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Dear Dad - your letter of August 30th - received on
the 12th - gave me much pleasure - it's a nice
letter - I've been picturing you - in my mind's eye -
morning - and losing your things and getting tired
and feeling lonely and warm - it's too bad Arvey did
not start in time to help you - but you must make
him do extra work in some way to get in his share
of the work. I hope you will get someone to stay with
you until Arvey reaches you as it will be dismal
in a strange house - I hope you will like it. I don't
like the idea of open charcoal fires - and hope you will
buy or hire a gas one - for your little cooking you can
afford gas - I'll send you some extra money before
Christmas so you will not have to skimp yourself out
of comfort. I shall be real eager to hear how you
like your new house and living with only Arvey I
hope you will have a satisfactory time - it must be
a restraint always to be with strangers - I expected
Mrs Whitney would have suggestions for you and
I hope you will keep me informed as to what she
does - how she gets along - and if her French is
really very good - I also want to know how soon
the Maybach company is expected and where
it is to arrive - "Percy" Kellogg is to resign as

President of the U.L. - resignation to take effect next
March - he's been President 6 years - Miss Samie
Blood is a real generous girl - she has given the
U.L. a big present - of the Menlo Park house and
a lot of water less stock - worth about a million -
I've always urged Sam to make a bid for that
girl - but he says "he has no show" - "don't know her" -
if he was real rushingly active he could get intro-
duced - Sam never would bid for Marnie Barker
and we hoped Arthur Bayley would get her, but
he says - Wallace Alexander "calls regular" and is
supposed to be the favored one - Arthur is very nice
to me and a real nice fellow - I wish he'd come
to see Emma - he wants to get married - you know
how short he is - he told me, that he is the tallest one
in his family on either side and seems quite firm
as every can go on tall airs - Emma left this morning
for San in the 8.15 train - there is a letter here for her from
Amy and I don't know what is in it - if I wait until she
comes home - this letter will be too late - It is from
Brooklyn so he is at the Se Bruns - Made Tom write me they
enjoyed his visit exceedingly - It was very hot all the time
This letter ought to reach you just before he does -
I could not write another letter to reach him before
he sailed - if he leaves on the 17th - so decided to
telegraph him a farewell - yesterday I went to see
Suzie Bayley and found her much better but weak
and lonely - tell Amy she says she is sorry he is
gone - I'd say the same - only it would be his

dearish - though I am not like the birds - once out
of the nest forgotten and left to shift for themselves
I miss him all the time - but I'm pleased that he
is doing what he wanted to do - Same to you -

Pa is very well - so is Sam - Mrs Selfridge
very weak - Julia the cook - very trying in her
cooking - Pam has gained three (3) of the pounds
he lost on his last trip to Lesla - he is well and
studies his Spanish and torments his heart (Cello)
Emma likes her German and don't like her art
class - she likes her Ethel - Agnes engagement is hard
on Ethel - Mr Hart is always there - in Ethel's way -
Hart is well - Sunday night he was too sleepy to please
Emma she was very sleepy herself - Things here are
very dull - I wish you had the fruit - especially the
Apples - such pretty ones - This is a stupid letter

but so is your

Donny

Ma

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