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~~My dear Mother
 I received your letter
 of the 16th & was
 glad to hear of the
 success of your
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June 10th
 Mrs. H. H. H.
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I thought she & Mrs Keyser were
expected to feel a mutual thrill
when they saw the Pyramids! Was
he interested the business firm?

It was exceedingly kind of
you to think of sending me
the lace handkerchief etc. certainly
it was very cheap & I shall be
only too pleased to be relieved
from the necessity of negotiating
a present - for Eleanor shot her
K. have gone to New York to pay
the Eggestons a short visit. I
dare say it will do E. good, as
she has had a shocking cold &
looked none the better for it.

I told you, I think that the
whole Cassels family are going
to Scotland next month, for a
year -

Dr & Mrs Hunt - will soon I
think be separated, by mutual
agreement, the only difficulty has
been of course the money, her
income amounts to \$12,000 a year
& he wants \$8,000 as his little
share - mean enough I think -
but still I don't think he has
much to fall back on, all the
town seems ready to abuse him
both in relation to the Survey &
his wife - Anna won't see him

at all now - he is at present
away but the lawyers are to
settle the affair with him when
he returns -

Severey matters are now
at a stand still the committee
having given in their report,
pretty strongly against Selwyn.
I & I seem among other things
he took \$200 for a report of some
N. S. minus for private parties in
deed delight - has been let through
him on many points - Bell &
Sunt have shown themselves
rascals - & I a fool - I am very
sorry that George has taken his
part - as he has & I have told him
so that he might not be ignorant
of what people say behind his back -
I fancy in his official dress
all the whole mean crowd who
have set on I. he prefers to stand
by him - but to defend or even
justify such a man is poor &
wretched work -

how to affairs = I think
Ellen unclaudibly wishes to come
back to you, & I have just written
to her to come & see me, she will
no doubt - want a holiday, &
so does Joan - & the times & season
will want adjustment - Joan
says she likes Ellen & is sure she
will get on with her - still I
will not try it too much if I were &

F. has I think quite decided
to stay at the College till you
come, sending her furniture to
the new house early - & only
having herself & trunk to
evanish at the last, I think
it the best plan myself, for
all, papa included, & as to
you having a great cleaning
to do, I see it not upstairs
only, wants washing over, &
then I wd get - Hurst to put
every careful-down, & have
each room arranged, shut up
& perhaps done all once before
your return by whoever is
housemaid - Then down
stairs, the drawing room carpet
will not need to come up, the
room has been very little
used, & the library carpet
must come up & go when the
new one arrives. & if F. has
cook & housemaid & if she need
can have Marguerite for a
day or two & clean that the
downstairs is as nice as nice
can be, Joan is almost as clean
as Ellen if not quite, so surely
Ellen is straighter that for
herself with such a quiet
family - F.'s own new house
has been blessed with an
immaculate servant whose

Kitchen was just lovely to be
seen, so she won't have a hard
time cleaning it. I will try to
arrange all I can for her before
I leave, & with Ellen & Marg -
who both know the house & Jan
she is not likely even to know
half that is done. I think if
Jan ^{would} go home in July &
come ^{back} to it in her own house -
having F. to engage a new girl
& get her running with Ellen
till Jan come that might be
best. ^{if indeed} ~~then~~ directly paper comes
there must be two girls, so the
housemaid might be engaged for
July 1st & take her first ^{8 weeks} month
with Jan, & then Ellen - that w^d
be the rub. I don't think F.
w^d find these things difficult.
I don't think she knows enough
to take the difficulty on herself
she w^d say - "No! clean" - I leave them
to clean & Jan & Marg - w^d do
fairly well. Then she w^d only

need to come up a few days
in advance & engage a second
girl & look over everything, I
will secure Miss Wells, so you
can't be very badly off. I shall
also see Catherine Butler, &
engage her sister if feasible
for the 15th Aug - the table maid
w^d I think be most useful during
the summer - F knows enough
I think ? to give her hints of needle.

We have had a somewhat
unsatisfactory answer fr. Page
at Paris - no dressed boards to
be had - & if all done by hand it
will add materially to the cost.
I suggest sending them fr. Dubou
reaving long cartage & Carpenter-
ing - but B. is too deep in Exam
& say much to at present - of
course I quite expect you to
come off at Kimmanski - you w^d
have less trouble about duties
there in any case, & if we do get

the house altered we shall be
able to receive you there wh. I
hope will be the case - if not
you w^d I suppose have to sleep
at the hotel, I spend the day
with us - If we don't rent your
house you might bivouack
there - I suppose we will get a
tenement, but everyone seems to
be going to near places this sum-
mer - even the Botterells do not
intend to go to Melis nor the Lichos.
Maar Mrs W. Kenney has
just lost her eldest (step) son
a boy of 18 - some lung trouble
abscess in the lung I was told
he has been ill for many weeks.
Carfy does not like her 2^d girl
she looks so very nice, that I am
sorry - Carfy - evidently has no
tact but if the girl is as careless
of her wishes as she reports it is
bad - Carfy says she wants her own
will, not mine as a conclusion

condemnation - that is to me
such an ordinary affair, that
to manage an agreeable compromise
between our respective wishes
all I strive for - but Carry is
really suffering in the process & I
find advice or trying to help of
no use - so I content myself with
running in often & listening to
her woes - She has not yet deci-
ded about the summer, I am
is her present idea - Snow is
nearly gone & two wet-days will
do much good - both to country
& town, save us a plague likely as
the scavenging has been worse than
ever this winter, the debris that
came to light when the snow went
was appalling -

Mrs J. Clarke Murray surprised
the town by producing a 4th daughter
last week no one seemed to have
had a notion of it - she has had no
ind of trouble in her house Diphtheria
Quelches - Chicken pox - & the news of her
mother's death two days before her baby
was born - she says she does not think she
will go to meet this year -