

Wife in G. M's bed!

Remember?

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Dearest - Mother,

As usual

I have much neglected you but - I have had so much writing to do, & little quiet-time to do it in. We have had a good deal of wet-weather wh-also makes the possession of quiet-rather difficult -

I am sorry to have a lamentable tale to tell you of your house - I had only been in once with intent to harrow the jam kettle - & simply glanced round admiring how neatly everything was left in order - the day the Redpaths were to come (that is the game people Mrs K's not - get down) I went over to see that the water took off the shutters properly - & found to my horror that the mice had made nests in two of the walls, the spare room & second

front-room - Cut the ticking ²
messed up ever so much
stepping & wet quite a piece
of 3 of them, & the smell!!
Horrid!! - The cause seems to
have been some catables
you left in a basket, & some
& corn starch trailed all
over, even blue ground if
not eaten, & the gelatin
more than half gone & the
rest messed over - I had to
get Kate to wash the dam-
aged pieces ^{of the mattress} as well as I did
& scoured nasty patches over
them, but you will be
ruined I fear to see your
nice bedding - you & I need
to put new pieces in to make
it as it sh^d be - as for the
basket - I had to throw every
thing out - but the tin boxes -

As I am on misfortune
I also had to get the lattice
door & back gate re-hinged
both being torn off - also

Ellen Mackintosh has left -
Mrs Redpath's after she got
news of her brother's death
Miss R - says she was very queer
so queer that Dr Gourdon told
them they had better not -

Take her to the sea, but she sh^d go every m^o for
bancs - this just puts it in a great - height - & as
soon as we reaching first - then they had a
new method to receive a telegram from
another place consisting of her actually
society, & certificates - I knew where she
was, & I will to the seas and! - No
you will have to make your own
business, but - here you have they seem
like birds, and I think that - your back
is turned - I think that - concludes the
chapter of a sister's, with - I thought - if - actually
you at a house, but - ~~the~~ make in walking than
in the happening -

most of the small businesses are
now down - the hotels are not at all put in
a great - more people later on - Bernard made
up to be down by the 14th or 15th the heat in
been has been as before & he will not say

to leave it - I have heard later of the lady's
refusal to sign, he has been so busy that the
refusal will account till we meet.
I writes me that her lady is better, but
not well, she likes the family - I every thing
but the landlady who is one of the prettiest
persons I feel obliged to continue to support
her, with. I hope would not in our ex-
istence she also speaks of me for a holiday, I then
wondering how to ask for a holiday, I then
like of going to the country every night no more
I enjoy summer in the winter - but does not
as whether he feels better for it - I have written
at was that if he does not I will not go, I
I lady are all right, that I think he might
come again here for winter change I will re-
to his travelling up I have no doubt she will
conclude the Registon, that I am anxious
but if they cannot all come I am not
necessary for him to have the change it is
It certainly must have been most successful.

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table for you to have to decline
to receive Tina - what - complications
& perplexities do arise! - I trust
that papa will have reached
you, you will doubtless be
re-embarked in London, though
its gaieties will shortly be
over - & I do trust - that
Kaukeine will give some
certain account as to his in-
tentions, my greatest fear is
that he may still be waiting
"for something to turn up"
but his going in for a
definite course of study
looks as if he had something
in view - I doubt if he
do better than begin practice
in Montreal, though if he wd
prefer England, the way seem
to be open to him - Did you
ever see anything of the in-
known relation that wrote
to papa; I described her as
being as a flourishing prac-
titioner in London? - as I
told papa, a little further
elevation wd no doubt
involve a number more of
relations, who wd then be
able to discern him in the sky
of eminence -

Ever asked me what sort
 a dress. What I want next
 winter is a good substantial
 dress, such as a blue serge
 or any thing answering to it
 color not particular & not too
 heavy - if such a thing could be
 got I wd be glad of it - if even
 the skirt & sleeves were made
 it wd save a lot of trouble
 & the green one answered
 capitally - however a common
 dress is not worth mention
 of any extra kind. Unless
 you are looking after any
 thing of the sort on your
 own account, do not trouble
 about it - I thought it might
 be ordered from one of those
 serge places with the regular
 suits for the little girls -
 Edith is 8 - Clara 6 - for dresses
 you have the sleeve measures
 & fr - neck to part of skirt -
 All the young ones are
 very well - baby & Clara seem
 to have profited most so
 far, Clara having quite lost
 the thin look she had of late
 & Conrad is a bold game
 man who climbs rocks -

charges were? has ever had a bath in
the sea instead - tears, & a side on his back
with that produce tears, he never he weeping
when he was taken off - he was broken
up from under a pillar - the other story
where he was staying up - the creature
in grief - and I pleased - he is so much
pressing away? well I strong - I has been a
very good & beautiful boy to me here - with I can
say of Schell - he has been in a contrary state
of mind lately, & indeed I largely believe that
who is quite too ungrateful. I tell of my other
feelings - I will be well good while this is
gone, notwithstanding all his good qualities, it
is a commentary on the fact - that all eyes in
grace looking how are looking gradually etc.
I believe in the whole that kind, and with
his spiritual way, was more wholesome for the
little ones - who all about little, in eight days
The new rule is like the judgment - of things also.

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written & vice in clear relief - - Hall & a capital
gill - with a good head of a conviction that
this - is not to be tolerated - I washed with a
good will - I hope the will stay with us
who had some measure notion of giving to the
States - I rather fancy she will stay - now that
she has been shown this, I become intimate with
the family -

The boys have in now hardly
a weekling rest with it well, they have
put it - as a matter of course - their
will - variously working directly into
rather slow - the word - overtake it - from
above an gallery - I think they have chosen
very - labels has themselves has a little more
to either of her this but - who have given
them a free view - give is watching the
travelling process with most interest - I
never is - looks very simple compared with
which as stone structure - I hope that I can have

one of the children's photos. I
sent the only one I then had to
Kamkine, & trusted to his going
one to papa when he got there.
For a little one I think it
good - the difference in colour
certainly comes out very well.
I regret the elaborate back-
ground - but had suit-
ably with the young ones as
I thought - had wd sit more
still for her. & by the time I
arrived it was all done.

You will be feeling
that most your holiday is
over now - so quickly does
time glide on & I fear the
freedom from household
cares will only make them
the more irksome when you
have to return to them.

If Eva is in the vicinity
of a suitable shop I wish
she wd get me a dory hair
brushes of good camel hair
& send me a few nice letters
in town the ask 5/- each for
very hard ones & the children
ought to have tolerable ones
now -

all send love - we hope
now for fine weather, so
much rain we have hitherto
had.

Wray don't reproach yourself
for telling me of any or all troubles.
It is a comfort to share the
burden, & I certainly feel as
deeply as possible both your
anxiety & fears for R. - though
they cannot be too great from
a N. Am. stand. point - I think
he is unlikely to have had himself
open to the censure of those who
judge by the world's standard
& most certainly I sh^d not for
a moment suppose it our duty
to bear in any submission. His
wanderings - the whole thing is
the work of the Devil, & cannot
be, as is not in any sense God's
will, but is to be combated &
prayed against - continually
with a faith that God will
somehow, & when, conquer the
evil & reclaim His own.

With love

Aunt