

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. New York, April 14, 1890 My dear Alec:

Thank you very much for your telegraphic permission to stay a little longer. Don't be angry if I take advantage of it. I will come home by the one o'clock train on Wednesday, unless I find that Mamma can come on Thursday or Friday in which case I had rather stay and help her home. The doctor said this morning that she could leave tomorrow but Papa is still a prisoner in bed. He really is the most well-looking invalid I ever saw, sleeps and eats and feels well, the only trouble is that the doctor is not certain that he was quite free from fever last night. He thinks that the high temperature was due to the boiling hot oyster soup Papa was taking when he came in, as his pulse was normal 76 but as a precautionary measure Papa has had to keep in bed. The bronchitis caused inflammation of the air cells in the lowest part of one of Papa's lungs and until that is quite gone and the matter absorbed Papa must be careful. He is doing it very well. Mamma still coughs occasionally but otherwise seems very well and bright and eats well whenever she has anything good to eat. Auntie and I keep them both supplied from Delmonicos nearly every day, the table here is poor. Miss Adams has gone home. She went on Friday. She is ill herself and troubled about her brother so that I think I really ought to be here to keep watch on Mamma. I certainly don't flatter myself that they think so.

Don't you think Aileen ought to preside at breakfast, she would enjoy doing so.

I shall be well enough to see the doctor Wednesday but please ask Dr. Mitchell for some Philadelphia name. I don't expect much from this except a report of progress.

Please give the enclosed to Mr. McCurdy. I fear to trust you with any messages.

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Lovingly, Mabel