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Dearest Sister Maudie

What do you suppose came
 today - Mr + Mrs Wood. Pop
 met Mr Wood on the car and
 and he told Pop how he had tried
 to get permission at the office
 but couldn't so Pop got some for
 him a couple of days ago and
 today they came and spent a
 lay hour with me. I wish they
 had the "good" they didn't know
 that I had been down to the
 judge to find the question
 Mrs Wood had asked if I had seen her
 since she came up from the
 year. It seems I was supposed
 it secret. However I didn't
 said yes. I didn't say when or
 how often she came. I did
 not intend to keep still if asked

I have kept still too many
things she asked me to but I don't
I wouldn't nor will I anything else
she hasn't been here since the
16 of last month & this is the
9th of Aug. now. However I am
happy to know a certain one is
progressing so rapidly in her
work as she has finished
her engagement at the California
with Frederic Ward & is engaged
at his house to the great Empire
Theatre Company of N. Y. at the
Baldwin & only 6 nights a
week. Later she will be
engaged by Mrs. Coleman in
her play which as yet has not
been made public by her
managers i.e. the name I
mean (Back to the Old Home)
The local notices of which
speaks of the great reopening
of the Alcazar as a theatre
ranking with the best in
town & under well known
management & that she
has secured was for the

opening and was especially
strongly.
I have been speaking of Alice
of course you know.
Of course you know the pay
in her part (extra) is small
but her great experience
many of the extras are people
girls & actors & her charm from
M. Smith's school are pushed
away ahead of those experienced
girls also those of the Columbia
school of Dramatic Art.
One day at rehearsal my taking
the girl Alice & her charm picked
it up so quickly (i.e. at the
rehearsal for the Masquerade at
Baldwin which begins tomorrow
night) that all the rest stopped
& gaped at them Alice
thought she & her charm
must have made a mistake
& were beginning to feel
a bit queer when the

stage manager stopped +
looking at the rest of them
said. "Will you idiots do
you want two to do all the
work?" That showed them
they were covered + they were
complimented.

Alice has received scores
of congratulations already
as regards her appearance upon
the stage + she is in high glee
at getting into the swiftest
show in town. She
is to appear quite often + her
dresses which she furnishes
are dreamed. Would to God
I could go I see her
Mrs Coleman did + tells
me she looks like one of
those beautiful dream
pictures by the celebrated
artists - perfectly appropriate
At a just P.M. + the
bells of the near by churches

is ringing & sounds so pretty.
When Mrs Wood was talking today she
was touched in some way & truly &
honestly avowed she could take me out
for one of their numerous excursions into
the country & I never saw or heard her
speak with so much feeling or earnest-
ness. They told me of their excursions
they had been having of late - to Cazadero
& the Boulder Creek up there - to Felton &
the Boulder Creek down there - also for
sights & Santa Cruz. My but the fine
houses. Mrs W says it is the only way to
live. "This being cooped up in town

in a shanty is perfectly horrid" she says
Well I agree with her there.

Pop brought the postals from you to
them down to me today and I read it
with a great deal of interest. because we
have as yet this week (well the week is just
now) received not a letter from you. How
is that?

The latest is O. Wolf & one of the Berg girls
has it all made up & Mrs Wood is
simply disgusted. It is like I think
Daisy & Charles of the Bergeys have started
to move to Santa Cruz in two wagons
& Mrs W is disgusted I mean at the construction

Thursday

Aug 29

My Darling,

Will slip a note in
your letter asking you if
I told you to send Helen
Henry letter that she sent
to you back to us as we
want to use it at the
Trial or we may have
to use it so send it back
if you have not already
done so. Hope you have
it with you if you have
not we suppose we will
have to do without it
but would like to have
it very much so get it here
as soon as possible. I will
send you a little peace out at the
Callwell tell you.

Now I was dressed I had on
my satin dress & you know
that hat with the gowns
& ribbon on that long
across the floor of closet
well I bent it up like that
picture I sent you out of that
paper that is stream & put
some relats in & a mat of
that green chipon you
left & that same ribbon
& a feather on other side
& that is all so you see
what it is to have a rack
of making every thing
you have look it, best & sto
less see Lots of untill
Sunday hoping you
are having a good time
Lovely I wanna Lots
of kisses