

**My Dear Ones**

**Appendix**

**Fifteen Additional Letters**

**6/3/2017**

*New Orleans, La.,* Jan 18, 1889

My Dear Miss Julia,

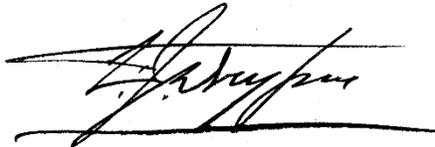
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*21 Exchange Place.*

Next to the great disappointment occasioned by Nathan Kahn's brother's inability to go with us tonight to the Avenue is the questions you ask in regard to the "Police Bill," re opening as it does a wound which will now heal my friends' propensity in propounding quibbles and all sorts of emendations regarding it.

Rest assured the Bill is all right now it is under advisement of the August Supreme Court, if in goodness you would seek Divine intercession (you should for your untold, unqualified and incomparable Kindnesses have so much influenced)—there would be good chances of my coming out victorious.

Don't make plans to be on hand this evening.

Your,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. & F. I. Dreyfous", written over two horizontal lines.

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New Orleans July 31, 1904

My Dear Boy,

Papa must play Foxy Grandpa on the type writer so that you can make out what he has to say. Grannie writes that you are getting along nicely, that you dress neatly and that you have forgotten to fight or wrestle. That is well. You know that a man who is looked upon as a great personage is not the one who makes a lot of noise. That kind of a man is by his making so much fuss people will imagine that he is big. Of course people believe that he is smart by constantly telling others how much he knows. That man is easily caught by any one asking him to answer things that he doesn't know. A smart man is the one who never talks much, who never brags and who sometimes says that he is not sure or that he does not know. Be sure that most people you meet know how to find a smart child or an intelligent and learned man. The smart man or boy need not make any display at all. His way of talking and his conduct will always show the stuff he is made of. Again my boy, it is not right to make fun of a person who does not know as much as you do. It is very much like the person who accidentally hurts himself. It is not his fault. Not everybody is born smart nor has everybody the chance of learning. You know that some boys have papas who are poor, and some who are rich; and that is no fault of the boy. So, my son be always modest, genteel and quiet. This is the sure proof of refinement and good breeding.

Julius is now a good boy. He does not fight and he spends much of his time building houses with boards uncle Jules sent him. Caroline is more like a Tom-boy. She likes to fight. I wonder who she takes after. Do you know?

Our baby is getting big and fat. She had a cold a few days ago, but she is now alright. Mama is getting ready to go away by the end of this month. If reports from you are good she may take you to St. Louis, if she can get there. I may not be get away as I have a good deal of work. You know my boy, one must make hay while the sun shines for if you don't the rain may come along and spoil the grass./ This means that if you do not, take advantage of your chance it may slip by and never come again, or you may get sick or old and be unable to get hold of it.

Tell the folks that I may write to them next time and tell them what is going on.

Now my boy, keep well and try to remember what I have written. It may serve you one day. then ask them all to kiss you for me.

Your devoted pa,

GRAND HOTEL DE L'EUROPE

G. JUNG

*Salzburg, August 21/06*

Dear Ones

Last Thursday 12<sup>04</sup> we left Marienbad and arrived in Nürnberg about 4<sup>30</sup>, just about to take a walk but changed our mind and got on a street Car top make a Tour when we passed a handsome Park and got out and remained for Supper they had a fine Garden with plenty of flowers and a very good Orchestra gave good selections, but as we were Tired returned to the Hotel and went to bed. The next morning we took a car and drove to the Feldmans, Mrs. F. is the daughter of Bertha in Frankfurt, she met us precisely at four oclock when we went sight seeing and saw everything, it surely is an ideal place and attractive at every Corner, at nearly six oclock we went to an exhibition inspected some **nutten of art Merchineries** and at seven oclock her husband met us and we took a very nice Dinner at the Restaurant and remained until nearly ten oclock, both are fine company and both of us enjoyed it very much, we left early for München about 730 and Mrs. Feldman came to the Depot and brought us some Lebkuchen, she is very much like her mother and begged us to send her some Photo. We arrived in München in time to take drive in order to get a general view of the city and finally arrived at the LowenBrau where we took one of those almighty Mugs of Bier and a bite to eat, the place gradually filled up and the manner they get away with several mugs of Bier is so wonderful. Two ladies that had just arrived in the city came to our table and while they were laughing at the idea of the quantity of Bier before they managed to drink it, they were American, and I suppose at home belonged to some Temperance Society. In München business Houses close on Sunday at 11 oclock, but the Churches and Bierhouses are open all day, it seems to me that München is composed of Churches and Bier.Houses first, Colleges of all kinds got the Bayerns on far behind in their trekking capacity from all the Germans, so the Colleges and churches must be only for foreigners.

