

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

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland—1883?

My darling Alec:

Since you seem to expect a letter from me — here goes. We are all very well in spite of the rain which prevents our going off the piazza. Berta and I took a drive yesterday, and perhaps you had better not send on my victoria. The other roads may be better than the one we took yesterday, but I doubt it and I do not want to spoil the pretty little carriage right away. Send on something useful with good springs and a good horse, one is enough here. There doesn't seem to be anything to do but hang around or drive, and the conveyances here do not seem to amount to much. When you come there will be more to do especially if it only won't rain, you can take us fishing for instance and I assure you I am looking forwards to it, then I want to go on a picnic in the woods, and for that I must have you, so you see altogether you are much missed here.

Dear little boy I hope you are taking care of yourself, do be particular about your meals and your hours for sleep. Do take care of your health for your little wife's sake. Have you got that wash, I hope so for you cannot sleep without it properly, do try and use it even if you have to get out of bed for the purpose!

Do you think you could send me my clock by express, I miss it very much especially as Susie has no watch. Sisie seems to get along very nicely with the children, they are very well. I was so glad to hear from Mr. Chas. Johnson's telegram that his brother was better, I do hope the poor boy will pull through. Do you think my dear that you could buy me a couple of pretty velvet frames. I 2 very much want something to give a little air to my parlor and think it would help it to put the childrens pictures in frames and stand around.

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No one of any consequence has arrived yet, but the rain has kept pouring by fits and starts. I am afraid you find Washington rather hot, do come back as soon as you can to your, Loving wife who much regrets not being able to send you a better note, perhaps a nice bottle of black ink would help her thoughts.

Kinder want name of enclosed flower.