

Sunday -  
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Dear Edward

You are an old dear to write so often but what do you think? Will informed me that mother said you write too often to me do you think so? for I don't. It seems quite a gap between each letter. And any way if you were in town I am sure I would see you twice a week and why on earth can't you write to me as often many times. Of course I can write to you as often as I feel like but I don't think it fair that I should have the state end of the cake all the time -

Don't worry about me forgetting your existence I am convinced I think about it far too much for my own good and whenever there is any thing nice to do I always feel you should be here to enjoy it - (you ask even if I don't).

It must have been very funny for you going to a dance and not knowing any body, I don't wonder you felt lonely - what lovely sitting out places the verandas must have made -

I sint it great to get a check, I got

I got one for \$15. for 3 pairs of curtains  
on Friday I felt so in portent - that I could  
scarcely speak to any one -

Counting this money with what I made  
last summer & also my dividends (ahem!) I  
have quite enough to buy all my winter  
clothes I have got such a nice tailor  
made suit quite plain.

but just a trifle better  
looking than the pictures  
here & then I am getting  
a wonderful black



evening dress - my first one with a  
really low neck effect. It seems so ridiculous  
me in a low neck gown -

I think they give you far too long hours  
you poor dear having to get up at 6 A.M. —  
if they don't give you a holiday sometime  
during the winter they are mean —  
It would certainly be much nicer if you  
could get your meals in the same boarding  
house as your room is in.

Are you really cutting wisdom teeth? for  
I am too, and they are beastly sore.  
I can truly sympathize with you —

3.

I went down on Friday night to see the Sutherland's house just before the dance, it was the dandiest thing. They had one large veranda off the dancing room all enclosed with canvas and then flags draped all over the walls, a beautiful rug on the floor, and quite a number of camp chairs etc. it made an ideal sitting out place. And they had one dear little gallery up stairs done the same way - Every body said it was just a great dance. It would have been quite nice to have gone but I didn't care much as you went there. -

Yesterday day we took our geological excursion to the quarries back of the Angus shops. It was quite interesting we came to a beautiful bank made of the most lovely soft clay I am going down some day soon to get a big basket of it. I think you could make such lovely pots and dishes by moulding it and then painting designs on - What a fascinating place the Angus shops are I would love to see them, don't you love that big carrier they have for lifting heavy things from one place to another.

4.

Did I tell you that Con was burnt out of his hotel at Milo - he ~~wrote~~ <sup>woke</sup> up and saw his don in flames - he ran to the window for he thought this was the only means of escape but after having looked out he decided he would risk the stairs. So he grabbed his vest and trousers and managed to escape. He had scarcely got down when the stairs fell in. Con said it took about 12 minutes for the whole ~~thing~~ <sup>hotel</sup> to burn down -

Then the poor things in nighties & pijamas went to the only other hotel in the place, and the beast of a man who owned it, doubled all his prices. He said he intended to make a haul out of his rivals loss. Poor old Con seems to be made for excitement, but we were awfully glad he escaped with his skin -

Clare has been up at Como for about 5 days and mother and I have been having an awful time with Will. He has just been having one horrible boil after ~~the~~ another. Will is such a brat when he is sick, he would not have any body put on his prowlities but me, so you can imagine I have been kept flying. But I really hope for mother's sake that they are over now -

I made something most exciting on Friday but you won't see it for some time. So don't get excited and curious -

I am enclosing my latest for your dressing table, hope you will like it -

I quite understand how your room works now, the drawings of yourself are sweet -

It is no need for you to thank me for the Standard I thought perhaps it might amuse you. So glad you like my stencil, for I think it is quite nice -

Don't you think it sounds leaned to talk about the "Colorado condition" - As to "Respectfully yours" I just felt like saying it so I did.

I don't think I have got you mixed with any body else just yet -

O! Edward dearest about writing to me you will have to do what you think best you know I love to hear from you whenever you write - But if you think it best not to write to me so often why don't, I will try to bear up for the present -

I don't know why this letter is so messy, so very badly expressed, but it is, please excuse my best love to you "Dear little child of the Slums" and don't get little love - otherwise "Lily" -



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