

Little Notes -  
June 16<sup>th</sup>/06

Dearest Bernard,

as someone  
has written almost every  
day, & there was no special  
news I have not tried to  
write as often as I generally  
do - Ruth is getting to the  
end of her labours, & the  
result - is very good in the  
main, & if you had seen  
the dirt & fly-stains, that  
have been removed with  
some of the old decorations  
you wd feel that it was  
time they went. That old  
fan made of cloth over the  
door of the sitting-room  
was a dreadful rag - The  
nursery is wonderfully im-  
proved, but the bed has not  
yet materialized - Ruth is  
a great worker & has not only  
the ideas, but the grasp of  
detail, & a fair share of me-  
chanical skill also - The

is sighing for a friend, the  
old one is much worse since  
last year. I have been threat-  
ening to auction it off to the  
highest-bidder. Last night  
Wadlands was buried to the  
ground & no one seems to  
know if it is insured or  
not. I am sorry for the Blues  
losing such a profitable  
piece of property.

Mathus & Victor ar-  
rived safely but very late  
about 10<sup>00</sup> - the weather  
is now beautiful. A few  
heavy showers last night &  
today have been fine for the  
gardens.

The Cases have not come  
down yet. I've heard that  
Faurner may appear with  
bread on Saturday - We have  
not been much put-out  
by his non-appearance but  
some of the other people have.  
The Cases are not yet in

their house. When they came  
down, the staircase was  
not even put up. They  
must have a lovely view, we  
hear that Burland wanted  
that lot & Mr Greir had prom-  
ised him water, but will  
not give it - to Capin. I also  
hear that Mr Thompson is quite  
himself again, & able to attend  
to business, made the speech  
at an <sup>annual</sup> meeting of a hospital  
late - He had a bad attack  
of jaundice & when it pas-  
sed off, he was quite well &  
all the distress gone - What a  
wonderful relief -

A paper came telling of  
Matthewson's appointment as  
director to all the Anacanda  
works. That must be a fine  
position, & no doubt liberating.  
I trust Clara will not have  
much trouble about a hour-  
maid - Lucy sh<sup>d</sup> be made to  
clearly understand that it is  
dishonourable to break an en-  
gagement, & never safe to tell lies

I wd willingly write to her, but  
being at a distance may not  
come in at a suitable time

Victor & Ruth are off golfing  
the first time for Ruth -

Soon you sh<sup>d</sup> have news  
from Conrad his exams  
must surely be over this  
week - or early next.

I sincerely wish that  
you c<sup>d</sup> have a talk with  
Sir William - he lives too  
much with his own ideas  
& those who applaud & flatter  
him without having the  
courage to withstand him  
now & again - He is a just  
man - I c<sup>d</sup> think over  
new aspects if he only had them  
presented to him. Poor  
Peterson - he is having a hard  
time -

As to Mr Fleet - & the doctor  
I think he has allowed his  
prejudice against Farber to  
singularly blind his reasons  
of course. Mutter has been a  
good student - all through -  
but that does not give him

experience, or even common  
sense - he is anything but a  
favorite with those who  
have studied with him.  
& it is absurd to think that  
having him till Sept 10<sup>th</sup>  
can be at all as gaud, as  
Farles for 6 weeks & Cushing  
to fill up - both men of good  
standing - Fancy mother or  
Mrs Ingleton, as a bad acci-  
dent depending on young  
Mutter - In any case we shall  
hope not to require his services

I had hoped for my bank  
book to come down with  
Victor but letters take long  
in going - If I don't get it  
by Laist, I will send you a  
cheque in any case to help  
out, but I wd rather know  
what there is first -

I have only about \$6.00 left  
here - \$3.15 freight - this  
matraess which had to be done  
over - supplies of eggs for sum-  
mer & the usual reinforce-  
ment of the establishment -  
Washing & the buy buy of fish &  
meat & so on - Even my small

share of the family have pretty good appetites: The floor of our room looks better than I had hoped for since it has had a good scrubbing with lye & a good airing.

We have not used the up-stairs at all till Victor came but we shall have it ready for the pilgrims on Friday evening:

No maple sugar to be got in the place. I had intended to make some syrup as jam was not: Sorbus-harb is our one resort; it certainly is very good:

The oriental poppies just run on - Kullu has done a lot of watering - the little forget-me-nots are in perfection the island poppies not quite as fine as usual:

I don't seem to have any serious reading, & one or two books I found in the library catalogue here. cannot be found. It is too bad to let those books go to loss as they are doing -

Our nobles has notified Ruth that he has sent down the embroidery for her to pick out the piece she will do. I am sorry she has been uninvited into having anything to do with the thing she has quite enough of plain duties on her hands for the present - however perhaps she will get some one to help her out.

The Dawson's here made no more for any boat & I am told that Cecil has not begun our punt, shall I countermand it - It does not seem to me likely to be much use if not even on the way - I have not spoken to him as I thought he might hurry to begin it. The old <sup>one</sup> ~~one~~ saw paddle about, or it <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ last year we have not had it out - but if none of the boys have a boat, it will throw them rather on social amusements I fear - I told Tom to try & get some one to look out for a second hand boat - but he does not seem to have done so -

Be sure you remind him to  
call on Mrs M - as he will  
not think of it - I sh<sup>e</sup> is so  
keen about these little things

With much love, dear  
& hoping that you begin  
to see an end to the work &  
worry -

yours lovingly  
Anna

Cor's golf clubs are in  
the cupboard in the log room  
where my dresses hung. Clara  
will know, I intended to put  
them in his room before I  
left - but forgot to do so.