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Dearest Love,

I have been toiling
all day long and yet seem
to have accomplished nothing,
partly because of numerous
interruptions and partly
because I am feeling stupid—
on account of the heat
no doubt.

I am endeavouring to plan
the appliances which I
thought of going to New York
for and which I now think
I shall be able to get made
here; but it takes a deal
of head-splitting planning and

I am thoroughly sick of it.

The work at the laboratory is going on slowly, but still is being very well done, and there is a marvellous contrast between the neat plumbers who are working now and the filthy apprentices that fourth rent up last winter.

If my planning goes on at all well I hope I shall be able to get off to Mexico by the middle of next week, but I shall certainly have to come up for a few days in August. This evening will be a dead loss as Drummond is coming over about Nationalist or rather "Record" business. Then tomorrow or next-day I shall have to make one or two gold arrays.

I got back from St A
 last evening & of course
 left my overcoat behind
 me. My father came as
 far as Como. He says it
 is impossible for him to
 come to Inetis, but would
 like to have Laura come
 down for a little while.
 He thinks that she ought
 to have a change and says
 that ~~the~~ he will be able
 to superintend the baby pro-
 tem. Both the servants
 are very fond of and very
 careful of the little thing.
 Possibly Laura may go to the
 coast of Maine, but of
 course I said that we should
 be glad to have her with
 us for a time.

I have not found Druggier's

address & should have told you that I know no other name for her than "Marguerite".

As for the boards, I am sorry that Macrider did not get good ones. In any case if the weather is dry they would be better if piled out in the sun.

The painter began operations to-day, but only remained for about half an hour. He is to come again day after to-morrow.

Thank you dear for your loving letter received to-day. I am glad to know that you are gradually getting more comfortable. I hope however that I shall be able to add to your comfort when I go down.

I saw Dr Hunt last week & he said that his sister was much better and had gone (or was to go shortly - am not sure which) to Block Island. I shall try to get an address for you. The French book has not turned up. If you give me the name I can get another copy. Love & kisses to all the little ones B.