

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 11

1331 Connecticut Avenue. May 1? My dear Alec

I can send you only a few lines to day, and I think that I will write on the typewriter as I want to get practice at it I am hohhified at the prices the typewriters charge for their work — six cents per hundred, —so i think that I shall have to do most of myown work as all the old letters must be gone over several times and my finances will never stand that. I had a letter from Lina this morning and she is going up to Ba?deck in a few days, and she wants to know if Mrs Bell would take her in for a day or two as she has been quite ill, and dreads having to go to work at her own house just after the long journey up. It is really pretty brave of her to try to go up alone weith her dog, as she has had a gathering in her ear and cannot hear in it at all, and has to use a pad.

I think you might just as well have staid at home here we have not h?d a single day that even you would think distressingly hot. We have had one or two warm noons, but the morning, and the evening have always been too cool to sit out of doors, it has really been the coolest May so far that I remember in Washington, although my general recollection is that with the exception of a few days it is generally fairly cool.

Mr McCurdy its very much pleased that the most important parts of of his patent, — the only ones that hi?eally cared about, — have been granted and they think the other will too after some alterations.

Charlie has just telephoned that some man has been making plans for a fire-escape for him, and he will send him around to me to see if I want some too. Isnt it funny that Charlie should have the same idea about the same time as I?. It is pouring, and wa have a fire, and now I must go to my work. With much love

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As ever yours Mabel