



The cooks, & they can save you  
a little. Certainly it is not a  
joke to keep house now-a-days.  
We sh<sup>d</sup> have our houses built  
like those in Los Angeles - con-  
serving everything that causes  
extra work - & saves time or  
labour.

Our weather is perfect now  
quite warm - Today the Colly  
is having a coat of white  
paint - put on, & it looks so  
much better even from the  
road - The brown & red part  
is quite good yet. Another  
year the hay may need paint  
at least - the kitchen one - It is  
a case of perpetual renewal &  
it might be quite a pleasure to  
see to it.

I go to the Red Cross wood  
tranquilly fold up gump into  
squares, it is like going back  
to school, & is quite pleasant  
work. I have not seen very  
much of the little boys - between  
Red Cross & the distance, I am  
pacific. But - when they come  
to stay, I will devote myself  
to them - Oh! such millions of  
strawberries in the grass. Little  
Eric can't pick very well, but  
Con. is quite alert - he is not so

skilful at it - as Alice was, she  
was so neat-handed, & chose the  
right - red ones, & no stalks or leaves  
with it -

I brought down a  
new wheelbarrow, so we now  
have two to roll about.

Does the heat - not make you  
feel like having a little speck  
of coal sea air - for yourself &  
the children. I can't teach you  
in at any time - Lily only  
has another week & then she  
knows the ways. she w<sup>d</sup> not  
caunt - I c<sup>d</sup> send you off the  
book of tickets so that you  
c<sup>d</sup> get more at the reduced  
rates - I have not asked any  
one else for July - keeping the  
space for you, in case you  
decide to come. Clare suggests  
how w<sup>d</sup> it be to send the chil-  
dren & nurse - I w<sup>d</sup> love to have  
them, but - I see difficulties.

Surely Edward will take a  
holiday this summer - he cer-  
tainly needs it. I hate to see him  
so thin - He must have enjoyed  
his trip in the motor - I am glad  
he has had some practice. If it  
w<sup>d</sup> be very good for you to  
learn also - I tried to get Clare

to qualify to drive the cripples  
up to their school at Dr Farley's  
hospital, but it did not seem  
to appeal to her =

Yesterday we were told of  
Lidia Savage's engagement. To  
a Mr Van Kirk - I know nothing  
about him - except that he is  
an American - I hope that he  
is all he ought to be - good-  
looking, rich, & fine - I did  
not think she would marry!  
The wedding in September

I'll see why Will was re-  
fused by the Examiners for the  
Army - I wd like to know -  
Has he the right clothes for the  
weather. Do not let him lack  
them - He must need a few  
fresh ties - & socks - & some  
short-under drawers - He has  
not many pairs - I will  
send a cheque any day -  
uncle will be much delighted  
about - the West. Can. I never  
I think it will be good in the  
future - but I have no money  
that I wd pay in on my shares  
so must sell - let them cut  
out the shares - & will sell  
the very few that will be left  
as soon as they bring any price

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you know that Mrs. Hoff's  
wedding was to be on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
& Grace (home on leave) & Silvia  
were to go down to Isaac - di-  
rectly after the wedding - when  
Hoff & Co. were to join them in  
a few days time - & the bride's  
sister & her family - & other as-  
sorted relatives of hers were  
to come & stay to meet the  
new relatives - Silvia seemed to  
feel obliged to fix them all in  
mind - neither she or Grace  
seem to feel at all heart out their  
mother's place being filled -  
The bride is over 50. - dark - not  
pretty, but - pleasant-looking  
& affectionate - not clever or ac-  
complished, or moneyed -

Con. seemed to be deep in the  
whirlpool of Val Cartier - when  
Jimmie heard - his feel not as  
ruined - & any amount of  
work to do - I hope when he is  
settled the work may be less  
straining than it - was last year  
he has had rather much strain  
& I think -

We heard that Naomi made  
a very pretty bride, as one w<sup>d</sup> ex-  
pect - I suppose you have all per-  
ticulars by now -

I hope you will tell us some of them. Do Mr & Mrs Weinslaw Eitend to stay over all summer - Terrance went - like to be in a town, even London, for all the summer days - no doubt - he will be paying visits now with his parents. They have so many relations - & I do hope that Hugh gets his leave & to meet them as arranged -

The hotels are not full here & they say many have written to give up rooms - Mrs Kemmer is very much on our minds nearly all the hotel visitors are strangers to her & she thinks the fault poor - & is not happy such a pity she did not go to Honolulu, with her sister, she urged her to - but - Metis was her own idea - The corner over here quite often - she does not seem able to walk far - & is confused & forgetful - It is truly sad to see her alone -

Did you notice the young man who killed Mr French has been killed - you knew him quite well, I liked him. It is dreadful to hear of so many & of a great - drink of it - will make short work - I fear