

Friday

Dear Mary:

You complain of not hearing from us the things you need to know - In the beginning I wrote that Mrs. P. had the "red room" - She has been such a help and companion here. She will go on Tuesday to Mrs. Barkly on the hill. She seems to have business in advance to looking over moth eaten things she left here. She and her sister are to live together now. She came here from Mrs. Cox's in Mass. after spending the summer at Casco Bay. When she came here it was first to call she thought you were home, but I saw it was a God send for me. Since your letter to-day - Winifred (she is very nice) has packed her things and gone home for good and Marie will not come nights

any more. I don't know what  
you mean by our not having  
meat. We have it as often as  
your table; it is not necessary  
every day as there are plenty of  
vegetables. We had over abundance  
(it spoils) when Mrs. Papp went  
and had that bill at the  
market (in her own name)  
I have it kept for you.  
The other time when she  
was expected I sent for <sup>red</sup>  
veal cutlet - We have, and  
are having - bacon, ~~seeds~~,  
vegetables, rhubarb, onions  
that are spoiling; and I  
had my favorite tomatoes  
fully boiled and very much  
appreciated. Mrs. P. makes  
very tasty things from potatoes  
- sometimes with egg -  
I could not get off this week  
having written already to  
Andrew S. <sup>next</sup>. He is most  
precise - business - like (Edmund's  
style

Mrs. P. has just wound  
the clocks (being Wednesday)  
I am sorry that you are not  
well enough to come home soon  
but you have to obey the Dr.  
You have more faith in them  
than I have.

We had peas for dinner  
to-day out of the garden  
The parsonage looks very pretty  
- just freshly painted.

They offered us rhubarb - Marie  
cooked it and it was very good.  
William, of course, does not come  
to work. - but has been here  
twice to ask if you are home.

He seems to need some former  
pay or something.

I gave some of the fine cake that  
you gave me to Mrs. Gaff + Marie  
Mrs. Pradie and Marie and Winifred  
keep well - and all is taken care  
of here. You spoke of currants  
we only can find black currants.  
It is a very dark day and quite cool.  
With love to all  
Cousin Ellen

I will explain later about  
my asking Mrs Peattie to  
remain at my house -

Gertrude is ready to take my  
letters to the Post Office -

I want Mrs Peattie to stay

It will be all right and I am  
very happy - I have been through  
so much suspense - but am  
over it now. I am happy very  
just where I am and as  
things are - and so glad you did  
not go to the good. I asked Mrs Peattie  
to keep Cousin Ellen off and not  
worry Mrs Gapp - Everything is all  
right now. I am now trying to get  
well enough to have Dr dismiss me  
Much love to you and Grace  
You will be glad to have me say everything  
is all right I am sure - Love - Mary E. S. Luker