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P.S. - Memory P. 3  
Beautiful Ruth Oak pins that  
the hot worm come and wor  
honorably killed with the gift. They  
came Thursday in  
an otherwise core.

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Dear Memory:

I read your letter  
after some delay due to my ab-  
sence; and I haven't replied sooner  
because of severe pneumonia  
and at least going.

I am very, very sorry for Mallie &  
the girls. Some months ago (Am-  
strong Core (a young lawyer  
told me about the validity  
of the proceedings under which the  
entire home was sold or was to be sold  
to my passing assessment. I could  
not see any escape on the facts  
he placed to me. Geo Morris is one  
of the very best lawyers and men  
in Alabama. He is fair but ab-  
solute. I'm sure I could not do  
or think of any thing he has not

W already done in thought of. I wish  
I could aid them; but I see no  
possibility of being able to pre-  
sent any way to avoid the in-  
terference. I do not recall Mrs. Estes'  
interest in its source. Naturally,  
for many reasons you know of,  
I would prefer not to interfere  
against her, particularly when  
I could not see <sup>any</sup> hope of  
complicating any thing to advantage  
to the girls.

As to a monument for Mother.  
I hope, when the financial de-  
mands upon me ease up a  
bit, to perform that duty - to  
her memory just as fully as I  
performed every duty to her during  
her life. The fact told I had  
with her - the fact bore testimony -  
and all Mrs. Tom Martine's pastor,  
covered this matter, along with many

others, she expressing the conviction  
that, while she was yet able to be  
up & about, she would not let  
song, - that she poured on her  
report me without fear or anxiety.  
And a lot more.

I trust that one song I will be  
able to tone up with you the  
erection of a modest monument  
to her; but I cannot do that  
until I am free from present  
pressing demands. I know Mother  
would wish me to give Ruth  
a proper young ladyhood, at least  
this winter. She is having a modest  
school this year. It seemed un-  
avoidable, even tho Ruth desired  
want to formally be presented her  
own and our obligations required the

4 simple form of party - I will be away  
off to-day - a tea dance from  
4 to 7 p.m.

I'm no judge of poetry, indeed I do  
not much appreciate it. However,  
(in connection with the Codrington <sup>Archeology</sup>) her two  
many other compliments her two  
productions in the Mercury - she  
wrote them some years ago - she  
was the only one in the list in  
the Mercury that had two (2) of her  
productions printed there. Good  
friend only had one - Ruth wanted  
to go each to work - we are opposed  
to that system - However, she  
from I must thank her for her self  
ultimately.

I do not mean when I see you to  
attend by trip to Hoboken. Thanks -  
going was a combination of business  
pleasure - the former all I had morning.  
John Hatcher's name to Florence &  
put was an exquisite affair of off  
Brother.