

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. New York, Saturday, April (1877?) My dear Alec:

Your note enclosing proofs came this morning and I return them at once though I fear all my haste will not bring them to you any the sooner. I am not quite satisfied with any but the one marked "no 2" will do very well, for some reasons I may like "1" the best, so you had better have both printed. "No 1" is not half as pretty as it would have been if you had left in that lovely little curl in all the other proofs. Mamma says No 2 and 1 will do very well for your pupils, when by and by I can curl your hair just as I please and then take you to the photographers! There you needn't laugh so at me, every other lady here thought the little curl lovely too and pointed it out at once.

I hope you will get yesterday's letter sometime today. It was still so light when I wrote it that I was astonished to find it was quarter to seven and after mail time. I had it mailed last night and the postman ought to collect it early this morning so you will get it tonight. Not much in it but I so hate not to see a bit of your handwriting every day that I don't want you to miss hearing from me.

Lina and Augusta and Gertrude go home this afternoon, I am very sorry, it is pleasant having them here, and it is not so pleasant for them at home, but I think Auntie will be glad of a little rest when they are here they stick on to her like bees or leeches following her about everywhere, never leaving her a moments peace, even when Mr. Marsh is around, which last is more than I can forgive them, if she can. Why it would drive me crazy if I wasn't to see you a moment alone after being away all day long.

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Mamma is in despair over her clothes, don't you say you men have harder times than we, you are much mistaken.

Berta writes her holidays are in May, so perhaps we may come to Cambridge, but you had better not expect us, everything is unsettled. Mamma says "of course I will, you and Alec can come on on Monday and go to Cousin Mary's and I will come on on Friday. That will be very nice for I shall be there at all those lectures of Alec's." I report verbatim her words just now. She is bright as can be which is a relief, she has been in tears ever since Wednesday over those dresses and not knowing what she could do. Let us hope all will come out right.

I must go and see if there is any sewing for me to do.

With ever so much love, Ever yours lovingly, Mabel. Do you notice this is some of your paper, you took mine so I retaliate, but think it horrid.