

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 30, 1880, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Stockton Hotel, Cape May, N. J. June 30th. (1880?) Dearest Alec:

I was so delighted to hear from you this afternoon. Your telegram did not reach me until nearly nine last night so I thought you would expect a half rate message. What a story that was for all you men. I am so sorry for you, you poor fellow with that horrid irritation, I only hope the — boil — is not worse. Do hurry up with your work so we may go to some cool place, though I believe this is really about as cool as any seaside place except Nantucket I ever have been to, it is cool enough now at all events. So you were only 84° at night, Philadelphia the hotel bulletins said was 89° very early that morning and 99 at noon, and I do not believe Boston was much better. We were very comfortable. But my dear why must you stop to fix your new laboratory. It will delay you so much more and the 15th. Aug. is coming very very near — not more than 8 weeks.

Where is my letter to Mamma that you promised me. Just such a letter as this of yours today only — only certainly not quite such improper subjects. It seems that we pay \$100.00 per week for our big room alone which makes it more than the Brighton, and after all we don't get so much for it. Then they charge \$1.50 the doz. for miserably washing the babies things when there are plenty of women to do it better for 50 cents, and really wash them, which those people won't do. Think of requiring a lady to wash out her own soiled [???] before they will wash them themselves, I never heard of anything so outrageous. May I secure the refusal of some of those rooms we saw. I am afraid you think me very hard to satisfy, but I do hate to feel I am spending a great deal of money to support this hotel, for that is about all it comes too. It is so much taken from our trip to Europe and from the hundred and one things I shall want to buy there. We did not go in bathing today for I

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did not feel quite well, but we shall go tomorrow I guess. The baby and Elsie are very well, I took Elsie down on the sands this afternoon, and a glorious time she had, poor little one, it is so little she finds to do here. Please when you come, bring her a box of large square blocks, she will enjoy them if they are so big that she can easily pile them up. Her others, the ones of different shapes are too small and slender, they require too much care in the piling up. Goodnight dear, I want to write to your mother. Take care of yourself and hurry hurry with your work that you may come back permanently to.

Your loving, Mabel. Stockton Hotel, Cape May, N. J. June 30th. (1880?)