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Oakland - Cal

Dear Dad -

Though I seemed to work very steadily all the week I don't seem to have accomplished anything. I went in on Wednesday and said goodbye to Mrs Arthur Brown who left for N.Y. on Thursday to sail for England. Where Arthur is to meet her. I hope they will get his present to him before he leaves Paris - we suppose they sailed on the "Saarland" for Bologne yesterday the 17th. I had a letter from Aunt today - she said he was so scared of assistance - the only thing to do was to let him work out his own salvation - I hope he will reach you safe and well. We have thought of you all the week as morning and getting settled. I hope you will buy decent furniture for your rooms and live civilized and comfortable. We enjoyed Maida's visit very much. She looks older and life evidently tells on her - unless there is something exciting going on. I think school teaching means on all your sisters after a year or so - the climate ages one very soon - especially Southern Cal. sort of rishers them. Maida is not faded - but she is restless, and despises quiet - she was very pleasant to us. Ethel is fine and extra strong. I've been in to see Mrs Selfridge several times this week. Clarence Selfridge spent one hour one day and two and a half hours the next day with his mother - she told me. She knew he came to find out something about how she was going to leave her property - but he did not get up courage enough to ask much to ^{her} delight - she is very ill looking. Mrs Williams took her a bottle of Port wine - and she said she'd like

Some of it - which shows how weak she is - she is afraid
every night she'll die before morning - she asked for Pat
to get Mr Bonn - and we see that the funeral was
quiet and proper - and that she was carried to
Genevieve from the house and buried beside her
child - of course I said we would - but I really don't
see how we can - if the children come to do it - however
I told her I hoped it would be a long time before
that day - It is too bad Clarence rules her up -
Aunt has bought a new horse she is much pleased
with and mine's foot is no better - the others are well
Aunt did not write how she & Bonn impressed him
Bonn went golfing this morning - it a very pleasant day
the fall is very early - the leaves are coming down like
rain - I telegraphed Avey goodbye Friday - I miss him
very much - the cat he gave me is great company - it
very fiercely lively and can hold its own - Klondike
and Frederick run from him - he chases them right
up - his fur stands out rough though I brush him -
Suppose, because his mother is not here to lick it down and
he don't take time even to wash his face - he has grown
most rapidly and is fat - it hard on Emma to have him
here - Sam received a letter from you - he did not tell us a
word that was in it - he gave me the enclosed picture to
send you - he printed it himself but the sun was not hot
enough to bring it out - my arm is very lame and tiresome
to the family - you ask Avey to let me know how he
liked his visit to his Aunt Lottie and you write me
how he liked the Se Bonns and if you find Avey
changed - he is well and busy with Typing Machines
~~more~~ men are coming in every day from the East with
machines - and they talk for hours - poor things - there
is great difference in them - some are very large and ex-
pensive - others real plain - some are so well he disappointed
Mrs Bonn brought Emma a great bunch of black-eyed Susans
last night - Pat sends his love - things are just about
as usual and I know this is stupid - so is

your loving

Ma

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