

Tuesday ^(Just mail)

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Dearest Grace,

Two LL.D's, a D.C.L. and the F.R.S. make 1898 a pretty full year in the life of your old man - But keep humble - lest we forget! I got the notice this a.m. of the Edinboro' Degree, which is to be conferred on the Saturday after the meeting. Roddick is to have it also, I am glad to say. I took Gwen in a Hansom to get my ticket-pay for it. Then we spent an hour in the national Gallery - and at 12 met May and a very sweet faced woman, Mrs Clayton, at the Academy. Pictures are very good this year. Two of Harry Tukes are A.1. May took us to the Empress Club in Dover Street - where she is a member - to luncheon. and at three she took Hansom for Lords where the great match of the season - Gentlemen v Players - is on. We saw some first class cricket - but not W. Grace who had been put out a few minutes before we came. Went to Mrs Clayton to tea - near Regents Park. I left the girls at Peter Robinsons and came home. We have tickets for the Little Minister - at the Haymarket - this eve. You see we are doing the town. Gwen is enchanted. This is a very nice place, attendance perfect. Mrs Russell is a very nice woman. I have asked Margery to come in for Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. Waiting for the girls for bkfast. The play was charming. Winnifred Emery so sweet and a much better actress than when we saw her a few years ago. Splendid weather - not too hot

5.30 Have just left the girls at the American Shoe Store in Regent St. while I came in to order tea. George Francis came to Lunch. Looks so well. Hal and I took the girls to the Tavern - we went down the river by boat. It was great fun. Gwen was enchanted. Tonight we dine at the Criterion and go to the Liars 'Wyndham' - at Criterion Theatre. It is just too bad that you are not here.

Thursday. 2.30. Such fun at the Liars. Wyndham is splendid and Miss Moore very good - a little off from what you remember. This morning I went to *Cloves* and to shirt maker. I am getting 1½ doz. good white shirts. Then to Euston to meet Margery Howard who is to be with us until Friday eve (she sends her love). Got a leather portmanteau and a hat box at the Stores. We have just had luncheon and are off to Earls Court to see the Naval Show. Such weather! no rain and bright sunshine and crisp east wind - Bostonian - fresh air. I am just disgusted that you are not here.

Your letter has just come - so glad to have good news. I will cable on Saturday, I am delighted that you like everything. Do take drives and spend all the money you wish.

Friday 10 a.m. We went to Earls Court in the afternoon - saw the sham naval battle - wonderful performance Margery enjoyed it so much. The girls went to tea at 5 with Pa at the Jr Constitutional Club. M. came home with me. At 7.15 we all dined with Hal at *Dieu Dormé* a very swell restaurant and then went to Dalys to see the Greek Slave. Marie Tempest was so good. We enjoyed ourselves greatly. With the exception

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of Ewart I have not seen a Doctor. My clothes are progressing. I am going this a.m. about your cloak, and the reefer for Tommy. I shall be very careful about the former. We go to-night to the - I forget - at Ealing to dine, and this afternoon to the Imp. Institute. It seems very long since I left you, but Aug. 6th will soon be here. x x x

Good-bye.. Lub and a kiss to the angel.- regards to the family all
- and to Mammy.

Yours

EGERTON.