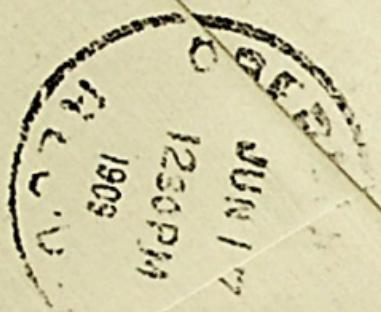


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Dearest dear Ellie -

A thousand thanks for your blessed letter, just received. How perfectly you understand and sympathize! I am comforted and cheered by what you say. I shall try to believe that I am some use, after all. My darling family all "let on" that they think so, and that is a mighty help to me. Now I am longing to write a big letter to your precious mother on this day so full of memories to us both, but my back aches too much to sit up, and my mind is so full of all distractions all

Ellen and Sara and Harriet have had
much work done at what seems to us very
seasonable prices. The wedding dress is a
lovely soft satin; the veil point applique
worn by d. at the special request of a dear
friend of hers, who was married last Decem-
ber. This bridal gift will be her only or-
nament. It is a heart-shaped pendant,
aqua-marine surrounded by diamonds. She
has received 130 presents up to date, rang-
ing in value from Aunt Olega's silver
service down to "dog-hakes". The dear
spoon occupies an honored place on the
tables, and the lovely slippers are going
over the sea with their owner. There
are many articles of furniture among the
gifts, mostly for library and dining-room.
There ~~are~~^{are} ~~are~~ ^{are} chandeliers and vases galore, and
~~all sorts~~^{all kinds} of ornamental things. Lydia
and Sara are in W. B. this p. m. selecting up-
stairs furniture wh. will be put in place
as soon as the carpets are on the floors.
Lydia is anxious to have the horses all ready
for Helen to step into when they come
home. Sara and Ellen plan to fill
the preservative closet during the summer.—
I promises so well for darling Lydia I can
only feel thankful and happy in her happi-
ness. I do wish you all were to be at the
wedding! Do give my love to your gradu-
ates, dear Ellie. What a mother you have
been! and I congratulate you with all my
heart upon the accomplishment of the
work you so nobly set yourself to do. Your
children will "rise up and call you blessed"
surely. I wish Providence would find a place
for you here in our Valley where I could see
you sometimes! What a blessing you would
be to many a lonely woman if only you can

about me that I shall just ask
you to give her my dear love.
I know she is celebrating the
day in her heart, and speaking
to you about it, no doubt. Carl
and the dear girls here are
making the time sweet to me.
Your letter was a great joy, and
the same mail brought out from
Matter Dobson - an unheard-of
thing. She is a fine woman.

Everything is going along with
perfect comfort here. I seem
not to have a care or worry.
Lydia is ~~so~~ serenely happy,
and Sid is hilariously so. The
houseau will be got in Brussels,
dress maker engaged to give
her entire care for two weeks
in August to d's wardrobe.
It is a fine establishment where