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My dear Walter,

Thanks for your  
Kind letter of Friday. W &  
Florence seem pretty nearly to  
have concluded their 'exhaustive'  
search for a home before  
consulting us. I was <sup>1</sup>waterily about  
it. I advised W to consult  
Helli's & his father Wank & to  
let them make any arrangements  
for him & draw up proper  
legal agreement the if decided  
on. I have not seen the home  
they have in view, but it is  
entirely new & has not even  
got the walls tinted or papered,  
which alone is enough to  
wake one shiver. It is about

one mile from W's office, in  
 a fairly good part of the town which  
 is supposed to be improving in  
 values. I gather that there is little  
 or no ground about it & I don't  
 see how W is to go home for  
 lunch unless he takes the street  
 cars every day. However he  
 promised to give the owner an  
 answer on Saturday & to  
 my liking by this time concluded  
 his bargain. I took him &  
 Florence to see my first idea of  
 a house - an old low-built  
 square stone substantial house  
 with a veranda all round it  
 & a piece of ground with some  
 trees. You will see what he  
 says in reflection, in his  
 note enclosed. The gas work is

all rubbish, for the house is  
 on the edge of a hill, with a good  
 view of the gas-work is down  
 in a flat part of the town - out of  
 sight. But I fear Florence is  
 determined on a 'modern'  
 house, & when I see it I  
 expect to see it topped with  
 wooden pillars & painted  
 bed-posts. It is naturally  
 open to suspicion for it is  
 built to sell by a builder  
 who makes that sort of thing  
 his business.

I have told Mr that I shall  
 lend him what money he  
 wants with pleasure, so that  
 there need be no bother about

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that I father need not undertake  
to provide any of it.

Wm. says he is feeling much  
better in health. He's been taking  
some sort of tonic which Wright  
prescribed for him. I have  
advised him to change it  
after a while for your claret again,  
of which I gather he has not  
yet consumed nearly half.  
He insisted on taking 'Glo's'  
letter which you sent me to show  
to Florence & promised to  
return it to you, which I  
hope he has done.

Yours  
George

