

Houghton, Jan. 20. '92

My dear Betsy:

This afternoon I brought from the express office your package, and was surprised and pleased, on opening it, to find the very pretty little lamp. I propose to celebrate the occasion, at once, by brewing and imbibing a "teddy", as I think our health calls for such a demonstration. You mentioned this apparatus in one of your recent letters, but to own up, I couldn't decipher the word as written, and have been wondering ever since whether it was to be a box of figs or some more crackers. I have not yet explored any further in my Umas box, for the pledge of P.O.B. still holds out, with careful husbandry, and I prefer to wait. There is, I think, just one orange left, which I shall have for to-morrow's breakfast. They have not been quite as good as in times past,

owing, I suppose, to having been among the first of the season. There was a better taste to the pulpy parts. I have enjoyed them, though, very much. The P. & B. "takes the cake." We did not get anything nearly as good out here.

Nothing has been heard by us, as yet, of the outcome of Dr. W's resignation. It is a week since it was sent in, and since that gentleman left here for Chicago, and I have not heard that he has written to any of the Survey since he went away.

I went out to Calumet on Saty, and picked up that collection by 1 o'clock that night. It has not yet been sent in to me, but when it does come, it will give me an occupation for many evenings. I shall probably let Dr. Patton have part of it. When I next visit Cambridge, I shall try to dispose of about half of the minerals there, and keep only the better specimens, those of crystallographic interest - principally. The main object of collecting, with me, is to familiarize myself with all the different varieties, and gather together specimens that are good for instruction purposes.

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My Lake Superior minerals are probably as good as those of any collector herabouts, and of these I mean to make a specialty, and some day write a paper on them. Mr. Judkins wants me to help him write up the country about here, and if I have any leisure early in the summer we shall drive around a good deal, and use a camera freely. I have long thought that an interesting article could be written about the copper country.

I enclose Frances a postal, and shall send it soon. Hope Ch. is doing well in her studies, and not thinking too much of dances &c. Wish I could help her in algebra, for that was my favorite branch of mathematics.

The weather has continued very cold until this P.M. when the mercury seemed to recover from its paralyzed condition, and actually crawled up to 30° above zero, but this was evidently only for the purpose of introducing a blizzard which is now raging. Well, I must prepare my toddy, and turn in, so as to get up early. Good night, sweetheart. Love to Aunt L. and the chicks.
Ever your devoted
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