

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

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Wednesday.  
(1879) My darling Alec:

If you are glad to see my handwriting thank Mamma for it. I did not think it any use to write and so have not done so.

Elsie is not quite well, but is brighter this morning and I hope will be all right soon. The rest of us are all well, but miss you dreadfully the whole house seems silent, and deserted and everything so purposeless. But don't feel obliged to hurry back, I am never alone some one or other from the other house are always here, and Elsie is a host in herself.

Yesterday Berta and I called on Mrs. Hunt opposite. They seem very pleasant people from New Orleans, it was funny to hear them talk of coming North to Washington. I went over to see Mrs. Poe yesterday morning and Mamma met her just coming here so she delayed her call. I was so vexed yesterday, Mrs. Senator Morgan and the Misses Morgan came to call here yesterday, and for some reason Henrietta told them I did not receive today! They had been to see Mamma and she had told them how glad I would be to see them, and they were so much pleased with you and so anxious to begin friendship with us!

Monday night after every one had gone to bed, I discovered the filter standing in the same place, and accordingly attempted to move it — result, it upset on the floor and all attempts of mine to dislodge it proving unavailing, I had to leave it there. Yesterday the water came out blue from the charcoal, but I hope no serious damage has been done. I had to buy two tons of coal yesterday and pay Willie eighty cents for shovelling it up. My purse was stolen from me day 2 before yesterday in the cars, it's contents emptied of all of any value and some papers among them, your unendorsed checque for thirty dollars

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left lying at the corner of the Avenue. A negro picked them up and brought them to me via the apothecary's and the bank. About four dollars and some car tickets were in the purse. I am so vexed and unhappy, but cannot see how anyone could have taken it under my long cloak. It was at night. After this catalogue of domestic mishaps I fear you will not want to hear any more from me. No letters of any consequence have come for you. I believe Papa wants you to attend the meeting of directors, I wish you would. We are really very comfortable and Willie is very willing to do all he can and run as many errands as I please.

The contents of tin box are for Cousin Mary, bring it back please for it is Annie's.

With a great deal of love, Your loving, Mabel.