Everything alas is made up in Arts of all Kinds, and of course there are many Celebrated Artists and their different exhibits show some beautiful works, but as a city it lacks life, and seems as the old glory of Bayern was once great as the buildings show it, but it seems as if the King in a Sanatorium is missing and the King Regent is also a man of 86, at any rate, some life seems to be missing, to give tone to München, and if it's something else I am simply mistaken.

Sunday evening I went to the Prinz Regent Theater to see the Valkyrie, this is an ideal Opera House and as a rule is used only for the higher grade of performance, and Wagner opera in this way one says it exceeds Bayreuth and it was perfection in every detail, it began at 4 oclock The first act was over at 5<sup>20</sup> The second at 7<sup>25</sup> and the end at 9<sup>25</sup>, Mrs. Schumann Heink had a minor part as one of the 8 Valkyries and that very part in the Third Act seems to be open for improvement it all sounds so harsh but probably is intended for that, the music and all the leading parts were perfect. This Opera House is situated at the extreme end of the city, seats 1040 people and has 9 Loges each which will hold 10 people, the curtain is for the King, on each side for the Princesses, and the other of those on the right and those on the left for other high officials. The seats from the orchestra (which cannot be seen) rises and lands finally as high up or higher than our Balcony [the New Orleans French Opera presumably], so everyone can easily see. The number of your seat is the number of the wardrobe you leave, and between a large foyer

and Restaurant does the rest, mine was a Cup of Tea a piece of Cake Milk Sugar a teaspoon, all on a little China waiter and stand up taking it, (cost 1 Mark) admission to the Opera 20 Marks say 5<sup>00</sup> Dollar, all one price. They play 3 times a week and give all the Wagnerian Operas . In the Picture Galleries one always finds a Crowd, and many come for a certain picture and pass many that may be much greater in every respect. Many **Cunce** today get on a wagon sight seeing and are gone the next day. Hotels as a rule are pretty well crowded, but we have always found rooms in every Hotel we announced to arrive, they are all good and service leaves nothing to wish for. At the Bayerische Hof are many Americans, they have to submit when some are through Dinner if they smoke their Cigars, have even seen Continental Ladies smoking after their meals. Style no where counts for anything, nor we have seen anywhere a drunkard or one who drank too much, and everybody when eating drinks something.

I never received that letter Felix wrote, otherwise I would have answered, never do I know you received. The \$240 if you had mentioned the cents I might have figured it out, nor have I heard whether the Whitney omitted dividends due us July 1<sup>st</sup>. I am keeping books and must know of course if you have it at home it will answer on my return. This place has all the appearance of a handsome spot and worth While coming for, I don't care for those small details or show places.

For a few days we will be without means as since the 18<sup>th</sup> have ordered all letters sent to Lucerne where we shall be on the 25<sup>th</sup> and hope to hear of the latest news from you and hope all is well with you. With love, affectionately

Papa

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April 16, 1916

My Dear George,

Two matters of today gave us much room for thought—the defeat of Parker for governor of this State, and the forthcoming ultimatum of our president to the Emperor of Germany. In the mm instance of the people of this state overlook their own sovereignty by abandoning government into the hands of pirates and chummy office-holders and on the other hand our nation seeks to enforce the rights of neutrals beyond even its borders against acts of piracy on the part of another nation. We are, in other words, indifferent about our internal affairs and yet we interfere with the affairs of foreign countries. I do not mean to say that we are in the wrong in the latter instance; quite the contrary, for I believe in the law of humanity to say nothing of the principles of International demand that a nation possessing the rank our Country does among the Civilized Nations of the earth, should by any means assist the rights of the people to be free and unto armies the aim to a compliance with those laws and precepts which by Common understanding among the Civilized Countries control and govern the relations of man and man and nation and nation, -- but I do feel some bitterness at the seriousness of our own people at home.

