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My dearest Father

The last Australian Mail brought me a lovely long letter from you, also four newspapers, besides letters from Mother, Anew, Ethel and some cards & letters from friends - I had quite a bundle, when they arrived at the office there was great rejoicings, and some of the fellows got a big basket put half a dozen bricks in the bottom & then put my letters & papers etc on top to cover up the bricks, & six of them all got round the basket & carried it down to my table, struggling and tottering as tho' it was a terrific weight & when they reached me they dropped it with a big sigh & gasped for breath. They thought this was an immense joke - they certainly were very funny & I had to laugh myself. Mulchay - who has been in the office for 20 years says he doubts if he ever remembers anyone getting such a big mail at one time - in that office.

About the information I gave Chambers in my letter to him, re Professors Warren & Norton. I think if I remember correctly I told you I had met them, but I did not say any thing about the rest

Because Chambers' letter was written  
 the day I met them - some 10 days  
 ahead of yours & as I had not  
 seen or heard of anything of them  
 in the interval I thought I would  
 wait till things were more definite.  
 They are all still away on their vacation  
 so I have 'nt seen anything of them since.  
 There are two in fact three Prof. Warrens  
 at Harvard 1. John Collins Warren M. D.  
 L. L. D. (Eng) Moseley Prof of Surgery. 2.  
 Minton Warren Ph. D. LL.D. Prof of Latin and 3.  
 Herbert Langford Warren A.M. Prof. of Architecture  
 The Boston Architectural Club has closed  
 up for the Summer but they will  
 open again in the Autumn with  
 a series of lectures on Modern Office  
 Buildings. Shepley Rutan and  
 Coolidge or Simply Rotten and  
 Foolish, as they are known as  
 to all draughtsmen in Massachusetts,  
 are not known as a liberal firm,  
 in fact they are quite the reverse.  
 They have got a big name of course  
 as Architects and a great number  
 of fellows when they leave Harvard  
 or the Mass. Inst. of Tech. go in  
 there for a couple of years with-  
 out any pay - there are 5 very  
 fair draughtsmen - good they  
 would be called in Australia,  
 working there now for O. Two  
 of them have been there for 2  
 Years too.

There are others there only getting \$20 & \$25 a month who have been there for some years (3 or 4). Of course I don't say that these are brilliant men - but they are very fair. The only men who get only sort of good pay in that office are Shalluck, Mulchay, French & Alden, & Wright. Shalluck & Mulchay both came on with them from Richardson's office <sup>20 years ago</sup> & they get about 250\$ a month each. French & Alden have been with the firm 16 years & Wright has been with them for about 12 years. Then the others go anywhere between \$20 a month up to \$75 or perhaps \$150. Lou were asking me about Mr. Putan & the fellows in the office - well I have never spoken to Mr. R yet altho' I've seen him dozens of times every day. He is a short little fellow with a grey beard & is a regular Yankee. Does'nt have much to do with the office - he is no architect & fortunately he knows it & leaves all the designing etc to Coolidge & he just attends to the business part of the show. Then as to the rest of the draughtsmen - well there are all sorts & sizes, three <sup>or more</sup> are from the Mass Inst of Tech & a like number

are from Harvard. They are all  
 nice - some of them very much so.  
 A youth by the name of German  
 aged about 30 is my particular  
 chum - a smart draughts man  
 & has travelled all over Italy France  
 & Germany & so is a very interesting  
 chap. A real good sort too. Some  
 are religious - Christian Endeavours  
 & Bible Thumpers of all descriptions  
 and others again go to Prize Fights  
 for their amusement. We have Irish  
 Scotch Swedes(?) English, American  
 Canadians & Germans. So you  
 will see there is any amount of  
 variety. The strangest part about  
 the whole show is that out of  
 24 draughts men in that office  
 only 5 of us are unmarried -  
 you will no doubt be puzzled to  
 know how fellows on no salary  
 or on \$50 a month can keep a  
 wife - well so am I - Several  
 of them have got private means  
 I know - but I suppose the  
 others have too or else they married  
 money. Marrying money seems  
 to be the thing over here - all  
 the fellows are on the look out  
 for a girl with money - this  
 is no joke but a true bill.



A very wretched spirit I think myself, but nevertheless every-body seemed to do it - or want to do it.

Living out here at Irving Street is not all the joy I thought it was going to be - it is too lonely & costs me more than it would to live in Boston. In many ways I will not be sorry when the Cummings family return at the end of September & I go into diggins in Boston. I will now of course have to remain here till the C.'s return. I am going to ~~an~~ enclose a washing list for you to submit to Mother I have put down on it how much I have done per week - it mounts up each week & I am wondering whether I change my togs to often. <sup>Who</sup> You will see that it comes to 87 cents. Anything white gets terribly dirty - these large cities are so dreadfully smoky.

Dr. Soul has just returned to the Hub & hunted me up at the office some days ago. I had him out to eat with me the other night. He has taken a room on Columbus Avenue size about 12 x 14 which he pays 6\$ per week for - no food in with it. Of course Columbus Avenue is in a nicer street I think than ~~the~~ Beacon Chambers and

the room is larger - the \$4 rooms at the latter place are only 9 x 11. He eats round about at various Restaurants & he tells me it cost him from 90 to 110 cents a day for food. He told me that he received a letter from you while he was in Buda Pest.

I wonder if Alec will still be with you when this reaches you - or whether he will have gone off on some boat. He is a real hard case Alec. I am very anxious to learn what boat he goes on.

For an account of my amusements I will refer you to the letters of Mother and the rest of the family. From Mother's letter you will learn that I had occasion to visit the D<sup>r</sup> which little stunt cost me \$2. But I reckon it was wisely spent.

Now my dear Father I will bring my letter to a close, but before I do so, let me tell you how anxiously I am waiting for tomorrow to come so that I will get all the home letters. With my very best love & lots of it

Believe me

Your own Con.