



TELEGRAMS FOR HOTEL - - "WOODSDON, LONDON."  
TELEGRAMS FOR VISITORS - - "C/O WOODSDON, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE No. 2536.

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RIDLER'S HOTEL, HOLBORN, E.C  
ROYAL HOTEL, LOWESTOFT.  
GRAND HOTEL, LOWESTOFT.

WOODS' HOTEL,  
WITHIN FURNIVAL'S INN, E.C.

London

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1894.

My dear Clare,

I have been trying  
to write to you for some time  
but my attempts have been  
unsuccessful. Indeed it is  
difficult to answer all the  
letters that I get - this  
morning I got seven, all of  
which will have to be answered.  
The hotel is all upside-down  
to-day, because there is to be  
a big wedding breakfast or  
luncheon here - one hundred  
guests to sit down to table.

I believe the wedding presents are somewhere in the hotel and one of them was sent by mistake to my room - a clock. I thought it was a present for me.

It is sad that we should be scattered to so many points this summer, but you will have to be a mother to the little children and do your best to make them happy and be happy yourself. One is always happier in doing something than in being idle.

If mother remains with Eric then I shall come out after a time and join you at Mt. St. I have attended to

most of the commissions sent  
~~to~~ to me by various little  
 people, and have picked up  
 a few things which will let  
 them see that their old father  
 does not forget them when  
 he is away.

I hope you will find  
 that the will has been made  
 absolutely safe so that no chil-  
 dren can fall into it. Before  
 I left home I wrote down  
 to have it boxed in and ~~now~~  
 doubt this has been done.  
 If the cover is not nailed down  
 a lock should be put upon  
 it. A pump might be got from  
 Sandy Bay. You had better  
 talk to grandpapa about it,  
 or to Mr Luckey if grandpapa  
 is not there.

I hope too that you will find the garden in good order and that the little gardeners will pull up plenty weeds and not pull up the useful and ornamental plants.  
 With love for yourself and all the others

Ever your fond father.

Tell Ruth that I hope to write to her soon.