

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 2, 1888, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Braddock House, Alexandria, Va. January 2nd, 1888. My darling Mabel:

It was very good of you to let me go. It was necessary my darling, for I have never been so excited in my life before — and I fear I shall go mad if I am not left alone now for a little while — with my thoughts.

I know I have struck upon a great idea — and cannot rest until I have worked out a few of the consequences — for I feel sure they will afford a complete explanation of the nature and cause of attractive force perfectly consistent with the conservation of energy.

Leave me alone — there's a darling — for a little while. Don't even telegraph me unless necessary. I will come back soon.

Your loving, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, 1336 19th Street, Washington, D. C.