

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, February 26, 1892, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. Dempfer “Fulda” near Gibraltar, Friday, Feb. 26th, 1892. My darling wife:

Half an hour more and I hope to hear from once more — but “once more” alone — for a very long time. Hope you are enjoying the Carnival. I send with this a big batch of M. S. — my journal up to date — hope you care to wade through it. I have written to Mr. McCurdy at the Hotel de Rivoli suggesting that after his visit to England he might return to Paris and escort you all home. Think he has arranged matters so that he could change his steamer. This I think would be a good plan for all. Only be careful to guard yourself my darling. See that he stays at a different hotel and leaves you before the children go to bed. You cannot be too careful about such matters in Paris.

I have had a delightful trip so far. By the bye I have at last remembered the name of the gentleman who took charge of the apparatus for producing Artificial Respiration which I left at the Alexandra Hotel so many years ago and perhaps we may yet resume the experiment which your father interrupted!

Prof. George Minchin, cousin of Chester Bell took charge of it and promised to have experiments made with it at University College. I do hope Mr. McCurdy may be able to hunt it up. Don't you think you could write to Prof. Minchin through Chester or Sophie and try to bring matter to his recollection. I do so want to recover that apparatus.

I suppose you have been in your balcony for one day of the Carnival. Hope Elsie and Daisy saw the Queen — and that the Procession 2 in the Corso was interesting to them.

Much love to you all — and now

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Au revoir —

Your loving husband, Alec. Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, Care of Maquay Hooker & Co.,
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