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Dearest Nelle:

I was so interested to receive your letter and to know that your trip is proving ^{so} delightful. This is a wonderful time to be in that balmy spot. The weather all over this country has been very cold of late.

From what you say it must be beautiful down there and being with people you enjoy means so much. I'm awfully glad you could go.

I was glad to hear you had two nice young men in your Memphis home. They are very lucky to be there. I think they will not be wanting to leave. The return you are getting seems reasonable to me. You won't make much on them but it will help buy supplies & come in handy.

Nelle, my dear, it gives me so much satisfaction to think that George left you ample resources so that you do not have to change your whole scale of living. I'm glad the children too are well provided for. The girls though have husbands & Howard is a man. The most important thing is for you to be well taken care of and you are.

Dear George, his thoughts and plans were always for others. All his life he was doubtless thinking & planning for that one thing - to see that his family was well cared for! I don't like to bring a sad note into this letter, but always when I think of him, I feel how much we all had to lose when he left us & my heart is sad.

A letter from Alfred tells me ~~his~~ he is going to New York the last of March & will stop by for two days with us, which will be a fine event.

Bradford & Dorothy are going to move further out into the suburbs in Bethesda having bought a house out there & about five lots. It's a very sweet two story Colonial, sort of farm type. It needs so much to be done to it. But they are young & full of courage & have real gusto for the undertaking. They are going to sell the house they are in which is proving to be harder than they thought it would be.

Don't you love sea bathing? I do. I can swim only a little on my back, but I love to sit & be at the water's edge & have the waves lap over me. The salt water always seems very invigorating. You will be flying back ~~but~~ of course. I have never been timid about flying but there were so many disasters about the time you went I was

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relieved to hear from one of the girls that you had arrived in safety.

You'll be glad to see your family again I know. I always feel that about the best thing about taking a trip is getting home.

Howard & Nancy are thrilled I am sure over their baby son. Isn't it splendid the baby is a boy to carry on the Tayloe name - the only one in our branch of the family too!

I hope business responsibilities are not weighing heavily on Howard. I'm sure he is meeting them ably. These are very uncertain times. I hope none of the conditions are giving him anxiety.

Things are quite lively in Washington ~~now~~ just now. I find myself not caring too much about parties or entertaining these days. I've been trying to get up ~~steam~~ steam to give a big party which I must do before long, but everything is so difficult. My cook is fat & slow & can't execute any unusual affair. It's hard to get in competent people, hard to get food & hard to pay for it on a big party scale. I found I couldn't have a tea or reception at the Mayflower for less than \$5.00 a person, not including flowers, tips etc. - and only limited & inexpensive cocktails. I mean limited to one kind.

Yesterday I went to a reception for the new Ambassador of India. It was very glamorous indeed. Many women there in native costume added charm & interest. One of these women with sleek black hair & black eyes wore a long oriental draped costume, very becoming to her brunette style of beauty. I engaged her in a little chat (there were about 800 people there) & remarked how fluently she spoke English. She replied "Well I should, I was brought up in New York City." She said "I'll tell you I'm fat and middle-aged & this costume becomes me, so I wear it." I asked no questions but assume that her husband was in some way connected with the embassy - may be an Englishman. Some of these Indian women wear jewels in their noses. I know one who has a diamond fastened in her nose - & some on their foreheads.

Please remember me to Mr. & Mrs. Norcross whom I remember well - at Nelle Mickey's dinner particularly - at the Country Club (You remember such a lovely dinner). I've heard you speak of a St. Louis friend. It's so nice that you have a congenial four-some.

I'll be waiting for news of your return home.

Devotedly, Nelle
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