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"The Gardner"

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My dearest Father,

I have just finished writing several American letters and I thought I would start one to you to-day and leave it, to be finished up on Sunday.

And last week I received a letter from you that came via England - it was dated April 1 - so was really older than those I got the week before via Vancouver which were dated

April 12. All the same I was awfully pleased to get it.

To-day is Decoration Day - so of course we have a holiday. All the boys of the house went off to various places & I have been alone all day. This morning I took a walk up to Central Park & saw all the children holding their May Parties - hundreds of them - and then I walked over to Riverside drive to see the parade. Came home by way of Fifth Avenue. This afternoon I spent reading & letter writing.

It has been a glorious day - warm & sunny - the first decent day we have had for months & months.

It was bitterly cold here - the end of last week & the first few days of this week. In Utica (N.Y. State) they had two inches of snow, and out in Michigan they had 5 inches - & remember this is the end of May. I saw in to-day's paper that the boss weather liar (prophet) of N.Y. says that we are going to have a very hot summer - well there's one consolation, if it is to be so terribly hot it can't last long because the summer is about half over.

Have been working pretty hard during the past week - it has been six o'clock & after every night before I

left the office. The two bosses are out most of the time & I have to look after the other fellows besides doing my own work. I have to do the whole shooting match in this office - design - construction - details & everything else - of course it is good experience but it is very tiring, having to jump from one thing to another all day. Most of their work is domestic stuff - small houses - both city & country work.

I think I will try & get out to Juico in the Fall - there ought to be some good openings out there - though a great many draftsmen flocked out there soon after the earthquake & fire. I have seen

wondering lately whether it would be wise
for me to return to Australia this
year or not. I don't see that it
would be much use my staying in
Hobart to work for some one else - the
offices there can't afford to pay more
than £2 - or £2.10 or £2.15 at the
most per week - at least I should'nt
think so - Of course I sh^d be very
glad to be back in Hobart - but I
would'nt want to loaf round there on
£2.10 a week. I have'nt written to
Douglas Sahier yet - I think I will wait
till I have Dr Clarke's plans ready
to send out to him (Sahier) to look after.
Of course if he wanted a partner
then it might be different.

I forwarded Dr Clarke a revised scheme

for his house some six weeks ago
I ought to hear from him again in
two or three weeks I guess.

I will probably go & call on Prof. Moore
tomorrow night - I haven't been to see
them for some weeks.

The Washburns are very anxious for me
to go up to Fairfield & stay a couple
of weeks with them this summer - but
I won't get a vacation unfortunately.

Helen is as bright as ever! I got
a photo post card from her this morning
in my letter - in the snapshot she
is riding her horse & reinabout
- they all call the reinabout & horse
her's - but I guess it really belongs
to her father. Well now I guess

I will wait till Sunday to finish up.

Sunday June 2nd

Show me the villain who said - "What
is so rare as a day in June" -

Bring me the cursed verse makers
who wrote about lovely June weather

I'll fix them so that they will all be
looking two ways for Sunday!

Friday was quite warm & sunny (also
Thursday) Saturday was muggy - & a

day is cold - wet - windy & damnably
generally. I bought a straw hat

yesterday - I had been hanging on to
my old black derby for weeks & weeks

after I should have discarded it -

waiting for some sunny weather -

& when I do get the hat - after 3 fine

days - this is what happens

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I got a note from Prof. Moore on Friday asking me up to eat with them to-day. I guess I will go - but I hate to have to venture out in this awful weather.

Nothing exciting has happened since Decoration Day - Worked all yesterday (Saturday) afternoon - in this office (Kafka & Lindenmyer) we are supposed to work till 3 o'clock - but I was interested in a job I had on hand & forgot all about time, it was after five o'clock when I left the office.

I don't think I answered your enquiry in my last letter - about any book published on the Thaw Trial. No book has been published so far - and I doubt very much if there will be. I saw yesterday in the Times that two of

Thaw's counsel got fees of \$100,000.

I believe Thaw is going to have an entirely new set of counsel for his second trial - only O'Reilly - his own lawyer will be retained.

Perhaps the most astonishing thing about the whole case was that Jerome (the state prosecutor) applied for a lunacy commission to pass on Thaw's sanity - Jerome in making his application stated in court that he was perfectly convinced that Harry Thaw was insane - was not responsible for his actions & ought not to go on trial - Well when his application was denied he turned round & fought like a tiger to send the man to the electric chair. I could not understand his attitude at all.

Well it is 12.30 - so I suppose I
must stop now & get ready to go
up to the Moore's.

I trust your winter is not as dis-
agreeable & cold as our summer
is!

Try best love in to all the clan
lots for mother & yourself

Yours lovingly

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