

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 24, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 26 West 47th St., New York. March 24, 1903. Dear Alec:

Thanks for your telegram. I am glad to stay, if only that Dr. Cleveland asked me to as he wants to talk to me about Daisy tomorrow. I went to see him today, he had insisted on my doing so. I don't know what he thinks, he was in a hurry and did not say, but I don't think anything.

Daisy is sitting up in bed today. She feels quite bright. She had a number of callers this afternoon while I was out. I hope I may get that dictated letter which I have asked for.

I have absolutely no news. Here's a joke. Daisy says she's never going to tell me one again because I thought maybe it was fact. "Three girls called at a house and gave their names as the three Miss Nickels and the butler announced them as the fifteen cents".

Robert was telling a story of his professor, which actually happened the day he wrote. The professor was lecturing and some boy tried to annoy him by dropping a penny on the floor. The professor finally remarked between sentences without looking up and almost without a change of tone — "There's an old saying that a fool and his money is soon parted"! Robert says there was tremendous applause and no more pennies dropped!

I had a really good time driving up and down the Avenue in the hansom this afternoon. The ladies' clothes were a joy and delight, 2 much more to my satisfaction than most theatrical performances nowadays. I do like pretty clothes and do you know I have very rarely, hardly ever had any that I was really and truly satisfied with. I've always lived in the confident expectation of being rich enough sometime to have just what I wanted. And

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now I am growing old and ugly, but I don't think I have broken my heart with longing. After all there are other things and I want you to have your flying machine much more than anything else.

Ever yours lovingly, Mabel. Do you prefer this writing?