

Monday [19 February 1900
Washington,]1739, I Street

My dear Mary,

I am thinking of you all the time -- & wondering who you have with you -- & how you are getting on! We have had a touch of blizzard – in the shape of snow for two days - & now miserable slippery walking – so I am afraid to attempt it. Of course the parents were well out of the reach of this rough weather - & no doubt enjoying the balmy southern sea air. I hope your mother was feeling well before she started? May fears you misunderstood her letter about the ulster as you have returned it to her. She could not wear it – as she cannot wear anything heavy or long of account of her very weak back – so she gave it to Ethel to take home & see what could be done with it. It is much too handsome not to be put in use – so May will return it to you again – as you may know of some one who can use it. She will write you about it - & fully appreciates your kindness in sending it to her – as I do also. It is becoming a perfect gale today & we have so many visits to pay. {Carles ?} has a bad cold & I do not like to take him out, which is a nuisance. Ethel is here for a few days & seems to have enjoyed her visit to N York, Philad^{ia} & Baltimore & looks all the better for them. I am truly glad that Lent is so near, but the invitations came in almost the same – 4 or 5 weeks ahead. The Pauncefote's [sic] must be worn out. We went to see Lilian's [sic] presents yesterday. They are perfectly beautiful & of all kinds – and from every place. I wish you were here for the wedding next Saturday. How is Louise getting on & how long is she going to stay? Any hope of your coming to us whilst she is away? If you were at H Hill or any quiet place, I might be tempted to go & stay with you for a couple of weeks while you are alone – just to see you or have change & rest, but Craft Ave is too gay for that purpose. May & Ethel join me in love & in hoping you are altogether well again.

Lovingly

HLJ

Write soon.

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