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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Mr. Ogden)

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Dear Mr. Ogden

I feel quite neglectful looking at your last kind letter of April 24 & I lose no time now in making amends. You will be glad to hear that after 9 weeks of exile & anxiety in the Attic we are all well & out of Quarantine- Grant had an awful time & I ditto playing a lone hand in nursing him Perhaps when I tell you he had Diptherotic Inflammation of the Colon, after his throat(wh was the bad wash leather kind") was over, you can realize a little what a serious & painful illness it was. The Drs. all tell him he ought according to all precedent to be at the back of the mountain- but the "living skeleton" is running about now & beginning to put on flesh. May looks better than she did before her illness & is back at school again. I hope your "spring billious fit is a thing of the past. Why not try the cheerful Calomel!! Look in the McGill Coll Gazette" for "May" & be sure to read the "Chronicles of Gill Coll" It is very good & you will see the hits & enjoy them. The "Scribe short of stature but of a mighty understanding" Dr. O.! The Ancient Bridegroom sleek & trim Dr. McCallum. The Ancient clad in the garb of a stripling coming at the 11th hour. Dr. Fenwick etc. etc.! Dr. Buller has gone down to Dorchester St.- Mr. Cantlie & he slept there last night or rather lay awake- They missed the familiar sounds of street cars & traffic & cursed instead Dogs & Catholic Church Bells. Public opinion is marrying him to Miss Jessie Dow (Mr. Cantlie took an epileptic fit when he was assured of this- to Miss Bragley- Miss Phillips & a Miss Ofillire- what a Mormon he will have to be! - Your cousin once Miss N. Holmes is here staying with the Morris's; Mrs. Biggar is she not- Bigger it is! Don't be horrified at me! We all wish you back so much I am afraid you will grow attached to Milwaukee & forget to come back. Ruth returns next month- I hear she has become quite stylish. Balt returns to Montreal soon I shall be so glad to have him back.- You do not realize how the youngsters grow up Gwendolyn goes to school every day, & Baby is talking nicely. Billee is just a darling & full of fun. Prof. Morse is to be married on the fifth to Miss Stirling Dr. O is to be best man I am afraid I have told you this before- but I forget how long it is since I wrote- Everyone is so glad to hear of you or from you. the Dr. is quite pleased when he gets a letter- he says he does sometimes, & then May coaxes for it, but as he will never show one, we believe it is either one of his deceptions, or else they are full of mysteries or confessions.- You begin to feel a rising Professional man I suppose, having changed your quarters says I to myself say I! With best wishes

Yours truly

Marian Francis.