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Dear Julia:-

One night, some weeks ago at dinner mamma laughed and said, a lady had remarked to her that she had heard that Parmelee was going to New York to live and that she had told her, no, that it was her youngest son that was going away and to home. Then later one evening in her room she asked me what there was in all the rumors she heard of my going to live in New York - so I was compelled to tell her rather sooner than I had expected to of my plans in this respect, that my business was developing along such lines that I would have to go there and start a branch office for all our efforts so far had not succeeded in obtaining any trade in San Francisco - that we must be where the market was - that I did not want to worry her sooner than was necessary and our plans were completed but Arthur had been talking and the rumors she heard were the result of his indiscretion. She seems to be reconciled to it now and it was fortunate that we cleared up that matter before we came to

Emma's "arrangement" as we are calling it with Hart. (Funny how the names come together on the page isn't it) Ma told me and strange to say I was very much surprised. The status quo had been the same so long, I looked for a change only in the dim and distant future, if at all. The news struck me in a point my philosophy did not cover, not serious but peculiarly painful at first. ~~that~~ I could not bring myself to speak either to Emma or Hart about it. The night before last Emma excused herself and went upstairs and left me with Hart in the sitting room. I was looking over Averys Italian pictures and worked up an animated conversation on old Italian cities. Hart fell into it but looked at me sad-eyed and soon started to go. I noticed his face working as he opened the front door and knew that he wanted me to say something so I went out on the porch and took hold of him, said I knew of his arrangement with Emma, and that while I did not at all like to lose my sister, yet he was a good fellow and it was alright, to which he replied with a few such remarks as might be expected under the circumstances. Last night Emma came to

my door on her way to bed - I set the point of the
pick in the ice by remarking with some assumed
penetration that she was a queer infant. Her
asking me then what I thought of "that arrangement"
just broke the ice all up and we talked plans and
details until nearly two o'clock in the morning -
She is satisfied now with how we at home have taken
it but is still worrying over what you will think.
Now as the time is short, I suggested that we should
arrange a little cable code to express as nearly
as possible how you may feel about it and how
it will affect your plans or work. As I wrote
you before I am positive that Ma wants you to stay
on until you complete your full course. It is
distressing Emma very much to think that possibly
you may change your plans on her account. Of
course the phrases we send you to use will only give
a general idea of how you feel and cannot be
expected to fit exactly but still that much will
at least remove any doubt as to whether it is one way
or the other - I must say I did not know how you would
regard my desertion to New York but as there will now
be another man in the house you see that will not

make so much difference after all - and I may be home again for a while in the Spring - or ultimately arranged with Arthur so we each take a half year in each place.

I have been trying to formulate that code but find it not as easy as I thought. You can use the first word anyway and the others as you like or just plain language.

Emma + I were discussing with some enthusiasts how things can be rearranged in the house to suit the new order. Sam always had me bringing a brace to the attic - it is amusing to have Emma bring a groove - I am going to prepare to evacuate my room and with the addition of a bathroom on this floor and the big front room made into an upstairs sitting room they will be well enough fixed. It is the best scheme they could have I am sure for the present at any rate. At first Ma wanted Emma to go to the Metropole as a matter of the very but she seems satisfied now that Emma should be home as she wants to be. They have great times settling things but it seems as though it would all come out all right.

With much love I am

yours truly

Parvilee Morgan