

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 21, 1879, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Tremont House, Boston.
Tuesday, January 21st, 1879. Dear May:

I am just going up to Mr. Eustis Hubbard's house and may not have time to write before the mail closes so I send you this brief scrawl to let you know I have arrived safely — and I shall write again “in the dead waste and middle of the night.” — Shakespeare — Ahem!

You will find copies of Philadelphia Times in study. Please mark one copy and send it to the Editor of the Journal of the Telegraph.

A copy of Journal of Telegraph you will find somewhere which will give you the address. Any others that come for me please put carefully in some place where I may see them — when I return. If you don't do this I am afraid some of the letters will get lost and I will never see them.

Have spent day with Mr. Watson and Mr. Chauncey Smith — Mr. Bradley and Mr. Sanders have telegraphed for your father to come here. Important things to be decided.

Please excuse hurried scrawl — will write again tonight.

Had you not better have the boy stay in house while I am away. Be very careful that all water-taps are left running at night.

You poor dear little wife. I don't want to leave you at all. Shall hurry back to baby and you as soon as possible. I shall send you a budget of new ideas developed in the cars. Won't you copy them for me into my book? Must stop. With much love.

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Your loving husband, Alec.