

Thursday, April 16, 1930

Tw had about the
maid.

Dearest Sadye Mary:

It was so lovely to
hear direct from Oberlin through
Sylvia. She thinks the lady is just
lovely so bright, clever, charming,
lovable. She was pleased that the
children called you "Grandma" &
enjoyed their visit so much. She said
Willie had been so jolly & witty since
his return, due to his feeling more
light hearted about you, Sadye, & his
happy time with you. They all seemed
to have enjoyed their visit greatly. He was
sorry not to have a visit with Mary Kelly.
Sylvia & Frances were here two
days & two nights, leaving this
morning. Willie telephoned three times

+ had telephoned twice before they
came about their coming. Mrs.
Alford changed her plans, a couple
of times, + necessitated telegrams
from + Willie's calling.

The day they came Sylvia took
Frances to a specialist recommended
by their Portland doctor + then for days
K.M. + a man came a couple of times
to the house to make her a new base. I
went around with them all that day.
Little Frances got too tired. The doctor
consulted with the Portland doctor, but he
now advises an operation. Now Sylvia
is opposed to it, thinking it may be better
to keep Frances in bed for a good many months.
Now I don't know this doctor's reputation

but are trying to find out. The condition
is much too serious to him the wrong care.
Frances is such a sweet, well behaved,
efficient little girl. It all seems to have
Sylvia was lovely while here + we
had a nice visit. Fortunately the day
she came I had a woman engaged
for a half day
" to help on house cleaning + so I just let
her stay then instead + keep the
children + get the dinner cooked for our
return. And I can do the cleaning
myself again. I don't know how Lil
does to meet them + stay in town all day.
has managed the nurse. It would be
fine when our dear friends + relations
from out of town come if we knew a day or
so ahead. Yet of course I never
anyway + this was quite providential.
and providential that Lil not married

the kitchen - as Ed repeated over
the day before. The kitchen is such a
pleasure in its new dainty green
paint on walls & furniture & the
new curtains that Ed just got
done. And the cleaned cellar
surely does no harm. We whitewashed
the walls & cleaned the floor & fixed
up all around, cleaned windows
last week. My, its nice now. We have
much a convenient, light, airy, nice
basement, we've just had to have a new
hot water boiler put in - in fact it was being
done to, the day Sylvia came.

I showed Sylvia some of my foreign
leaves & she was much interested.
She's crazy over Brother, wanted to take him
back but he had some other needs. His very

like Willie with a shy, whimsical smile.
 It's a part of nature, too. We have
 cannot but grow in a case that he
lives & carried around calling "The
 he sidey beef" "The show lady
 is the one so beautiful." Sylvia
 guaranteed Willie could talk her
 to talk more. Frances was in bed
 mostly so Mary didn't get much time
 to play with her. Mary adores cousins
 as much as Peddie, only she's seen sons!

They says nobody lists that sort of
 steep lands, only tangible property like
 automobiles etc. He says he'd keep his
 mouth closed about that, if that helps
 any. They know anyone does his thing
 has to get after anyone about it. But
 he's not a conscience for anyone but
 he thinks it's such a general custom
 to make the lands are here, not in Ohio.

He says you'll be soaked plenty for
taxes anyway & pay more than
you should." He says can't you
^{write} "get a schedule & write it out. Find
the schedule back & then why
long questions. He thinks the questions
relate to the present, not to the past & the
past has nothing to do with it. Why should
they go back. But you did it schedule
personal property in Obelin last year
did you. When Margaret's name was the
personal property list for Oak Park unpublished &
the Eckhards listed \$400 & then the Eckhards
know listed less. But the Eckhards had one story
very handsome cars, a great big house with
handsome furnishings yellow & silver & jewelry &
bricks & studs that had left Mrs. Eckhards
since her husband's death a year ago. The Eckhards,
whose car you saw - listed more than most any one in town
of far less value - houses. If generally things are
listed as the Eckhards did rates of taxes would be lowered but
since no one does they are as they are. But Henry says he's
not advising on this.

Mary. I'm going down with Henry when
he goes next to the doctor (he has one a
week) see if we can get any ideas.
Henry says he can't possibly afford
an operation but if it's best it will
have to be. This got to do something
different. Wednesday is such a
mess if we didn't have nearly
seven hundred dollars to pay on the
house the first of May. Of course will
weather the storm somehow + get
Henry the right care. It did me
lots of good to have Sylvia here
in this visit. It was such a
pleasure. She so lovely &
companionable & confidential. This

so different from me, - much
more like Willie. But in
what execution as I end to,
although when I see Sylvia I
see her not grown as easy going as
I thought I had. Sylvia surely
is loyal & fine to Willie & for him.

If you should be writing Ellen
& it's not too much trouble could
they be there.

Many are happy to be back in
school & is doing very well.

Wishing you darling
much
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