

June 20/23

Dear Agnes

We have not heard from you for some days but we hope that Tom is still improving. Give him our love & best wishes.

We are all going to the movies to night. Groge enjoys them as much as he does Scruppel, asparagus and a few other thing that makes him say "Oh Gortz Gortz" Last week he stood up on his hind legs, clapped his hands and hollered when the villian was captured.

Groge dresses himself all by himself, and only takes about 15 minutes and in many ways is doing splendidly. I don't say this by way of a knock but my candid personal opinion is that the manner <sup>in which</sup> you have allowed him to disobey and talk, is your greatest sin. He is a bright lovable little fellow with

a fine mind yet other (2  
people are not in contact  
with him half an hour  
before he has done or said  
something to create dislike.  
We are going to change that,  
if possible. I have been  
pretty severe with him but  
he somehow understands  
that back of the severity there  
is another feeling that offsets  
the harshness. When he  
wrote that letter I told him  
to add to it that Uncle Harry  
was a cross old bear, and he  
said, he wouldn't. I asked  
why? and he said I was not  
a cross old bear, well what  
am I? well Uncle Harry  
was a gentleman, so there  
you are. Discipline properly  
given will not antagonize.

You said in your  
last letter that you had  
decided to return as soon  
as Tom was able to be up,  
We have advocated your  
getting some employment  
up there and keep Tom  
cheered up. This is highly

Essential, we believe that to be left alone again would only encourage the same mental condition again, then all this would have to be gone through again, The only excuse or reason we can see for this, is, that you have talked it over and concluded that it is not safe for you to be there, This is sheer nonsense for many reasons, greater precautions are taken in a place like that, more rigid regulations are enforced along every line against infection. The climate is antagonistic to the disease, otherwise convalescents would be re-infected, and in the first place would be of no benefit to the patient, if it were not. Then again, an Asbury has never been infected, constitutional strength has resisted it so far. Although we have been exposed like all others,

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Our subways are the greatest  
menace to day if this disease  
to the people.

Now I am going to say  
something in censure but  
with the best of feeling at  
heart because we have  
entered into this situation  
in order to help and have  
become important factors  
therefore I feel that in  
making plans Effie and I  
should be considered, and  
reasons given for your ~~present~~  
move, recollects our ability  
is limited and when Effie  
volunteered to take you and  
George into our home it  
was without any consideration  
for herself. A woman of 60  
has not the resilience as  
she had at 40, or when  
she was bringing up her own  
children.

Before George was with us  
a week, she did not believe  
she could stand it through  
the summer, but of course  
we learn to adapt ourselves  
in time and the last two

words has put a different aspect on things and we are ready to do our part to the fullest extent, looking to you to cooperate.

There is a financial side to this and I am obliged to make this ruling. It would be unwise to return to the same conditions as existed when you went away, I was not aware that you were drawing \$10 per week from your fund.

Effie has said that there will be no board for George that year. Your salary will be entirely for your use in procuring board somewhere handy if your work, mine commutation expense and all other necessary expense and loss of time. There is good board to be had without frills for \$12 or \$15 per year, that must carry you over without drawing against your fund in the bank.

Effie was going to suggest  
 that you make some  
 arrangement with your  
 friend Amanda, but I can't  
 advise on that - as I am totally  
 unacquainted with her position  
 However now comes the  
 hardest part of the whole  
 arrangement, in consequence  
 of our position as can't take  
 for guardian of George, you  
 will be allowed to come  
 to P. K. Ryd but one Sunday  
 each month, this does not  
 mean week end, but Sunday  
 only, morning to evening.  
 If we find that his <sup>George's</sup> general  
 behavior is not seriously affected  
~~we~~ will allow every two weeks  
 but no oftener at present writing

The fix weeks you were with  
 us was a strain on all of us  
 George and yourself included  
 any effect that our discipline  
 had on him during the day  
 was completely destroyed by the  
 1/2 hour you would be with  
 him in the morning. that  
 is pretty hard stuff to say, but

is the truth, nevertheless. (2)  
and you should be very  
grateful that your boy is  
placed with us even under  
these conditions, rather than  
that he should be with any  
strangers, that would board  
him for \$35- per month as  
you originally planned.

When Effie's mother comes  
back from her enforced  
vacation, she will, as usual,  
have her sick spells during  
which she has not been  
loathe to tax Effie to the  
utmost, I feel it necessary  
that other responsibilities  
shall be lightened as much  
as possible.

There is much more I could  
say in commendation of the  
plan that I have outlined but  
of course it is not an  
ultimatum, you are cordially  
welcome to go on exactly as  
before going to Saranac but  
if you are willing to stand by  
the supreme sacrifice you  
spoke of to Effie you will  
take everything I have said

under serious consideration. (f)

Talk it all over with  
Tom, tell me whether you  
both do not think that  
conservation of strength  
energy, money and time  
to all of us, are not ~~are~~ all  
important factors to be  
considered under these  
present conditions

With love from  
your brother

Harry  
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P.S. I have not written  
anything from any consultation  
with Effie as she would  
protest, but, have written  
with full confidence that  
all these things spoken of  
must be considered that  
any good can come of the  
sacrifices now all are making