

#229 Hyde Park Ave.  
Oppenheimers Apartment 2D.  
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My very dear Daughter:

Your  
letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> heads the  
list as the most pleasant  
incident of the past week.  
I assure<sup>th</sup> this is not an  
unmeaning compliment,  
as the preceding days  
have not been barren  
of happy experiences.  
Yes. I received the one

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addressed to Aquelia  
Ariz. promptly. Those dear  
friends are as reliable  
as the world holds.  
I asked them to go with  
me to Virgie's grave last  
Wednesday and was so  
gratified to find the  
plot well kept and a  
curbing and creditable  
tablet in marble to her  
memory. Greer had some  
evergreens and flowers  
planted. I carried a pot  
of blooming Narcissus  
and ordered also a terrary

Spruce about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft tall, sent out by  
the florist at the same time. I was  
never more sensible of the  
worth of true friends than on  
that occasion. Miss Lizzie and  
Greer were so appreciative of the  
attachment which inspired it,  
that I was quite overcome by it.  
Greer said her mother left Fla.  
immediately after her father's  
death, and that she had failed  
to locate his grave. The ex-  
scription is from Greer and is most  
expressive as they will sleep  
side by side. I wish to say now  
that should my beloved sister  
Mary Leslie leave us during  
my absence a floral be ordered  
for me from Ada Farmer <sup>not over</sup>  
\$3.00. Does Snorr know where  
she will be buried? What a  
sad end to a life of usefulness  
and self-effaced service!  
I had hoped her brilliant  
mind would be eclipsed early,  
that she might not realize the  
loss of her power.

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I attended services at  
the Christian Church  
last Sunday, and really  
felt very much at home.  
The Pastor, Bro. O. C. Wood-  
ward at the conclusion  
of the service, asked all  
the strangers present to  
stand up, and receive  
the greeting and salute  
of the regular congrega-  
tion. A large number  
arose, and were assured  
of a welcome at future  
services.

Bro. Woodward called to  
see <sup>me</sup> a few days later. There  
is a native of Missouri  
but came here from Ky.  
I have not been able to meet  
or hear of the relatives of  
Miss. Fannie. I was a  
little surprised that  
Monas marriage ~~was~~  
celebrated at Athens. If  
I had known the date I  
would have sent her some  
real orange blossoms.  
I trust Blanche's health  
is improved. I am taking  
lots of notes on Fla. &c

from an economic point of view  
and will inquire for Specialists  
I went out with Mrs. Woodruff  
last week and spent the day  
with her parents and sister -  
I saw the fruit and blossoms  
on the orange trees and 88 acres  
in cabbages. One of the letters  
you forwarded was from the  
Edison contest. Of course I did  
not win, but they ask to purchase  
such as they regard of value -  
but have not notified me either  
way. I am not losing anything if  
they back fall me. I am en-  
closing a letter from Sam  
Harrel, which you can pass on  
to Memory P. Looote him that  
if his business called him here  
during the Fair, I would be glad to  
see him. I could not notify Mrs.  
Byars if she should attend, as I  
did not know her address. I may  
meet a prominent woman who  
is to come here from Tallahassee  
next week -

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I am interested in the <sup>and</sup>  
marking of the Old Span  
ish Trail, which began at  
Los Angeles and ended at  
Miami Fla. Tallahassee is  
on this and the Dixie  
Highway. I hope my per-  
sious baby will get all his  
teeth before next summer,  
and that he will not lose  
his appetite. How is Wm.  
getting on with his studies?  
Are they still having debates?  
Mrs. Sanders and Mary Mason  
should be here this week. The Epi  
Convocation a big event is  
being held here -

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I must not fail to tell you  
of my auto trip with Mrs C.  
and the Dickensons. Last  
Sunday afternoon - The roads  
that we travelled are paved -  
We came in after dark and  
the lights were on - Mr. Dea-  
ried me on the Boulevard on  
which the "Suburb Beautiful"  
fronts the bay - It was a  
brilliant scene - Mr. D. is  
like the Colemans especially  
Granville and was very po-  
lite and kind - ~~in~~ pointing out  
views of beauty & interest. Last  
Friday afternoon Vere invited  
me out and asked several  
friends of theirs to meet me.

Mrs. C. seemed to enjoy my  
visit very much. She said  
Capt. C. was devoted to the  
Proprs. They served chocolate  
and wafers and cups and  
fruit cake made in Huntsville.  
The service was so handsome  
all rolled in on a tea wagon.  
I know of no family that  
has the old silver in such  
profusion and most beautiful  
glass and china. The old  
mahogany furniture is grand  
with some foreign pieces  
made the furnishing  
very rich almost royal -

They have all <sup>your</sup> family por-  
traits of both sides and  
Mrs. C. brought out a half  
dozen of Capt. C. for me to see -  
Tell Sallie W. she should  
have been there. She and the  
Capt. had quite "a case" in "their  
salad days" - Tell her Tampa  
is a city and can afford  
more stopping places than  
"St Pete" as they call it here.  
Give my love to Harry and  
Mam and kiss my baby boy  
for me. With a mother's  
love and prayers for you  
and yours. - Devotedly Mamma.