

Houghton, Mich. 5th 1891.

My dear Fran:

Your nice long letter of Sunday reached me yesterday, and I was very glad to hear that you had found such pleasant people, about you, as Mrs. Johnson and the Cobbs. Altho' I fear you would find it foolom enough. Before I forget, let me answer sensation the questions you have put to me. 1. If I am to have those negatives, I ought to have them at once, and some intuition tells me they were put into the storehouse, after most of the other things were taken there, else how could Sawin know to whom they should be delivered? He never notified me. Duvey ought to be able to learn something more definite about this. Where is Elliott? Of course I don't know how

tightly things are packed away, and if it is going to cost more than an hour's work, don't undertake the job. 2. My minerals are all safely lodged at #70 Washington St., where they have been for two years. Let them remain there, until I decide what is to be done with them. I wish I had a part of them here. 3. The desk in my office is full of papers, and if — or rather when I know whether the Mich. Geol. Survey is to continue under Prof. Wadsworth, and I am likely to remain here indefinitely, perhaps I can impose on Osborn's good nature to transfer them to a roll-top desk — provided you are willing to make the exchange.

I think the papers you have selected for the house will be very pretty, altho' I would not go to the expense of having any figures put on that in the den, to represent brick-bark. I am afraid they will only make a failure of it — make it "woodeny" rather than "woodsey." Why won't a plain paper of the rich brick-bark color do as well? Your idea

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as to book-cases is very appropriate, and I have no preference as to where they should go. I do not remember the exact bearings of the room, to be able to suggest. Don't wear yourself out over the house. It would make me tired even to think of selecting wall-paper. After a hard day's ground, my head sometimes aches from ear to ear, but I am trying to systematize my work, so as to keep up. The climate here is quite bracing. Lake Superior is about 600 ft. above sea-level. The winter lasts until about the last of April, they say. I have not felt the cold unpleasantly but two or three times. Last night the mercury was 20° below zero, and I believe we had no snowfall to-day. Yesterday and to-day I have been experimenting in micro-photography, and after spoiling half a dozen plates, managed to get two or three good negatives, with which Dr. Lane was particularly pleased. I go at it again to-morrow. This break in my regular mes. session is very pleasant. The fact is, I caught up with Lane,

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who has been raising his own Mas. before handing it to me, and took to the camera so as not to lose any time. Saty' afternoon I'm to go to see a mine captain, that has a fine collection of minerals. This and the card party the other night are the only breaks I shall have had in my routine work for some time. I breakfast at 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$, reach the School about 9, return to dinner at 12 $\frac{3}{4}$, then back to work until 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. After tea I smoke my cigar in the hotel, come up to my room, fix the fire, sometimes go to the mail at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$, and spend the rest of the evening over my books, or in writing letters. I have written about sixty (!) since I came here. Am in regular correspondence with Mr. Nash, who is my successor as Pres^t of the M.R.A. He is a very enthusiastic rifleman. Did I ever tell you, it was he that bought my coll. of stamps? I told him, at the time, that he must not be surprised, some day, if you threw your arms about him, when you heard of it. Had a nice letter from Ch. to-day. By the way, Mr. Cobb said that if I did not like that watch, I could exchange for another in April. You might ask him to let you see those that are to be sold, and select one. I want this watch only as a temporary one, and don't think Ch. ought to have an expensive one just yet. Let her learn to take care of a medium one first. Write in soon. I do hope you will continue well - or rather, be better. Ever affec. your husband T.