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My dearest Parkine

It was a very great relief to me, last Thursday, when I saw your handwritten, addressed to your father, done also only in pencil. I have not told him of your illness. I was rather anxious as to how it would affect him, but he has not realized how ill you have been as you may infer by a letter you will receive at some time with this. I am glad of this for his own sake, & when one's heart is bleeding with

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pain & anxiety it is hard to listen
to much talk on the subject. But
I as well as he must thank you
for the experiment, truly kind
& sympathetic you send to him. This I
think he did really appreciate.
He seemingly continues about as well
as when he returned from Mexico &
is decidedly improved compared with
last winter. My present cause of
anxiety is that twice within a week
or two he has had a sinking feeling
as if passing away. & he himself attributes
this to heart failure. He has been free
for a long time from Convulsion fits.

I am very very glad on account
of the great pain you have so long
suffered I fear, my dear Mrs. May,
that you may still be suffering, as the
trouble seems to be of a tenacious character
reluctant to heal. Do tell me dear Mrs.
about it. What an aggravation it
is that dear Mr. G. should also be ill &
unable to soothe or cheer you as I
know she yearns to do. I hope the following
proposition may be too late to be acted
on, but it has occurred to me that speak-
ing-tube or telephonic communication could
easily be constructed between you, by Indian
rubber piping, or wire or tightness cord
with a drum. I know there are

thy Contrivances of the latter kind &
 this act to hate & gave me, as well have
been a great Comfort. One great joy
 must be that of 2^d - dueling, healthy, happy,
unconscious of trouble being. Caring
 & smiling & thus comforting as she only
can. While my great is that of bringing
gave into the presence of our Common
Father - the God whose name is that
 of Love, Light & Wisdom; led by our
Intercessors who pleads with me for
 2^d - recovery to health & thus we may have
joy in the renewal of spiritual life that
will bring forth fruits of righteousness.
 This desire takes many forms of expression

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per during the day, & the waking hours
of the night, for many words I read,
or hear & often things that occur
bring grief & grief pain before me
& my prayer goes up in answer with
the suggestion. Dear Elo too is asso-
ciated with grief for I have much
sympathy also with & for her. In
very much she writes she shows
a lovely spirit of love & unselfishness.
that will awaken a spiritual interest
so that my affections naturally go out
to her.

We are still plodding slowly through
Guinness' "light on the dark days" & our

interest in it is unabated, only
 the present-day history-making is so ex-
 citing that a considerable share
 of the time given per reading is used
 by the detective newspapers. George
 sends us both the "Graphic" & the weekly
 "Times", & we can give up the
 dear humble old "Witness", a copy of
 which I send by this mail to give
 some idea of the magnificent fittings
 & equipment of the new Chenieres build-
 ings. I regret that Bernard's private
 office is not shown. It is so large
 & handsome & its furniture so choice
 & good. His desk, with its numerous
 drawers, pigeon-holes & noble conveniences
 amounts to an antique museum

Silkworth Donald

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He has also a telephone wh commu-
nicates with every separate room in
the extensive building. As well as with
the (or some of the) buildings adjoining.
I think it is all but am not sure.
The Turkish donas, I am sorry to say,
has had a bad "shaking up". It happened
nearly a month ago, then he went
to go into the attic to look at the fan
there, then vented the building & when
nearly at the top of a movable ladder
it slipped on the newly polished brass
wound floor, & those who know the
height are surprised that he was not
more seriously hurt. Still he has pain
& stiffness above the groin & does not
look so fresh as before the accident.