– We are very happy to see that you are making steady headway in your studies. You must now realize that nothing can be accomplished without persistent labor and earnest and intelligent application and later you will further realize that the knowledge which you are acquiring will avail of very little unless you learn to to apply it to practical purposes. I have always that the success of any undertaking depends upon constant and unremitting determinations to succeed, that is by pegging away without fear of the size of the venture or thoughts of the hardships it entails.

Answering your query about the terms applied to our Reports I wish to say that our earliest decisions of the Supreme Court wil be found in Martin O.S. 12 Vol. (beginning 1881); then 8 Vol, Martin’s New Series; Louisiana Reports 14 Vol. Robinson’s Reports 12 Vol.; LA. Annual Reports 52 Vol. (1 to 52) afterwards the Supreme Court adopted a rule to style the Reports as Louisiana Reports starting at Vol No. 104 in 1901 and following the numerical words to the current No. (139).

We are quite busy at the office, but the results are not as satisfactory as in the past 7 or 8 years, due very likely to my conservatism in making investments and the delinquency of clients.

Love from all, especially your father F.J.D.



Near Chicago, Aug. 21/16

My Dears Billie & Caroline

It feels as though the further north we get the warmer we feel. It was fairly good when we left home on yesterday and the voyage through Mississippi was not unpleasant but it's tough in this State of Illinois. We are anxious to get on the boat in Lake Michigan so that we find some comfort and relief.

I have been thinking a good deal about you & Ruth in the past two days, since I fancied in my dreams that I was talking to my baby. — I want you to be very careful and not to expose yourself to any danger. The good swimmers are not those who are free from peril but quite the contrary; it is this confidence in their skill which leads them to assume unnecessary risks and to expose themselves to all sorts of perilous adventures.

We shall reach Charlevoix tomorrow afternoon and hope to find there several letters from you and Caroline.

We left the boys in good spirits and they were feeling very much interested in the work which I allotted to them. In fact they will have their hands full until they leave.

You and Caroline should spend the extra week of Camp Wildwood so as to keep away as long as possible from the heat of Cincinnati — I don't want my girls to lose their fresh rosy cheeks when they get home. — I have directed [UNINTELLIGIBLE] to send you & Caroline a check for one hundred dollars which will do you, I judge, until we rejoin you.

This is a pretty shaky car & it makes me feel as though I should close. What do you say about my writing?

Many fond embraces to my girls whom no one thinks more of than

Papa

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January 10/17

My Dear George,

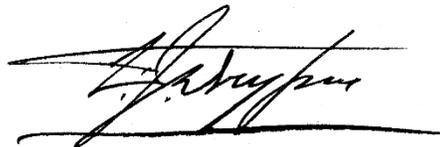
The girls told me that you had written for some funds; wherefore I am sending you herewith a M.Y. Cheque for one hundred dollars which ought to do you for some time.

It's true that I am always very busy at the office and at home and that I am unable to carry on any personal correspondence, but the result of my labor by reason of having heavy expenses due partly to the high cost of things—the demands of growing children, and also to the direct and indirect burdens of taxation, poor rent collection, constant repairs, etc,—has not been very gratifying. Yet inasmuch as I have put something away for a rainy day (tho not as much as in past years) I shall not complain. There are others who are worse off.—May we only tremble over the never ceasing demands from numerous quarters, for heavy contributions, everyone expecting that I would readily recognize the merits of his particular cause and subscribe liberally. The demands today's alms exceeded \$500—as an example.—I wonder if the promoters of good deeds would find me a place in some asylum if I became reduced in circumstance?

You should tell us in greater detail of the progress of what you have learnt in your studies and what you expect to accomplish. Occasionally a brief upon a legal subject would be of interest. In other words, show us an effort to make you letters interesting and instructive.

With love from all

Your exhausted father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'F. Dreyfus', written over a horizontal line.

N. O. July 4/21

My Dear Billie

You know that you said something about my letters being sermons and what—not! I hate sermons, myself, because not only I don't want to be told things I don't like to hear without being given an chance to answer back, but they cause me to disgrace myself in public by the exhibition of a lack of appreciation. I ain't going to preach this once. Our house is taking shape & the workmen are making excellent headway. The wiring is all installed & the plumbers have finished the roughing in (which means that they are in a condition to be connected with the fixtures) The plasterers are putting on the second coat of cement on the front & have the scaffolds up for the interior work. I will continue to be on the job every day so that by driving the men in a systematic way we will find the house ready for occupancy at the proper time, — say October first.

