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Royal Poinciana
Palm Beach, Fla.
H.E. Bemis,
Manager.

Feb. 18.

Darling daughter,

We have finally gotten the ball room for our meeting, wh. we are going to hold on the 26th. It took 5 days to turn the managerial refusal into willingness to let us have it; so today we began working it up. Ordered our posters, invitation cards etc., and are now

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getting an honorary committee of men and women to act as patrons. Mr. [Maline?] is the speaker.

Last night we dined at the Breakers with the Brocks, Alice & her ma- Alice Biddle is with them- we had a very nice evening and the girls promised to make us 2 posters, big ones, for this hotel & the Breakers- to advertise our meeting.

The bathing is most delicious. We persuaded A. Biddle to come in with

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us this morning. Mrs. Brock is quite miserable, has a bad heart and can do almost nothing- is in her room most of the time, poor dear-

Our mail is queer- letters so delayed. I had one from Mother this morning dated Ash Wednesday, but not any from you or the boys since my arrival. I go to the Palm Beach House to ask for mail & and also have left my address with them- they are only 5 min. walk from this house- The hats have not appeared, but I dare say will turn up in

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a day or two.

I am reading The Major, Esther Bradford's book, and shall post it home when I have finished- there is almost no time to read because bathing takes up all the morning & we are busy with doing things about the meetings too- Sunset is like Fairyland- tonight Maxfield Parrish comes, vivid reds & oranges & the palm trees standing out quite wonderfully against the sky- There are

Next day-

Found the hats in my room when I came to bed last night- so glad to have them- thank you a thousand times dear. You were wonderful to leave them so beautifully done up; they

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carried perfectly-

Good bye dear daughter-
Very lovingly
Mother-