

Montgomery, Alabama.

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My dear Henry.

It is a great  
pleasure to have your letter  
and best of all to  
know that you are  
pleased with the house.  
I have been interested in  
you morning and have  
thought about you many  
times. And have long

of for you that you are  
going to have a new  
dining room set - So in  
one's dining room comes near  
being the most important  
room of all.

The dull finished oak is  
still used and is very  
desirable but being oak so  
many cheap fatteries are  
made in the mission  
styles. By all means have

the mahogany - It is always  
beautiful. If I did it have  
to regard the cost of things  
and had my choice in  
the furniture for a house  
I should get the dull  
finished mahogany in the  
plain colonial style for  
everything.

Judge Anderson has just  
given his wife, in part  
payment for the new

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bols that is to come.  
a five hundred dollar  
dining room set of furniture  
in the dull finished  
mahogany - It is much  
prettier than the highly  
polished and I imagine  
much easier kept. So  
much of my mahogany  
furniture has tiny cracks  
in the varnish and I  
don't believe the dull finish

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beyond you, you can have  
a breakfast room like so  
many of the people do  
here. Why could not you  
turn the kitchen into a  
breakfast room and white  
wash the whole thing  
and build a kitchen farther  
out - It would make  
the house much cooler  
in summer -

But there - I am filling  
up traces for you and

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I am sure it will come  
out all right.

And now our other thing  
about your table - Of course  
that's going to be the  
hardest to keep well on  
account of the hot dishes

Did you ever see an  
asbestos pad for the table  
Mr. Warten can order you  
one, He got mine for me  
and my table has never  
been scorched, but I planned

used in your that timber.  
Don't you think the  
plain colonnade style used  
in the prettiest? It used  
show off your cut glass  
and china so well —  
And when you order  
have them send your sets  
of the fiddle back dining  
room chairs, they have  
quite a square seat usually  
upholstered in Spanish

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leather, the green leather  
goes well with mahogany  
especially if you have a  
green rug for your floor.

Be sure to get your  
table wide so that you

can sit at least eight  
without having it open.

Of course it's going to  
be hard to keep well, a  
dining room like this  
and if you find it quite



be even more careful with  
a mahogany table and  
use a silver cloth too.

Last summer when I  
was there one day I  
noticed that the floor  
in the large room and  
the bath room has gone  
down to the white - You  
can touch these places  
up with mahogany stain  
and after it's thoroughly dry

not on them.

You can also paint the  
pictures on in the bath  
room with white enamel.  
I did that myself. They  
were oak you know —

If there is anything I can  
do for you or send you  
when you have your guests  
for the D. A. R. conference  
be sure to let me know.

And now for a little  
matter that is close to  
my heart — Aren't we  
ever going to be warm  
friends? If we knew each  
other better I don't believe  
we would be like the  
average "sister-in-law" —

Wait you promise to plan  
for a visit to us during  
the holidays or right after  
Christmas? I planned how

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better than anything to  
have you and William come.

Be sure and remember  
me to Harry and tell  
him how much I appreciated  
his calling me up the  
other night —

With love and best wishes  
for you and William.  
Yours,  
Sue Parke