I suppose you know that Mrs. Weil died yesterday. She had an attack of paralysis on Friday & did not rally afterwards until she passed away. We called at the house last evening & spoke to Mr. Weil. We found him resigned; very likely because he had long anticipated the outcome of his wife's protracted illness. Mamma did not see the body; Hermione Lang told us he that Mrs. Weil's features were so altered that Mamma would be shocked if she viewed the remains. It is always best to carry in your mind the most inspiring recollections of those things which were shown under the most favorable conditions than when they were at their worst. We will attend the funeral at 3 this evening & for a change to pleasanter surroundings, we shall go to the **Hov. Ral** celebration at the at the City Park later in the day. — Caroline & Julius had Edna & Vera to supper last night. — I went up to our room to cool—off (it being oppressively hot at the time) & didn't go down afterwards. Caroline is ready to leave on her trip — her trunk has just been taken down. I hope she will not experience [UNINTELLIGIBLE] hardships on her trip, though she does not start under the best auspices. — I am sure you are having a good time & are bracing up for real work next winter. Don't miss any of us — forget us a little & think only of making the best of your present undertaking. All OK

Devotedly your dad

The Grinch.

many kiss

17 Audubon Place  
New Orleans

La.

Feb 5/28

My dear Ruth,

All missed you very much today and I know you were sorry not to see Carol. We played bridge after dinner, Aunt! Blanche was here & Carol called her Aunt Stella & she called Papa & Me Felix & Julia she was in a teasing mood, her reading sentences were not very successful. I do not know just where a letter will reach you for your birthday so want to be on the safe side and will send with many hearty congratulations and good wishes, do hope you will derive a great deal of pleasure from this trip. We are also anxious to hear all particulars about your voyage & if you enjoy the Cruise we will some day take one. Now be happy and have a grand time.

We had a busy day when Lewis & Sadie were here for dinner then I asked Aunt Blanche to come here to play bridge. She remained for supper & Scherks left. Papa & I went to see Harry he is still at the Touro.

Again wishing you every happiness and may your fondest hope be realized. With love and kisses from your devoted Mother.

N.O. Feb 6/28

My Dear Billie,

This leaves with the hope expressed by all those who care for you (and they are quite a number) that the sunshiny day we are enjoying will be reflected over-there on your birthday and revive the thoughts of all the good and happiness which should accompany your steps through life.

We would be glad to hear from you and learn of your experiences on board the ship and of the sites you witnessed. I am sure that you were tactful in meeting the situation arising from your traveling with people who were so strongly opposed to your accompanying them. I would not want to fall out with persons with whom our family has been on friendly terms for so many years and on the other hand I would regret very much their assuming a position antagonistic to you less because of your own attitude towards them in this instance.

Mamma has just telephoned to us that she had received your letter mailed on the steamship on the day of your sailing out of N.Y. — it is very gratifying to hear that your trip had started under favorable auspices and I am doubly glad that Ida T. was at the dock to see her folks off because she must have thrown oil on the troubled waters and smoothed down the difficulties for you.

Julius has completed the plans of his home. To my mind it is too elaborate a building for the size of the lot and too pretentious for a beginner. One's success in life largely depends upon the manner in which you start off. If one is prudent and economical then, room will be left for expansion when prosperity comes, but if extravagant there would be greater difficulties added to reverses that might come.

With many many kisses Billie and regards to your friends

Devotedly

Dad

George will arrive this Sunday p.m. from N.Y. via Cincinnati



The Claridge  
PARK PLACE AND THE BEACH  
Atlantic City, N.J.

Sept. 25/36

My Dear Billie,

We have your letter advising that you will take a course in Child Guidance at Columbia & in Appreciation of Art at the Metropolitan. I commend your choice of subjects and your determination to add to your store of knowledge and information. The more learning one possesses the greater becomes the means of acquiring independence and of becoming useful and doing good to humanity. It will be a sacrifice to be deprived of your presence at home, but in view of the circumstances, we shall accept our fate with resignation. It goes without saying that I am willing to stand the cost of your education, and you may therefore feel no delicacy in drawing upon me for funds whenever needed or to issue your checks upon your own bank serving me at the same time notice of the amount to be deposited to cover the drafts. I even promise not to ask you for any explanation or to discuss the manner in which you disburse your funds. It is my belief you would do well to find lodgings in a respectable family or at a dorm. Of Columbia. Either would spare you the feeling of isolation and loneliness which is likely to come over you if you live alone in a big hotel.

