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Dear Papa,

we are now pretty comfortably settled in this house which is a very nice one, but the parlour is hung round with pictures of the Saints, and the stairs are rather steep ~~and~~ and very far apart, each one being a whole foot above the one before it.

I arrived here rather late and when I was going to bed I went to take a night-gown out of my trunk, & in doing so I knocked over the bottle with my mercury in it, and the stopper came out, and all the mercury got spilt. In unpacking my trunk I collected all the little drops I could find,

but when they were all put together they did not make half a tea-spoonful; so small a quantity is of course no use in taking observations, so I want you to take my keys, which you will find in ~~the~~ the second drawer from the top of my cabinet, and open my cupboard, ~~on~~ on the top shelf of which near the middle at the back, you will find a bottle with mercury in it ~~with~~ which you will oblige me by bringing down. ~~I asked~~ Mama asked Anna to do this but I would rather you would if you have time.

The other day as I was returning from the village, by the shore, I found two full-grown *Modiolae* in good condition, one the common kind, and the other the larger light yellow kind. I hope this will encourage you to bring down your dredge. I remain in haste your affectionate son,  
William.