

Now the Mr Boardman you know
was the Captain ^{at Liverpool} of the Carr when
your dear Mother was brought back
to the City upon that eventful day & at
that time he believed in your Mother
but after he would not sign his
name to the Petition to the Gov as he
believed him guilty he was a coward
that was all. Miss P Boardman has
never, had the time, power bay to think
of parties it has been dig dig ever since
he has been any size. You can see by
my scratching out how my memory
has failed. I do not know from one letter
to another just what I am going to
write for a ward I will think of a ward
& on the paper I will after write the
last letter at the first of the ward &
not notice it until I have finished
the letter & am reading it over I
then laugh at myself & think I am
unbalanced. I must go to town now
so good by until later. Well we rec-
ved a letter from Mary Mac telling
me that she is Mary Mac Cady I will in-
close the note she sent me. papa & I
called out to see her last eve from
town as we took dinner Oh how
I do hate the Restaurants I would run
ner home a cup of tea at home any
day Well Marys Mother ^{thought} that she had
better make the Chest of Marys marriage &

made up for the further

better than working for other people
I hope it will be so they are
very happy now & have a very nice
start. Frank bought her about \$75
worth of cloth & his mother carpeted all
of the flat & gave them a beautiful
bedroom set complete & a number
of other things. I think & always wish
that her mother may be opposed to
the match yet when she realized
that May was off her hands leaving
her & Mack free to go just where
they pleased & know that May was
well taken care of she would be
very glad to be relieved. For she said
just a day or two before May was
married "I should think as long as
you don't want to work catch on
to some nice young ^{marriageable} man & get
married." So May said "I took
the hint." We are going to Father's
dinner next Friday. Bert & his wife
is here now I don't expect to meet them
for Bert is very picky who should meet
his wife, she is a handsome bell of very
bright family. We have had a beautiful
rain in the flat part few days & now every
thing looks lovely. Now I must go to
town to write lots of love from
mamma & papa with kisses by
the carbide lovingly mamma
P.S. I think the suits our dress are
just as expensive as they are here
perhaps the cloth is better even there now

the medals are my birth medals

call on Mr Myer this week. If I do not
change my mind before the week is out
I shall take four yards of that
black cloth & have a skirt & pocket
made out of it. That is what is gen-
erally called a taylor made skirt
my hair & I can get it made up
for \$14. The pocket will be lined
only. I think I shall have a great
deal of comfort out of it & that is the
better way to carry it if I should
go away. I do not think that I shall
bring the rest of it (the cloth)
with me for I might have to pay
duty & you will not require a
deal of black for a long time
I hope again & I have as well
if I get there I speak of making
up for at least two years with
care & when we return to Am-
rica we can find use for the
cloth that I have left behind
& that will leave my baggage no more
lighter. But if Mr Lewis P Boardman
should go East with me that part of it

It may be staided ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{your} ~~old~~ ^{number} 86
would not matter for he would not take
anything but a grip so could take
some of my weight off me. But I
don't want to buy a trunk you
know how expensive they are don't
you? I cannot have a trunk & risk
so think I will do with out the
trunk & have the suit. But am
not sure just when I shall go as
your paper is not earning more
then \$40 per month for the last
two months. Here is but to think
of hauling on after sending you
\$25 of it. But I hope it will
pick up in a few weeks, so you
see my dear that it will be impos-
sible for me to bring you my darling girl
any thing but my self of course I shall
bring you a pair of slippers which
will cost \$3.50. I should like to
take you a pretty silk waist but
they are so much more expensive than
perhaps you could get them over
there I cannot get any thing that
you would wear made up less than
\$10 to 25 or \$5 for a pattern silk

then it might not fit you
\$300
I am it made up for

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Friday evening & no letter this
week yet that means none this
week. Well I suppose I can keep
this letter open & keep adding
any news I may hear while
I am waiting for letter #130. I call
in Dr. as I heard she was
going home. I told them about
Alice being married to Mr. W. & Dr.
Ada all thought it was best for
a girl going from one place to
another & having no mother to
be married. They said it was differ-
ent with you you have in-
sidual yet & that you had have
a matter that you know you can
have as come to. I wonder what
your opinion is in the matter?
Poor Nell Partridge in a total
wreck her mind is almost
gone. The Dr. have examined
her & they say there is a dent
resting upon the brain & if it
is not removed she will never
recover her mind again poor
girl it seems that she has had
two bad falls off a steep ladder
at some time in her life