Two pamphlets came yesterday from Columbia University addressed to you. We requested their return to sender believing that you had already obtained copies of them or would secure them by personal application.

We are very happy (at least I am) of returning home soon. We shipped the car on Wednesday and will entrain on Sunday afternoon. It is needless for you to come to Atlantic City on Sunday to bid us farewell. The fatigue, trouble, or expense of the trip would hardly be compensated by the short stay with us. —We accept the thought for the deed.

I am enclosing a clipping from our home paper showing the end of a very short romance. Such an unnatural cultural alliance could not be of lasting duration. “What fools we mortals be.”

When you meet Dorothy, do not forget to tell her that I am sorry I could not this time meet her challenge of a cocktail at the Waldorf Astoria. Maybe when I succeed in overcoming my aversion to New York life, I’ll take her up with a vengeance. In the meantime we’ll dream what it might have been or could be!

Mother seems to think that you could be in the Goodhart pews at the Temple [Emanuel] to-morrow (Saturday) if you feel it a duty to attend Yom Kippur Services. She and I will remain quietly in our hotel and imagine ourselves at Temple Sinai listening to the long ceremonies and to the admonitory sermons preached on that occasion.

Keep well my dear girl and never fail to trust in the affections of

Your devoted father

I’m feeling ok again—without fooling!

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Oct. 14/36

My Dear Billie,

Agreeably to your request I am sending you herewith a pocket book of checks. I hope that it is what you wanted

Mom mailed you yesterday by parcel post some coffee and an individual coffee dipper (that Mrs. Finegold gave me for my birthday some years ago). I consider it better than ours I have in use it has on the inside a drip slide in which the grounds are placed, thus allowing the grounds to be easily emptied without disturbing the pot itself, merely by pulling out the slide holding them.

I am happy to learn that you are enjoying your sojourn in N.Y. and that the studies you have volunteered to go through are pleasing while at the same time affording you deeper knowledge on subjects which interest you most. My only fear is that you will become such a high-brow that you will look with some degree of disdain upon the inferior subjects or objects being at home. I must confess that the self-evident fact of the ignorance which I and others suffer in the highly technical branches of science or art might cause some sort of revulsion or feeling of grief from the knowledge of one's ignorance. I am sure, however, that your studies will lead you to taking a more charitable view of the shortcomings of others, in other words, you will be considerate enough to spare their feelings. I have found considerable work to do at the office and in organizations with which I am connected, and so in your case I am all the happier on account of being occupied.

I went home to lunch and learned from mother that John's party at school was a complete success., The children who participated and such of their relatives as were present were delightful and happy and so was John However my grandson has so many wants that even this occasion will not make him forget them. Between George, who has a tendency to spoil the children and his mother, he succeeds in getting more to satisfy his fancy and whims than I feel is good for him. A person who is satisfied finds no pleasure for the things which he once craved for.

I have no news to relate this time and you will have to be satisfied with my tirades until the return of good humor and better opportunities will bring about a change of tone. For all this, there is not nor can there be any change in the extent of my affection for you.

Devotedly,

Dad

Don't forget to present my regards and good wishes to new relations and friends when you meet them.

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Oct. 7/36

Dear Billie,

I received this forenoon your letter of the fifth (By the way I observed that it shows [as should be in this instance] the place where and the date when it was written--). It pleased me very much to learn that you are feeling so much better and that accordingly, it will be unnecessary to consult more doctors and to get further medication. I was impressed when you came to A.C. that your ailments came from excessive nervousness, due very likely to the deplorable conditions which spring up so unexpectedly and for reasons that could have been avoided. For that very reason you should remain in Cin. as long as you possibly can or at least until you have succeeded in putting yourself together again. In the meantime you should refrain from joining in all the entertainments and merry-making that will be tendered to you. All the sensational reports which appear in the press and are circulated around whenever they are related to any of our family, while not being very harmful to our body, do, of necessity, disturb our peace of mind, and it is, under the circumstances proper that we make every effort to shake off evil influences arising probably from exaggerations or reflections which upon taking up a calm view of the underlying conditions could convince us that our worries are without justification as subsequent developments will prove.

