it would be far ~~either~~ easier. But I guess I take it all back - I'm too horribly selfish. Maybe we will have a mother & baby. The expense seems to be the only impediment in the way.

Rebecca says she thinks you're a lovely sister & she's glad you're coming home. Selden says if you stop half a day, he'll take half a day off to see you. Mary, he never takes any time off. I think he is imposed on & Mamma does, for she has been out there, because he is such a fast worker & willing to do every thing.

I'm reading Middlemarch at last, have been  
 reading out here in the porch all this after-  
 noon while our opposite neighbor has been  
 in the hammock (unobserved by me) opposite.  
 Mr. Wagon came up & spoke some in the  
 library yesterday afternoon, apologizing  
 in some way for not having spoken to me  
 before since I came home and said he  
 was coming over. Maunna has several  
 theories about his strange behavior - distant  
 behavior I mean. Mrs. W. is so very

friendly.

Did I ever tell you that when I came  
 home, I didn't find Tar Baby? She ate  
 faint, they think. Tige is nice though  
 not so pretty as last winter, but so af-  
 fecting. She won't take a bite of her  
 meal till you have stroked her &  
 spoken kindly to her.

The dear Lady says the unmarketable  
 are the happy ones & that's the case here.  
 This summer. Well good bye, Miss Mary

shown - Colman

This is an old letter, dated that we changed up

Dear Mary,

If you  
have not already bought  
the hat for me you  
do not need to get it.

I got some braids at a  
sale for almost nothing  
which I can use and  
while Ellen & I are at  
the garret we are  
finding things. I hope

Please do write about money matters  
I cannot hold until I hear.

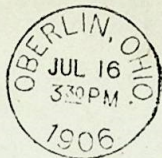
this does not inconvenience  
you. The suit must  
be lovely. <sup>Clifton Springs</sup> Sabbath Feb.  
I can't wait to see it.

You are coming home  
sometime, aren't you?

In haste  
Pint.  
Monday  
July 16, 1906.

"The Lady" sends  
her love to you  
and all. So say  
we all.

We do love Fanny.



Miss Mary M. Belden,  
Care Mr. J. H. Scranton,  
Washington,  
New Jersey.

