

Tuesday,  
19 July, 87,

Dear Father,

With regard to boat; there  
has several; the most suitable  
about 14 ft long, pointed ends;  
varnished, copper fastened. A  
very nice light boat, with a  
broad build in the middle  
and easily carried by two people.  
It has 2 cross seats + a stern  
seat, + 2 pair oars. Price  
\$ 15<sup>00</sup>, with reduction of \$ 2<sup>50</sup>  
with only one pair of oars. For  
sending it; freight rate about \$ 5<sup>00</sup>  
express rate \$ 7<sup>00</sup> or perhaps less.

Would you please telegraph

if you think this will suit,  
& say if one or two pairs ours  
will be wanted, & whether to  
ship it by freight or express.

We are all well, & it  
has been pleasant for abt a  
week now.

I sent the chapter of your  
book just now, registered -  
& will get the other things  
next time I am at your house.

Your affectionate son.

William.

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