

Watch Hill 2 Aug

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My dearest Loulie,

I have just received you letter written after your arrive at home & send you a few lines by this mail – I also telegraphed you this morning.

You can imagine my astonishment and regret when on arriving at the hotel last night (we had been detained by calms over at Sag Harbor) to learn the sad news about your father & your sudden & necessary departure. I can only express to you my sorrow & sympathy in this trial. I trust however that his splendid [?] & great natural strength will carry him safely through it yet. I fear Mrs. [C?] [?] [?] [?] sickness his fatigue & the very hot weather has at last broken [text missing] his [?] endurance. How fortunate that Frank is at home & the children are very well & very very [sic] good – Jamie [?] had meals with me & is as good as possible & I take him a good deal of the time. I told Ellen of her baby's whooping cough – but did not check it [?] today it had been so sick. She is excellent & is quite [?] at Mrs. Hale – she says she got along so well with the two children – as to whooping cough here she says she knew long ago of a family – from some hotel – in which there had been whooping cough but she knew the nurse by sight & had always [?] on the beach & even when she knows of no case in the Larken or our house – I have not seen or heard a child with it since I have been here so I don't think there is any danger.

I will thank the [?] all over as to removal from here & write you about it & if I can be of any help to you or your father telegraph me & I will [text missing] on at once – I must close as I fear to lose the mail.

With best love

Your aff

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