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To My dearest Sister; June 5-96

Yours of ult XVIIth
before me. I have had it here
two or three days, and have
only just got down to answer
it. It is Friday Eve. 9:30 and
I have been amusing myself
since dinner at 5:30 - 6:30 with
forming a design with pressed
Lady Washingtons, ferns, and
Margurittes. It looks pretty
I think I will give it to Alice
Sweet Alice. I am so glad
you are going to send her that
little memento I wish you
had sent that little tiny book
to her instead of Grace. I don't
know, but I am pretty sure
G. is an out-sout bilk of the
first water. Well lets let her
be & talk of more congenial
things eh? Well dear little girls
I am well and weighy 148 now
gaining steadily. Isn't that fine

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Now see here Fel. you must
not lose flesh especially
in the face. Don't exercise
too heavily & above all don't
worry or study too hard 'cause
you know that will pull
you down quicker than anything.
That poor girl. What she must
think - being scolded for not
find, for you, a letter every morning.
My - but you have cheek tho'
wanting me every morning and
afternoon too. Gee whizz!!! Golly
pot!!! and lots more - - -

I'll bet you a cookey you don't
ask half as much about letters
from here, of the girl, than I do
of ma. from you. Now you don't -
you don't - you don't. I say
you do not see? get out you
don't either - - Who is? I
am not. Where? Go where?

I won't. Go there yourself. You
big kid, I won't shut up. I
will too have the last word -
well I 'spose' you will have
the last - but I'll say my say
to myself then I get even see?

So you heard from May eh? Well I should think it about time I am kind of surprised to think she would slight you so. I have never seen her since I left home in fact I don't think I have since you left. I am not sure tho'. I saw Jack a couple of times tho' but not for about ten months or so. I haven't seen Mrs Davis once. Arthur used to come to the trial & sit with me. Oh well I 'spose' they will turn up some time or other. Lillian & Sue's sister the one who comes to the 'Hotel' sends her & her sister's best love & wishes to you.

I am so glad you have such pleasant times at Herr Prof Knudson's. The dear old man he must love his pupils to entertain them so. I do so wish he will remain. What will your chum do when he goes away will she go too or look up another Prof.?

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You + May must enjoy your
work greatly. What is she
studying principally. If I
recollect rightly you said she
has been studying some five
years there. Is it singing?
If so when in the name of goodness
is she coming out?

I am delighted you have
such an excellent tutor
in language. I don't think
you could do better so do
him credit + please him.

See if he can answer
you this question - explaining
as he knows women talk
a great deal or are credited
with ~~it~~ so doing. Ask him
casually what season of
the year or what month more
specifically are women or
gossipy men prone to talk
the least. He will not
(perhaps) think of February
That is the time because 'tis
the month with the least number
of days - See?

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I should say those dust mites
are cheap. Wish you had one
girlie - Isn't it horrid to be stunted
& pity one who is.

Didn't you make a mistake
when you said you made a
new skirt out of two old ones. He
tell me how it can be new.

No doubt it looks nice
anything you do does, it can't
help being nice.

I am surprised to hear of one
so young as Gertrude Müller
taking such a remarkable
part in 'King Henry' (?) But I
suppose Europe produces many
wonders & perhaps she is the
least of them. I should love to
see some of those fine operas &
plays.

I haven't read Mrs J's story
yet - can't comment upon it.

But I do know this she
is so sympathetic. Such a
lovely woman & her ^{been} ~~has~~ so
faithful as her Mrs Coleman
to

Who do you think I had
to see me again this week
twice - - - - -

Rosie Drew Addington
 she br'ot the baby once
 again + last came herself
 best good girl she was
 22 I think on the 30 of may
 last Ma is going down
 there about the 22^d of
 this month to stay with
 Rosie about two weeks
 + I am the happiest
 fellow you ever saw. Why
 it took the combined force
 of both of us to get her
 consent I am not even sure
 of her going yet tho' she
 says she will go ~~at~~ the
 latter part of the month
 so we decided the 22th to
 go + stay over the fourth of
 July.

