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My Dear Maudie #146

Your letter of the 30th of June to hand
I beginning to think that you was forgetting me
it was 20 days on the way & it was rather long on
the way for this time of the year. Well Dear, I don't
like butchery at all it is very unwholesome I tell
you. I am not so homesick as it was, Well Mamma
can talk some and it is a good thing that
she can, I wish I could hear her now.

I thought that Mamma would get homesick
but that will work off soon when she can
talk Dutch, yes dear I understand you
in regard to talking the language,
Wait until Mr Dorndorf comes to Berlin
tell them at the store to let you know
when he comes to town or when you
write ask him to let you know then you
can talk to him that is best,

Now tell Mamma not to worry about the
receipt it is all right if I should loose
it that would not matter as they have
my hand writing in the Office on their
books, see, and you or Mamma can get
it by proving your identity, understand
me, no the finder could not get it
they have to sign for it, as I shall have
have to, that was kind of free to write

you and Mamma to the garden. Mamma must
get over that feeling and enjoy everything
she can if she dont. I will punish her by
not writing regular (see)

Did Mamma give Frau Justigroth the Pin cushion,
Thais is no use talking Mamma must drink
some beer every day it will be good for her
well well think of beer going to our legs
why it always goes to my Stomach,
perhaps Mamma has no Stomach,
where did the red wine go to, ah,

now Maudie Mamma used to talk like
that when she was here, that she did
not take interest in anything well I did
not blame her then. But now she must
pick up and live one again if she
continues on that way it will be bad
for her and I may never see her again
you understand me

if Mamma talks that way and really
thinks so why it will be bad for
you both, she must brighten up
and be spry.

so Mamma has 10 sheets written from well
that is all right - to something for me
to answer I suppose, Ah, well I can do
that to, Alice is better of her cold
they are all well

I called on Mrs Mackintosh last eve they
have a very nice store on Folsom st near
25th. Candies notions & stationery a very nice
stock they say that they are making a living
only started 3 weeks will do better when
Coyswells opens.

Mrs Mac gave me some news as usual
well it is this, Mrs Bolander has another
baby girl. it is now 3 days old and I
did not know about it until Mrs Mac
told me or usual she knows every
thing first, last Sunday Mr Balmer
called at the house and took me
out to the Park he has a very
nice horse and buggy we had a nice
time for all afternoon, will not write
this until I receive mama's budget

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Well Dear Mama your letter has arrived
and I can read it it is very plain indeed.
You must not be homesick, I know that
every thing is strange to you but you will
get used to it soon, now dont worry,
for you told me all about Maudy's illness
in your last letter, 20 pounds is quite a lot
of flesh to loose, I think though now that
you are thin she will get better, how
does she feel now what does the Dr

say here she thinks that Maudy will get better soon, is there any cure for that complaint of the lungs, I am sorry that we did not bring Maudie home, perhaps it is all for the best now that you are there. Cheer up and all will be well soon, you must not turn your callers away, you should converse all you can that is the way to learn,

The gardens must be very nice during the summer even, how do you like the music over there?

Yes it is very common to see dogs in carts in Europe, Don't tell your landlady your business or what you intend to do after this make your bargain go and come as you please, don't stay there any longer she is a bilk, Surely Maudy can find a very nice place to suit you. That was too bad you lost those beautiful rooms perhaps you will find something as good some day, Can you rent furniture? or buy on the instalment plan, Very well don't bother about a position for me over there.

You must not feel that way about your home. You will have one again soon and again you are traveling and cannot carry a home around with you. Make yourself as comfortable as you can. Berlin is a very dear city to live in when you get tired of Germany go to England you will be more at home than. I think perhaps it would be better to have Maudy stop taking any more lessons at the school. What do you think about it you are there and know best you must advise me on that point. How much does it cost to go to London England find out some day when you are down town. It cannot be much you can live there for about \$6⁰⁰/₁₁ or \$7⁰⁰/₁₁ per week for both of you in a good boarding house. Perhaps \$8 room and board.

Some day I may go ^{to} England I can
 get work there, I have no telling what
 might happen one of these days, I may
 go east - can't tell, But don't you worry
 so much that won't do, you will both
 be sick that won't do

I am pleased that you are going to the
 art exhibition and I know that you will
 enjoy it very much, yes Mama you are
 right in what you say Our Dear Theo has
 not worried much in this world his
 glory is in the next.

I suppose that gold is seldom seen over there
 you did well to have that much indeed
 did Maudie receive the checks that we
 sent just before you left S.F. you did not
 tell me,

Don't let people play on you you don't have
 to simply because you are strange
 and can't speak the language
 you must get something for those night
 sweats you are nervous try and avoid it
 if you can, you won't want for any
 thing your money will always come
 now don't worry do you understand

Willie McHers went east in a great hurry
I dont know why, nor do the wisers know
Mrs O thinks perhaps Alice is ill,
I have not seen Eddie so cannot say why
he went so suddin. Eddie is still in town
I met Bell McQuaid to day she lives
in San Jose she has been there 5 years
she is looking well, and is entirely
of her old trouble. She send her love
to Maudy & Mamma

Now Dear I will close for this time
having very little news,
Papa Perk Alice and Hubby are well
and send love

Lovingly Papa

To Mamma & Maudy

P.S.

I dont think I would like Germany in any event