

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 10, 1882, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1328 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1882. My dear Alec:

I am very sorry if you have been expecting to hear from me, and been disappointed. I thought you were coming straight down and that the only place to which I could telegraph was the depot of which you spoke. But I wanted you and did not see why Mr. Storrow should get you first especially when he wrote that he should not be home before tomorrow. So I just didn't do anything to keep you from coming on to me.

Our house, our home is lovely. Isn't it nice to have a home of our very own at last. I breath a deep sigh of thankfulness each time something goes out from here to our own house and think that it will not have to be moved again. I have been all over the house and decided which are to be my rooms, subject of course to your approval. Yours I have left for you to decide upon. There seems to be room for us both! We shall however not be able to move right in because there are some cracks in the walls that must be filled in and the painting too must be done before the children move in because the smell of paint might hurt them as it did your grandfather. But it is dreary having to go around without you my husband, and I am getting very impatient to see you and go over our home with you. Mrs. Home is to be here tomorrow morning, after all I wish you could be here and help her poor thing, we are so sorry for her, but dreadfully afraid of what she may do for Charlie. Please come on — Can't we give her the rent of your father's house, that would keep her in all 2 the necessities of life. Uncle Sam is coming and he will be a burden on Papa. I do want to keep Sophie off Papa, it seems to me he has enough to do without supporting Charlie's and your poor relations. He has his own poor man. Anyway I feel as if your big cheery presence would be a comfort to everyone.

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We all go to Baltimore tomorrow (Wednesday) to look at the furniture stores there and Papa and Charlie go to Pennsylvania in the evening. With much love to you my dear husband.

Yours ever lovingly, A telegram saying "don't drive Fanny" just came. As I have already done so several times if by Fanny you mean "Primo" I think I may again. I am very careful and some one always goes out with me, I promise not to drive alone — Isn't that enough