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Tuesday A. M.
May 18, '97.

My dear Harry,

Your letter received & expected -
day & am sorry to
say I cannot start
until Thursday, &
as you ask me so
particularly to try
& leave H.C. about
the first of the week,
will wait until
Monday next, when
I will start with -

out fail. This, I hope
will not interfere
with any of your
plans, if so, I
think I can manage
all P. K. without
you coming to Bir-
mingham.

I know you
all think I have
paid a lengthy
visit here, but really
while every moment
has been enjoyed
by me, still I had
not the slightest idea
of remaining so long.
I had expected to
leave fully two weeks
ago. This delay is

due to Uncle Z., for
he holding the checks,
has made me com-
pletely at his mercy.
Whenever I mention-
ed the subject of
leaving, he would
become furious &
said I couldn't be
enjoying myself, for
I was forever talk-
ing of going, conse-
quently I got so
I was afraid
to broach the sub-
ject at all.

It doesn't
look like the Home-
folks will see me
by the first of June.

do you think? Stay-
ing so long here as
broken up my ar-
rangements entirely.

It is extremely
warm here, & my
wardrobe is reduced
to shirt waists, exclu-
sively.

I am on the jo
continually, some
place every evening.

Mr. C. McCallie is
rushing me most aw-
fully, people here are
beginning to regard it
as a serious thing.

I will have to bring
this to a close as it is
lunch time. Excuse
this hurriedly written note.
Love to Gen. Sur R. V.