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My own dearest Father,

Nothing of any importance has happened since last I wrote to you some 12 or 14 days ago by the Vancouver mail. And I have no letters in particular to answer because for the very good reason that I haven't heard from you since last I wrote. I'm afraid I haven't got much news for you either in this epistle. I have made a few more observations of the methods of Teddy Roosevelt & the Grafters & I intended to write you about them, but on second thoughts I came to the conclusion that they might make uninteresting & dull reading - especially as you will most probably read all about them in your American papers. There is one in particular I wish you to look up & that

is the Loomis-Bowen Affair, & if that doesn't appeal to you as the biggest bit of political gobbery ever happened on this globe — I would like to know what is. Roosevelt has lost many friends & supporters through it. America is the home of political gobbers — Mr. Cummings — Geo Clark, Geo Foster, & in fact every one I have talked to, all say the same. Mr. Cummings says it is getting worse & worse. Many people have said to me, "what a deep interest you Australians must take in your politics to keep them as open & clean as they are". Alden, in our office, who is a politician or rather takes a great interest in politics told me that the Americans only consider politics every 4 years — that is at a presidential election — they are too busy coining dollars all the rest of the time. I would love to have you over here with me for a while & you would die laughing at all the queer things that go on. Wait till I come home & I will give you American politics, till your side ache with laughing.

I have been working for the past fortnight on the John Hancock Building — which when finished will be the largest & the best office bld in Boston — not the highest — the Ames B'ld is still the highest. It is ⁶⁻¹⁴ built entirely on the steel frame system. & is quite a bit of engineering. I am taking a great interest in it & am getting on to the steel construction very well. As I never did so much mathematics in all my life before I get somewhat of a cob web on the brain by five o'clock, but once I get out of the office it doesn't take long to clear off. Graphic Statics a thing I hardly heard of in Tasmania I am getting quite familiar with, and as for formulae for calculation of stresses & strains & that of their resistances — well I'm chock full of them.

I was wondering to day, as to whether Alec was still with you, & whether he had got a boat yet. It will be nice if he gets a boat that calls pretty often at Hobart. Wont it? How is Mr. Salice (ca) getting on — I have

sent him several post cards, but I must write to him very soon. I use the knife he gave me dozens of times every day, sharpening pencils & cutting papers etc & I very often think of him when I am using it. Give him my very best wishes when he comes to Rosebank again, if you please! I was awfully glad to hear of Anew winning his case before the full court, I expect by the time I come back he will be in full swing & doing all sorts of big things.

" " " For an account of my giddy doings I will refer you to Mother's letter. I have given her about all the news there is. Hope to have more to write to you about next time.

With very best love & lots of it to Mother & yourself, and to all the family

Believe me

Your own
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