

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 21, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Washington, D. C. (Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1904.) My dear Alec:

I think if I can't aspire to frequent letters, and I don't,—I might yet have nice telegrams to the full extent of the ten words!

Your last telegram was so futile, “Registered letter not received, shall I send kodak and receipt?” You could certainly decide that for yourself and leave the gap after registered letter for some news . What about vacuum experiment, how much pressure can the frame over the box stand? are you walking at all between the two times you telegraphed? I would be more worried about the registered letter, only it did not go until two days after I mailed it. I will enquire at the office.

The house makes exceeding slow progress. I am doing the best I can to hurry up. Daisy improves but slowly; she eats but very little and while I think you would be better with less food, I think the contrary is true of her. Don't think however, that I want you to have fewer meals, far from it, it's as bad to go eight hours without food.

Have you ever read Eugene Field's Poems of childhood? I thought they were stupid, but I find them full of the deepest, tenderness and pathos, the expression of strong father and husband love. Our “Christmas” is beautiful.

Here is the automobile; I am doing nothing about engaging one because I think we all want to go out at just the same time and that we are more likely to get our money's worth by getting two 2 carriages of an afternoon than one all day.

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How is your father and Mrs. Bell and Myrtie?

Lovingly always yours, Mabel. Tuesday, November 21.