

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 9, 1895, with transcript

COPY 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., May 9th, 1895. My darling May:—

Yesterday Elsie's birthday, I went down to the river with Prof. Langley, to the place where his house-boat is stationed ("Quantico" I think). This morning we rose at five o'clock to witness an experiment with his flying model. Two other experiments were made in the course of the day, all successful.

Returned to Washington this afternoon. Went to Censor office, then to Smithsonian, then to Volta Bureau, my father's house, called on Aunt Ellen, took Aileen to Twin Oaks, returned to Uncle David's, and here I am in my own house too tired to do more than copy for your information a note I have just written to Prof. Langley.

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Dear Prof. Langley:—

I can't go to bed to-night without writing to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me, by permitting me to witness your experiments to day.

Although, as you know, my mind was (theoretically 2 at least) quite prepared for the result. I must confess that it was rather a startling experience actually to see a steam-engine flying in the air like a bird.

I only hope that your success has been half as gratifying to you as it has been to me.

I shall count this day as one of the most memorable of my life.

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Yours Sincerely, (Signed) Alexander Graham Bell. good night will write more to-morrow.  
Your loving husband Alec. Mrs A. Graham Bell, Munroe & Co, 7 Rue Paris, France.