In S. F. we are going to have
 a great time I believe on
 the fourth. a Grand Fiesta
 S. F. hasn't had a fiesta
 yet + all the cities + towns
 of the state have + they (the

people of S.F. think it time
they got up a show

16-18 June is the date of
the great water carnival
at Santa Cruz & soon as
that is over & Rosie is home
again I am going to ship
Ma down for a change & rest.
& you bet she has got to go
too.

Carrie says 'Prof' (?) Van P.—
is not really a Prof — so Ma
says. Is she wrong I should
think you ought to know best.

He has offered to teach you Pianoforte
free — provided — you take singing
with him or at the school (is that
it)? or can you continue singing
where ever you wish & with whom
you wish? I don't quite see

Of course you are there & we here
& you have as much & more brains
than us. Choose discreetly &
carefully you are quite capable
& if it came you nice letter

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adapted for vocal +
should finish in Berlin +
Italy + have to go to France
be sure you go direct to some
friends of your best friend
in Berlin. Some of them surely
have friends in the great
capitals. Get all your
fundamental training so
you won't be losing time + when
you do go to some master go
recommended + with knowledge
of Piano + voice culture too

Mill, or does Von P. mean he
will teach you Piano free
or singing free, which?

He is real good, but he
wouldn't bother with you
in piano if he didn't think
you apt + capable of rewarding
his energies by turning yourself
out a good perhaps celebrated
performer. You must not
say "I am never be a Paddy"
He is nearly 40 you just 1/2 the age
he has spent years + years at it
much more than your age yet he
isn't so great - after all

Utah — a Salt Lake City is one of the musical centers of the U.S. & he got a regular frost there. & got so well received here because he was advertised so big & you know the P. F. people they will take anything in that has been advertised & a few dollars to the critics & papers is what gives a person their name & renown. Money will do anything anything & cover a multitude of sins & faults especially.

The papers were never so full of big headlines & pictures of stunts & men till my trial & ever since everything printed of has been largely illustrated by burn artists. All these magazine articles & paper articles are paid for & he can afford to because it bring him ten times the amt spent for advertising back at one entertainment.

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He took over \$26,000.⁰⁰ wt
of this trip of a few months
You singing is easier in
some ways & pays better
in some ways, but piano
has its advantages in some
ways too

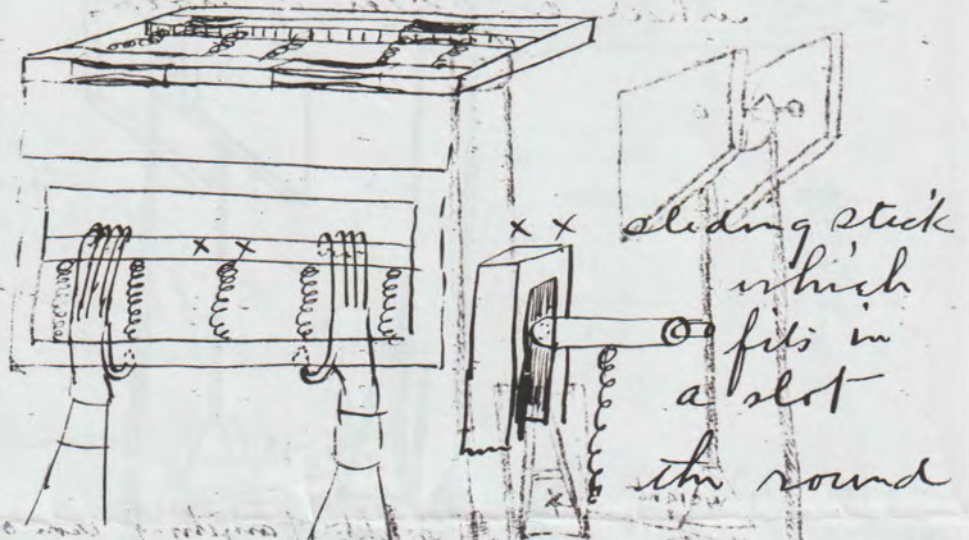
Now I will tell you how
to strengthen your fingers &
hands & fore arm get made
something like this on enclosed
paper.

That is a rough sketch but
you will see

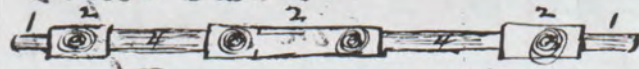
Get a pair of 1 pound dumbbells
& exercise systematically You
ought to be strong gracious I
think you are - Glad ear is
better & hope it keeps so.

