Hobart. 14th May 1892.
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Dear Eva,

I have been having a delightful week this week, for the interpolation of Kauger Hall. Every day at dinner gives a sort of impressiveness as if one had been into the country. The weather went won on Tuesday.

You can imagine what a rush it was getting her started. Snell's car was loaded with baggage as well as human beings, my Mother, My Sister, and Us. Sent them at the Kurri Steam of course the mother stayed in the Cab all the time. I was left landed at Mrs. Smith's, leaving Smith just time to get back with her cab to the Museum for the last trip. The poor little mother seemed very knocked up and had to lie down and rest though as she had only had an ordinary cab drive, I think a good deal of her fatigue is the result of her idea that she had accomplished rather a big expedition. I stayed...
To be got back by the 7 boat.

Since then, have been going over to dinner every day by the half past 2. Staying getting back to office before 6.

The place is exactly the same as when you were over there last, mother the same furniture & monkey, the same pictures on the walls. Nor you all as good natured & kind as ever.

The smell is however, improving. The other ladies have cheered up. It is to have a dinner board. She declared a town. Have been over there very little indeed since the mother was last over years ago. and it is odd to find almost the same people going on in the disarray just the same as then. Forgot to say that on Sunday, we went over to Katie Insetta's to call on Bernard. He's a little shite. Looks Nantucket but very robust, but seems to be having trouble.

Tuesday at Nantucket I felt lean to be doing the mother good, but she still suffers a great deal from pain of indigestion or flatulence, which got very bad before the week over to the...
Point. She goes up and down on an extraordinary way; looking wretched during one of her attacks of illness. Rain and then in a few minutes, when it goes off, quite cheerful. I am told the change will do her good, but it is difficult for her to object to anything. She has at last taken to wine, the doctor having ordered her "Portuguese," which she likes quite well, which agrees with her.

She is now on the Point, and has just started for the 400 boat. I went to the Beach to day to send Mrs. Millie. Mrs. Millie has come back from Sydney. We are all going over to the Point House to dinner. Shall probably go to see her the afternoon. They say her health is much better than last year, she is looking well and taking exercise. She has been on the Beach a little too much for the weather. She is getting older and out of round with the wind. I told Artie Hallock to take the class. He has the 1st class and is very much liked. He is one of the few fellows whom I know that improve with age, probably because he has such unfiniteness of character and honesty of intention. I know no one who has developed so much for the better.

Just before Jack left yesterday, there was a ring at the bell. I swear I interviewed the residence. I came in to tell me that Mr. Henry Reed had called. I had heard that him many weeks ago. He was to return to New York, I had called him to say as to be the first to speak as the wanted to discuss our art teacher for her school. I wrote him a note that the Paris art professor will not want the offer of future salary. Your answers about your sketch, as they say, prevent. Before you went to Paris, I will interview James A. L. on Monday. And you can write to him. If not, it is a shame. Write a few lines
From anxiety about his business of the difficulty of meeting his engagements in the depression. In an hour or two, the man came in and told the same story. I am thankful to say that our business is doing well in spite of bad times. I think we have done quite as well, if not better than before the dissolution, and we certainly have as much to do as we can manage. Poor Mrs. Burt's place is all again thankful to be done up. New Norfolk again. It is very sad for them all. Mr. Morden is to be married soon. Thelma is looking out for a house. He asked me about Helmer's, but told him I thought it would be too big to suit for them. If I could afford what would be equivalent to a
Dreadful storms have occurred, would not mind going to Hull.
Have been asked to lecture at Lancaster, but declined.
There’s a lecture there is the "Pearl Harbor" one. I didn’t think that would be popular in Lancaster. I haven’t time to work up another one. I’m not sure which would be better.

Don’t think I can say much about the Collin’s picture of course you would want to hear from life out of doors, but it is the beauty of costume and setting. It’s a scene from a time that you want to make the models appear as they were in that period, so as to be able to produce that when you get back. It would be easy to dress models appropriately if you knew what the dress of the period was.

Henry Clarke has been very busy, looks quite well. I am glad to say that he has turned his attention to a new project for some weeks now. He is gradually getting better but I fear there is something wrong for some right in his state of health. There is great talk of an exhibition here in 1874. He is prepared to put it up in the Parliaement House near the Battery or in the Barracks Square. Of course if they decided on the Barracks, they would have to pull down a lot of the old buildings. Some people propose putting up a large central building for a new Parliament House. adjoining the entrance (temporary building) round it.

Duchess Dowager is giving a trip to England. She talks of going a second-class, the Bishop is going to Norfolk Island to take Ridley’s son to school. It’s a good idea for a trip to the South Sea Heroine who is in England all the time. Kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. L. Clark.