

good letter on grammar.
young boy hunts man.

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Dear Will

you must be

busy indeed, I hear from
you so seldom & you write
with your usual energy
with your work. I try to
make everything you hear
quite solid & I know it of
side down, as well as down
side down. Do you like
grammar? young children
rarely do, but I think
you would enjoy it now, as you
like language. Of course
in its foundations the
grammar of all languages
is alike, & it is
grown up by the needs that
people found in conver-
sation, till at last it shaped
into a system of always
saying it this way or that
way. & at last some
wise person began to inquire
into it & found he could make
it into rules. & definite

pronouncements. & when he
had made a grammar book
then the children had to learn
the language backward out
of it - which is not easy
as they had already lear-
ned to speak correctly by
imitating their parents.

It does not seem at all here
to write well, ^{with good} spelling &
expression, & punctuation
all as they sh^d be, is one of
the most important matters
& the greatest help in the
duties of life. Work hard
at it old man!

Such perfect weather here
sunshine almost continuous
Yesterday I went out to
the country, so I saw
saw all the world, I saw
the others, came in a lot of
people who had been
hunting, some in red coats
one little boy of say 15, a
Tuffer in scarlet coat top
hats & a high hat his little
hunting whip in his hand
they say he is one of the best

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harsenau in Winnipeg, but he
did look funny. The great
grey green grassy Assiniboine
had lovely shadows & lights
on it - & the bare trees were
not so pretty, as the bright
leaves had been - but the
sun was warm & Mrs. N. D.
Smith, Mrs. Ross & I sat out
on the river bank on chairs
from the Club, till the sun
was low, & then we went
into the club & had hot tea
& toast - & finally came
home in the motor of Mr
Kugers. a rich member of
Parliament, who began by
being poor. His motor
was a splendid one & we
had a fine ride home
Mrs Ross has lived in B.C.
in the mountains & sea
shore both East & West, &
she says there is nothing
like Prairie Air - & some-
times I think she is right -
Went to church with
Ted this A. M. - I am going to

the Chaffey's tonight. The
minister of it is an old steu-
dent of father's, & spoke of
him ^{to} nicely.

When I build a house
I mean to have "an upper
chamber looking to the sun
rising, ^{Sun} whose ^{to} ^{the East & the} ^{Sun}
face" ^{which will be named} like the one in the
House Beautiful. Pilgrims
Progress - where the weary
Pilgrim was just to rest.
Probably I can't build
a house - so if you do
please make a room like
that for me. & I will
glad go to you.

The Chaffey's room face
East, & I see such lovely
dawnings out of the
windows.

Clear must be pretty
busy, with Eva sick,
long. & G. J. also. I wish
I could help but I was
much needed here -
Good by, dear son
mother.