As far as Julius is concerned, there should be no serious difficulty to prove his innocence from wrong-doing, and hence the charges against him will fall and his vindication be attained. To him it must be admitted that he has been extremely indiscreet and has permitted himself to be led by designing persons to be blind to the doing of things which have put him under a cloud that may occasion much difficulty in dispelling. It will do us no good to reproach him upon his weakness and lack of judgement but it will be our duty to seek by all justifiable means to clear him from the accusations brought against him. This will cause the expenditure of much money which he improvidently does not possess, but for Caroline and the children's sake I will very likely be made to supply. All this does not mean that your presence here would be of any benefit but to my way of thinking, it would be hurtful to you. In other words, it is not in your power to help along either by moral suasion or by deed, while on the other hand, your own health and peace of mind would be imperiled. This I want you to avoid.

It is our hope that it will not be long when the nightmare will disappear and all of us reacquire our equanimity and that those thru whose fault the troubles arose will have been taught a bitter lesson which will benefit them in the future. Mother has born the strain very well and the improvement in her health which her summer vacation did bring about has not been lost in any way. She has resumed the normal life;-- she goes thru her household duties as of yore, entertains company, goes to the shows and the markets and enjoys her meals. As far as I am concerned I keep very well and all that I wish for is that my dear ones continue to be in good health and enjoy life to the fullest. This applies equally to you.

Give my love to your aunts, cousins and Connections & regards to **Glariwood**, uncle Lee and all those who inquire about us.

A good, sound hug to you Dad

George is spending today in the Country on business.

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IRVING ALCUS, SEC'TY.

Aug 1946

Dear Billie.

It's been a long time since I used the above name in addressing you. I reminds me of the very happy days when I could call you by this nickname—Those days are gone and passed and will never return however painful it is to realize that fact. I found much pleasure, indeed, in reading your interesting letters and being reassured that somewhere you found sufficient attractions to enhance your happiness! I fervently hope that will Continue to Crescendo as your vacation will progress. I will have but to regret as that I will be unable to participate in your engagements and having you around me.

So nothing has happened that might have marred my pleasure or cast too deep a cloud over my existence. Everyone has been kind and indulgent towards us and my hope is that this condition will continued to the end.

Rosetta invited me a couple of times to eat dinner with her, but I deemed it best to decline the courtesy. To entertain a person with so many hardships might be too great a task, and at the same time I can find no especial delight in having company. In some appropriate and tactful manner I managed not to give offence by my cordial was to bring about the least resentment.

Caroline, Leta and Bubby ate dinner at our house yesterday. They enjoyed the good meal that Rose served and went away I am sure very pleased. They returned to K. last night. Caroline will bring us from the farm some pears and a quantity of okra. They will do this on some early occasion.

Bettie is still with us and she does her best to entertain us in her quiet way. She had dates every night- and this has been I hope sufficient to overcome the drawbacks of uninteresting company.

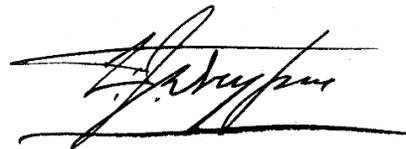
The girl you selected to replace Mary has so far done very well, that is, her work has been satisfactory. It is to be expected that she will not "burn out" too soon.

Rose and Freddie also have performed their tasks without any frictions and as rigors Mary although her religious doctrines are uppermost in her thoughts, she has invariably returned home each night at an early hour so that I am never alone in the house. She always displays the liveliest interest in her work and in her general attitude.

I am immeasurably contented that you are in such sympathetic atmosphere. You know that I share in your devotion to Clara May and her family, not overlooking my good friends Mr. Beer. Do not forget to make mention of the sentiments which I am expressing.

I am sorry that my sight has not improved and this is my excuse for the strain to which you will be subjected in attempting to make out my handwriting.—George has mentioned that he forwarded the confirmation for the reservation which has been entered at the Shelburne for you.

In the hope that everything will go well with you and will my very best love to you and to all those who bestow some thought for us believe in the eternal devotion of your doting dad.



Dear Ruth,

**You signed on the back of the sheets which I handed to you. Please sign where indicated. Caroline Blum is engaged to Simon Heinemann. Geo.**