

Egerton Park
May 21st - 1902

Dear Family,

I have not much of great moment to record - since Saturday, which was also a bad day, but Sunday we managed to go to church & get back in the intervals of heavy showers, & we had a capital sermon from a Mr who I believe is a great person & certainly he was not at all ordinary - His text was "They have made me keeper of the vineyard but my own vineyard have I not kept;" & the substance that of how ever much importance the outward & business, or social work, & however well performed, that the home duties, & some culture, were of paramount importance instanced a lawyer who having written a standard work upon the "The obligations of Trusts," had the anguish of seeing her own son before the courts for some farging affair - These are the things that make life hard, not the lack of money, or fine things - Rachel too had to go out in the evening - & I had a great afternoon with a short-call from "Lillian & Peter" she is very attractive I think, & lovable - W. had a 5% - tax - & later

on suffer with old No 9 was a - their²
dressing-room has been done over, & the
carpet & paper are beautifully harmon-
ious - & of very new design - green
relieved by a little red of a soft & re-
tiring quality, the curtains are of some
red, & these I was a little dissatisfied
about - though correct enough - I think
I would have risked their being green
also the room looks smaller than usual
& because of much furniture, but is
the same size I believe -

Monday was a mildly fine day, I
find that to ascertain if fine or a
must look directly overhead to see
blue sky, all round the edges, clouds
& uncertainty perpetually hover - but it
makes a lovely atmospheric medium
after lunch, we drove out with
our Althea, that is Aunt E - & our Stanley
who has been here for a day or two
& myself - The wind was very strong
& we had to cling to our hats, & wipe
our weeping eyes - but we drove about
Birkenhead & went to the top of Biller
Hill, by the observatory, where we had
an extended view sea & landward &
I was charmed with the gorse bushes
which grew thickly upon the common
which was crisscrossed with hollyhock
snakers, the day being Whit Monday. The
people do look different - from ours, the

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crowd faces more rasy, the expression
much less acute, or alert, & the clothing
more expressive of a lower class, than
we would see. An old windmill
crawls the hill kept in repair for
curiosity, & I saw the old holes in the
rock where high flag staffs had been
placed, on which watchers hoisted
signals, to warn the L'pool merchants
of the approach of their vessels, from their
voyages. - all the open ground about
the hill has lately been secured for the
people, & will be marked into a park
in time, one slope thickly wooded has
little blue hyacinths growing in it.
We were to them go to the chocolate
gardens, but Mr A. thought the flowers
would not be out. so we drove to
Mr Peters' & had 5 of tea there. the house
is not large but very tasteful & home
like. I made Peters' acquaintance
& think he promises well. He is big for
his age, & quite fair. - Blanchet's house?
the Danson's & Arthur Craun's are all in
that neighbourhood. Mrs Arthur Craun
is very dark & blooming, & handsome &
pleasant.

Mr & Mrs C. came in to dinner on
Monday night, & we had green gaulberries
out of the garden. they were tiny, but it
is their duty to be ready for Whit Monday
also we had Cauliflower which had been
out in the garden all winter.

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Yesterday we went to town after
lunch to a huge store, not supposed
to be grand, but for the people & it
belongs to Werner Werner & Eva had
several times been recommended to go
things there, but had not been it was some
distance but the car went directly from
the Ferry to the place: & it was a place
occupying a whole block - I got a water
proof, & a jacket of marcelle, & two Cor-
binations & some stockings, all of which
I really needed before leaving, & I saw
lovely white blouses, for about \$3.00
& beautiful washing silk white & spotted
for about 30^{cts}. also tussare silk in
 queer lengths - I think that might be nice
for an afternoon dress. I think I
would clothe the children in washing
silks if I could afford it - Tell Clara
that to wash white silk blouses she sh^d
use cold water & some mild white
soap & they will not turn yellow -

Today we are to take afternoon tea
with Mrs Kindall, & then over to the
Greenshields for dinner, & I must wear
my new black dress, which Aunt E.
thinks looks very well -

The weather is really fine & mild
today, & I earnestly hope it may last, as
we are now to start for Isabella Falls
early Friday morning

The Cur Stanton who was here is
an old friend of the Atkins, & an old backer

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Eva is not writing this a. m. & I have not
time for special letters - so please let
mother see this & send on to B. S. -
Aunt-Eva looks very well. & Clara has
taken a house, which an unmarried
sister of her intended will occupy & prepare
before going on in autumn to some situa-
tion - & this will enable Clara to get
ready comfortably & be married about
the beginning of September -

buds, poplars & so on are only half
leafed out; but the ivy, & hedges & hick-
full of flowers - look like full summer
With much love from all here, to
mother, & father & all the others
A. L. H. -

who seems to bring up every one else's
children, & see to the aged members of
the family, & generally shoulder every
responsibilities no one else cares for,
a gentle - man, not-thinking highly of
himself, practical artistic, fond of young
people & with a heart of pure gold &
he never could be great - or grand -
but I would rather have his regard
than most. He has gone off this morning
after delighting the children with
some little presents.

all the flowers look happier today
resting from the harsh winds - Laburnum
not out yet -