

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills #
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My dear Mr Deane :-

About a month ago I came out from my study, - closing the door behind me with the feeling that pretty much everything that I had set out to do through the winter had been done - for a wonder - and as it was nearing the time for spring operations in the garden I would not make any fresh beginnings in botanical work - By some mysterious coincidence my friends all dropped me completely at the same time - so that I did not receive a single letter to tempt me back - I said to myself Deane is busy - as the time for Easter examinations approaches - by & by when he has his vacation I will surely hear from him - but vacation time came and passed by and still no letter - then I

gave up - accepted the conditions as
final - and took the digging in the
dirt for consolation.

But I absolve you - If I
could take such a splendid trip
relieved from world's pecuniary thoughts
wouldn't I forget all about letter
writing, for a time! What a lot of
real, live opportunities you met - and
how inspiring the experience must
have been - 'Why! I have not seen
one - not a single one - in a whole
year!' Do you wonder that I let go
my hold once in a while and take
to activities wherein I can find
a kindly and loving sympathy in
there about me - No. That does not
just express what I wished to say,
- rather wherein I can give a
cordial sympathy - join with others
in something, that we can all
work together in

After our exceptionally mild

winter March proved as a very
disagreeable and gloomy month - the
sun scarcely showed his face from
beginning the end - a long, dreary
succession of cloudy days that has
told fearfully on the vitality of the
weak and aged. The half of April
gone has not been much of an
improvement - but we try to console
ourselves with the reflection that when
warm sunny weather does come - it
will be with a bound - and we will
go right out of winter into summer
- as in fact we usually do here in
N. Ills -

Arias wedding - about which
you inquire - is set for June 10th -
I believe - I do not like to think
of her going away from her old
home - but then it is in the

order of Nature and I must
accept the inevitable; We will all
miss her very much - Our home life
has been a kind of prolonged picnic.
We have not had enough money for each
to be able to go their own way quite
independently of the rest - so that out of
one very deprivation has grown up a
habit of mutual dependence - This has
drawn us all into a very close
family sympathy. Partly through choice.
Partly from circumstances beyond my
control I have - for an American
father at least - been able to make
companions of my children to an
extent ^{rarely} ~~extant~~ surpassed the parents at the
present day - and I feel all the more
the withdrawal of one - only hoping that
her loyalty to the old home will be
equally shown in the new - and find
as loving appreciation -

Yours cordially
D. S. Lath



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