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My dearest Sister Maudie

I am going to warn you, that you must not expect the last page of this to look any where near like these few lines. You know I never can continue, as I commenced, but I will go ahead and get there some how, good or not good I know 'tis acceptable in any condition. Your letter is hand on the 11<sup>th</sup> must just 15 days en route. My but how glad I was to get it, also the pretty little note from your dear friend. May I am so glad you have such a pleasant companion. You can make it real pleasant for each other, as well as be such good company.

I hope my dear little sister is well now, and that that car is giving no more trouble. Be real careful won't you, that's a good girlie.

I don't it aggravating to have one thumb cutting up such didoes? It is a shame I am real sorry, but hope you will soon be in good time (I told you I couldn't keep to the pretty writing. I must write fast.)

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must go back to the heavy  
pen as I have got used to  
it since I have been away  
and have used the fine one so  
seldom and then again I  
can write much faster & with  
less trouble with this heavy  
pen. Do you see N. Y. has  
been extended & now includes  
some 300 sq. miles instead of 60  
odd sq. miles & is now (in population)  
next to London Eng. The Greater N. Y.  
they had better reach out & "cop."  
Chicago eh? Smartier's blows to  
My dear little girl be careful  
don't work too hard. You  
recollect in one of my letters  
I spoke of how nice it would  
be for you to have May with  
you. But upon thinking I  
think you will be better friend  
apart & just visit. I don't want  
to see you bored up with anyone  
stay by yourself no matter  
what or who it is then you  
will always be better friends  
by far. You must use your  
own good judgement about  
your singing & piano but don't  
go at it too quick be patient

an' time will help all things  
& dont let the High School  
profs bluff you into taking  
a method you dont approve  
of See?

Yes Carrie is a lovely girl  
but I imagine her heart is  
with Dr Brandenburg in fact  
sure of it so be careful  
& dont usurp her rights - I  
am sure almost positive  
she is home sick for Berlin  
& him & she says she is going  
back again. Her folks are  
cold & cruelly neglective of her  
& have had squabbles already poor  
dear (dont mention this) I wish  
she had none of them to contend  
with. Yes she gave concert  
& was quite successful  
though papers did not  
make much of it. Dont speak  
disparagingly of it dear but  
speak as highly as you can.  
S.F. did not treat her rightly  
at all knowing so much of  
her as they did for such a  
long time. It was a shame

In a night or two she  
arrives - with full orchestra  
at a benefit to ~~the~~  
B. Mullenbauer (is that it)  
given him to S. I. orchestra  
& I think this will bring  
~~it~~ her out better before the  
public here. Ma & Pa went  
down to see & hear her rehearse  
& wasn't she (Carrie) mad at  
the orchestra tho' for their  
blunders. Ma has two  
tickets to the concert & I  
am so glad too because  
she will be enabled to  
enjoy her performance  
(Carrie's I mean)

Your letters have  
been pretty regular since  
that scare we had  
because of that delay -

My but you have a  
dreadfully busy time of  
it don't you - but be careful  
& don't study too hard.

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I am glad you like the  
Baroness Von Leuchten-  
Cary is going to make you  
acquainted with the dearest  
of ladies at Potsdam  
who has one of the  
most beautiful homes  
there & moves in the best  
of society - I forgot the  
name she told me. It  
will be near the Count &  
Countess Zudobna's  
Castle where you spent  
your holidays last summer  
Carrie spoke to ~~go~~ this  
lady of you & was going  
to take you to see her  
so she said but both  
she & Carrie were very much

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disappointed because  
you did not go. I think  
your vacation was ended  
or something like that  
is the reason why you  
could not go.

Look here girls you must  
not overlook your friends in  
a manner that they ~~scold~~<sup>scold</sup>  
you for not calling on  
them or making yourself a  
stranger to them.

Am glad you liked the  
party you know the  
trip to El Diablo was  
not finished. Did May H  
see them.

We shall be glad to see  
Mrs Conrad I am sure  
any one from there  
who has seen you

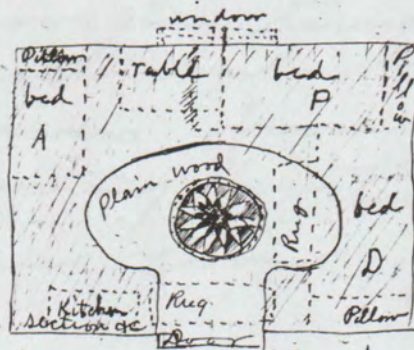
I sincerely hope you will attend  
all the Operas performed  
there this season & note all  
you possibly can

Make all the use you can of every  
advantage which is offered you & may  
to go to any instructive opera or  
entertainment in music & don't  
lose one chance

Ms. Coleman (Kotter) came  
today. Wednesday - clear look  
Monday. Today she brought  
me some dainties which  
she often does  
a jar of pickled plums  
& a can of sliced pineapple  
melrose brand. She is a  
lovely friend so true &  
steadfast.

I am finely situated  
now and am feeling  
well. Have been painting  
today. Put a dado of  
about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 ft about  
room & put a design

upon the center of ...

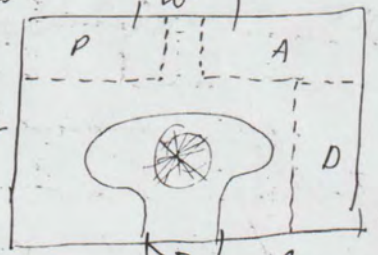


shaded part is blue paint  
open parts is plain floor white (natural pine)

Rug in front of door from home  
we have a fine table three  
chairs a stool, three stools  
all cooking utensils washed  
for everything in fact  
perfectly comfortable.  
+ is kept like the deck of a  
man of war

all the things are movable  
we used to have them (the beds  
fixed like this

but changed to  
above arrangement  
for fine tonight  
for a change



Will little girl as I have  
no interesting news



I will have to stop now  
for this time so  
with best love & lots of  
kisses from your  
loving brother who says  
au revoir for a time  
Thea

The miss got furnished  
if home & send it as  
they can see just how  
it put it up well