

Colette with cork-like ha-
bert, Mrs. intended to bike
up to the hotel, but had
to ride, then - I lost my
lumper - never arrive at
the best of times - and whether
she likes it or no - Achilles,
in my letter! My wife, who
is nothing if not executive
telegraphed me that the bag
would be sent on next train,
but I could not believe it, till
at 10 P.M., I was gloating
over its simple but essential
viscous. Now, the consequence
of all this is, that today
I am wretchedly ill, I think
the abrupt change of air
often so affects me too, But
it is a glorious day - a
rare one of June - as strong
in August, Indeed, I a-
hve had this year quite

Grand View House -
Mt Wachusett, Mass.,
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My Dear Deane,

It certainly was a
joy to be welcomed home
as it were by that Old
Man of the Mountains, Wol-
ter von Deane. Your letter
was handed to me on the
door-step redolent of woodsy
odors (I mean your letter, not
the door-step!) - and musical
with bird-notes, the music
and the make, I think it
is lovely thus to develop two
such closely-related sciences,
Entomology is the other pinion
on which I wobble in my
two limited empyrean.

Here I can hear you say
'Damn his writing,' or
whatever is the gentlemanly
Episcopal for a similar de-
nunciation of conspicuous
failure - "invincible ignorance"

well, 'It is pretty bad,
but then there is ~~some~~ the
comfort that you are not
compelled to read it, &
suspension or exclusion sen-
sence affects in no way the
sense or continuity.

Margaret - who, by the
way, has gone to church -
has delighted with her letter -
Leeds etc, The second also,
well thought, to appreciate
the place of peace entrusted
to me as proxy, By the by,
she is a big girl, I had a
most distressing begin-
ning, In the first place,
our house, as perhaps I
wrote, is in the hands
of the horny-handed, like
Noah's progeny, I literally
had no place to put my
foot, Painters to right
& me; paperers to left of me,

collied and chummed,
Then came the news of the
sudden death of Prof Delabane's
father, and Mrs Bailey had
to go comfort and aid the
Professor, He came on the train
with me as far as Worcester,

The crew were as hot
as the Andover - I must
say, Then - we discovered
we had left behind a trunk -
bag containing the immediate
necessaries for the night; items
three worktrunks; item - three
hair ditto; item three coats;
item four razors - one, at least
imparted to the magistrate
familiar, I was a better
fish, I was completely spent,
when Whit spoke of the beauty
of the country - I was cursing
stupidity in general - and
anise in particular, Then we
came to Princeton Station
in a violent shower - and I
got my legs wet, a thing I

spiral Colander Consideration,
How fleecy clouds are
much curlier of June, and
the depths of blue between
are sterner, And then the
green of meadows, hills,
and fields, How infinite!
how beautiful, I am not
near enough to see or note
the fringe of Solitaires along
the walls, It is there "all
the same" - and Autumn
whispers in my blinks o' nights!

Mrs Bailey thinks of
coming up next week - when
the magic circle will be
complete, What a comfort it
is to cease, even for a while,
all the irritations, worries,
frets, and frictions, and to
strike into the pathless woods!

My "Note-Book" has been
unaccountably and provok-
ingly delayed & it was not

yet out when I left town,
In the mean-time Metesky
is dependant upon it,

Did I tell you, I have
written steadily ever since
I left my bed the week
after Commencement. Besides
the books, I have penned
any quantity of magazine and
journal articles. I do not
know that they will ever
see light, but there's 'opin'.

And now I must bid
you farewell. Be good, be
happy - and write often to
your friend - and Mrs
Deane's -

W. W. Bailey



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