

754 Fourteenth Street
Oakland - California.

Dear Helen: -

Harold and I have just left
young Mr Perry - the Eastman Kodak man
down at Broadway Station - he having
been over here to dinner - We met him
unexpectedly on Kearney Street yesterday -
when he told us that Mrs P. had gone to N. Y.
to visit her Mother - and seemed so lonely
that we persuaded him to go to hear the
Halvin Band concert - with us - I honestly
thought of you in respect to him - for he
knows practically no one here socially - I
ended in inviting him over - though I was
sorry this morning as I found Mamma
had had a full blooded head last night -
however all went easily and well. She has
a bad turn when she gets too tired - is out
at Church now and apparently much as
usual - You see Friday evening on coming
in at 6:30 there was Lucia in the
sitting room - come to spend the
night - Mamma had had word from her
in the morning - and had felt it
necessary to sweep the front room -
rush up and down town three times for
flowers - cake etc. - and consequently
was worn out. She had an unusually
fussy table - shrimp - tomato salad - etc.
but it would have been so much better
to have let things be as usual - considering
herself - The last time I had heard from

Lucretia she was not coming to town this winter -
she is much sicker and somewhat older looking
than is especially becoming. It was on
delegates to the Woman's Suffrage Convention -
that she had come ~~was~~ but whether was to have
appeared but was taken ill - hence the unex-
pectedness of Lucretia - We talked till after
twelve and then Saturday morning I did the
solitary thing of saying good-bye to her while she
was asleep and left for my recitations - Pa saw
to her kindly - It seemed familiar to do the
showing off act again - bringing out all the
presents etc. for her - and all my fine fags -
Mamma tells me to-day the good news that you
are actually thinking of getting some yourself -
privately - though perhaps you will give it no
credit for account of previous false alarms -
Mamma says she would not care to go with Har-
riet now - that she does not want a short trip -
but that in the spring before you come home
she would like to join you and come back
with you - It is her own scheme - so perhaps
there is more possibility in it than otherwise -
at any rate - it would be by giving you this warning -
give Pa a chance for you to negotiate on such a
trip with her - He has not told me this confi-
dentially - yet perhaps you had best not suggest
it for some time -

The band concert yesterday afternoon
pleased us so much - that we went over
again in the evening to hear it - My face was
so black when I was undressing I laughed at the
strange effect it produced - Perhaps it was the
noise of it - Am all right now -

We hope to be started by this time next
week - on the trip - I hope you are well -
and not too lonely - With much love
I would be

Emma

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