

Atlantic City  
July 8th 1880

My darling-

Please appreciate I only wrote to you Sunday and here I am inflicting a letter on you again. To tell the truth it's more for my sake than yours. I want to see you so very much and writing may make you seem nearer. Do you know dear I'm beginning to feel, be-

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cause I haven't heard from you for such ages as if all my letters were dropped down a big hole and you were never going to see them at all. I almost feel as if you were vague and indefinite. I can't explain exactly what I mean, however it will seem very different when I hear from you once more. Well I survived the fourth with [even?] a smaller number of hours than usual, only [two?] this year. Last night Mr. Paul came

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over and we all adjourned to the lot opposite our cottage to let off our fire-works. We had forty three packs of fire-crackers to get rid of. We tied ten packs to a long pole and let them all off at once while Will and Mr. Paul, your Uncle, held the [ends?]. In a fit of absent-mindedness I lit a Roman candle for a blue light, result rather unpleasant. I wrote Howard a long letter Sunday and half an hour

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after mailing it received a postal telling us to direct no more letters to O.L. so my letter will probably be read by the O.L. people. There is a woman knocking at the side door who cannot be persuaded that a McFinch doesn't live here. I am [illegible]ld to pour water on her head but Mother objects. I am so glad, dear, that notice from Mr. Hogan arrived this afternoon. I truly ~~really~~ ~~really~~ didn't know how much I wanted it until it came. Your

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uncle said last night that he expects to go to Catskill the last of this month, the Biddles and Jenkins are going back also Dr. Chippen and Mrs. Hale as you know What glorious times they will have. My hand is giving me little reminders of Roman candles and fire-crackers and perhaps it's [insist?] to stop in time. Good night dearest.

[Ever?] your just-as-boring-as-she-knows-how-to-be.

Daisy

[envelope with stamps addressed]

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