

Can you have made for me three cotton night gowns? Have you an old one for pattern?

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My very dear wife and children:

Friday morning I was made very happy by your telegram - after I knew what was in it - telling me of your reunion in Cambridge, once more, after years of wandering, in that dearest of places, home. How much I would have given to look in upon you, just for a wee peep! The house must look very prettily, both inside and outside, and I can imagine you planting seeds and flowers already, and am sure Frances is head-gardener (Charlotte, do you spell it with an e or with an i? I think it must be e, so I'll strike out the dot.) For the past week we have had very balmy weather; the gutters have been overflowed, and now scarcely a patch of snow is visible. To-day is beautiful and warm. The boys have given up marbles, and tops are now the rage. I don't know what comes next in their calendar, but perhaps it is kites.

I have just come from church, where we had an earnest sermon in reverence, and the clergyman took occasion to berate some of his parishioners that never kneel. He thought that a man that never knelt, never prayed. I wonder if he ever attended service in an Evangelical church! Coming out of church I received an invitation to dine with Mr. & Mrs. Rees to-day at two o'clock, and

later in the afternoon I shall go across the lake to see a nice old man, to whom I gave a copy of "Woods and Lakes." We are both interested in minerals, and became acquainted in that way. Last Friday ev. I went to a Euchre party at the Senter's. After the guests were all assembled in the parlors, cards were drawn, by the gentlemen from one set, and by the ladies from another. I enclose my card, so that you may understand the process of choosing partners. I was told that I must find the lady whose quotation would match mine. What do you think it was? It was to the effect, that this would be very well, "provided we were all of us on the committee of ways and means." Another couplet said that woman could be true as steel — but sometimes equally as highly-tempered.

Having paired off we occupied small tables, two pairs at each, and had tea served. Afterwards we played euchre — six-handed — and the side that won went over to the next higher table. The winning three each received a prize.

Prof. Wadsworth left this A. M. for Lansing, where he will have a conference with the Gov., and the fate of the Survey will soon be decided. Mamma, I am getting a list ready for you, of things I shall want sent on to me pretty soon. I shall finish it and forward next week.

Am very sorry you found some of your china or broken, and hope there was not much of it. I can stand the loss of my negatives. Write me soon, Mamma, and I shall do the same to Lottie. "Mrs. Butterballs" owes me a letter, I am sure.

With love and kisses to you all  
Affec. Papa