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Dear Dad.

I have not much to write this week. Pa was much pleased with your letter. after he'd read it. he gave it to me to read aloud to him so he could get it better into his head. you are a dear girl to write us all such interesting letters. it must have been a pleasant change from Paris - and I hope you will not have any ill effects from primitive sewerage &c. - if you feel at all ill do have a doctor at once. We had two postal cards from from Arvey since he departed. but that only took him to Ogden. he probably had no time to mail any more as he traveled on the fast train - Allie wrote me from the white mountains where he is staying with friends - he will not return before Arvey leaves. Aunt wrote me she was going to Hambricket where Capie & Nina are - but only for a week. so she is probably there by now. The little black kitten Arvey gave me is very lively and grows fast. I keep it out of Emma's way all I can, it will be great company for me when she goes back to the art school next week. We miss Arvey I do all the time - knew I should - but I'd not have kept him if I could. as he is a man for all he is so

Small and he ought to go out for himself and see what the world is like and what he can do. I know you will be glad to have him and I will be much easier to feel you have him. though he may be a care to you. He is very fond of you - I hope the steamer trip will be at least partly pleasant for him. The company sent me pictures and a book and while out as luxurians as the time you went on. It was nice and Mrs Whitney says her girls did not want to leave the steamer and the officers were all splendid. I suppose Mrs Whitney and Edith are with you. please remember me to them. I sent you the July Century last week. I forgot it will mail you the August one this week, they are interesting even if they are stale when they get to you. are handy to take up for a rest. Sam is very good. how he gets on at school I've not been able to find out. I'm trying to get him into the High School young peoples dancing class. It is in a way invitational and select. though all pay. yet unless invited one can't join. I've been promised that Sam shall be invited. I want him to know the nice High School young people as it is. he spends his time out of school either alone or with a young man who keeps a Bicycle store or the firemen. his boat has lost its interest for him and so have the Yarnham boys. for which I am sorry. I heard privately from here that Sam was quite sick the time they were out all night in Sam's boat. I don't wonder as it was a very windy foggy three days. his boat is waiting for Mr Campbell

to finish his grading job then he will help Sam
finish it - its at the Yacht Club - W is building an
addition to his house - his two older sisters are
coming to live with him - it will be a good thing
for Almira - as to bills all I suppose he could get on
with only his father - Mrs Selfridge enjoys her old
room - Mrs Gamham & I hanker for a week
in the Santa Cruz Mts we talk of Ben Sumner, there
is a fine Hotel there and if we can get Emma to
go we may go for a few days. the 9th of Sept is a
Holiday - Admission Day - we could go Thursday and
she could get back Monday in time for her school
so could Emma. I've not consulted Mrs Gamham yet
but think I'd like the change - Adia is no cook
but she is a quiet girl who could do for a few
days alone - I had a very pleasant call at Mrs Martin
last week - she always enquires about you and sends
her love - she is not very well - and Mr Martin is
quite broken - he never recovered from Dick's death
Mrs Martin loves Shelby's wife - she is a gentle sweet
looking girl and the little boy is pretty and very
lively - they have been at Los Galos the past two
weeks - Mrs Edwards Taylor & May went last
last week - taking Mrs Gamham's Aunt back
with them - she'd been here ten months -
I've been three times this week to see Suzzie Caryl
who has been very ill with her lungs - Mrs Badger has
the rheumatism very badly - she is living up at the
mining camp that Harry Superintends for
Mr Caryl he has a cottage and Mrs Badger
keeps house for him and a young man

who is in the Office - Mrs Pinkerton was here this week
she is well and pleasant as ever. I hear Mrs Head is in
Hartford and that Ella Bradley Payne is coming
out here this winter - she looks seems wonderfully
well. Ethel Olney is fine in health and spirits. Emma
enjoys her wheel and when she don't sprint, scotch
or whatever they call it - it don't seem to hurt her - Mrs
See will have a fine time - living in Mr Strattons
house. he is away most of the time - and I hear
Elsie is going to take Cornelia to Honolulu
with her - I must stop and go to dinner.
We all send you our love and hope you
are well.

Yours lovingly

Tracy

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