

403 - Amelia Ave Tampa, Fla.
Jan 12, 1917.

My precious Daughter,
Mrs R. H. Walker

The
pleasure and comfort
of my trip to this City
reached the climax when
I saw Green & smiling
face watching intently the
passengers alighting from
the Tampa Special. We
stopped up town to send
you a telegram. I trust you

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received it promptly. When
we got off the Street Car
dear Miss Lizzie ran
down to meet me. with
as much activity as she
^{has done}
~~could~~ ten years ago. She has
not aged except ^{physi-} a little
more stoop in her figure.
We took supper across the
Street with some Northern
people. It is cool down here.
Wraps are in evidence on
the streets and a light frost
startled the ^{truck} gardeners
^{here this morning};

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If you and yours were here
with me, I would be perfectly
happy. I trust Wm. and the baby
have recovered, and that you have
not broken down from anxiety and
care of them. I am daft about
Florida! It is the dreamland of
the South. I had heard and read
of the picturesque scenery on the
St. Johns River, which I crossed
four times on my trip from Jack-
sonville to Tampa. The beautiful
is farther on from Sanford, Orlando,
Lake Land and on to this city.

Orange groves with the ripe
fruit hanging amid the dense
green foliage, are set as with
jewels in hundreds of clear
blue lakes of all sizes.
I wish Harry could hear and
see the wonderful values in
Real Estate, and the colossal fortunes
that are being made from fruits
and vegetables. Acres of celery

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lettuce cauliflower &c
are like oriental rug.
between the beautiful lakes.
Mrs. Vaughan is to call this
afternoon at 4. Verdöt
Coleman has a palatial
home here on the Bay.

The great occasion in
prospect is the West Fla. Fair
here Feb 2 - followed by the
Gasparilla Festival, which
is similar to New Orleans
Mardi Gras. The new Carnegie
Library is to be dedicated
and dedicated in Feb. also.

Greer has many friends
among the Real Estate
men here. One of them is ^{the}
take us ^{with a party} ~~back~~ to one of his
places about 50 miles away
and to Greer's grape fruit
property about 12 miles
out from this City. Tell
Mary Mason to invest
in an orange grove down
here, and spend her winters
here - Give my love to her
and Mrs. Saunders -

Mr. Smith a northerner who has
lived here 26 years (there we have
our meals) thinks Gov. Catts
a fine man for Governor. He
him he was splendid as
was a Baptist minister from the
Hon is Memory P. getting over
Snow's absence? Give your
nurse a tonic. She is so good.
This city is located on Hillsboro
River. Has three bridges within
the city limits. The flowers
are one of the features of the
yards here. Poinsettias grow
and are blooming profusely
and others that are new to me.
Miss Lizzie and I are asking
questions about the old home people.
They wonder about the new names
in the personal column of the
papers. Keep me posted about the
health of your household and
dear Mary L. I will write you again
in a few days - Tell Wm I wish for him to catch