

#215 Adams St. Thursday 5 p.m.

My dear Laughter:

I am
rejoicing over the hull
in the fireworks explosions.

The rain had a damper
over the enthusiastic little
folks. last night. Did the
shooting scare the baby?
I trust Mary^W has gotten
well, and Joy are resting
from your labors.

When I left home I had
planned to seek a refuge
from rheumatism, after a
visit here. I learned from
Mary Childes, that it was
expensive at Pass Christian
and that they suffered from
^{continuous} rains and mosquitoes. I
wrote Miss Lizzie Fraser about
Tampa, and she and Green
were urgent in pleas to come
to Tampa. I enclose Miss Lizzie's
letter, which you can pass on
to Snorr and Memory. I don't
expect to stay with them or Mrs.
Vaughn.

but wished to get in touch with
old friends, that would notify
you if anything happened to me.
Greer wrote a fine business letter,
and both extended invitations to
stop with them. I have had no
symptoms of an attack of
rheumatism since I came here,
but you know "an ounce of pre-
vention is worth a pound of cure."
I am arranging to go to Tampa
next week over the Atlantic Coast
Line, leaving here about 6:30 p. m.
and arriving at Tampa in the fore-
noon of next day, if there should be
no delays. I will send you a tel-
egram as soon as I reach Tampa.
I cannot say how long I will stay as
that depends on several things.
Thorn had ^{both} the Court Secretary and
Stenographers to dinner with him
^{today}. Mr. Slay is the image of Tom Durrell.
He is from Sheffield is literary, writes

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short stories &c. Grady
Noth is a blonde. They are
nice young fellows, and
devoted to Thom: in fact it
is mutual friendship.

Sue's clothes she had dyed
were not satisfactory. They
shrank very much.

Has Robt. Henry more
teeth in fight? I regret
Wm. L. could not stay over
three days with his pa-
rents. Did he arrange their
business affairs?

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Did William Walker
get the dictionary I sent
him for a New Year's gift?

Let me hear from you.
I will write you again
before I leave Montgomery.
If you still think of buying a
velvet cloak. You can get
them at reduced prices Mrs.
Hugh Morrison says ^{in Birmingham}.
Give my love to Harry & M
and kiss the baby boy for me.
Devotedly, Mamma.