You just glue that hair in see
can't lose that girl's need that
in 'Elsie' - Do you have to pay
Frank H.P. rent when you are
away for holidays? You must
go where you will get good exercise
tennis rowing etc some swell
place. Goodnight darling & lots of love
& kisses. Tell next time lovingly the

For wrist + forearm + fingers



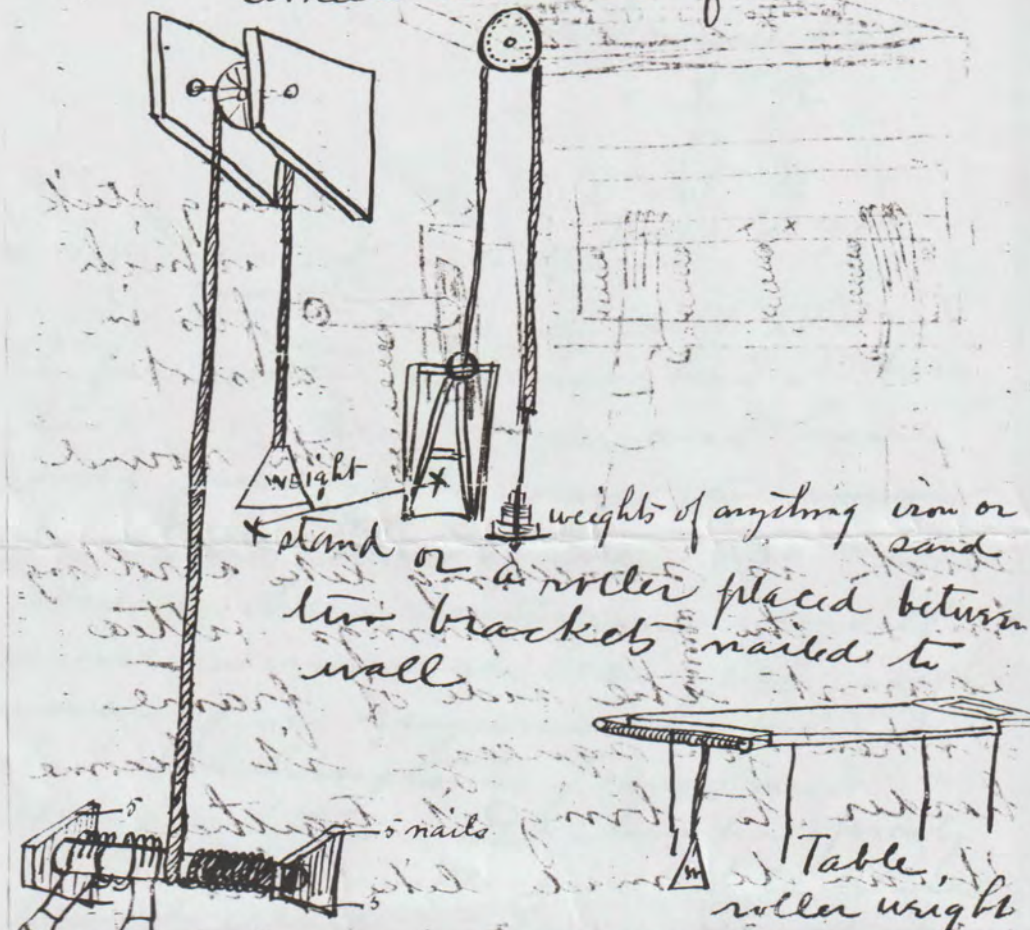
stick is something like a roller
 + the ^{spring} are springs fitted
 against the side of frame
 + when you squeeze it become
 harder to bring it together
 It can be made like this



- 1 = part fits in slot
- 2 = space for (3) to fit again
- 3 = springs.
- 4 = rounded part for hand to grasp

now that is for
 fingers especially
 now for wrists + fore
 arm. have put
 on the end of your table
 or on the wall something
 like this (over)

wheel or roller of wood



weights of anything iron or sand
stand or a roller placed between
two brackets nailed to
wall

Table
roller weight
on one end
squeezer on other

you could have them
fixed on either end of
your table or on the back
or inside of closet door or on wall
& it would
som fix you.