

Little Mexico
May 19th 1906

My dear Will,

It has been very cold and foggy to-day and now (5.30 p.m.) the rain is coming down in torrents. Last evening we had a thunderstorm - loud thunder and very vivid lightning. After the rain stopped I went over to our cottage though the road was very wet and muddy. The roof gets on very slowly. The boards over the front gallery and even the crosspieces supporting them were very rotten and had to be renewed and of course that has kept the man back and prevented him from going on with the shingling. I have been so busy that I have not visited the shore yet but hope to do so to-morrow. To-day I could not sow any seeds as the ground was too wet & cold; but I have done a lot of transplanting. Your nasturtiums are all afloat and flourishing and should be in full bloom

when you come down. The Iceland
 poppies look very vigorous this spring
 and some of them should be out
 by the middle or end of next week.
 Perhaps I may be able to bring one
 or two up with me. I wish that
 you were here to help me as there
 is a great deal to be done and
 I need an able assistant gardener
 like yourself - a fellow who
 knows the difference between a potato-
 bug and a house-fly or ~~to~~ between
 a cabbag and an onion.

Please tell Mother that I do
 not expect to return before Tuesday
 or Wednesday and do not forget my
 promise to you about a work
 bench which you were to get
 upon certain conditions. I had
 a long letter from Victor yesterday
 and he seems to be getting on very well.
 Love to all & especially to yourself from
 your aff & father.