

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1883, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. OAKLAND HOTEL, Oakland, Md. 1883. My dear Alec:

I did not write yesterday hoping that you would come, but alas no big lumbering fellow appeared to warm me in a bear-like hug. However I am content to wait if I be rewarded by a long visit next week. I am glad to hear that you are having a good time with your friend, but please don't forget about the house, meantime Mr. Moseley — Alas have I come down to hearing from my husband by his secretary? — said nothing about the house and I am interested in it as much and more so than you are in your caterpillars, one of which has at last folded himself up in three leaves. The other is still merry

The little ones are very well and have behaved much better going to bed, and are particularly good in submitting to the punishment of losing their candy if not quite quiet. There was no chance to try their words on them yesterday, but today I did. Daisy had forgotten her name, but Elsie had not and I thought that was something. They were rather restless however, so I did not try much. There is no hurry and I am very careful not to let them suspect it is not their own play.

It is very cool hers, I hope you are more comfortable.

Lovingly yours,