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Dear Father,

A box has come to hand  
expressed by Messrs Burpees, on which  
the charges are \$78<sup>50</sup> as given  
in the  $\%$  enclosed. It came up  
while Bernard was in the Museum  
& he refused it when he saw the  
amount charged, & it is now lying  
at the express office. You will be  
able to judge of the contents by  
Burpees letter which I enclose. If  
you think it worth the charges  
please cable "Yes" to Bernard or  
myself, as we do not wish to  
advance so much on the chances  
of what it may contain. I have  
no doubt the express Co. will keep

it for a few weeks if they think there is any chance of getting this much for it, as there is no other way in which they can realize so much on it. If you send one word we will let it go, or perhaps try to purchase it at the auction of unclaimed goods when it is sold.

I am now making calculations for another form of bridge for the St. John River, to see if a further saving cannot be effected. It is a modification of the last design. The calculations have taken all this week. It is a structure of sufficient importance to make it worth while to spend time over the design.

We feel quite settled now, and do not mean to work in the evenings, but to ~~spend them~~ occupy them with music or reading or some other

form of recreation, when we are not  
out. Now that I have disposed of  
all the little odds & ends I mentioned  
yesterday, my ~~an~~ spare time will be  
less occupied.

Your affectionate son,  
William.

Anna heard today from George, &  
intends to forward it by tonight's  
mail. This will have to go by N. Y.

from [unclear] when we are out  
out [unclear] I have this [unclear]  
all the little [unclear] + ends of [unclear]  
[unclear], and the [unclear] will be  
no [unclear].

From [unclear] on  
William -

Some [unclear] to [unclear] from [unclear], or  
intends to [unclear] of [unclear]  
[unclear]. This will [unclear] of [unclear].