



My dear Papa

We have been as busy as bees all day first we got up the study carpet and from across next the passage - Willys room, Lizzie's and Hall so as to have the place white washed. Then we had to scrub all those besides the two stairs and nursery and kitchen. The youngsters enjoyed the fun greatly and got as black as negroes from head to foot. Altho' does not agree with them that housecleaning is at all pleasant and looks disreputable at the aspect his study appears in, all his own fault. I tell him as I would him to get the porter to come and shake his carpet and he pretends it, was but he a naughty boy but he gets gossiping up there and never thinks of anything not even dinner. This rise in his income has changed him wonderfully he is as chatty

almost as you. I had no idea how he
settled over just covering expenses. though
I must say I think we will do little more
in future he is getting so extravagant
why our grocers bills now average \$18
instead of ten and he intends making
the beef bill to the same

We think of going to see a house near the
La Cords which we see is to let rent \$4.50
a year and three acres of ground
we are so plagued with water or rather
the want of it and the bad smells
from our neighbours that we think
it advisable to get out of town but then
I would not have Alick back for dinner
as regularly as now that would be bad
and he says if I got a horse I might be
drowning to get him from the college
and make the students laugh and
Willy said that they would now
I feel I would if I had a horse like to call
for him very often and I think it
very wicked that they should laugh