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Dear Mrs Warner —

For a well regulated household such as Mrs Bos's it is surprising how very small is the margin of time, if a few extra visitors come, or an unwelcome visitor such as a cold happens along. Both of the above have come & gone during the past month and right now we are in the throes of packing trunks, buying in summer necessities that cannot be procured in Peterborough, and putting away a few

of your mother's ² prize possession
that we would not come to
lease to the woman who
is closing up house -

House closing has been refused
when speaking of it - regarding
936 now, and three years
ago, when we left this apt.
for Petersburg with every room
literally sealed up. all
of that we lease to the
woman who is very reliable
& Mrs. John will kindly
supervise. Just the less
we have our hands full
to get off without any rush
or forgetting anything that should
be done -
Your mother since my

Last winter has had a cold.
 It was a bit nasty while
 it lasted, then during the
 convalescent period of it, she
 got a spell of depression
 which is nothing new and
 which somehow we cannot
 do anything about. At a
 time like that she feels
 she is ill, when is really
 is not, and likes attention
 and a nice little fussing
 over. Mrs Daly & myself
 did all in our power
 to direct her though etc.
 but we did not have
 Mr John to call upon
 as in the past, Mr John

did all she could and
 it helped tremendously, as
 also did Mr Jack's daily
 visits. Then Mr John
 had to go East for a
 few days as his brother was
 ill and could not come to
 her, so one day Mrs Bar
 asked to see Mr Edmonds
 & wanted him to send
 for Mr Robt. It seems
 Mr Robt was much more
 ill than we were told
 and also he was very
 busy getting his wife
 moved from the ranch
 as the heat was getting
 too intense. He, had some
 (Mr Edmonds)

talk with her & she then had
 him wire Mrs Kendall, who
 could not come as Mrs
 Brandt was confined to her
 bed, but, Mrs Casalis came
 on the first train & was
 here in 24 hrs - Your
 Mother never told us, she
 was lonesome or that she
 was missing, as her mood
 was not so good, so I
 knew nothing about it till
 the Dr came in & said
 "I hear you people are lonesome
 & are wiring for company."
 Needless to tell you if I
 knew your mother's state
 of mind I would have

wired you. On the heels of his statement came a telegram stating Mrs. Casalis would be here at 9 o'clock next morning. Anyway the visitor with some news from elsewhere did the good work of restoring some tranquil thoughts and thereby filling in the emptiness & loneliness of her ~~sorrow~~ heart, in nursing her dear John. It is marvellous the courage of your mother, when we realize how much she depended upon his counsel and comforting presence. Another less strong would have been crushed completely -

I
this has been written by
installments. Since starting
this almost a week ago the
boys and Miss Hunter paid
us a 2 day visit enroute to
Peterborough, Mr. Robt arrived
the day after they left, stayed
over the week end, and is
now in Peterborough or Boston
ready to see Edith & Perkins
when they see thru school.
It seems Edith has but
one day between school
closing and sailing for
Europe.

The little boys were
quite stimulating. Their
father and mother was not the
only person that enjoyed

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seeing them chase from one
part of the apartment to the other
end, always as mischievous as
only 6 + 7 year olds can be.
They are line wires and if
we all felt shaken up to
out a wee bit, it was all
a pleasant feel. Then
Mr Pitt & your mother spent
a very happy quiet weekend
and everything is serene
in our house now. Your
mother acts as a thermometer;
if she is happy, we all
are & when she does not
feel quite herself, we all
seem to react to that feeling
too.

It is Thursday and we

have our ⁹ reservations for
Petersborough for Tuesday next
June 16th. I am writing
in your room, and it
is strewn all over with
dresses, coats, umbrellas,
Shoes, Woolballs, & blankets.
Miss Ellen Smith is here for
Dinner & Miss Daly has
gone off for the afternoon
the spring shopping was
quite a success. It included
2 dresses, a satin coat, 15
hats with them, 2 hats —
a panama, & white felt.
new pair of shoes, and
all the accessories such as
stockings, gloves, etc.
Miss Beause has

written that she would like
to come to see Mrs Bass
So we expect to see her
soon after we are settled
in Peterborough

The White Cottage
folks are going to
Peterboro ahead of us. Molly
& Miss Whittle are quite
competent to take care of
them, so they will be
there & I know Mrs
Nendall will give your
Mother a nice welcome
home. of course Mr Pat
shall be there too. He
is sending his cars to
Worcester to meet us

Everything is arranged quite nicely & now that Mr Rbt. is in the East Mrs Bass is anxious to be there too.

I am urging her to go see Mrs Porter, as Mrs Porter is not able to come see her anymore, but she sends Miss Mosfields once each week and always sends along some lovely flowers, or a squat, or some lovely thought, which seem so characteristic of her kind make up. As all appointments are finished now dentists, foot Dr's etc there is no excuse, so I



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am praying Mr Weather will
keep on smiling and
perhaps tomorrow she will
go. It is not that she
does not want to go but,
it is to get her mind
ready to accept the thought
& do it & feel she is happy
to go, rather than go as a
sense of duty, that I work
up to it, by telling her how
much her sister would like
to see her & how she must
always be thinking about
her, when she sends such
beautiful flowers each week,
& I tell her that when Mrs
Poston was able to walk better
she always called on her,
& now it was her turn to

do the calling. We also
 have a book, that she
 feels her sister would like.
 It is a "Harold Bell Wright
 Story" and I use the pretext
 of going out with that
 book before leaving for the
 East. So at last we
 are to go tomorrow (weather
 permitting.) I use "we"
 when in fact I am not
 going at all, but, we have
 been talking about going
 so long, and we do so
 much things together
 dressing + undressing
 moving + packing that I
 use this term of speech
 most of the time in relation

to our activities

I shall not trust myself
to leave this until I find
for fear of its being
done up in Wethballs
or sent to Exeter with some
shoes to Peterborough.

Mrs Bar tells me you
are quite busy on your
Museum work. Don't
work too hard.

I shall send you a
night message on our
arrival in Peterborough

With kindest regards
to you, from Lillie Tallon