Your papa was very much pleased
 with your token of love to him on
 his birthday he says that he is
 going to write you a letter. I
 believe it when I see him sit
 down to write it & even then I
 am not sure I am after him
all the time to study up & pass
 the Civil Service ex. but I mig-
 ht just as well talk to the slave
 his boat is there he will spend
 two hours reading the news
 paper & half an hour with his
 boat. I have no patience with any
 one who can't want to get
 themselves up out of the rut
 they have been brought up in
 I have always been after him to
 improve his time. I feel as if
 my life has been one struggle
 for those I love to improve all
 of their time & to be con-
 proud of them. I feel so tired
 some times that I would readily
 give up if need be. He has been
 out now two hours & it is nearly
 six every night, just because I say
 study & pass who knows what may
 come your way. Well let him go
 if he wants he can stay at the
 work. Now I must read your
 last letter to see what has to be
 answered

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Alice's husband gets one hundred
dollars per week or if he only wants
six months in the year they would
work plenty even if she retired to
hired life don't you think so? But
she will never retire until she makes
a bit of a name for herself as she
says. I shall remember all you
have written about my voyage
It may be warm weather before I
start - but so will not feel it
so ~~the~~ cold. Now I think I shall re-
tire with love & kind Ma. Sunday
April 2nd now we will have another
shutt. Did you take your beautiful gold
pen with you? It would be just like
the dear boy to give it to you. I can-
not find it among his effects any where
Also how you taken good care of his
baby picture remember what a laugh
he & Alice had when she took
that picture down of the wall & sold
it in your trunk they thought
it a good ~~fact~~ joke. Ah how little
they dreamed that in two months he
would never again be a light hearted
boy. May Fodges has just been to
say good by they are going to Hull
Pally for six or nine months also the
Matters family she says every time
she is in that she would love to
have your picture if you have none
other send us some of these little
ones they were very good of you I did
not like any of these architecture ones
at all they are not well based as per

With love for the present must go to my
 bed. Friday morning just received your
 dear letter #137 which is #130 did you make
 a mistake or have we lost it, the last
 one contained the remembrance of your dress
 & paper flowers for his birthday & we
 received it on the 23 of March just 15
 days ago. Also you speak in this letter of
 telling me in your last of this party going
 to take place. It is not mentioned in the
 birthday letter which was the last one until
 today. ~~From~~ April 4th My poor darling
 I do indeed feel very bad about your
 voice it never was very strong & if it
 is no better when I come over I think we
 had better pick up & go to a warmer clim-
 ent say Italy is not that a good place
 & could we not get there with little
 expence? Perhaps you ought to have come
 back to Ammanca long ago. Don't you
 remember when I told you if that
 climate did not suit you that you had
 better leave it for you were having
 colds all of the time ever since you had
 been over there. So this is the result of
 them. My dear so anxious for my
 dear do not worry about it if you can
 possibly help it. Oh, I wonder what
 next will come to us. I am afraid that
 you have not been careful of your
 feet for that is every thing if your
 feet has been damp that would
 affect your breath (that been the
 weak spot) Here is ^{much} love & see

intended it. The first time that
I have met him, I must say he is not
very prepossessing red hair & acts just
like a big kid. But they are very much
in love & his mother stands in with them.
Well May came to say that her folks are
thinking of going to Los Angeles this
month to live & she will not go with
them, so they are going to get married
& have been making up a flat but
cannot find one that they will live
in to suit their pocket - & May wants
papa to go with them & pay four dollars
of the rent & scatter what things
he does not want, in his room, &
about their parlour \$5 with his case
hair would be \$800 & I am going
out to Livermore & Hays to look
at a flat with her. The day we
have already agreed to take a
flat the one above papa's where
Aunt Frank lived. But if we can
back down I would rather papa would
not go with May he would not then
have any responsibility upon him & she
would take good care of our things.
I do hope that we can get one to
suit & get settled for I am certain
I want to be with you & get away
from all this but I feel as if
I could not stand it much longer
I feel sure to leave the old house
but then when we leave this world
we have to leave every thing & that we

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low, as well as what is the use of
my clinging to the old spot & mak-
ing my life miserable. I must get
down to doing something more useful
than holding this house down. So now
I must go get ready to settle paper.
The weather is just as warm as it
was a while back again. Oh how I wish
we had never seen California yet it
is such a beautiful place. I am sure
that the party was ^a very pleasant affair.
You also speak of tiling in your
letter previous to #137 of your having a
streak of warm weather. Now in the last
letter (before to today) you speak of miserable
weather. So you see either #136 went as
at you deemed, you wrote these things.
You trusted to someone to mail it &
they did not. Now it is the first one
that I know of that has ever given
me any trouble every numbered letter here
so it is very strange that you think
so? The only thing I ever use for
the hair ^{hair} is Shag Tea but it dark-
ens the hair I have found it very good
indeed. Now must go. I hope that by
the time you receive this my declivity
that your voice will be very much
improved. I do indeed hope letter girl
never mind all will be well
by & by. Kisses from Dad & Papa
When back its
warm