

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 9, 1884, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Manchester, Mass. July 9, 1884 My darling Alec:

Your telegram yesterday was a most unsatisfactory one, not worth the money it cost. I should have presumed that you had arrived safely in Chicago not hearing from you to the contrary, hence the only information contained in the message was unnecessary. But I did want to know how you are, whether my unfortunate attempt to help you produced any serious lasting effects, whether you are taking care of yourself and keeping well. It worried me that you should stop over at Chicago, as I see Dr. Gillette had a special car ready to leave at 11 yesterday. Why should you stay in Chicago unless you were not well. Do please take care of yourself for your poor little wife's sake. It does feel awfully lonesome without you my big burly husband, you do take up so much room in a house that this feels very big without you, and then when you are here you are the object around which all my life moves, and now you are away it feels empty and objectless. Do take care of yourself for I love you very much and want to see many more wedding anniversaries with you by my side. I do feel so badly to think you will not be here on the 11th. It comes on a Friday by the way, perhaps that's why you are not with me.

I have been busy all this morning and yesterday paying bills and answering letters for you. My balance has come down very low, only a little over \$150. and yet my biggest bills are not paid. I need at least \$900 to set me on my feet a free woman, no 2 I have counted and it is over \$1000. Geniste comes in for \$658,00 I have paid him \$100 on account which leaves \$558 due. Dr. Lincoln's bill was \$1?0., but after all it's the small bills which mount up. I shall have to bring down the balance to \$100 this week, but that I will leave for you. What with the small dividends due now and the Am. Bell we shall do very well

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after the 15th, and I am living as carefully as I know how. Have a good time, but do, be careful. I found that prescription this morning and will have it made up, and sent to you this afternoon.

We are all very well, Cousin Mary comes tomorrow.

A heart full of love to my dear husband, Mabel.