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Dear Budw.

Before I forget it. I wish to say, that Agnes has cut a scrap of all her new clothes to send you, "shirt waists and all" she said, "if you'd care to have them". I told her of course you would! She is real excited and has two all new hats - first time she ever had two at once all new. We think we have got her settled to be married in the green one, it is the handsomest one she has - she leans to the lilac one - but she's been persuaded to promise to wear the green. It was real fun, Wednesday morning Lucia Watson came - staid to lunch - and then made her address before the Unitarian Convention down at the church - we all wanted to go hear her speak her piece - but it embarrassed her so - we did not go. She came back early in the afternoon and staid to dinner and all night and left Thursday for home - just before hip Wednesday Agnes came in from a day shopping in San Francisco with Gessie Brock - she was real Agnes - tired out - nervous and sort of muddled. No! she could not stop - had to go night to Berkeley &c. - I said she could not - she was too tired, to stay to dinner anyway, and go to Dr. Riller's in the evening - besides I had a nice fine upstairs waiting to see her - after a violent protest - I got her ^{staid} up stairs and went for some fort wine & cake. When I got up to the front room with it - Agnes was lying on the lounge - (things off) and Lucia and Emma were sitting in front all talking - I heard no more of Berkeley until after eight when Pa put her on the car for Dr. Riller's, she was real and

glad she'd said. I did wish you were here - you would have enjoyed listening to the two Brides to be talk - so amusing. Phil - is spoken off as Mr Meany - and what has always been Grant - is now Mr Taylor. I think Sincadia is very sweet and girlish and likes her young man all right - she talks a little uncertain as to whether she loves him - but as he certainly loves her I guess it's safe - that is the main point - she says knowing him since she was three years old - she is so used to him she took the last three years to be sure she did like him well enough to marry him - he is not a year older and is his youth - that is the uncertainty - she looks very happy and takes the greatest interest in her wedding preparations - Emma is going to the house the day before so as to help the wedding day - if she can. Emma says she is going to write to you - if there is any special wedding present you'd like to give her - write me when you get this and I will say it and send it in your name - Agnes and her Ma came here Friday from the Wiggins and the real old cats came Friday afternoon to see her - Jessie Watson was the brightest most interesting and stylish one of them - Agnes and her Ma sleep in the front room. Yesterday morning - Saturday - they went to Sincadia to stay until Monday afternoon when they will return here in time for dinner and stay until Wednesday evening - when we'll see Mrs Gray off on the Tourists train for Denver. She is going to live with her married daughter Ann - the last of the week Agnes will go to Berkeley and have two interviews with Phil, Ma and Aunt - a most unreasonable person and real mean - I infer they don't want Phil to marry Agnes - then next week she'll pack up and we'll all go to see her off on the Steamer City of Tokio - she seems a little anxious as to whether

Phil will like her - and how she will strike his new friends in Honolulu. She looks older than when you saw her - is stouter and promises to be a heavy woman - her complexion is no better - its time she was married - in manner she is just the same - very nervous and if you make her lay down - she goes right to sleep and gets up - washes and dresses and is all right - but only one idea at a time is in her mind - she is a lovable girl and I get on all right with her - if Phil is stronger than she they'll get on all right, for she likes him. She has bought her dishes - and sent her furniture & pictures ahead - the Photo (Winged Victory) you sent she had framed - If ever you come across a medium sized Photo of Guido Renis, Aurora - you buy it for me and I will repay you - I would not want a great sized one - small one - I'm in no hurry anytime in the year would suit - Mrs Coary is very quiet - Agnes asked me to let her come here as she wanted to be with her the time that is left - Sam's boat was such a sailor - it ran into a yacht on the creek - and cut into the cabin so Sam was all day yesterday repairing damages to the yacht - and has not finished - he went to the law Senior Party (High School) with a girl friend who was on the Reception Committee Friday night - and danced 26 dances - with 26 different girls - was nt that a record breaker? - Yesterday when at the creek - he saw a fire break out in the L rice works on 1st St. he got a boatman to row him over - got there just as Hose 1 did, "look in the Hose" over a shed roof - and was drenched with water - to the skin and stand and worked all day on the yacht in his wet flannels - came home after six - he really is too active - I always considered Sam too slow - Sam is very much too

active - he always has the cooks in fine training - Alice
minds him and has his meals if no one else's - Today
in the midst of serving water ice to the company
she faced me with the freezer in her hands - "Oh
"Mr Gardner's dinner!" he said it was to be at quarter
to six" - Told her she could not cut the same in the
even for him - when I had company for dinner - and she'd
got to wait - he has so fierce a manner it scares her -
yet she says she does like him he's so clever - Mollie
Mathis has invited him to Miss Horton's party. he is
much pleased - Mrs Barnham and Miss Walker went
to Monterey with me - The preacher is very pleasant
Jessie Keipoll came over one afternoon to see us she
is looking very pretty and pleasant - sent her love
to you. she had a beautiful hat and a new brownish
tailor suit - she invited Emma to lunch - soon as she
got her Thesis finished she'll go with her family to
Ponoma - and in August perhaps she'll come
over and they'll visit and play cards - Pa is well - so is
Pam - he has gone boating - in black stockings with
checked black & white tops and tan shoes - grey golf
knicker - darkish blue shirt - plaid necktie - grey coat
and brownish caps - a real mix - tan belt - the
more he mixes the happier he seems - I guess Emma
will write you her side of things - Monday morning Hart
arrived with a new buggy and two black horses - it was
a perfect day - rained Sunday - but the wind dried the
mud - during the night - he and Emma sat on the
front seat - we drove over to East Oakland and
got Jessie - and then Emma changed her gloves
and took the reins - drove to Lake Shabot where we
spent a most satisfactory day, I did not observe
an unpleasant expression or incident during the day
Jessie seems to suit Emma next to Ethel best -
we got back to the house at first six - Emma drove

most all the way home - they were fine spirited
horses and she was pleased and Mark was (with
her) - he looked dead while lived - but said he
was no worse for the day - next time I saw him -
'it was a very pleasant outing - Aunt and her
children were well when I last heard - I've
not heard from Cousin Lovie for a long time -
I can't persuade Emma to go to visit Aunt this
summer - I enjoyed your last letter dear child
and I'd like very much to see you - it's a great
relief to me to have Arvey with you - and I miss
you both and love you both - I hope you will not
overwork during the coming warm weather - it
will pay in the end to be careful and rest and eat
find a cool place for the summer and rest down
all the money you need and don't skimp - I was
entirely surprised that Arvey tried the "Eyes" and
admire his courage - when he tries it next time - he'll
probably make it good success - I also wish you good
luck and no more boils - Brewers yeast - a tea
spoon full before lunch and dinner is a very old
remedy - not bad to take - Brewers not Bakers yeast -
Love to you and Arvey - and please remember
me to Mrs Brown - and believe me

your loving
Ma

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