

we got wires & etc (1)  
they were fine.

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To my dearest little Sister

Yours of the 9th inst. & received by me today. It was very long time in coming this time and I was beginning to get real anxious about both you & it. But it was very welcome - and such a long one too - my love & you are getting back into your old form again. I am delighted to know you know & feel you are capable of judging for yourself in the matter of singing &c. But there is nothing on this side of the ocean that worries me as much as your safety and comfort - as to your needs &c &c.

Papa today was sent for by Alice & family to come & do a little special work for them - I

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don't think it will suit  
to much - perhaps a couple  
of hours for a day or two  
because they intend closing  
down next week. We  
hope however that some-  
thing will soon show  
up. Oh! say, I just thought  
of it - Did you get that  
letter in which I spoke  
of Pop being interesting  
in going to Cripple Creek  
Gold Mining fields in  
Colorado? In which I  
also spoke for the first  
time about the Electrical  
business in which General  
W. H. Hart was interested  
& had given pop. stock to sell?  
I was wondering whether  
you got it because you  
didn't refuse to the scheme.

leading me to think you  
didn't get it. It's quite a  
long time back now  
March, I think.  
So you have been having  
fine & warm weather. So  
have we - It is just  
11:05 P.M. now and quite warm  
for the average for the  
state for this month is  
about 112° F. Did I  
tell you about the  
thunder clap &  
lightening storm which  
sprang up suddenly  
at 8 A.M. one day which  
kicked up didder? Yes, I  
think I did. But it  
was a dandy & maybe the  
rain didn't come down in  
rush though, Whew!!!  
I am sorry you are  
at present without singing

teacher. I am glad<sup>+</sup> you discovered  
Prof K was not doing that, which he should.  
I do so hope you will do well in selecting  
a successor. Get letters from the highest  
people you can to this Frau Herzog & try  
& get her interested in you. You have my  
best wishes & the money you want will  
be nothing to us when dad gets settled  
again.

I am delighted to know you and Miss Maly  
are such dear chums and tho' it will be  
less private for you it will be fine for  
you both that you are in each others com-  
pany. It won't be so tiresome. How does  
Adèle like you taking up with Maly when  
she Adèle is one of your own boarders (i.e. lives  
in the same house with you) (or does she)  
Perhaps I am wrong (usually am)

My but Mrs H. did bring over a lot of stuff for Mary didn't she? I am sorry you were not supported likewise. It is truly too bad, but trouble seems to always strike us all at once. But cheer up girls aft will be well soon.

The case is all but ready for the higher court now and will be presented to it soon now then will come the long tedious "wait" which will be the roughest drag. Cheer up girls everything is with us.

No you never told us about your playing on the Vespel class - I am glad you did well and am always looking for words spoken to you by the Profe as to your work & things in & about the college. Do the girls wait in the dressing room as they used to for you to come to see your work? you recollect how they first looked over you & down upon you as a foreign new(coming?) but later (& sooner) began to wait for the greener to get her work to look over. Say girls. Have your things securely locked up. I mean

your private things & always keep the keys on your person. Do you do this?

I suppose mamma has talked all this evening & school business over with you. I think you are perfectly capable of deciding for yourself and should advise you to think well & accept the best thing you think is best. A vacation for a year would do you good (traveling) as ma suggested.

Another thought occurs to me you never answered my letter in which I drew a sketch of my new quarters. Did you get it. In it was a perspective sketch & also a plan of the cell & furnishings.

I am delighted to hear of what Mr. Phillis said to Mrs. H. Of course my sister is all he said & a thousand times more so & she doesn't know a little bit how Teddie loves her. He never half appreciated her worth & didn't know how much I did love her till I found her gone.

Goodness sake but cabinets are dear over there you can get them here from four marks up. I think ma is paying 24 mks a day for cabinets. Flora said Arthur got beauties down on 3rd st for \$1.00 - 4 mks (I write the marks for fear you won't know the value of one dollar \$1.00?) Ma is having dreadful neck ail here & I "spoke" they will not be done correctly for quite a while yet.

You know that Pamela best bust - perfect of you - Well I got an oil painting life size of it for ma & it is a beauty you bet. I am going to get one of me in this suit when I was made the man in H.M.S.

Therefore life size  
I got to a gym dancing though →



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Then at some time later (if I can)  
I am going to get you painted on the  
swing, which was taken the same time  
the sailor boy was.

The other day Monday last July 27 I think  
ma sent you 30 dollars did it come ok.  
Say girls. Why don't you put sealing wax  
in your letters again. Do it if you can only  
one time & it won't weigh so much & will do the  
same, make a little stamp like ~~mine~~ I did on the  
head of your pen. Cut it off flat & cut a stamp on  
the end & every time you stamp with it dab  
it in your mouth like I do & it won't stick.

I am tired now & will stop so Goodnight dear  
sister your loving Brother + ~~over~~

I am writing, sitting on bed desk on pillow  
on knee & my legs are asleep, the boys are playing  
cards on the table. Love to all  
J. L.